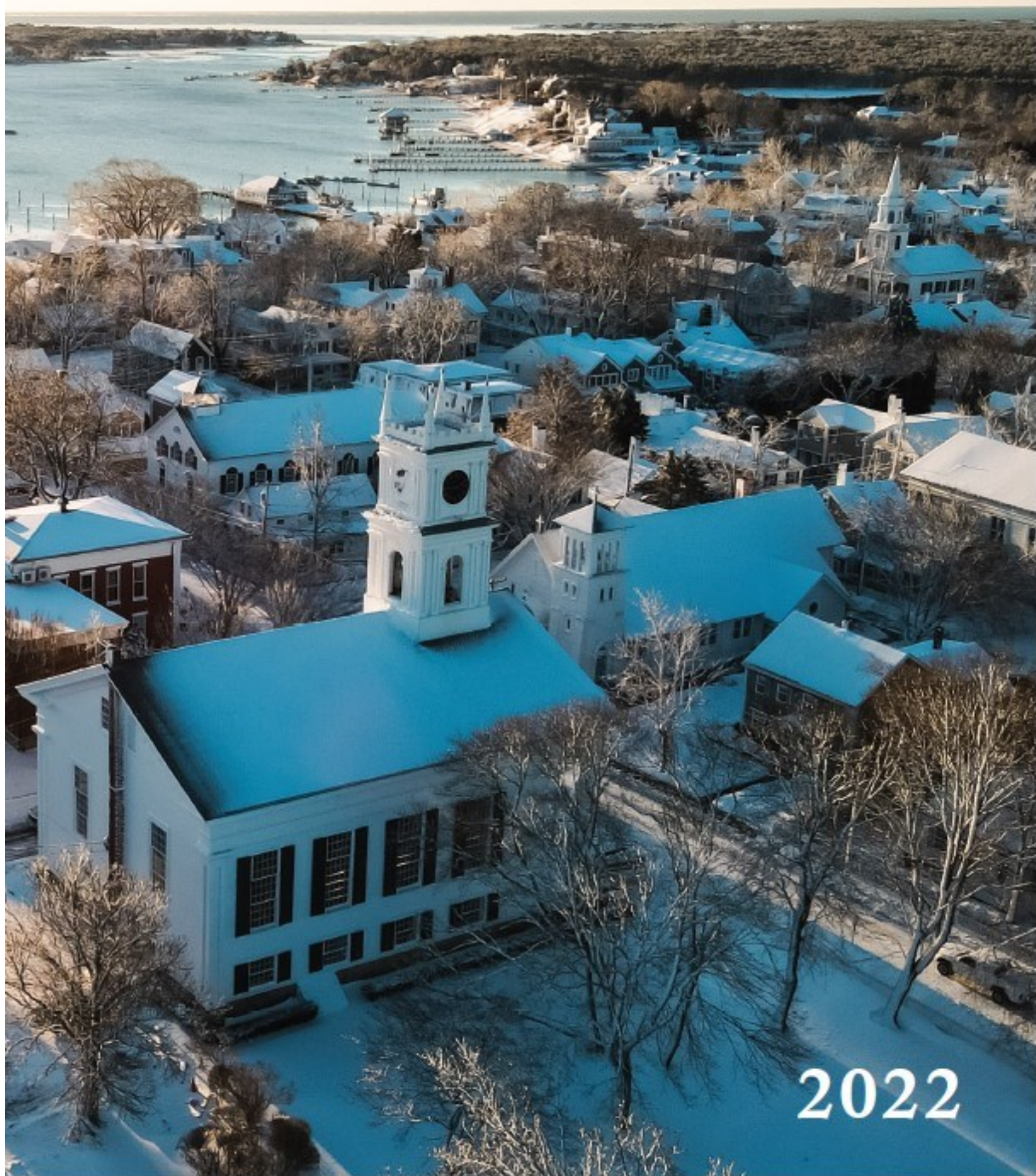


TOWN OF EDGARTOWN



2022

EDGARTOWN

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2022

GENERAL INFORMATION

COUNTY: Dukes

SCHOOL STRUCTURE: Local Elementary, Member of Martha's Vineyard Regional High School District

FORM OF GOVERNMENT: Selectmen, Town Administrator, Open Town Meeting

KIND OF COMMUNITY: Resort, Retirement, Artistic

2021 POPULATION	5,302
2021 LABOR FORCE	2,447
2022 MOODY'S BOND RATING	AAA
2021 UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	7.40

FY2023 TAX RATES, LEVIES, ASSESSED VALUES AND REVENUE SOURCES

	Tax Rate	Tax Levy	Assessed Value	Revenue Sources	% of Total	
Residential	2.52	29,736,628	11,800,249,143	Tax Levy	31,940,517	65.24
Open Space		-	-	State Aid	3,567,833	7.29
Commercial	2.52	1,527,105	605,993,921	Local Receipts	7,598,742	15.52
Industrial	2.52	20,516	8,141,200	Other Available	5,850,885	11.95
Personal Property	2.52	656,269	260,424,039			
TOTAL		31,940,518	12,674,646,303	TOTAL	48,957,977	100.00

FY2023 PROPOSITION 2 1/2 LEVY CAPACITY

New Growth	376,849
Override	0
Debt Exclusion	1,324,728
Levy Limit	32,703,059
Excess Capacity	2,265,463
Ceiling	316,870,208
Override Capacity	284,167,149

FY2023 CHERRY SHEET STATE AID

Education Aid	1,137,676
General Government	2,430,157
Total Receipts	3,567,833
Total Assessments	1,368,268
Net State Aid	2,199,565

OTHER/ RESERVES

FY2023 Free Cash	12,129,506
FY2023 Overlay Reserve	180,068
FY2023 Stabilization Fund	3,819,044

REVALUATION

Most Recent Mass. DOR Certification of values	FY2018
Interim adjustment of values (DOR required)	FY2019-FY2022
Next scheduled Mass DOR Certification of values	FY2023

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2022
ANNUAL REPORT



TOWN OF
EDGARTOWN

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Tuesday, March 7, 1922

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 TUESDAY, the seventh day of March 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.
 - Two Trustees of the Free Public Library, each for three years.
 - One member of the School Committee for three years.
 - One member of the School Committee for one year, to fill a vacancy
 - An Auditor.
 - Two Constables.
 - A Cemetery Commissioner for three years.
 - A Park Commissioner for three years.
 - A Fish Warden.

To vote on official ballot "Yes" or "No" upon the question, "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of certain non-intoxicating beverages in this town?"

The polls for voting on official ballots will be opened at twelve o'clock noon, and may be closed at four 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 instruct the Assessors to remit all such taxes as cannot, in their judgement, be collected.
- 7th. To see what action the town will take in reference to the maintenance of the ferry.
- 8th. To raise 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 and make appropriations thereof.
- 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 130, Section 84, of the General Laws.
- 10th. To see what course the town will adopt in relation to the schoolhouses and to the provision

of things necessary for the schools.

11th. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to hire sums of money, not to exceed three-fifths of the total tax levy, in anticipation of revenue, and to issue a series of bonds therefor to be paid from the taxes assessed during the current financial year.

12th To see what action the Town will take in regard to additional street lights.

13th To see if the town will pay the Firemen for the current year, and provide things necessary for the Fire Department.

14th To see what action the Town will take in reference to the observance of Memorial Day.

15th To see what action the Town will take in reference to spraying trees for their protection.

16th To see what action the town will take in reference to employing police and night watchmen.

17th To see what action the Town will take in reference to supporting the poor for the current year.

18th To see if the Town will vote to accept the following named streets as laid out by the Selectmen:

Pease's Point Way, from Main St. to Katama Rd.

South Water St., from Main St. to Clevelandtown Rd.

School St., from Main St. to Pease's Point Way.

Summer St., from Pease's Point Way to High St.

19th To see what action the Town will take in regard to the claim of W.S. Osborn for the storage of scallop shells.

20th To see if the Town will instruct the Selectmen to lay out Pease's Point Way, Fuller St. and Cottage St. to the water, and North Water St. from Main St. to intersect with Fuller St. as so laid out.

21st To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money to assist in the opening of a channel from Cape Pogue pond to the ocean.

22nd To see what action the town will take in regard to its by-laws.

23rd. To see what action the Town will take in regard to the adopting of a new set of by-laws.

24th. To see if the town will vote to install two street lights on Clevelandtown Rd.

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 seventeenth day of February A.D. 1922.

THEODORE S. WIMPENNEY
ALFRED A. AVERILL
PHILIP J. NORTON
Selectmen of Edgartown



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ISLAND TIME

*Feel the peace of solitude
in our forests
and our glens
Pick the fruit of summer
on our beaches
with your friends
Drink the cool fresh bounty
deep beneath our sands
Eat our freshest harvest
reaped by island hands*

*Walk our windswept stretches
where ships have
come to grief
Climb our rolling meadows
let them lull you
off to sleep
Lay upon your back
as the stars hang down
on high
Stretch your fingers out
till they touch
our jet black sky*

*May the peace of island living
settle in your bones
May the lightness of your being
Stir memories of your home
May you cherish our first greeting
dear as our last song
May you always feel the blessing
of our island
all life long*

Steve Ewing

Edgartown Poet Laureate



IN MEMORIUM

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

Steven C. Jordan, Sr.

Financial Advisory Committee
2001-2022

Conrad G. Kurth

Edgartown School Custodian
1976-2011

Cemetery Commissioner
1984-1993

Philip Jeffrey Norton, Jr.

Town Moderator
1975-2017

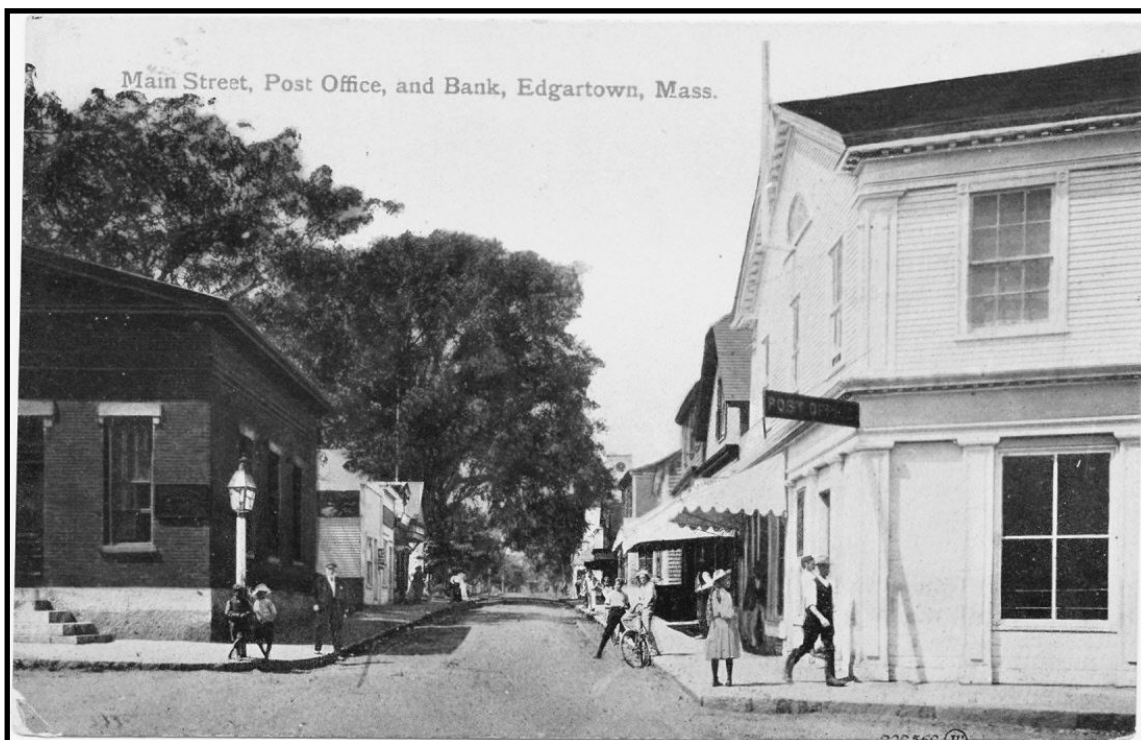
Ursula Prada

Building Inspector's Assistant
1986-2008

Historic District Commission
1987-2008

Irene Resendes

Board of Registrars
1992-2020



IN MEMORIUM

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

Paul M. Ronhock

Fish Warden
1970-1971

Robert W. Stone

Katama Airfield Commission
1996-2013

Ronald A. West

Highway Department
1980-1983

Deborah Ann Willoughby

Assistant Tax Collector
2005-2022

TOWN OFFICERS

ELECTED OFFICERS AND APPOINTED STAFF

Moderator

STEVEN C. EWING

Term Expires 2025

Selectboard

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

Term Expires 2023

Term Expires 2024

Term Expires 2025

Town Administrator

JAMES HAGERTY

Administrative Assistant to the Selectboard

KRISTY ROSE
KAREN FULLER

Board of Assessors

ALAN GOWELL, Chairman
S. CHRISTOPHER SCOTT
DONNA GOODALE

Term Expires 2023

Term Expires 2024

Term Expires 2025

Assessor/Appraiser

PATTI ROADS, Principal Assessor

Administrative Assistant to Assessors

ELIZABETH FRANCIS
EMERSON HAZELL, Data Collector
ALEX CERVONE **

Board of Health

CHRIS EDWARDS, Chairman
CANDY NICHOLS
GRETCHEN REGAN
CELENA GUIMARES, Assistant
JANET HATHAWAY*

Term Expires 2024

Term Expires 2025

Term Expires 2025

Health Agent

MATTHEW E. POOLE

Town Collector

SHEETAL K GRANDE, CMMT, Collector
MELISSA A. KUEHNE*

Assistant Collector

JADE BENNETT-Clerk
HEIDI S. BOYD**
DEBORAH WILLOUGHBY*

Planning Board

SCOTT MORGAN	Term Expires 2023
JAMES CISEK, Alternate	Term Expires 2023
GLEN SEARLE	Term Expires 2024
FRED D. MASCOLO	Term Expires 2025
MICHAEL MCCOURT	Term Expires 2026
LUCY MORRISON, Chairman	Term Expires 2027
DOUG FINN**	
ALEX CERVONE**	

Edgartown School Committee

KIMBERLY S. KIRK, Chair	Term Expires 2023
LOUIS R. PACIELLO	Term Expires 2024
LAURA SEGUIN	Term Expires 2025

Edgartown Library Trustees

DAVID ALAN FABER, Co-Chair	Term Expires 2023
DENISE SEARLE, Co-Chair	Term Expires 2023
JULIE LIVELY	Term Expires 2024
NIS KILDEGAARD, Secretary	Term Expires 2024
OLGA MARANJIAN CHURCH	Term Expires 2025
MAGGIE MORRISON	Term Expires 2025

Library

LISA HORTON SHERMAN, Director
ELYCE RETMIER, Coordinator of Youth Services
RIZWAN MALIK, Reference and Technology Librarian
ALISON LESLIE, Technical Services Librarian
EMILY BECKER, Programs Coordinator and Library Assistant
CHRISTOPHER LOOK IV, Library Assistant
ROSA PARKER, Library Assistant
BARBARA KEANE, Library Assistant
CLAUDIA TAYLOR, Library Assistant and Interim Circulation Coordinator
BETSY YOUNG BUCK, Library Assistant
VIRGINIA MUNRO*
ERIC ALEXANDER**
THOMAS IGNACIO**
KERITH MCFADDEN**

Park Commissioners

JANE M. VARKONDA, Chairman	Term Expires 2023
ANDREW KELLY	Term Expires 2024
GLEN SEARLE	Term Expires 2025
JESSICA MCGROARTY, Administrator	

Wastewater Treatment Commission

SCOTT ELLIS	Term Expires 2023
ANDREW KELLY	Term Expires 2024
GLEN SEARLE, Chairman	Term Expires 2025

Wastewater Treatment Facility

WILLIAM BURKE, Facilities Manager
JOSEPH ROCK, Chief Operator
SEBASTIAN CORWIN, Safety Officer, Plant Operator
CURTIS ROBART, Junior Operator
PIA WEBSTER, Administrative Assistant
JENNIFER SMYTH**
WILLIAM MEADER**
TROY VANDERHOOP**

Water Commissioners

DAVID BURKE
JIM KELLEHER, Chairman
SCOTT ELLIS

Term Expires 2023
Term Expires 2024
Term Expires 2025

Edgartown Water Department

WILLIAM CHAPMAN, Superintendent
SHANE BEN DAVID, Assistant Superintendent
PHILIP LEVESQUE, Water Operator 2
ERIC HATHAWAY, Water Operator 1
DYLAN THORNTON, Laborer
SHEILA BEN DAVID, Administrative Asst II
HEIDI BOYD, Department Asst
LINDSEY MERCIER**
GORDON BROWN**

Constables

SCOTT ELLIS
WILLIAM C. BISHOP IV

Term Expires 2024
Term Expires 2025

Financial Advisory Committee

DONNA LOWELL-BETTENCOURT, Co Chairman
LESLIE BAYNES
NEDINE CUNNINGHAM
ROBERT COAD
PAUL PERTILE
JULIA TARKA
JAMES M. HAGERTY, Administrative Assistant
STEVEN C. JORDAN***

Term Expires 2023
Term Expires 2023
Term Expires 2024
Term Expires 2024
Term Expires 2024
Term Expires 2025

Martha’s Vineyard Land Bank Representative

STEVEN C. EWING

Term Expires 2025

OFFICERS ELECTED ON FLOOR OF TOWN MEETING

Surveyors of Lumber

ROBERT AVAKIAN
JAMES HAGERTY
DAVID ALLEN FABER

Measurers of Wood and Bark and Weighers of Coal

MARTHA J. LOOK
JAMES JOYCE
ALEX MORRISON

Fence Viewers

PAUL BAGNALL
JAMES JOYCE
M.J. ROGERS

SELECTBOARD APPOINTMENTS

Town Accountant

AMELIA TIERNEY

Assistant Town Accountant

JENNIFER SMYTH
LAURI MATHER*

Affordable Housing Committee

CHRISTINA BROWN
MARK HESS, Chairman
MARIA VENTURA
MELISSA NORTON VINCENT
JASON MAZAR-KELLY
CORNELIUS MORIARITY
CHRISTINE WHITE
TIMOTHY RUSH**

Term Expires 2023
Term Expires 2023
Term Expires 2024
Term Expires 2024
Term Expires 2025
Term Expires 2025
Term Expires 2025

Affordable Housing Trust

JASON MAZAR-KELLY, Chairman Affordable Housing Committee Representative
ARTHUR SMADBECK, Selectboard Representative
MARK HESS, Member Affordable Housing Committee Representative
CORNELIUS MORIARITY, Member Affordable Housing Committee Representative
CHRISTINE WHITE, Member Affordable Housing Committee Representative
MARIA VENTURA, Member Affordable Housing Committee Representative Alternate
MARGARET E. SERPA**
TIMOTHY RUSH**

Airfield Commission

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

Term Expires 2023
Term Expires 2024
Term Expires 2024
Term Expires 2025
Term Expires 2025

Airfield Manager

ALYSSA DASILVA

Americans with Disabilities Act Coordinator

READE KONTJE MILNE

Beautification Advisory Committee

RENEE CLERMONT
CAROL FLIGOR
JULIET MULINARE
CAMMIE NAYLOR
ERIN READY
ALYSSA STARZYK

Term Expires 2023
Term Expires 2023
Term Expires 2023
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Term Expires 2023

Board of Fire Engineers

ALEX SCHAEFFER, Fire Chief	
PETER G. SHEMETH, Retired Fire Chief	Term Expires 2023
ANDREW KELLY, Deputy Chief	Term Expires 2023
RICHARD J. KELLY, Retired Captain	Term Expires 2023
LAURANCE THOMAS, Retired Deputy Chief	Term Expires 2023
JOSHUA BAKER, Assistant Chief	Term Expires 2023
SCOTT ELLIS, Retired Assistant Chief	Term Expires 2023
HALEY KRAUSS, Ambulance Rep	Term Expires 2023

Fire Department Ambulance Service

KATE FOSTER, Fire Fighter/Paramedic
 JOSHUA BAKER, Fire Fighter/Paramedic
 TOM IGNACIO, Fire Fighter/EMT
 MIKE KLIMEK, Fire Fighter/Paramedic
 BRIAN FOSTER, Fire Fighter/Paramedic
 HALEY KRAUSS, Paramedic
 ANITA BILLINGS, Administrative Assistant

Board of Registrars

WANDA WILLIAMS	Term Expires 2023
CINDY BONNELL	Term Expires 2024
KRISTY ROSE	Term Expires 2025

Building Commissioner & Zoning Inspector

READE KONTJE MILNE

Local Building Inspector

STEPHEN KELLY
ADAM PETKUS**

Building Inspector’s Assistant

AKEYAH NUNES**

By-Ways Committee

ROBERT M. GREEN, JR.	Term Expires 2023
ELLEN BLODGETT	Term Expires 2023
LINDA DEWITT	Term Expires 2023
DOUG JONES	Term Expires 2023
POLLY BASSETT	Term Expires 2023
KARA SHEMETH	Term Expires 2023

Cape Pogue District of Critical Planning Concern Advisory Committee

JANE VARKONDA, Conservation Commission Agent
 CHRIS EDWARDS, Board of Health Representative
 MATTHEW BASS, Environmental Police Officer, Mass. Dept of Fisheries & Wildlife
 BOB HAYMAN, The Trustees of Reservation Membership Representative
 DARCI SHOFIELD, The Trustees of Reservation Staff Representative
 KEITH CHATINOVER, County of Dukes County Commission Representative
 RACHEL SELF, Chair, Cape Pogue Property Owner, appointed by Selectboard
 MATT PELICAN, Vineyard Conservation Society & Vineyard Open Land Foundation
 OFFICER RYAN RULEY, Police Department Representative
 SCOTT MORGAN, Planning Board Representative
 ED HANDY, Marine Advisory Committee Representative

CHARLES BLAIR, Harbormaster
ROB MORRISON, Shellfish Constable

Capital Programs Committee

LUCY MORRISON
GAIL CROTEAU
DAVID IGNACIO
AMY TIERNEY
JAMES HAGERTY

Term Expires 2024
Term Expires 2025
Term Expires 2025

Cemetery Commissioners

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

Term Expires 2023
Term Expires 2024
Term Expires 2024
Term Expires 2025

Cemetery Assistant

JESSICA MCGROARTY

Local Census Director

KAREN MEDEIROS

Chappaquiddick Ferry Steering Committee

RICK BIROS
BILL BRINE III
JOHN DROPICK
RICK SCHIFTER
DANA STRAYTON
TOM TILGHMAN
PETER GETSINGER
PETER WELLS
SALLY SNIPES
JAMES HAGERTY

Christmas Decorations Committee

GLEN SEARLE
JULIET MULINARE
LES BAYNES

Climate Committee

JULIA LIVINGSTON, Chair
KEVIN LOUGHLIN, Associate Chair
JENNIFER BLUM
JOSEY KIRKLAND
PETER KIM
CARL WILLIAMSON

Community Preservation Committee

MARGARET E. SERPA, Chairman, Selectboard Representative
EDWARD W. VINCENT, JR., Conservation Commission Representative
PAUL PERTILE, Financial Advisory Representative
MICHAEL MCCOURT, Planning Board Representative
CJ MORIARITY, Affordable Housing Committee Representative
GLEN SEARLE, Park Department Representative

Term Expires 2023
Term Expires 2023
Term Expires 2024
Term Expires 2024
Term Expires 2025
Term Expires 2025

CHRISTOPHER SCOTT, Historic District Commission Representative
TIMOTHY RUSH**
KRISTY ROSE, Administrator

Term Expires 2025

Conservation Commission

ROBERT AVAKIAN
CHRISTINA BROWN
EDWARD W. VINCENT, JR., Chairman
MAXIMILLION GIBBS
JEFFREY CARLSON
GEOFFREY KONJTE
LIL PROVINCE
KARA SHEMETH, Assistant
JANE M. VARKONDA, Agent

Term Expires 2023
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Term Expires 2025

Council on Aging

JAY SIGLER
JOHN DROPICK
MARVENE O'ROURKE, Co-Chair
ROSEMARY CUNNINGHAM, Co-Chair
NANCY IGNACIO
JASON BELISLE, Friends of ECOA Representative
HEIDI BOYD**

LYNDSAY FAMARISS, Administrator
MERIS KEATING, Director of Senior Services
VICTORIA HAESELBARTH, Outreach Worker
GABRIELLE NASH, Part-time Outreach Worker
DIANE WALL, Nutrition/Cook
DONNA PAULSON, Clerk

Term Expires 2023
Term Expires 2024
Term Expires 2025
Term Expires 2025
Term Expires 2025

Dredging Advisory Committee

DUDLEY LEVICK, Member at Large
RYAN SMITH, Representative for the Shellfish Committee
PETER J. VINCENT, JR, Representative for the Conservation Commission
MICHAEL SHALETT, Member at Large
ED HANDY, Representative for the Marine Advisory Committee
JULIET MULINARE, Administrator
RICK HAMILTON**

Term Expires 2023
Term Expires 2023
Term Expires 2024
Term Expires 2025
Term Expires 2025

Dukes County Regional Housing Authority Representative

MELISSA NORTON VINCENT

Term Expires 2025

Emergency Management/Civil Defense

ALEX SCHAEFFER, Director
MICAHA AGNOLI

Energy Committee

JACK ENSOR
ALAN STRAHLER
ELLEN PRICE
RICHARD PRICE
BONNIE WIDDOES

Term Expires 2023
Term Expires 2024
Term Expires 2025
Term Expires 2025
Term Expires 2025

Edgartown Transfer Station Scale Weighers

DON HATCH
DONALD CASEY
MARY DONLAVEY
ALLAN deBETTENCOURT, JR
RYAN ROSE
JAMIE ANN GREENE
HUNTER THOMAS
KRISTEN NORMAN
SUE HERSHFIELD
TOM PIERCE, MVRD Board of Health Representative
DARREN MORRIS, Board of Health Representative
STEVE DOURIAN**
MICHAEL SEDLIAR**

Fire Department Inspectors

ALEX SCHAEFFER, Fire Chief
JOSHUA BAKER, Assistant Fire Chief/FPO

Gas Inspectors

WILLIAM CALLAHAN
CHARLES DAY

Fishermen's Landing Stewardship Committee

PETER VINCENT, Chairman
STEVE EWING
JANE VARKONDA
ED HANDY
TONY MIGNANELLI
ROB MORRISON
KEN MICHEL
CHARLIE BLAIR
PAUL BAGNALL*

Harbor Planning Group

JO-ANN TAYLOR, Representative from the MV Commission
CHARLES J. BLAIR, JR., Harbormaster
BRUCE MCINTOSH, Representative for the Marine Advisory Committee

Harbormaster

CHARLES J. BLAIR, JR., Harbormaster
MICHAEL HATHAWAY, Deputy Assistant
SARA TIEMANN, Administrative Assistant
RICHELLE O'NEIL, Department Assistant
AALIYAH BIONDI, Assistant
TAYLOR BLAIR, Assistant
TRISTAN BLAIR, Assistant
JOSHUA BROWN, Assistant
DYLAN BURKE, Assistant
LIAM DAWLEY, Assistant
NOAH GARCIA, Assistant
WILLIAM GRESHAM, Assistant
SEAN HEGARTY, Assistant
EMILY MCKEON, Assistant

AUGUSTE PIZZANO, Assistant
PIERS RAJGURU, Assistant
ALYSSA STRELECKI, Assistant
PETER VINCENT, Assistant
MARINA WEBER-STEVENSON, Assistant

Harbormaster's Clerk/Wharfingers

JAMES BERGER
CHLOE CONDLIN
DYLAN LEVINE
SEAMUS MCKEON
SLAYTON TUCKER
ALEXANDER WALSH

Harbormaster's Special Assistants

WARREN GAINES
WILLIAM ROMAN
RYAN RULEY
EDWIN B. GENTLE, JR.
JONATHAN SEARLE
ROBERT D. MORRISON
JASON MALLORY
PAUL BAGNALL*

Herring Warden & Deputies

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

Highway Department

ALLAN deBETTENCOURT, Superintendent
JAMES MASEDA, Foreman
JOHN O'DONNELL
DWIGHT "DJ" KAEKA
GEORGE FAUTEUX
EDWIN ALBARADO ORTIZ
TIM TANEY
EDNALDO FREIRE
BOBBIE DISTIN**
EDMUND WILLOUGHBY*

Historic District Commission

KEN MAGNUSON	Term Expires 2023
CAROLE BERGER	Term Expires 2023
SUSAN CATLING, Co-Chairman	Term Expires 2024
PETER ROSBECK, JR., Co-Chair	Term Expires 2024
CARRY WILLIAMSON	Term Expires 2024
HILARY GRANNIS, Alternate	Term Expires 2025
ADAM MORAN, Alternate	Term Expires 2025
CHRISTOPHER SCOTT, Alternate	Term Expires 2025
JULIA TARKA, Co-Chair	Term Expires 2025
JAMES CISEK, Alternate	Term Expires 2025
ELIZABETH BUEHLER, Administrative Assistant	
BRICQUE GARBER*	

Human Resource Department

KIM LUCAS, Human Resource Director
MARIA VENTURA, Assistant
JAMIE VANDERHOOP**

Independence Day Committee

JOSEPH SOLLITO, Chairman
JAMES CRAIG
ALFRED NOYES
WANDA WILLIAMS

Information Technology Manager

ADAM DARACK

Inspector of Animals

KIMBERLY ANDRADE
CATHERINE BUCK, VMD**

MV Land Bank Advisory Board

MICHAEL J. DONAROMA, Chairman, Planning Board Representative
KARA SHEMETH, Board of Assessors Representative
KATE CONDE FOSTER, Park Commission Representative
CHRISTINA MILLER, Board of Health Representative
DONNA GOODALE, Selectboard Representative
STEVEN EWING, Conservation Commission Representative
JIM KELLEHER, Water Commissioners Representative

Marine Advisory Committee

CHARLES J. BLAIR, JR., Harbormaster
ED HANDY Term Expires 2024
MARTIN V. TOMMASSIAN, JR Term Expires 2024
BRUCE MCINTOSH, Chairman Term Expires 2025

Martha's Vineyard Commission Designee for the Selectboard

KATHERINE PUTNAM Term Expires 2023

Martha's Vineyard Commission Joint Transportation Committee Representative

ALLAN deBETTENCOURT
MARGARET E. SERPA, Alternate

Martha's Vineyard Community Television, Inc.

EDWARD W. VINCENT, JR., Member-Director on Board of Directors Term Expires 2023

Martha's Vineyard Cultural Council

SUSAN PRATT
SUSAN SHEA
BARI BOYER

Martha's Vineyard Regional Transit Authority

ANGELA E. GOMPERT, Administrator
MARK SNIDER Select Board Representative
LAUREN THOMAS, Deputy Administrator

Master Plan Committee

JULIET MULINARE, Chair
JEFFREY AGNOLI
JONATHAN BLUM
DOUG COOPER
GAIL CROTEAU
PAULO DEOLIVEIRA
JACK ENSOR
MADELINE FISHER
JOHN HONEYCUTT
DAVID IGNACIO
MARCEL LAFLAMME
MIKE MACKENTY
KAT MONTEROSSO
ROBERT STRAYTON
PIA WEBSTER

Municipal Hearings Officer

JAMES M. HAGERTY

Officer of Animal Control

KIMBERLY ANDRADE
CATHERINE BUCK, VMD**

Officer of Animal Control Assistant

MADDIE LECOQ
KATHRYN KENNEDY

Oil Spill First Response Team

CHARLES J. BLAIR, JR.

Personnel Board

MARCEL LAFLAMME, Chairman
KELLY MCCRACKEN
SUZANNE CIOFFI
HALEY KRAUSS, Employee Representative

Term Expires 2023
Term Expires 2025
Term Expires 2025
Term Expires 2025

Police Officers

BRUCE MCNAMEE
CHRISTOPHER M. DOLBY
JOEL M. DEROCHE
RYAN RULEY
MICHAEL SNOWDEN, II
WILLIAM BISHOP, IV
DAYCE MOORE
CURTIS CHANDLER
WILLIAM D. OTERI
STEPHANIE IMMELT
DORON KLINGENSMITH
TYLER MOREIS
MICHAEL O’ROURKE
NICHOLAS PHELPS
JEFFREY TRUDEL
ZACHARY TOWNES

Chief
Lieutenant
Sergeant
Sergeant
Sergeant
Sergeant
Sergeant
Detective
Officer
Officer
Officer
Officer
Officer
Officer
Officer

JAKE SYLVIA
GARY KOVAK
ALEX GUEST
JAMES CRAIG
MICHAEL D. GAZAILLE
THOMAS SMITH
KEN ROMERO
REBECCA LAMARCHE
DONNA LYONS
ZACK MOREIS
TROY VANDERHOOP, JR
GABRIEL BRITO
NICOLAS RUDERMAN
JONATHAN M. SEARLE**
MARIA VENTURA **

Officer
Officer
Officer
Reserve Officer
Reserve Officer
Reserve Officer
Administrative Assistant
Dept. Assistant
Summer Traffic Officer
Summer Traffic Officer
Summer Traffic Officer
Summer Traffic Officer

Plumbing Inspectors

WILLIAM CALLAHAN
CHARLES DAY

Shellfish Committee

DAVID FABER
CHRISTIAN THORNTON, Chairman
RYAN SMITH
MADELINE FISHER, Alternate
NICHOLAS TURNER

Term Expires 2023
Term Expires 2023
Term Expires 2024
Term Expires 2024
Term Expires 2025

Shellfish Constable

ROBERT D. MORRISON
PAUL L. BAGNALL*

Shellfish Wardens (Deputies)

WARREN GAINES
CHARLES FISHER
JASON MALLORY
RALPH PECKHAM, Summer Deputy
RON DOMURAT, Summer Deputy

Shellfish Wardens (Unpaid Deputies)

RALPH PECKHAM
RON DOMURAT
ROB OCYXZ
PAUL SCHULTZ

Term Expires 2023
Term Expires 2023
Term Expires 2023
Term Expires 2023

Sick Leave Bank

JAMES HAGERTY
LISA SHERMAN, Department Head Representative
HALEY KRAUSS, Employee Representative
ARIELLE FARIA, Alternate

Term Expires 2023
Term Expires 2023
Term Expires 2023

Sign Advisory Committee

JULIA TARKA
MARTIN V. TOMMASIAN, JR.
CHRISTINA COOKE

Term Expires 2023
Term Expires 2023
Term Expires 2024

BARRY KORETZ
NICOLE BRISSON

Term Expires 2024
Term Expires 2024

Town Clerk

KAREN R. MEDEIROS

Assistant Town Clerk

COLLETTE JORDAN

Town Counsel

RONALD H. RAPPAPORT

Town Treasurer

PAMELA AMARAL

Treasurer's Assistant

MARISA BONIFACE

Tree Warden and Superintendent of Moth Extermination

ALLAN deBETTENCOURT

Dukes County Veteran's Agent

RANDY DULL

Water Resource Management Officer

WILLIAM CHAPMAN

Wharf Restoration Committee

STEVE EWING
CHRIS SCOTT
SCOTT ELLIS

Wire Inspectors

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

Zoning Board of Appeals

PAM DOLBY
THOMAS PIERCE
JULIA LIVINGSTON, Alternate
NANCY WHIPPLE
ROBIN BRAY, Alternate
MARTIN V. TOMASSIAN, Jr., Chairman
CAROL GRANT
GERRET CONOVER, Alternate
LISA MORRISON, Assistant

Term Expires 2023
Term Expires 2023
Term Expires 2023
Term Expires 2024
Term Expires 2024
Term Expires 2025
Term Expires 2025
Term Expires 2025

*Retired
**Resigned
***Deceased

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Dylan Fernandes
State Representative
Barnstable, Dukes & Nantucket

District Liaison
Kaylea Moore
kaylea.moore@mahouse.gov

Dear Edgartown Friends,

Every citizen deserves equal access to the ballot box. When the pandemic began, we quickly implemented new policies to allow voting by mail and early voting for all residents, which we codified in the legislature with the passage of the Votes Act. I was proud to vote in favor of these widely successful measures that break down barriers to the ballot box.

We passed the ROE Act, expanding access to abortion and safeguarding women's rights in our state. This law protects healthcare professionals who provide abortions, expands emergency contraception, and requires insurance companies to cover abortion care without deductibles or copays.

In 2022, our office passed 6 local bills through the House of Representatives to support Vineyard towns. Legislation includes a bill expanding equity by ensuring the Tribe has a voice in regional planning and legislation allowing land transfers that encourage safe pedestrian and bicycle accessibility and facilitate affordable housing development. We also passed legislation supporting staff retention at the Tisbury Fire Department and ensuring that Tisbury's democratic process was uninterrupted during Town Meeting.

During the budget process, we negotiated several Vineyard specific amendments including \$30,000 for island veterans, \$50,000 to provide off-island medical transit, and \$20,000 for facility upgrades at the MV Boys & Girls Club. We advocated for \$330,000 in funding to protect and preserve the Vineyard's environment, including \$150,000 for shellfish propagation and \$30,000 for beach erosion control, monitoring, and dune stabilization at Joseph Sylvia State Beach. Included in an economic development bill passed this fall, we secured \$250,000 to combat food insecurity and expand access to primary care and dental care on Martha's Vineyard. Over \$20 million in state grants came to the district that we pushed for which included funding for housing and coastal resiliency.

As always, my office is here for you should you need assistance or if you have questions or concerns. Please don't hesitate to reach out any time at dylan.fernandes@mahouse.gov or 508-257-1174.

Yours,
Dylan Fernandes

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

SELECTBOARD

To the Citizens of the Town of Edgartown,

It is my pleasure to report the 2022 activities of the Selectboard.

Town Meeting was able to meet in person at the Whaling Church again, but our weekly meetings remain via Zoom, which opens more for the public to see.

We awarded the Quammox West Affordable home to the drawn winner among thirteen applicants. The Meshacket Project is moving forward to provide more affordable housing.

Weekly meetings were busy renewing licenses, yard sale permits, travel vouchers and reappointing various board members. The Church Street project was completed in time for the busy summer season, as was the Memorial Wharf project. Due to steady rain the March to the Sea parade was held in the school gymnasium, where the students came from their class rooms to participate and enjoy. A report from the ongoing Master Plan was presented to the public.

The Fourth of July Parade was held as usual with many smiling people along the parade route and a beautiful early evening. Fireworks were also displayed after not having them for a couple of years.

The Katama Boat Landing project began in the fall and continues thru the winter. The Fire Department members held a September 11th Stair Climb at Memorial Wharf in memory of those who were lost. September we also heard a report from Liz Durkee and Meghan Gombos of the MV Commission on the Climate Action Plan.

The big September event was the unexpected arrival of immigrant visitors flown here from Florida. Many groups and individuals stepped up at once to assist. St. Andrew's Parish house was opened to gather, feed and temporarily house the people. Fire and Police Departments, high school student translators, along with Lisa Belcastro and Beth Polcarrelli all stepped to accommodate the visitors. Many restaurants and others contributed meals and clothing. People were there to see the visitors sent off to the Cape for better housing

accommodations.

Many Town plans were updated to the Board, including Seaport Council Grant for Comprehensive Dredge Permit and a Municipal Harbor Management Plan. A presentation from Alan Strahler about the Town's acceptance into the Green Community. The Board authorized the committee to spend the award grant of \$132,000. He also gave an update on the MVC Eversource Working Group.

Members were appointed to the Regional High School Building Committee. Dion Alley from Vineyard Power asked for a letter of support for the boards application in Community First Partnership thru Mass Save.

On November 7th the Board was told of the passing of long time Moderator, Jeff Norton. Mr. Norton was a very efficient Moderator and always had a few comical comments for the voters at town meetings.

Christmas in Edgartown was back to near normal, with stores open, people in town and the annual Christmas in Edgartown weekend parade. Our early December meeting also set the single tax rate for all classes. We ended the year voting to accept the Town's FY 22-23 CBDG grant.

I would like to thank all of our citizens and visitors who have helped us open up our opportunities for all to enjoy.

On behalf of the entire Town, I would like to thank our town employees for their dedication to the Town during this trying time. They've endeavored to keep things running and get reopening to back to normal.

Finally, I would especially like to thank our Town Administrator, James Hagerty, his assistants Kristy Rose and Karen Fuller. Last but not least my fellow board members, Michael Donaroma and Arthur Smadbeck for their long dedication to Edgartown.

Respectfully submitted,
MARGARET E. SERPA
Chair

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

To the Citizens of the Town of Edgartown:

I herewith submit the Annual Report of the Town Administrator for the year ended December 31, 2022.

The calendar year of 2022 marked a slow return to normalcy as the Town progressed through the final stages of the pandemic with an optimistic outlook on the future.

February commenced like many winters of the past, and the Selectboard met jointly with the Financial Advisory Committee, as well as every department representative to discuss budgetary requirements and to make decisions thereon. The hearings culminated with a mutually approved budget, and completed Town Meeting Warrant that had escaped many of the Covid austerity measures that had previously been put in place for the last two years. As the month ended, students of the Edgartown School received news that the Commonwealth had lifted its mask mandate for all public school children.

After much debate, March marked another turning point in the pandemic, as all Island Boards of Health suspended the indoor mask mandate applicable to all public buildings. The Steamship Authority ferries followed shortly thereafter, and conditions were set for a strong influx of seasonal visitors for the coming spring and summer

April saw the welcome return of the Town Meeting at the Old Whaling Church on a crisp Tuesday evening. Thankfully, the quorum exceeded expectations as the Town approved a \$41 million operating budget, and overwhelmingly supported an article to create a Martha's Vineyard Housing Bank. The twelve articles of the Special Town Meeting and seventy-nine articles of the Annual Town Meeting were dispensed in the regular three-hour fashion with Steve Ewing at the helm as Moderator.

The annual March to the Sea was planned for the Reading Room parking lot due to construction at the Memorial Wharf, however was instead moved to the Edgartown School gymnasium due to a tempestuous May rain storm. As Memorial Day approached, the Vineyard Transit Authority completed the final stages of its electrification and improvements of the Church Street station, while the Fire Chief, Health Agent, and Police Chief finally removed the Covid mask mandates signs

affixed throughout the downtown area.

The completion of the Memorial Wharf Renovation was the centerpiece of June as paving crews replaced the hardscape the final week before the July 4th holiday. The Chappy ferry vehicle traffic was interrupted for half a day as the vessel made an oblique docking on Memorial Wharf to debark and embark passenger traffic with a step ramp.

As the Town transitioned into July, the streets were filled with vitality as the traditional Parade and Fireworks reemerged to signal the unofficial start to summer. Concurrently, the Wastewater Commission monitored sewer flows during the Town's busiest weekend in preparation for their Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan that should set the parameters of nitrogen loading over the next 20 years. In the same vein, the Chappy Ferry Resiliency study began to analyze the vulnerable areas of ingress and egress on both sides of the unique ramps and landings. The summer concluded with many of the iconic Island events that had been suspended over the past two years as the busy influx seemed to carry over well past Labor Day.

In mid-September the Town was thrust into the national spotlight as 50 unexpected guests arrived at MVY Airport indirectly from Venezuela. The migrant group ranged from children to adults and were shuttled to St. Andrew's Church as officials made a hasty shelter, and national news networks descended on Winter St. The Town showed an outpouring of generosity as supplies moved in with such volume that there had to be a formal decree to cease giving because of lack of space. The story ended as quickly as it started, and after several days, the group had transitioned to the Cape to continue their American journey.

October brought Joint Island meetings between the Nantucket government and the six Island Towns to discuss shared issues like climate change, the Steamship Authority, affordable housing, and capacity of both locations. A declaration to continue the dialogue on a regular basis was made by all elected officials from both Islands as the meeting concluded.

In other positive news, the Town was assigned a 'AAA' with a "Stable" Outlook bond rating by Standard & Poor (S&P), following a rating review

call with S&P analysts and members of the Town's Financial Management team. The Town was previously assigned 'Aa2' by Moody's Investors Services in 2016. S&P's independent and objective decision to upgrade on the heels of two very tumultuous economic years was a confirmation of the Town's proactive fiscal management policies, and a testament to the disciplined budgetary practices of the Finance Advisory Committee and Selectboard.

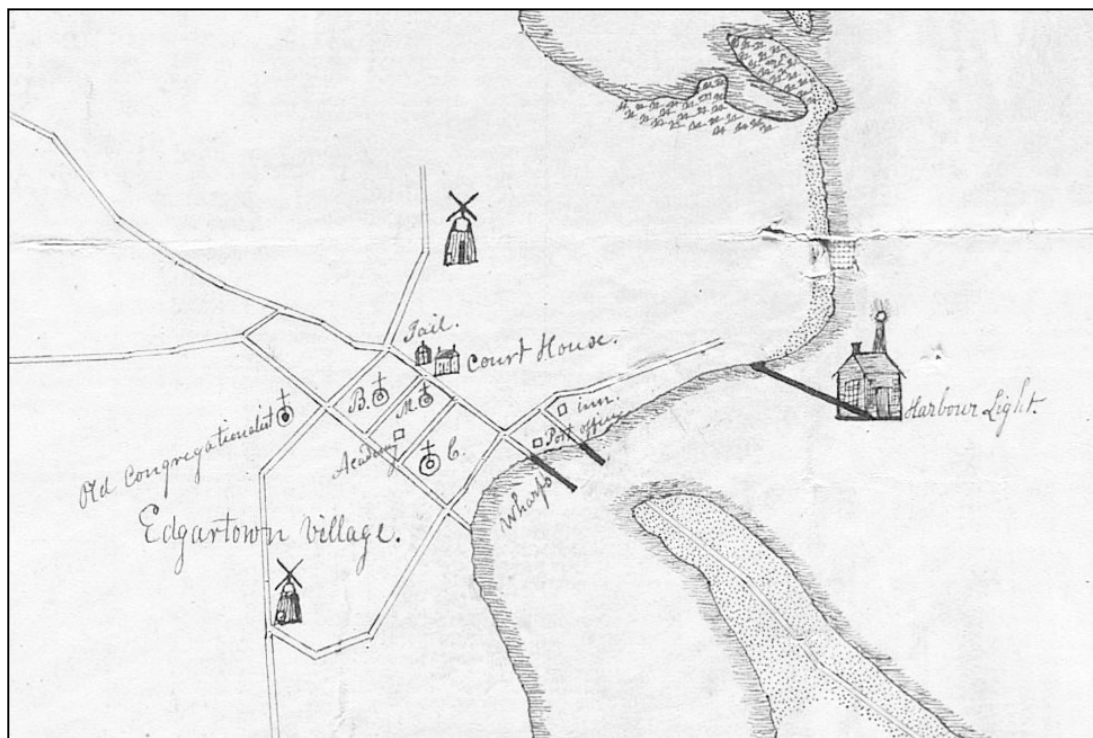
As the year came to a close, Christmas in Edgartown was successfully orchestrated by the Edgartown Board of Trade, and the Capital Programs Committee began their cyclical deliberation on Fiscal Year 2024 Capital requests.

As we look back on the year, it is important to acknowledge the many dedicated Town of

Edgartown employees who continually delivered outstanding services in every arena from Covid test kit distribution to once in a generation rain storm management. Their daily efforts cannot be understated and they truly epitomize the definition of public service. I am proud of the product they deliver to the citizens of Edgartown on a daily basis and their selflessness has been humbling.

I sincerely appreciate your support, and feel very privileged to serve as your Town Administrator in the 351st year of this great Town.

Respectfully submitted,
 JAMES M. HAGERTY
 Town Administrator



Inset of Downtown "Plan of Edgartown by Henry Crapo, 1830" which is part of the Massachusetts Archives. Notice that the Methodist Church is the Town Hall. The Whaling Church was not built until 1847.

TOWN CLERK

To the Honorable Select Board and the Citizens of Edgartown:

January and February brought the usual busy time of Town Census and dog licenses.

Then we were into Town Meeting and Town Election time. It was wonderful to get back to the Old Whaling Church for Town Meeting.

Thank you to our wonderful Board of Registrars: Cindy Bonnell, Wanda Williams and Kristy Rose. They are always willing to help with any election tasks.

We were then onto the State Primary in September and the State Election in November. Both of which saw large turnouts.

I am very grateful to our Assistant Town Clerk Collette Jordan. She has been a real asset to the Town. Her knowledge and willingness to help is greatly appreciated.

The following is a list of the events held during 2022 and a report of the licenses sold for the year:

Special Town Meeting	April 12, 2022
Annual Town Meeting	April 12, 2022
Annual Town Election	April 14, 2022
State Primary	September 6, 2022
State Election	November 8, 2022
Dog Licenses	918
Marriage Licenses	132

The following is a complete report of minutes for all Town Meeting and Elections held in 2022. Included are the Marriage and Death reports for 2022.

Respectfully Submitted,
KAREN R. MEDEIROS
Town Clerk

REPORT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING APRIL 12, 2022

Pursuant to the above Warrant, the inhabitants of said Town, qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs, to meet in Old Whaling Church in said Edgartown on Tuesday the twelfth day of April, Two Thousand Twenty One at seven o'clock in the evening, having attained a quorum of 213. The Moderator called the meeting to order at 7:08 P.M. The Moderator read the preamble to the Warrant and the Constable's return of service.

ARTICLE 1. Moved Non Binding Public Advisory Question for the 2022 Spring Town Meeting Warrant calling upon Holtec Pilgrim, LLC, owner of the closed Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station and Holtec Decommissioning International, LLC, to immediately withdraw any plans to discharge any radioactive water into Cape Cod Bay.

WHEREAS, Cape Cod Bay is a federal and state protected area and habitat for the endangered Right Whale; and

WHEREAS, Cape Cod Bay provides a vital livelihood for fishermen and the tourist industry; and

WHEREAS, The National Academies of Science has determined there is no safe dose of ionizing radiation; and

WHEREAS, One radioactive element in Holtec Pilgrim water is Tritium, which concentrates up the food

chain from sediment to sea grasses to the fish we eat; and

WHEREAS, Holtec Pilgrim can discharge radioactive water anytime without approval of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission [NRC]; and

WHEREAS, The Attorney General of New Mexico has filed a lawsuit against the NRC for unlawful proceedings and illegal activities involving Holtec; and

WHEREAS, The Commonwealth has the authority to stop the dumping;

Therefore, shall the people of the Town of Edgartown direct the local government to communicate with Governor Charlie Baker, Attorney General Maura Healey, and the State Legislature to employ all means available to ensure that Holtec commits to immediately withdraw any plans to dump any radioactive water into Cape Cod Bay.

Moved and seconded; thereafter voted in favor by an UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 2. Moved that the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to take all necessary steps to lease a portion of the Town's capped landfill, being a portion of the property located at Meshacket Road, 49 Meshacket Road and 57 Meshacket Road, identified on Edgartown Assessor's Map 28, Parcel 55.1, 55.2 and 57, for the design, installation and op-

eration of a Solar PV System, for an initial term of twenty years, and for up to two additional five-year terms in the sole discretion of the Select Board or by agreement of the parties. The lease will be on such terms and conditions as the Select Board, with input from the Solar Evaluation Team, determines are in the best interest of the Town and consistent with all governing laws.

Moved and seconded; thereafter voted in favor by an UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 3. Moved that the Town will vote to accept a deed or an assignment of an exclusive easement over a portion of land located at 31 Edgartown Bay Road on the terms and conditions that the Select Board and the Conservation Commission determine are in the best interests of the Town. The deed or assignment of an exclusive easement will be for nominal consideration and no appropriation of funds is required.

Moved and seconded; thereafter voted in favor by an UNANIMOUS VOTE

2/3 Vote Required

ARTICLE 4. Moved that the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to approve, and take all necessary and proper steps to approve, a minor modification to an access easement previously granted to the Martha's Vineyard Boys' and Girls' Club, Inc. (the "Boys and Girls Club") over a portion of Town owned property identified on Assessors Map 20C, as Parcel 163 (the Town of Edgartown Playground). The Town granted the original access easement to the Boys and Girls Club on July 21, 2021, by an instrument recorded in the Dukes County Registry of Deeds in Book 1586, Page 501. The location of the original easement is shown on a "Plan of Land in Edgartown, Mass. Surveyed for Martha's Vineyard Boys' and Girls' Club, Inc. Scale 1"=80' March 3, 2020" and recorded in the Dukes County Registry of Deeds in Book 19, Page 24 (the "Plan"). The minor modifications to the original access easement are shown on a "Sketch Plan Prepared for the Martha's Vineyard Boys & Girls Club – All Island, scale 1" = 30', dated February 8, 2022," a copy of which can be reviewed in the office of the Town Clerk.

Moved and seconded; thereafter voted in favor by an UNANIMOUS VOTE

2/3 Vote Required

ARTICLE 5. Moved that the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$65,000.00 to be added to the Town's Fiscal Year 2022 Unemployment Insurance account.

Moved and seconded; thereafter voted in favor by an UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 6. Moved that the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$61,436.00 to

offset potential deficits caused by expenditures deemed ineligible, in the fund established for CoronaVirus relief reimbursements from state and federal agencies.

Moved and seconded; thereafter voted in favor by declaring it CARRIED

ARTICLE 7. Moved that the Town will vote to amend the Personnel By-Law (Section 11-11) Sick Bank:

Employees may choose by written notification to contribute two of their personal sick leave days initially, and then one per year thereafter, into a sick leave bank to be administered by a Sick Leave Bank Committee consisting of three members and one alternate. One shall be the Executive Secretary, Town Administrator's designee and the other two shall be employees, one being a department head. The two employee members shall be elected by the employees.

Moved and seconded; thereafter voted in favor by an UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 8. Moved that the Town will vote to amend the Personnel By-Law (Section 25) Edgartown Classification and Salary Plan by adding an entry level position of Laborer to the Highway Department.

Moved and seconded; thereafter voted in favor by an UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 9. Moved that the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$40,000.00 to pay for capital improvements and structural repairs at the Town owned Katama Airfield Restaurant building per the current lease agreement.

Moved and seconded; thereafter voted in favor by an UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 10. Moved that the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$15,000.00 to pay the Martha's Vineyard Refuse District for gas mitigation improvements and monitoring at the Town's capped Meshacket Landfill.

Moved and seconded; thereafter voted in favor by an UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 11. Moved that the Town will appropriate \$33,171.89 from Free Cash to pay the unfunded portion of the replacement cost for our Command/Emergency Medical response vehicle and equipment that was deemed a total loss when involved in a motor vehicle collision while responding to a mutual aid emergency.

Moved and seconded; thereafter voted in favor by an UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 12. Moved that the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$10,489.50 to pay for Fiscal Year 2022 subscription for mainte-

nance and services for an online permitting program.

Moved and seconded; thereafter voted in favor by an UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 13. Moved that the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$409.00 to pay the following Fiscal Year 2021 unpaid bills:

Vineyard Transit Authority
\$409.00

Shellfish Department

Moved and seconded; thereafter voted in favor by an UNANIMOUS VOTE

9/10 VOTE REQUIRED

The Special Town Meeting was declared closed by the Moderator at 7:29 P.M.

Attest: KAREN R. MEDEIROS,

**REPORT FOR
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
APRIL 12, 2022**

The Moderator began the Annual Town Meeting at 7:29 P.M. The quorum of 213 was still in attendance. Moderator Ewing read the preamble to the Warrant and the Constable’s return of service.

Town Poet Laureate Steven Ewing read his poem.

ARTICLE 1. To elect the following Officers and on the Official Ballot:

1. One Select Board Member for Three Years
2. One Assessor for Three Years
3. One Board of Health Member for Three Years
4. One Constable for Three Years
5. Two Financial Advisory Committee Members for Three Years
6. Two Library Trustees for Three Years
7. One MV Land Bank Representative for Three Years
8. One Park Commissioner for Three Years
9. One Planning Board Member for Five Years
10. One Edgartown School Committee Member for Three Years
11. One Wastewater Treatment Commissioner for Three Years
12. One Water Commissioner for Three Years

ARTICLE 2. To hear reports of the Town Officers and Committees, and to act thereon and to choose all other necessary Town Officers who are elected from the floor of the Town Meeting.

Reports were given by: Reade Milne, Building Inspector; Paul Bagnall, Shellfish; Lisa Sherman, Library; Adam Darack, IT; Matt Poole, Board of Health.

Elected on the floor:

SURVEYORS OF LUMBER

Robert Avakian James Hagerty
David Allen Faber

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

Martha Look James Joyce
Alex Morrison

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

FENCE VIEWERS

Paul Bagnall James Joyce
M.J. Rogers

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 3. Moved that the Town will vote to amend the annual salary scales of the Classification Plan of the Personnel By-law, so that they reflect a 2.5% increase, which is a cost of living adjustment becoming effective July 1, 2022.

Mr. Joseph LaFlamme of the Personnel Board made a motion to change it from 2.5% to 5%. After discussion this motion to amendment did not pass.

Moved and seconded; thereafter the Article as written was voted in favor, with the Moderator declaring it CARRIED

ARTICLE 4. Moved that the Town will vote to amend the Personnel By-Law (Section 25) Edgartown Classification and Wage Scale to meet the recommendations made by the Edwards J. Collins, Jr Center for Public Management in the Compensation

TABLE A

Position	Delete Original FY23 Grade	Add Proposed FY23 Grade
Accountant	I	J
Assistant Accountant	D	E
Principal Assessor	I	J
Inspector of Buildings	I	J
Conservation Agent	H	I
Council on Aging Admin.	I	J
Harbormaster	J	K
Health Agent	I	J
Human Resource Dir.	I	K
Library Director	I	J
Library Department Assistant	C	D
Information Technology Manager	J	K
Shellfish Constable	J	K
Town Clerk.	I	J
Assistant Town Clerk.	D	E
Treasurer	I	J
Assistant Treasurer	D	E
Wastewater Facility Mgr.	J	K
Water Superintendent	J	K
Water Assistant Superintendent	I	J

and Classification Study and Massachusetts Equal Pay Act (MEPA) as follows effective July 1, 2022: (TABLE A.)

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

ARTICLE 5. Moved that the Town will vote to amend the annual salary scales for the Seasonal Edgartown Wage Scale (Section 26) of the Personnel By-Law as printed below to meet the recommendations made by the Edwards J. Collins, Jr Center for Public Management in the Compensation and Classification Study as follows effective July 1, 2022: (TABLE B)

Moved and seconded; thereafter voted in favor by an UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 6. Moved that the Town will vote to raise the necessary sums of money to defray the general expenses of the Town for Fiscal Year 2023 and to make appropriations therefore.

Moved and seconded; thereafter voted in favor by an UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 7. Moved that the Town will 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 2023 revenues in the following amounts to the following reserves.

\$160,000.00 to be appropriated to the Community Preservation Open Space Reserve Fund;

\$160,000.00 to be appropriated to the Community Preservation Affordable Housing Reserve Fund;

\$160,000.00 to be appropriated to the Community Preservation Historic Preservation Reserve Fund;

TABLE B

Grade	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5	Step 6
A	Clerk Typist, Library Clerk, Receptionist, Recreation Asst., Wharfinger, Deputy Fish Warden					
	\$ 14.00	\$ 14.56	\$ 15.14	\$ 15.74	\$ 16.36	\$ 17.01
B	Asst Harbormaster, Nightwatch, Laborer,					
	\$ 16.00	\$ 16.64	\$ 17.31	\$ 18.00	\$ 18.72	\$ 19.47
C	Traffic Officer, Park Patrol Officer, Tennis Instructor					
	\$ 17.00	\$ 17.68	\$ 18.39	\$ 19.12	\$ 19.89	\$ 20.68
D	Deputy Harbormaster, Lifeguard, Recreation Director					
	\$ 18.00	\$ 18.72	\$ 19.47	\$ 20.25	\$ 21.06	\$ 21.90
E	Special Officer, Asst. Head Lifeguard, Park Patrol Director					
	\$ 19.00	\$ 19.76	\$ 20.55	\$ 21.37	\$ 22.23	\$ 23.12
F	Airfield Assistant, Head Lifeguard, Highway/Cemetery Laborer, Swim Instructor					
	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.80	\$ 21.63	\$ 22.50	\$ 23.40	\$ 24.33
G	Beach Director					
	\$ 21.00	\$ 21.84	\$ 22.71	\$ 23.62	\$ 24.57	\$ 25.55
H	Airfield Manager					
	\$ 35.00	\$ 36.46	\$ 37.98	\$ 39.57	\$ 41.23	\$ 42.96
I	Constable, Registrar, Warden		\$ 15.00	Election Wkr		\$ 15.00

\$900,000.00 to be appropriated to the Community Preservation Budgeted Reserve;

\$25,000.00 to be appropriated to the Community Preservation Administrative Expenses Account.

Moved and seconded; thereafter voted in favor by an UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 8. Moved that the Town will vote to appropriate from the Community Preservation Affordable Housing Fund the sum of \$112,000.00 to be paid to The Dukes County Regional Housing Authority to fund the Rental Assistance Program for Edgartown Families for Fiscal Year 2023.

Moved and seconded; thereafter voted in favor by an UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 9. Moved that the Town will vote to appropriate from the Community Preservation Affordable Housing Fund the amount of \$8,000.00 and from the Community Preservation Fiscal Year 2022 Budgeted Reserve the amount of \$180,800.00 for a total of \$188,800.00 to fund the PALS program through The Resource Inc. (TRI). The PALS program will provide interest-free loans to Edgartown families earning less than 100% median income to fund emergency needed structural home repairs to ensure safe and sanitary housing conditions.

Moved and seconded; thereafter voted in favor by an UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 10. Moved that the Town will vote to appropriate from the Community Preservation Unbudgeted Reserve the amount of \$30,000.00 to support ongoing development and additional site work on the Meshacket Affordable Housing Project.

Moved and seconded; thereafter voted in favor by an UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 11. Moved that the Town will vote to appropriate from the Community Preservation Fiscal Year 2022 Budgeted Reserve the amount of \$150,000.00 to Harbor Homes to support affordable housing by paying down the mortgage for their property located at 111 New York Avenue, Oak Bluffs, which is a home for low income women facing homelessness. The property is deed restricted for affordable housing.

Moved and seconded; thereafter voted in favor by an UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 12. Moved that the Town will vote to appropriate from the Community Preservation Fiscal Year 2022 Budgeted Reserve the amount of \$150,000.00 to further pay Edgartown's portion to support and create the building of Aidylberg III, a new five unit building at the Island Elderly Housing's Aidylberg Property to be used for community housing which includes low and moderate income senior housing. The funding agreement will include a condition that preference for one unit be given to a

qualifying Edgartown Resident.

Moved and seconded; thereafter voted in favor by an UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 13. Moved that the Town will vote to appropriate from the Community Preservation Fiscal Year 2022 Budgeted Reserve the amount of \$19,200.00 and from the Community Preservation Unbudgeted Reserve the amount of \$300,400.00 for the sum of \$319,600.00, under the category of Affordable Housing, to be used for Phase 2 in the creation and support of community housing on a parcel of land owned by the Island Autism Group (IAG) located at 515 Lambert's Cove Rd. in West Tisbury. Two (2) acres of this land will be used for affordable housing for adult individuals with autism and autism related disorders, and is permanently deed restricted for affordable housing purposes. Phase 2 is the building of two 4 bedroom residential buildings. This is a regional project for qualifying individuals from all six (6) Island Towns who earn 100% or less of the area wide median income.

Moved and seconded; thereafter voted in favor by an UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 14. Moved that the Town will vote to appropriate \$66,420.00 from the Community Preservation Open Space & Recreation Fund for capital improvements to increase access for passive recreation along Swimming Place Path.

Motion by Benjamin Hall, Jr. to Indefinitely Postpone did not pass.

Moved and seconded; thereafter voted in favor by Moderator declaring it CARRIED

ARTICLE 15. Moved that the Town will vote to appropriate \$42,600.00 from the Community Preservation Open Space & Recreation Fund for capital improvements to increase access for passive recreation to the Town's Cape Pogue Gut property which is under the control of the Conservation Commission.

Moved and seconded; thereafter voted in favor by Moderator declaring it CARRIED

ARTICLE 16. Moved that the Town will vote to appropriate the amount of \$10,980.00 from the Community Preservation Open Space & Recreation Fund and \$19,020.00 from the Community Preservation Unbudgeted Reserve for a sum of \$30,000.00 for the consulting and engineering of the Robinson Road Recreation Area.

Moved and seconded; thereafter voted in favor by an UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 17. Moved that the Town will vote to appropriate \$60,000.00 from the Community Preservation Historic Preservation Fund for the historic restoration of the roof of the MV Camp Meeting Association Tabernacle in Oak Bluffs.

Moved and seconded; thereafter voted in favor by an UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 18. Moved that the Town will vote to appropriate \$60,000.00 from the Community Preservation Historic Preservation Fund to go toward the increased costs of the North Wharf restoration project.

Moved and seconded; thereafter voted in favor by an UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 19. Moved that the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2023, the sum of \$50,000.00 to pay the cost of the Fourth of July Fireworks.

Arthur Smadbeck moved to amend the Article from \$50,000.00 to \$75,000.00. He explained the bids came in higher. It was moved and seconded to amend the Article.

Thereafter the amendment passed UNANIMOUSLY.

The Article as amended was moved and seconded; thereafter voted in favor by the Moderator declaring it CARRIED

ARTICLE 20. Moved that the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2023, the sum of \$20,000.00 to provide funds for an integrated pest management program as needed by various departments.

Moved and seconded; thereafter voted in favor by an UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 21. Moved that the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, the sum of \$250,000.00 to the Town's General Purpose Stabilization Fund under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, Section 5B, effective for Fiscal Year 2023 beginning on July 1, 2022, or take any other action relative thereto.

Moved and seconded; thereafter voted in favor by an UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 22. Moved that the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, the sum of \$2,000,000.00 to the Town's Capital Stabilization Fund under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, Section 5B, effective for Fiscal Year 2023 beginning on July 1, 2022, or take any other action relative thereto.

Moved and seconded; thereafter voted in favor by an UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 23. Moved that the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2023, the sum of \$65,000.00 to design, bid, and construct modifications to the power distribution system of the school generator in order to provide backup power to critical kitchen equipment.

Moved and seconded; thereafter voted in favor by an UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 24. Moved that the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, the sum of \$50,000.00 for capital improvements, maintenance, and repairs to the interior and exterior of Town Hall.

Moved and seconded; thereafter voted in favor by an UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 25. Moved that the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$40,000.00 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 an UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 26. Moved that the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$40,000.00 to install trees and bushes for screening purposes in the New Westside Cemetery.

Moved and seconded; thereafter voted in favor by an UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 27. Moved that the Town will transfer \$74,000.00 from the Sale of Cemetery Lots Fund 3001 to a continued appropriation for the expansion of the New Westside Cemetery.

Moved and seconded; thereafter voted in favor by an UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 28. Moved that the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$200,000.00 to conduct an engineering study and feasibility assessment of Chappaquiddick transportation lines deemed susceptible to climate change based on the Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Program. The results of this preliminary study would support the pursuit of grant funding sources and subsequent design and permitting activities of capital improvements.

Moved and seconded; thereafter voted in favor by an UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 29. Moved that the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$15,000.00 for the Conservation Commission's Land Acquisition account.

Moved and seconded; thereafter voted in favor by Moderator declaring it CARRIED

ARTICLE 30. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$15,000.00 for the Conservation Commission's Property Maintenance account.

Submitted by the Conservation Commission

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL
ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

ARTICLE 31. Moved that the Town will vote to

appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2023, the sum of \$35,000.00 for the annual rent and taxes for the property known as the “Hall Memorial Park” located at 50 Main Street.

Moved and seconded; thereafter voted in favor by an UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 32. Moved that the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2023, the sum of \$45,000.00 for the exterior maintenance and painting of the Council on Aging building.

Moved and seconded; thereafter voted in favor by an UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 33. (Ballot Question #1) To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board, on behalf of the Town, to petition the General Court for passage of a special law establishing a Martha’s Vineyard Housing Bank (the “Housing Bank”) as set forth in the document entitled “An Act Establishing the Martha’s Vineyard Housing Bank” (the “Housing Bank Act”) on file with the Town Clerk, subject to approval by a majority of the voters voting on such question at an annual or special Town election held in the same year as the Town Meeting vote approving submission of this petition to the General Court; provided, however, that submission of such petition to the General Court shall be contingent upon approval of this petition by not less than four towns located on Martha’s Vineyard. The Housing Bank Act may be amended prior to submission to the General Court by a body composed of one designee appointed by the Select Board of each town on Martha’s Vineyard that approves this article (the “Housing Bank Review Committee”), provided that the Housing Bank Act shall be subject, to the maximum extent possible, to the following parameters:

Initial Members and Local Acceptance: The initial members of the Housing Bank shall be those towns that vote to accept the Housing Bank Act, as passed by the General Court, as provided for in this article.

Housing Bank Commission: The Housing Bank shall be administered by a Housing Bank Commission (the “Commission”) consisting of one resident of each member town elected by townwide vote for staggered three-year terms, and one person elected at-large by an island-wide vote for a two-year term. The Commission shall be subject to G.L. c. 30A, §§18-25 (the “Open Meeting Law”) and shall be deemed to be a municipal agency for purposes of G.L. c. 268A (the “State Conflict of Interest Law”).

Town Advisory Boards: A Town Advisory Board shall be established within each member town to assist the Commission with the administration of the Housing Bank Act. Town Advisory Boards shall be composed of: one representative appointed by each of the select board, conservation commission, planning

board, board of health, zoning board, and, if one exists, wastewater committee, and two members appointed by the town housing committee. Town Advisory Boards shall be consulted by the Commission in developing regulations to implement the Housing Bank Act. Approval by a two-thirds majority vote of the Town Advisory Board(s) in the town or towns in which a project will be located, or in which a real property interest will be acquired, shall be required for any expenditure or use of Housing Bank funds, including the making of any loans or the disbursement of any down payment assistance as provided in this article. The Town Advisory Boards shall each be subject to the Open Meeting Law and be deemed to be a municipal agency for purposes of the State Conflict of Interest Law.

Activities: The purpose of the Housing Bank shall be to promote both year-round housing, and housing affordable to households which earn up to 240% of the applicable household area median income for Dukes County as determined by the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (“AMI”), in the manner determined by the Housing Bank. In furtherance of said purpose, the Housing Bank shall be authorized to make grants for the acquisition, renovation, or construction of housing and housing-related infrastructure; provide loans, loan and bond guarantees, lines of credit, interest subsidies, rental assistance, and other means of financial assistance; purchase, receive, lease, grant and sell property and real property interests; and provide shared appreciation equity loans through which the Housing Bank receives a portion of the appreciation of the applicable property upon resale. The Housing Bank shall not be authorized to develop, renovate, manage, or operate properties, but shall fulfill its purposes primarily through funding projects proposed by non-profit and for-profit corporations and organizations, individuals and public entities. In considering projects for funding, the Housing Bank shall use as guidelines town or regional master plans, wastewater plans, watershed management plans, open space plans, and climate and energy goals.

The Housing Bank may: (i) provide loans or down payment assistance to individuals who are members of households which earn up to 240% of AMI, subject to imposition of perpetual year round occupancy restrictions (as defined by the Commission); and (ii) purchase year-round occupancy restrictions from any property owner with respect to properties located within member towns. Except as provided in the foregoing sentence, all housing units created, renovated, rehabilitated or acquired with Housing Bank funds shall be restricted in perpetuity to require occupancy by households earning up to a specified AMI not to exceed 240% of AMI, and shall be subject to perpetual maximum sale

price and year-round occupancy restrictions. If a project includes income-restricted and market-rate units, any Housing Bank funding shall be applied only to income-restricted units in such project.

The Housing Bank will pay its own expenses from Housing Bank revenue. In order to expand public participation, in alignment with local diversity, equity and inclusion goals, Commissioners may be paid a stipend not to exceed \$2,000 annually, subject to approval by a two-thirds majority vote of every Town Advisory Board, unless a higher amount is both authorized by a majority vote of town meeting in every member town and approved by a two-thirds vote of every Town Advisory Board.

Limitation on Annual Debt Service: The Housing Bank may incur debt only to the extent that its projected annual debt service obligations prior to maturity with respect to any existing and any new debt will not, in the aggregate, exceed 10% of the average annual revenues received by the Housing Bank during its prior three fiscal years, commencing with the initial partial fiscal year following passage of the Act. Any issuance of bonds by the Housing Bank shall be subject to approval by two-thirds of the Town Advisory Boards and by the Commission. Each such vote of the Town Advisory Boards shall also require a two-thirds vote.

Requirements for Use of Funds: The Housing Bank shall address the greatest community need as determined from time to time by the Commission according to prevailing data. No less than 75% of island-wide annual funding commitments approved in each fiscal year shall be allocated to projects on properties previously developed with existing buildings, or to fund infrastructure associated with such projects. All new construction shall use no fossil fuels on site (except as needed during construction, renovation, repair, temporary use for maintenance, or vehicle use), achieve a HERS (Home Energy Rating Service) rating of zero and, to the maximum extent possible, produce no new net nitrogen pollution. All new construction on undeveloped properties of more than five acres shall preserve a minimum of 40% of the property as open space and minimize tree removal, in order to promote clustering and preserve undeveloped property. All projects shall minimize disturbances to the local ecology.

If a project that receives Housing Bank funds includes income-restricted and market-rate units, the provisions of this section shall apply to the entire project. Satisfaction of each of the provisions of this section shall be as determined by the Commission.

Priorities: The Housing Bank shall prioritize projects that: are close to existing services (honor “Smart Growth” principles); are not in priority habitat areas as defined by the Massachusetts Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Act; and mitigate the effects of

climate change, such as projects which (i) do not involve acquisition of fossil fuel equipment and (ii) have a master plan to delineate a path to fossil-fuel free operation and net-zero annual site energy consumption.

Transfer Fee: The Housing Bank’s activities will be funded by a two percent fee imposed on transfers of real property interests paid by the purchaser, such fee to be established either by general law or by the Housing Bank Act. An amount to be determined by the Commission annually, but not less than the first \$1,000,000.00 of the purchase price or other consideration paid with respect to any transfer of a real property interest, shall be exempt from the transfer fee. Additional exemptions shall be as set forth in any general law establishing the transfer fee or in the Housing Bank Act as amended prior to submission to the General Court.

Non-member Towns: No Housing Bank funds may be expended in any town which is not a member of the Housing Bank; provided, however, that the Housing Bank may expend funds in a town that withdraws to the extent such expenditures were approved before the date that such town provides notice to the Housing Bank that the member town has voted at a regular or special election to withdraw from the Housing Bank, and provided that transfer fees continue to be collected in that town.

Withdrawal and Sunset: Any member town may withdraw from the Housing Bank by the affirmative vote of a majority of the voters at any regular or special town election. The transfer fee shall continue to be collected in any town that votes to withdraw from the Housing Bank until satisfaction of the withdrawing town’s pro rata share of all Housing Bank debt incurred prior to the date that such town provides notice to the Housing Bank that the town has voted at a regular or special election to withdraw from the Housing Bank, determined as the ratio all transfer fees collected by such town during its membership in the Housing Bank to all transfer fees collected by all member towns during the same period

The Housing Bank Act shall expire 30 years after its passage unless extended by vote of the Commission and a majority vote of town meeting by at least four member towns; provided that, if extended, the Housing Bank Act shall remain in effect only for the towns that vote to extend. The transfer fee shall continue to be collected in any town that does not vote to extend the Housing Bank Act until satisfaction of all Housing Bank debt incurred prior to (1) the effective date of the extension of the Housing Bank Act if the Housing Bank Act is extended notwithstanding the town’s vote, and (2) the expiration of the Housing Bank Act, if the Housing Bank Act is allowed to expire.

Taxes: All property and housing units created, renovated, rehabilitated or acquired with Housing Bank funds shall be taxed in accordance with assessed values.

The Housing Bank Act is subject to approval by the General Court, which may only make clerical or editorial changes of form to the bill unless the Select Boards of at least two thirds of the towns that approve this article vote to approve amendments to the bill before enactment by the General Court. Approval of this article authorizes the Select Board to approve amendments which shall be within the scope of the general public objectives of the Housing Bank Act. Adoption of the Housing Bank Act by any town, in the final form approved by the General Court, must be approved by the affirmative vote of a majority of the voters at any regular or special town election at which the question of acceptance has been placed on the ballot. The Housing Bank Act shall become effective on the date on which no less than four towns located on Martha's Vineyard accept its provisions as provided for in this article; or take any other action relative thereto

Submitted by the Coalition to Create the MV Housing Bank

Moved and seconded; thereafter a lengthy discussion was voted in favor by Moderator declaring it CARRIED

ARTICLE 34. Moved that the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2023, the sum of \$144,294.00, to support the Vineyard Health Care Access Program in accordance with the Inter-municipal Agreement, as the same may be amended from time to time.

Moved and seconded; thereafter voted in favor by an UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 35. Moved that the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2023, the sum of \$17,121.00, to support the Dukes County Social Services in accordance with the Inter-municipal Agreement, as the same may be amended from time to time.

Moved and seconded; thereafter voted in favor by an UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 36. Moved that the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2023, the sum of \$19,183.00, to support the Homelessness Prevention Programs on Martha's Vineyard through Dukes County in accordance with the Inter-municipal Agreement, as the same may be amended from time to time.

Moved and seconded; thereafter voted in favor by an UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 37. Moved that the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal

Year 2023, the sum of \$170,841.00 to support the Martha's Vineyard Center for Living Programs through Dukes County in accordance with the Inter-municipal Agreement, as the same may be amended from time to time.

Moved and seconded; thereafter voted in favor by an UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 38. Moved that the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2023, the sum of \$34,420.00, to support the CORE program to provide coordinated counseling, outreach, and referral services to our residents who are 55 years and older through Dukes County in accordance with the Inter-municipal Agreement, as the same may be amended from time to time.

Moved and seconded; thereafter voted in favor by an UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 39. Moved that the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2023, the sum of \$3,120.00, to support the First Stop Information and Referral Service through Dukes County in accordance with the Inter-municipal Agreement, as the same may be amended from time to time.

Moved and seconded; thereafter voted in favor by an UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 40. Moved that the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2023, the sum of \$35,648.00, to support the planning, advocacy and education for Healthy Aging on Martha's Vineyard through Dukes County in accordance with the Inter-municipal Agreement, as the same may be amended from time to time.

Moved and seconded; thereafter voted in favor by an UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 41. Moved that the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2023, the sum of \$16,717.00 to support the Substance Use Disorder Coalition in addressing needs related to substance use prevention, treatment, recovery support and harm reduction on Martha's Vineyard through Dukes County in accordance with the Inter-municipal Agreement, as the same may be amended from time to time. The funds will not be available if all six Towns do not vote in the affirmative based on the requested apportioned shares.

Moved and seconded; thereafter voted in favor by an UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 42. Moved that the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2023, the sum of \$21,795.00 as the apportioned share of the allocation of overhead for regional services hosted and administered by the County on behalf of the Towns. The funds will not be available

if all six Towns do not vote in the affirmative based on the requested apportioned shares.

Moved and seconded; thereafter voted in favor by an UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 43. Moved that the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2023, the sum of \$66,780.71, to support the maintenance costs of the Martha's Vineyard Public Safety Communication System in accordance with the Cooperative Agreement for Emergency Communications and Dispatch Services. The funding is contingent on all Island Towns paying for such costs in Fiscal Year 2023 according to the agreed upon dispatch and fixed cost formula.

Moved and seconded; thereafter voted in favor by an UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 44. Moved that the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2023, the sum of \$53,000.00 for energy efficiency upgrades at the Edgartown School.

Moved and seconded; thereafter voted in favor by an UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 45. Moved that the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2023, 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.

Moved and seconded; thereafter voted in favor by an UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 46. Moved that the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2023, the sum of \$167,503.00 to purchase and equip two new police cruisers, and an unmarked police cruiser, and further, to authorize the Chief of Police and Select Board to dispose of the cruisers in the best interest of the Town.

Moved and seconded; thereafter voted in favor by an UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 47. Moved that the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2023, the sum of \$57,827.00 for building repairs and security enhancements at the Edgartown Police Station.

Moved and seconded; thereafter voted in favor by an UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 48. Moved that the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2023, the sum of \$161,184.00 to convert an all-wheel drive chassis from FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) surplus equipment to serve as a woodland water tanker based on the Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) recently completed by the Martha's Vineyard Commission.

Moved and seconded; thereafter voted in favor by an UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 49. Moved that the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, the sum of \$100,000.00 to the Fire Truck Stabilization Fund under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, Section 5B, effective for Fiscal Year 2023 beginning on July 1, 2022, or take any other action relative thereto.

Moved and seconded; thereafter voted in favor by an UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 50. Moved that the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2023, 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 an UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 51. Moved that the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$39,000.00 to fund the Town's Fiscal Year 2023 membership fee in the Martha's Vineyard Shellfish Group.

Moved and seconded; thereafter voted in favor by an UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 52. Moved that the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$22,000.00 to clear and open the Mattakesett Herring Creek for Town pond health.

Moved and seconded; thereafter voted in favor by an UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 53. Moved that the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2023, the sum of \$81,000.00 for permitting costs associated with increasing the number of dredging and/or disposal locations to the existing 10 year Comprehensive Permit.

Moved and seconded; thereafter voted in favor by an UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 54. Moved that the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, the sum of \$175,000.00 to be added to the monies appropriated through Article 29 at the 2019 Annual Town Meeting for the Town's share of the reconstruction of the Katama Landing.

Moved and seconded; thereafter voted in favor by an UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 55. Moved that the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2023, the sum of \$78,000.00 for the maintenance and replacement of moorings, buoys, 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

an UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 56. Moved that the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2023, the sum of \$28,000.00 to purchase and equip a new outboard motor, and further, to authorize the Harbormaster and Select Board to dispose of the old motor in the best interest of the Town.

Moved and seconded; thereafter voted in favor by an UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 57. Moved that the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2023, the sum of \$20,000.00 to repair the Town owned docks in the area between the Edgartown Yacht Club and Atlantic Restaurant.

Moved and seconded; thereafter voted in favor by an UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 58. Moved that the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2023, the sum of \$50,000.00 to purchase and equip a light duty pick up truck, and further, to authorize the Highway Department Superintendent and Select Board to dispose of the surplus vehicle in the best interest of the Town.

Moved and seconded; thereafter voted in favor by an UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 59. Moved that the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200,000.00 for the rebuilding and resurfacing of various Town streets.

Moved and seconded; thereafter voted in favor by an UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 60. Moved that the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$300,000.00 for the building and repairing of various Town sidewalks, bike paths, parking lots, and storm water drainage systems.

Moved and seconded; thereafter voted in favor by an UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 61. Moved that the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000.00 to clean the catch basins.

Moved and seconded; thereafter voted in favor by an UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 62. Moved that the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board 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 Select Board to borrow in anticipation of the reimbursement of funds. (Chapter 303, Acts of 2008), in the amount of \$236,186.00

Allan deBettencourt, Street Superintendent made a motion to amend this Article to \$240,700.00. It was

moved and seconded to amend the Article. Thereafter the amendment passed UNANIMOUSLY.

The Article as amended was moved and seconded; thereafter passed in favor by an UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 63. Moved that the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2023, the sum of \$55,000.00 to be used for the rental and maintenance of the portable toilets at South Beach, Robinson Road Recreation Area, and Park and Ride.

Moved and seconded; thereafter voted in favor by an UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 64. Moved that the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$100,000.00 for the planning and capital improvements necessary for the Robinson Road Recreation Area Renovation Project in cooperation with the Martha's Vineyard Boys and Girls Club.

Moved and seconded; thereafter voted in favor by an UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 65. Moved that the Town will vote to approve from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2023, the sum of \$5,000.00 to provide weekend police details for South Beach.

Moved and seconded; there was a brief discussion thereafter voted in favor by an UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 66. Moved that the Town will vote to transfer \$20,520.00 from the following previously established Beautification Committee Accounts for capital improvements at Cannonball Park: 33069002 Benches: \$15,000.00; 33069003 Sidewalks: \$10,501.88; 33069004 Lanterns: \$1,300.00. A total of \$6,281.88 would be transferred to the Beatification Unrestricted account to balance the fund.

Moved and seconded; thereafter voted in favor by an UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 67. Moved that the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2023, the sum of \$60,000.00 for asphalt repair, improvement and/or reconstruction at the Wastewater Facility parking lot, access roads, and footpaths.

Moved and seconded; thereafter voted in favor by an UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 68. Moved that the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2023, the sum of \$70,000.00 for the Wastewater Department's Equipment and Collection System Maintenance account.

Moved and seconded; thereafter voted in favor by an UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 69. Moved that the Town will vote to

appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$150,000.00 to improve, repair or replace the secondary scum pump, waste activated sludge pumps, primary sludge pumps and Meshacket Pump Station for the Wastewater facility.

Moved and seconded; thereafter voted in favor by an UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 70. Moved that the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$491,000.00 to develop a Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan (CWMP) which will evaluate social, economic, and environmental wastewater conditions within Edgartown and prepare recommendations to meet community needs.

Moved and seconded; thereafter voted in favor by an UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 71. Moved that the Town will vote to authorize the Water Department to transfer the sum of \$95,000.00 from the 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 2023. This article will have no impact on water user's charges or tax rate.

Moved and seconded; thereafter voted in favor by an UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 72. Moved that the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$33,000.00 in Fiscal Year 2023 from the Water Department's surplus for a light duty vehicle. This article will have no impact on water user's charges or tax rate.

Moved and seconded; thereafter voted in favor by an UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 73. Moved that the Town will vote, in accordance with G.L. Chapter 41, §110A, to authorize the Town Clerk's office to remain closed on all Saturdays and to treat Saturdays as a legal holiday for purposes of calculating the time frame for filing matters in that office or take any action relative thereto.

Moved and seconded; thereafter voted in favor by an UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 74. To see if the Town will amend the Edgartown Zoning Bylaw by adding Section 17.7.D as follows: **17.7.D Notwithstanding any other section of this Zoning Bylaw, where proposed development on any lot requires a Special Permit under this Zoning Bylaw from more than one**

Special Permit Granting Authority, the Planning Board shall be the Special Permit Granting Authority for all proposed development on the lot.

Or take any other action relative thereto.

2/3 Vote Required

Moved and seconded; thereafter voted in favor by an UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 75. Moved that the Town will amend the Edgartown Zoning Bylaw, Section 1.3, "Definitions", by ADDING the following definitions in appropriate alphabetical order:

Roof, Flat: For the purposes of this Zoning Bylaw, any section of roof with a slope not more than three inches over twelve inches (a "three pitch", or a 3:12 pitch).

Roof, Pitched: For the purposes of this Zoning Bylaw, any section of a roof with a slope or pitch greater than three inches over twelve inches (a "three pitch" or a 3:12 pitch).

and to further amend the Edgartown Zoning Bylaw, section 2.4.E, "Height of Structures", as follows:

Maximum height of structures as measured vertically from the Mean Natural Grade in the same area of the proposed structure shall be as follows: 26 feet for a **Pitched Roof** pitched roof and 18 feet for a **Flat Roof** flat or shed roof with a slope of 4 in 12 or less.

The Zoning Board of Appeals may grant a Special Permit to increase the height of a structure to a maximum of 32 feet in specific instances. In considering a Special Permit the Zoning Board of Appeals shall require the applicant to:

(1) Provide evidence that ~~a structure higher than 26 feet for a pitch roof and 18 feet for a flat or shed roof with a slope of 4 in 12 or less~~ **the structure as proposed** would not extend above the average height of vegetation, as accurately measured on site, that would exist around the structure after construction; and

(2) demonstrate graphically that the finished structure exposed by likely tree clearing would not be prominently visible from other public or private lands or water bodies.

and to further amend the Edgartown Zoning Bylaw, section 5.1.E.1 as follows:

Height of Structures: Maximum height of structures as measured vertically from the Mean Natural Grade level shall be as follows: 26 feet for a **Pitched Roof** pitched roof and 18 feet for a **Flat Roof** flat or shed roof (which is a roof with a pitch of 1 in 4 or less). The Planning Board may grant a Special Permit to modify the height restrictions of the Coastal District, up to the maximum allowed in the underlying Zoning District, in specific instances, if it finds such modification consistent

with the character of the neighborhood.
and to further amend the Edgartown Zoning Bylaw, section 5.2.A.3.c as follows:

c. Height of Structures

Except by Special Permit, the maximum height of structures as measured vertically from the Mean Natural Grade shall be **twenty-six feet for a Pitched Roof, and eighteen feet for a Flat Roof.** as follows:

- a. ~~26 feet for a pitched roof and 18 feet for a flat or shed roof (which is a roof with a pitch of 1 in 4 or less).~~

And to further amend the Edgartown Zoning Bylaw, section 10.1.C.1 as follows:

10.1.C.1. Height of Buildings and Exception

The height of any structure created in any district shall not exceed thirty-two feet for a **Pitched Roof** ~~pitched roof~~ or twenty-four feet for a **Flat Roof**. ~~Any roof with less than a four inch pitch per foot will be considered a flat roof.~~ However, these dimensions may be exceeded by special permit so as to conform to the average height of existing principal buildings fronting on the same street or within 500 feet of the premises.

2/3 Vote Required

Moved and seconded; thereafter a discussion followed on roof pitches; thereafter voted in FAVOR by a vote of 173 YES and 9 NO

ARTICLE 76. To see if the Town will amend the Edgartown Zoning Bylaw, Section 1.3, by adding the following definitions in alphabetical order:

Caliper: Diameter of a tree trunk (in inches). For trees up to and including four (4) inches in diameter, the caliper is measured six (6) inches above the existing grade at the base of the tree. For trees larger than four (4) inches in diameter, the caliper is measured twelve (12) inches above the existing grade at the base of the tree.

Certified Arborist: A professional arborist possessing current certification issued by the International Society of Arboriculture (I.S.A.) and/or the Massachusetts Arborist Association (M.A.A.).

Diameter at Breast Height (DBH): The diameter of a tree trunk four and one-half (4.5) feet above the existing grade at the base of the tree. If a tree splits into multiple trunks below four and one-half (4.5) feet above the existing grade, the DBH shall be considered to be the measurement taken at the narrowest point beneath the split.

Invasive Species: Any plant listed on the most recent version of the Massachusetts Prohibited Plant List as published by the Massachusetts Department of Agriculture.

Protected Tree: Any existing tree with a DBH of four (4) inches or greater that has any portion of its trunk within a Tree Yard at grade level. Invasive Species of trees shall not be considered Protected Trees.

Tree Removal: Mechanical demolition of a living tree, or any act (1) that has caused a tree to die within the previous 12 months or (2) is likely to cause significant decline or death as determined by the Reviewing Agent.

Tree Save Area: The area surrounding all Protected Trees, sufficiently large to ensure the health of the Protected Tree(s), including their trunks, crowns, and root systems.

Tree Yard: The minimum front, side and rear yard setback area of a parcel in a residential zoning district as specified in the Edgartown Zoning Bylaw.

And further, by adding Section 10.1.K – "Tree Yard Protection and Preservation" as follows

1. Intent and Purpose: The intent of this section is to preserve and protect sizeable trees on portions of private property during significant demolition and/or development activity.

Trees are recognized for their abilities to improve air quality, protect from glare and heat, reduce noise, aid in the stabilization of soil, provide natural flood and drainage control, create habitats for wildlife, enhance aesthetics and property values, contribute to the distinct character of certain neighborhoods, and provide natural privacy to neighbors.

2. For the purposes of this section, the Reviewing Agent shall be the Edgartown Building Inspector or her designee.

3. In any residential district, it is prohibited to remove a Protected Tree from the Tree Yard of a lot

- a. Within 24 months of an application for division of a lot into two or more parcels, where the protected trees are within the Tree Yards of the resulting parcels.
- b. Within 12 months of an application for the demolition of, or a building permit for any structure with a footprint of 240 square feet or greater;
- c. Within 12 months of construction of any building or structure on a vacant lot; or
- d. Within 12 months of construction of one or more structures or additions to structures on a lot that increases the Gross Floor Area by 50% or greater, excluding basements, open or screened porches and decks.

4. The requirements of this Tree Bylaw shall not apply to:

- a. Those areas of property under the jurisdiction of the Wetlands Protection Act (Chapter 131

and 310 CMR) and/or the Edgartown Wetlands Protection Bylaw;

- b. Public Shade Trees pursuant to Chapter 87 of the General Laws;
- c. Emergency projects necessary for public safety, health and welfare, as determined by the Reviewing Agent and/or the Town Tree Warden;
- d. Trees severely damaged as the direct result of a natural disaster, as determined by the Reviewing Agent and/or the Town Tree Warden;
- e. Trees that are hazardous as determined in writing by a Certified Arborist, and confirmed by the Reviewing Agent and/or the Town Tree Warden;
- f. Trees currently infected by a disease or insect infestation of a permanent nature, as determined and confirmed in writing by a Certified Arborist, and confirmed by the Reviewing Agent and/or the Town Tree Warden;
- g. Trees authorized for removal by the Special Permit Granting Authority after public notice and hearing conducted in accordance with Section 11 of Chapter 40A of the General Laws, and Section 17 of this Bylaw.

5. For the purposes of this section, the Planning Board shall be the Special Permit Granting Authority. or take any other action relative thereto.

2/3 Vote Required

Moved and seconded; thereafter a discussion followed, Benjamin Hall, Jr. made a motion to amend Article adding driveways, the motion did not pass; thereafter the Article was voted in FAVOR by a vote of 172 YES and 6 NO

ARTICLE 77. To see if the Town will amend the Edgartown Zoning Bylaw by adding Section 10.1.L, "Swimming Pools", as follows:

10.1.L SWIMMING POOLS

Edgartown believes that swimming pools are a reasonable way to enhance the enjoyment of a private residence, can add value to a property, and be a benefit to the residents and their guests.

For the purpose of this section, swimming pools that meet the requirements of this section shall be considered a minor accessory use and a non-habitable, minor accessory structure to a principal dwelling on a lot.

A self-contained hot tub, when placed at ground level on a platform or pad with a footprint of less than 144 square feet, shall not constitute a structure, and shall

be exempt from this section.

The following regulations shall apply to the construction and operation of all swimming pools:

1. Permitting and Enforcement: Notwithstanding any other section of this zoning bylaw, swimming pools shall be permitted on residential lots as follows:

- a. in the R5 district, lots of at least 7,500 square feet (75% of minimum lot size)
- b. in the R20 district, lots of at least 12,000 square feet (60% of minimum lot size)
- c. in the R60 district, lots of at least 36,000 square feet (60% of minimum lot size)
- d. in the R120 or RA120, lots of at least 60,000 square feet (50% of minimum lot size)

2. Special Permit Granting Authority / Building Permit: When required, Special Permits for swimming pools shall be issued by the Planning Board, and enforced by the Building Inspector. A building permit is always required for any swimming pool.

3. Public swimming pools: Swimming pools proposed for any lot in a business district, intended to serve transient residential facilities, or "shared pools" (pools intended for regular unlimited access by the occupants of more than two dwelling units), shall in all cases require a Special Permit.

4. Criteria for Swimming Pools: A proposal for a swimming pool shall not require a special permit if it adheres to the following criteria:

- a. Placement: Swimming pools must be designed so that any required excavation is no closer than 12" to ground-water.
- b. Setbacks: Notwithstanding any other section of this zoning bylaw, a swimming pool or any portion thereof may be placed 15 feet from any boundary line, but no closer. For the purposes of this section, a surface level 'patio' surrounding an in-ground pool shall not count towards this requirement.
- c. Compliance with Other Regulations: Construction and operation of swimming pools must be in accordance with all applicable health and building codes and regulations.
- d. Public Visibility: A swimming pool shall not be clearly visible from a public street or sidewalk. Fencing and/or vegetation at least four feet in height, when placed between the public way and the swimming pool, shall satisfy this requirement.
- e. Side Lot Visibility: Screening designed to visually screen activity at and around the pool from abutters shall be required for all swimming pools constructed on a lot of less

than one-half acre. Visual screening may consist of native non-invasive species, fencing, or other natural or constructed materials or devices. Visual screening must be maintained for the life of the pool.

- f. Lighting: Submerged in-pool lights, and downward-facing or shielded path lights, are permissible. No other outdoor lighting is permitted, except where required by health or building codes or regulations.
- g. Screening of Mechanical Equipment: Pool-related mechanical equipment (including pumps, filters, heaters, etc.) is a detriment to public views, a common and constant source of noise in residential areas, and can detract from the quiet enjoyment of private homes. Therefore, swimming pool mechanical equipment must be placed within a structure designed to minimize the sound of the equipment
 - i. Enclosing equipment inside an underground "vault", inside an insulated building, or in the basement of an adjacent building, which may incorporate vents to or from such structures as necessary, shall satisfy the requirements of this section.
 - ii. Enclosing the equipment within solid-panel fencing is acceptable, provided that sound levels from pool equipment are no greater than 40 decibels when measured at the closest point on the closest boundary line.
 - iii. The Building Inspector may waive the requirement for an enclosure if she determines that pool equipment will not reasonably be seen or heard at the closest point on the closest lot line.
- h. Fire Protection: In areas not served by hydrants connected to a pressurized municipal water supply, in-ground swimming pools can be used as a water source in case of fire emergency.
 - i. Application: This section shall apply to new construction or replacement of existing swimming pools.
 - ii. Exemption: This section shall not apply to pools proposed for a lot that is (a) served by the municipal water supply, or (b) less than 500 feet from a municipal water department hydrant, or (c) with a capacity of less than 5,000 gallons.
 - iii. Requirements:
 - 1. Swimming pools shall be connected to a non-pressurized draft hydrant ("Dry Hydrant"), constructed in accordance with all standards and specifications for pool access as delineated in FPA 1142:

Standard on Water Supplies for Suburban and Rural Fire Fighting, as amended.

- 2. The Dry Hydrant location shall be approved, with or without conditions, by the Fire Chief or his designee.

- i. Drainage: Where draw-down of pool water is required, disposal of excess water must be conducted in an environmentally-responsible manner. Pool operators are encouraged to dispose of excess water in a dry well at an appropriate rate and volume. Pool water may not be disposed of onto open ground where it may cause erosion, trespass, or damage to plant or animal life; nor onto any public way; nor into any municipal storm drain system; nor into any public or private sanitary sewage-treatment system. The Building Inspector or Board of Health Agent may require off-site disposal if they determine that pool water cannot be responsibly disposed of on-site. In all cases, pool water treatment must be discontinued for at least 72 hours prior to any draw-down of pool water.
- j. Use and Safety: Swimming pools must comply with the requirements of Section 153 of the Code of Edgartown, "Swimming Pools", as adopted on April 12, 1994 Annual Town Meeting, Art. 28, and as further amended.

5. Special Permits: If a proposal to construct a pool does not meet the criteria in Section 10.1.L.4: Criteria for Swimming Pools, the Special Permit Granting Authority may, after a public hearing held in accordance with Section 11 of Chapter 40A, issue a Special Permit to approve, to conditionally approve, or to deny the proposal.

6. Criteria for Special Permits: A Special Permit for a Swimming Pool may be granted if the Special Permit Granting Authority finds that, as presented or conditioned, the proposal

- i. will not reasonably create a significant detriment to the health, safety, or enjoyment of abutting residents (General human activity, conversation, and noise common to the use of a pool during daytime hours shall not constitute a detriment);
- ii. will protect the privacy and quiet enjoyment of abutting residents to the greatest extent reasonably possible;
- iii. will mitigate sources of constant mechanical noise to the greatest extent reasonably possible; and
- iv. is largely consistent with the goals of this section, and the general intent of the Edgartown Zoning Bylaw, to the greatest

extent reasonably possible.
or take any other action relative thereto.

2/3 Vote Required

Moved and seconded; thereafter a discussion followed; a motion to strike 4B did not pass, a motion to Indefinitely Postpone the Article was made thereafter voted in FAVOR TO INDEFINITELY POSTPONE

ARTICLE 78. Moved to see if the Town will vote to mandate all Application Not Required (ANR form A) applicants to provide notice to all abutters and notification in newspapers of general circulation for two consecutive weeks followed by a public hearing prior to the Planning Board taking action allowing the ANR process to be transparent.

2/3 Vote Required

Submitted by Petition

Town Counsel was asked about the legality of this Article. He stated it conflicts with Massachusetts General Laws. There was a move to INDEFINITELY POSTPONE this Article; thereafter voted in FAVOR TO INDEFINITELY POSTPONE

ARTICLE 79. To see if the Town will vote to approve the following General Bylaw:

Section 1: Regulated Conduct

1.1 It shall be unlawful to sell or distribute (a) non-carbonated, unflavored water, and (b) soft drinks in plastic (including polyethylene terephthalate – PET) bottles of less than 34 ounces in the Town of Edgartown. For the purposes of this bylaw, ‘soft drink’ means any beverage containing carbonated water, a sweetener (including fruit juice) and/or a flavoring.

1.2 Sales or distribution of drinking water in plastic bottles occurring subsequent to a declaration (by the Emergency Management Director or other duly authorized Town, County, Commonwealth or Federal official) of an emergency affecting the availability and/or quality of drinking water to residents of the Town shall be exempt from this bylaw until seven days after the declaration has ended.

Section 2: Enforcement Process and Violations

2.1 Enforcement of this Bylaw shall be the responsibility of the Board of Selectmen or its designee(s). The Board of Selectmen shall determine the inspection process and shall incorporate the process into other Town duties as appropriate.

2.2 Any 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: written warning
- second violation: \$50 fine
- third and subsequent violations: \$100 fine
 - * Each day the violation continues constitutes a separate violation.

Section 3. Suspension of the Bylaw

3.1 If the Board of Selectmen determines that the cost of implementing and enforcing this bylaw has become unreasonable, they shall conduct a Public Hearing to inform the citizens of such costs. Subsequent to the Public Hearing, the Board of Selectmen may continue this Bylaw in force or may suspend it permanently or for such length of time as they may determine.

Section 4: Effective Date

4.1 This Bylaw takes effect on April 1, 2023.

Submitted by Petition

Moved and seconded; thereafter a discussion followed, a motion to Indefinitely Postpone did not pass. There was a motion to amend the Article removing a coma and adding the word with: “For the purposes of this bylaw, ‘soft drink’ means any beverage containing carbonated water WITH a sweetener (including fruit juice) and/or a flavoring.” thereafter voted in FAVOR by Moderator declaring it PASSES AS AMENDED.

The Moderator declared the Town Meeting adjourned at 10:43 P.M.

Attest: KAREN R. MEDEIROS
Town Clerk



**REPORT OF ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
HELD ON
April 14, 2022**

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

Wanda M. Williams, Warden, Cindy Bonnell Registrar, Scott Ellis, Constable, William Bishop, IV, Constable, Collette Jordan, Assistant Town Clerk, Phyllis Look were sworn in as Officers of the Day.

The Polls were declared open at 10:05 A. M. by Karen R. Medeiros, Town Clerk. It was unanimously voted to waive the reading of Article One on the Warrant.

At 8:45 P.M., all ballots having been accounted for and tallied (674), the Town Clerk announced the result of the Election.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

VOTE FOR ONE	FOR THREE YEARS
Michael J. Donaroma	461
Write-Ins	29
Blanks	184

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

VOTE FOR ONE	FOR THREE YEARS
Donna L. Goodale	552
Write-Ins	3
Blanks	119

BOARD OF HEALTH

VOTE FOR ONE	FOR THREE YEARS
Candace A. Nichols	530
Write-Ins	5
Blanks	139

CONSTABLE

VOTE FOR ONE	FOR THREE YEARS
William C. Bishop IV	569
Write-Ins	2
Blanks	103

FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

VOTE FOR TWO	FOR THREE YEARS
Steven C. Jordan, Sr.	465
Julia T. Tarka	479
Write-Ins	9
Blanks	395

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

VOTE FOR TWO	FOR THREE YEARS
Olga M. Church	499

Maggie Morrison	515
Write-Ins	2
Blanks	332

**MARTHA'S VINEYARD LAND BANK
REPRESENTATIVE**

VOTE FOR ONE	FOR THREE YEARS
Steven C. Ewing	582
Write-Ins	2
Blanks	90

PARK COMMISSIONER

VOTE FOR ONE	FOR THREE YEARS
Glen Searle	562
Write-Ins	3
Blanks	109

PLANNING BOARD

VOTE FOR ONE	FOR FIVE YEARS
Lucy C. Morrison	551
Write-Ins	4
Blanks	119

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

VOTE FOR ONE	FOR THREE YEARS
Laura Seguin	511
Write-Ins	1
Blanks	162

**WASTEWATER TREATMENT
COMMISSIONER**

VOTE FOR ONE	FOR THREE YEARS
Glen Searle	549
Write-Ins	3
Blanks	122

WATER COMMISSIONER

VOTE FOR ONE	FOR THREE YEARS
Scott Ellis	574
Write-Ins	0
Blanks	100

BALLOT QUESTION #1

Shall the Select Board, on behalf of the Town, be authorized to file a home rule petition asking the Legislature to create a Housing Bank which would impose a 2% transfer fee on real estate sales of \$1,000,000.00 and above to provide year-round housing affordable to those earning up to 240% of the Dukes County median income?

YES	473
NO	193
BLANKS	8

Attest: KAREN R. MEDEIROS
Town Clerk

**REPORT OF STATE PRIMARY
HELD ON
SEPTEMBER 6, 2022**

Pursuant to the 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, September 6, 2022 at 7:00 A.M., for the purpose of bringing their votes to the Election Officers for the Election of Candidates of Political Parties.

Constables Scott Ellis and William Bishop IV, Warden Wanda Williams, Assistant Town Clerk Collette Jordan, Cindy Bonnell, Kevin Searle, Regina Pitchon, Christine White, and Kristy Rose 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 Karen R. Medeiros. The Polls were closed at 8:00 P.M.

929 voters were checked as having voted, and 929 Ballots were cast, 740 Democratic Ballots, 189 Republican Ballots.

At 9:00 P.M., all ballots having been counted and tallied the Town Clerk announced the results of the election.

<u>DEMOCRATIC PARTY</u>	<u>BALLOTS CAST</u>
GOVERNOR	
Sonia Rosa Chang-Diaz	98
Maura Healey	609
Miscellaneous Votes	1
Blanks	<u>32</u>
	740
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR	
Kimberley Driscoll	345
Tami Gouveia	121
Eric Lesser	178
Miscellaneous Votes	0
Blanks	<u>96</u>
	740
ATTORNEY GENERAL	
Andrea Joy Campbell	344
Shannon Erika Liss-Riordan	227
Quentin Palfrey	92
Miscellaneous Votes	0
Blanks	<u>77</u>
	740
SECRETARY OF STATE	
William Francis Galvin	512
Tanisha M. Sullivan	189
Miscellaneous Votes	0
Blanks	<u>39</u>
	740

TREASURER	
Deborah B. Goldberg	594
Miscellaneous Votes	0
Blanks	<u>146</u>
	740

AUDITOR	
Christopher S. Dempsey	288
Diana DiZoglio	332
Miscellaneous Votes	0
Blanks	<u>120</u>
	740

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS	
Bill Keating	638
Miscellaneous Votes	2
Blanks	<u>100</u>
	740

COUNCILLOR	
Joseph C. Ferreira	554
Miscellaneous Votes	0
Blanks	<u>186</u>
	740

SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT	
Julian Andre Cyr	620
Miscellaneous Votes	0
Blanks	<u>120</u>
	740

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT	
Dylan Fernandes	620
Miscellaneous Votes	0
Blanks	<u>120</u>
	740

DISTRICT ATTORNEY	
Robert Joseph Galbois	566
Miscellaneous Votes	1
Blanks	<u>173</u>
	740

SHERIFF	
Robert Ogden	481
Erik Blake	238
Miscellaneous Votes	0
Blanks	<u>21</u>
	740

COUNTY COMMISSIONER	
Donald R. Leopold	399
Christine Catherine Todd	474
Richard G. Wharton	375
Tristan Israel	33
James Klingensmith	2
Doug Ruskin	27
Miscellaneous Votes	13
Blanks	<u>5180</u>
	6503

<u>REPUBLICAN PARTY</u>	<u>BALLOTS CAST</u>
GOVERNOR	
Geoff Diehl	91
Chris Doughty	92
Miscellaneous Votes	0
Blanks	<u>6</u>
	189
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR	
Leah V. Allen	74
Kate Campanale	81
Miscellaneous Votes	0
Blanks	<u>34</u>
	189
ATTORNEY GENERAL	
James R. McMahon, III	152
Miscellaneous Votes	0
Blanks	<u>37</u>
	189
SECRETARY OF STATE	
Rayla Campbell	142
Miscellaneous Votes	0
Blanks	<u>47</u>
	189
TREASURER	
Miscellaneous Votes	3
Blanks	<u>186</u>
	189
AUDITOR	
Anthony Amore	133
Miscellaneous Votes	0
Blanks	<u>56</u>
	189
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS	
Jesse G. Brown	81
Dan Sullivan	76
Miscellaneous Votes	0
Blanks	<u>189</u>

COUNCILLOR	
Miscellaneous Votes	2
Blanks	<u>187</u>
	189
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT	
Daralyn Andrea Heywood	66
Christopher Robert Lauzon	82
Miscellaneous Votes	0
Blanks	<u>41</u>
	189
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT	
Miscellaneous Votes	1
Blanks	<u>188</u>
	189
DISTRICT ATTORNEY	
Melissa R. Alden	
John F. Carey	
Daniel Higgins	57
Miscellaneous Votes	0
Blanks	<u>27</u>
	189
SHERIFF	
Miscellaneous Votes	69
Blanks	<u>120</u>
	189
COUNTY COMMISSIONER	
Miscellaneous Votes	12
Blanks	<u>1311</u>
	1323

Attest: **KAREN R. MEDEIROS**
Town Clerk

**REPORT OF STATE ELECTION
HELD ON
NOVEMBER 8, 2022**

Pursuant to the 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, November 8, 2022 at 7:00 A.M., for the purpose of bringing their votes to the Election Officers for the Election of Candidates of Political Parties.

Constables Scott Ellis and William Bishop IV, Warden Wanda Williams, Assistant Town Clerk Collette Jordan, Cindy Bonnell, Kevin Searle, Chris White, Jo-Anne Resendes and Kristy Rose 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 Karen R. Medeiros. The Polls were closed at 8:00 P.M.

2197 voters were checked as having voted, and 2197 Ballots were cast. At 10:00 P.M., all ballots having been counted and tallied the Town Clerk announced the results of the election.

GOVERNOR	BALLOTS CAST
Diehl and Allen	624
Healey and Driscoll	1518
Reed and Everett	37
Miscellaneous Votes	1
Blanks	<u>17</u>
	2197

ATTORNEY GENERAL

Andrea Joy Campbell	1462
James McMahon, III	695
Miscellaneous Votes	1
Blanks	<u>39</u>
	2197

SECRETARY OF STATE

William Francis Galvin	1572
Rayla Campbell	548
Juan Sanchez	46
Miscellaneous Votes	0
Blanks	<u>31</u>
	2197

TREASURER

Deborah B. Goldberg	1582
Cristina Crawford	397
Miscellaneous Votes	1
Blanks	<u>217</u>
	2197

AUDITOR

Anthony Amore	656
Diana DiZoglio	1284
Gloria A. Caballero-Roca	41
Dominic Giannone, III	41
Daniel Werner Riek	41
Miscellaneous Votes	0
Blanks	<u>134</u>
	2197

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS

Bill Keating	1551
Jesse G. Brown	596
Miscellaneous Votes	1
Blanks	<u>49</u>
	2197

COUNCILLOR

Joseph C. Ferreira	1631
Miscellaneous Votes	12
Blanks	<u>572</u>
	2197

SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT

Julian Andre Cyr	1516
Christopher Robert Lauzo	618
Miscellaneous Votes	0
Blanks	<u>63</u>
	2197

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT

Dylan Fernandes	1645
Miscellaneous Votes	19
Blanks	<u>533</u>
	2197

DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Robert Joseph Galbois	1439
Daniel Higgins	667
Miscellaneous Votes	1
Blanks	<u>90</u>
	2197

SHERIFF

Robert Ogden	1705
Erik Blake	5
Miscellaneous Votes	29
Blanks	<u>458</u>
	2197

COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Tristan R. Israel	1256
Donald R. Leopold	1110
Christine Catherine Todd	1239
Richard G. Wharton	1092
Doug Ruskin	1149
James Wilson Klingensmith	1104
Julianne Vanderhoop	63
Miscellaneous Votes	141
Blanks	<u>8225</u>
	15379

QUESTION 1

Additional Tax on Income Over 1 Million Dollars

YES	1017
NO	1081
BLANKS	<u>99</u>
	2197

QUESTION 2

PET I: Dental Benefits (Law)

YES	1547
NO	520
BLANKS	<u>130</u>
	2197

QUESTION 3

PET D: Alcohol Retail Reform (Law)

YES	891
NO	1144
BLANKS	<u>162</u>
	2197

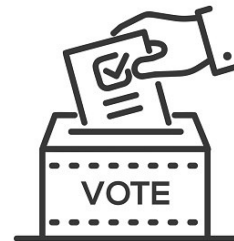
QUESTION 4

REF: Repeal Driver's License Law

YES	1206
NO	884
BLANKS	<u>107</u>
	2197

Attest:

KAREN R. MEDEIROS
Town Clerk



BIRTHS

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 2022 was 41.

MARRIAGES & DEATHS

MARRIAGES RECORDED IN 2022

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>RESIDENCE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>RESIDENCE</u>
JANUARY			06	Kerianne Elizabeth Austin Corey Patrick Collins	Woburn, MA Woburn, MA
22	Dhianniny De Oliveira Alves Ana Paula Ribeiro Alve	Edgartown, MA Edgartown, MA	18	Strahinja Stefanovic Kelly Elizabeth Cleary	Edgartown, MA Edgartown, MA
22	Rowdy Clay Gilbert Shannon Elizabeth Lobdell	Washington, D.C. Washington, D.C.	20	Jennifer Lynn Chang Alexander John Cervone	Oak Bluffs, MA Oak Bluffs, MA
28	Lucas Nunes Dos Santos Gabrielle Pena Chudnow	West Tisbury, MA West Tisbury, MA	20	Janelle Nicole Guarino Jessica Justino Vieira	Westport, MA Vineyard Haven, MA
FEBRUARY			21	Michael Vincent Yanez Elizabeth Marie Masarik	Morristown, NJ Morristown, NJ
14	Andressa dias da Costa Adenilton Siqueira de Souza	Edgartown, MA Edgartown, MA	21	Joshua Cousens Gothard Grace Kathryn Smith	West Tisbury, MA West Tisbury, MA
18	Wilber Gomes Da Silva Gabriela Reis Vieira	Edgartown, MA Edgartown, MA	21	Raymond Edward Jaro Thao Phuong Nguyen	Avon, MA Quincy, MA
22	Zale Moshup Narkiewicz Evelyn Joy Higgins	Edgartown, MA Edgartown, MA	22	Nicholas Keith Hood McKenna Marie Harter	Lancaster, OH Lancaster, OH
MARCH			23	Daville Joel Richards Danielle Amoya Fisher	Vineyard Haven, MA Vineyard Haven, MA
04	Valberson Braz Zanotti Gabriela Cardoso Nascimento	Vineyard Haven, MA Vineyard Haven, MA	27	Joel Anacleto Da Silva Eudinea Da Silva	Vineyard Haven, MA Vineyard Haven, MA
05	Brian Chappell Cory Lilian Caroline da Luz	Vineyard Haven, MA Vineyard Haven, MA	31	Adenir Alves de Sales Junior Sabrina Rodrigues Bitencourt	Oak Bluffs, MA Oak Bluffs, MA
10	Cody Brian Maciel Liliane Alves Garcia	Oak Bluffs, MA Oak Bluffs, MA	31	George Munson Harris Jr. Lora Norene Ferguson	Midland, TX Midland, TX
22	Arthur Martin Howey III Alexandra Louise Vonder Haar	Edgartown, MA Brooklyn, NY	JUNE		
25	Breck Lucas Holdredge Desiree Dawn Richards	Edgartown, MA Edgartown, MA	04	Liam James McLaughlin Claire Mercedes Thompson	Brooklyn, NY Brooklyn, NY
APRIL			04	David Anthony Walsh Hannah Bridget Sudbey	Marina Del Rey, CA Marina Del Rey, CA
02	Nemanja Rajkovic Kimberly Inez Montanile	Vineyard Haven, MA Vineyard Haven, MA	04	Lance B. Fullin Nicole G. Mercier	Edgartown, MA Edgartown, MA
11	Eric J. N. Willoughby Madeline Souleotis	Barre, MA Barre, MA	04	Robert Fountain Samantha Joyce Bach	Edgartown, MA Edgartown, MA
15	Daniel Devereaux Koch Laura J. Wojtkiewicz	Oak Bluffs, MA Oak Bluffs, MA	05	Robert Michael Bentley Garret Timothy Kramer	Austin, TX Austin, TX
22	Jhonatan Ferreira de Almeida Rikielly Baia Peres	Edgartown, MA Edgartown, MA	06	Jessica Rose Pasquale Dana Sergeevna Voronina	Sandwich, MA Vineyard Haven, MA
23	Michael Alan Gottlieb Jaime Leigh Thornton	Vineyard Haven, MA Vineyard Haven, MA	10	Thomas John Rapone Molly Katrina Valle	Edgartown, MA Edgartown, MA
MAY			11	Nathan Robert Greene Julie Margaret Reiter	New York, NY New York, NY
5	Frank Amaral Sylvester Jr. Victoria Alexandra Strimel	Vineyard Haven, MA Vineyard Haven, MA			

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>RESIDENCE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>RESIDENCE</u>
JUNE CONT...			23	Daniel Abraham Goodkind Emma Grace Shepardson	Harrison, NY Harrison, NY
11	Adam Howard Stein Shalei Meehan Holway	Washington, D.C. Washington, D.C.	28	Morgan Daniel Edey Grace Farrar Hummell	Silver Spring, MD Silver Spring, MD
11	David Dean Kirafly Mia Claire Savoca	Collegetown, PA Collegetown, PA	29	Robert Michael Finne Kaitlyn Nichole Perry	Flemington, NJ Flemington, NJ
11	Jordon Ira Cooper Lara Nicole Sisselman	Chicago, IL Chicago, IL	30	Jeffrey Ardel Cirio Anjuli Jacqueline Hudson	Jamaica Plain, MA Jamaica Plain, MA
12	Baird Talbot Brinker Jr. Brittany Marie Flynn	West Chester, PA West Chester, PA	AUGUST		
16	Michael Sebastien Pouzier Nadia --- Phanor	Fort Lauderdale, FL Fort Lauderdale, FL	01	Jarek Karl Morgan Colby Elizabeth Thompson	San Diego, CA Hingham, MA
16	Marcos Ferreira Martins Adenildes Pereira Dos Santos	Oak Bluffs, MA Vineyard Haven, MA	01	Dustin Mahlon Burke III Taylor Anne Gillispie	Wrentham, MA Wrentham, MA
16	Jeffrey Conway Roberts Lindsay Joyce Gilbert	New York, NY New York, NY	13	Michael John Rietbrock Megan Elizabeth Weeks	New York, NY New York, NY
18	Robert Wilford Backhaus Jr. Grayson Burke McPhee	Las Vegas, NV Las Vegas, NV	18	Henry Mallet-Provost Williams Mary Jane Greene	Austin, TX Austin, TX
21	Jeremy Keith Savoie Scarlett Cain Vincent	New Iberia, LA New Iberia, LA	23	Richard Joseph Williams Eileen Theresa Oms	Glendale, AZ Glendale, AZ
23	Ognien Skipina Ryan James Brown	Vineyard Haven, MA Vineyard Haven, MA	27	Robert Carter Sprague IV Carolyn Michelle Tracey	Milton, MA Milton, MA
24	Christopher Justin Mattes Anastasia Nina Thibodeau	Foxboro, MA Foxboro, MA	30	Stephanie Elaine Immelt Daniel Ashley Gilkes	Edgartown, MA Edgartown, MA
24	Henry Grant Altman Alaina Marie Salusti	Washington, D.C. Washington, D.C.	SEPTEMBER		
25	Christos Stylianos Mermingas Katherine Elizabeth Crowley	Newport, RI Newport, RI	01	Scott Wesley Tiesing Sara Robertson Aibel	Loomis, CA Vineyard Haven, MA
25	Zachariah Edwards Aziz Jacqueline Elizabeth Ostendorf	Hoboken, NJ Hoboken, NJ	02	Michael Mark Morris Hana Kahn	Edgartown, MA Edgartown, MA
25	Jonathan Bradford Moore Sarah Woodby	Montclair, NJ Montclair, NJ	02	Erich H. M. Lopes Joana M. Garcia Dos Santos	Edgartown, MA Edgartown, MA
30	Chandran Nataraj Brandon Allan Smith	Edgartown, MA Edgartown, MA	03	Anthony Nicholas Dore Jessica Christine Matus	Vineyard Haven, MA Vineyard Haven, MA
JULY			03	Matthew Edward Marsh Caroline Elizabeth Clancy	New York, NY New York, NY
07	Luke Henry Skinner Jill Marie Dugas Hughs	Duanesburg, NY Duanesburg, NY	10	Anthony D. C. Frascotti Alison Spofford Johnston	Boston, MA Boston, MA
16	Jeffrey Conway Roberts Lindsay Joyce Gilbert	New York, NY New York, NY	10	Patrick McGuire Stewart Kristin Leigh Bengston	Chicago, IL Chicago, IL
16	Mark Peacock Julia Lee Semmelhack	NT, Hong Kong NT, Hong Kong	10	Joshua Adam Bates Elisabeth Ritter Bellisimo	Brooklyn, NY Brooklyn, NY
20	Slavisa Savic Laura Kristine LaVigne	Edgartown, MA Edgartown, MA	10	Jesse David Axelrod Hannah Jessica Rubin	New York, NY New York, NY
21	Richard Alan Emberley Regan Nicole Wise	Horseheads, NY Horseheads, NY	10	Antonio Connell Grillo Danielle Faith Stettner	Brooklyn, NY Brooklyn, NY
23	Thorboern Jonsson Laurel Van Tassel Grohskopf	New York, NY New York, NY	10	Hilary Allison Hauser Ashley Dawn Lowery	Columbus, OH Columbus, OH

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>RESIDENCE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>RESIDENCE</u>
SEPTEMBER CONT...			08	Alexander Michael Mason Morgan Katherine Kohler	Denver, CO Denver, CO
10	Daniel Richard Consoni Olivia Maria Gaeta	Edgartown, MA Edgartown, MA	08	Grant Stephenson Ladner Carolyn Alexandra Berry	Oklahoma City, OK Oklahoma City, OK
10	Sutton Arthur Truluck Ashley Elizabeth Sylvester	McLean, VA McLean, VA	08	Connor Adam Coldwater Erin Maeve Morrison	Charlotte, NC Charlotte, NC
10	Hannah C. Antonelli Owen Landers Browning	Arlington, VA Arlington, VA	14	David Cole Thomas Bertha Marie Renfro	Odessa, TX Odessa, TX
10	Michael John Garces Erica Chamblee Christian	Los Angeles, CA Los Angeles, CA	14	Samuel Edward Barlow Melissa Andrea Elguera Lozano	Washington, D.C. Washington, D.C.
14	Mary Margaret O'Daniels Susan Alice McGinnis	Valicro, FL Valicro, FL	15	Colin Peter Bacchiocchi Natasha --- Nicholas	Providence, RI Providence, RI
16	Andrew Agustin Garza Alexa Maria Lion	Lagos, Nigeria London, UK	21	Daniel Edward Scruggs Sara Lynn Raddatz	Winston-Salem, NC Winston-Salem, NC
17	Amory Marshall Bennett Madeline Bergin Hinchion	Brooklyn, NY Brooklyn, NY	22	Kellen Patrick Thayer Sarah Elizabeth Parker	Charleston, SC Charleston, SC
17	Colin O'Neill Kaitlynn Vaughn Moquet	Brooklyn, NY Brooklyn, NY	22	Patrick Sean Medeiros Magen Dee Ingargolia	Edgartown, MA Edgartown, MA
17	Hans Thomas Broscheit Sophia Asmara Solomon	West Tisbury, MA Brooklyn, NY	28	Evan Cramer Mood Lily Catherine Gazaille	Edgartown, MA Edgartown, MA
17	Daniel Jacob Schnur Taylor Simone Henry	Washington, D.C. Washington, D.C.	29	Andrew Jacob Sacks-Hoppenfeld Erica Jacqueline Finkelstein	New York, NY New York, NY
22	Izaias Alves dos Santos Jusineia Nogueira Santos	Edgartown, MA Edgartown, MA	31	Zephyr Anthony Pichierri Katherine St. John Villard-Howe	Edgartown, MA Edgartown, MA
22	William Howard Weeks Jr. Courteney Moughan Riedell	Southport, CT Southport, CT	NOVEMBER		
23	Patrick Wayne Adderson Donna Lee Wills	Medford, OR Medford, OR	01	Richard Gregory Worley Leisle --- Barboza	Edgartown, MA Edgartown, MA
26	Juan Carlos Romano Arce Sandra C. Mimbela Martinez	Longboat Key, FL Longboat Key, FL	03	Ivo Coelho Guimaraes Maria Aparecida Ramos Oliveira	Edgartown, MA Edgartown, MA
29	Paul Andrew Casbergue Lauren Dana Hendrickson	Malvern, PA Malvern, PA	11	Emerson Dorr Hazell Sheila Patricia Constance McHugh	Oak Bluffs, MA Edgartown, MA
OCTOBER			12	Lou James Bartolo Anthony Kirk Giarrusso	Chevy Chase, MD Chevy Chase, MD
01	Alex James Rich Alexandra Lauren Scott	Washington, D.C. Washington, D.C.	DECEMBER		
02	Julio Antonio Wilson Sara Elena Boatti	Coral Gables, FL Coral Gables, FL	03	Brian Edmund Mahoney Jr. Catherine Porter Findlay	Boston, MA Boston, MA
03	Casey Jordan Troyer Ashley Marie Filley	Union, MI Union, MI	20	Lucas Emanuel Rocha Morais Bianca Ricardo Mascarenhas	Oak Bluffs, MA Oak Bluffs, MA
04	Kristin Noelle Grosko Ryan Lewis Bond	Philadelphia, PA Philadelphia, PA	24	Jarek Bayne Peters Keira Raven Mercier	Edgartown, MA Edgartown, MA
07	Matthew Mario Jon Arieta Neusa De Almeida Castahno	Tisbury, MA Tisbury, MA			
07	Stanley Wasserman Theresa Marie MacDonald	Sarasota, FL Sarasota, FL			

DEATHS RECORDED IN 2022

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>AGE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>AGE</u>
JANUARY			JUNE		
12	John Christopher McCarron	59	05	Jane S. Klingensmith	92
FEBRUARY			16	Joyce A. Hall	92
02	Wesley Matheus Mendes Balbino	25	28	Michael P. Lindheimer	81
07	Wladymyer S. Rozhen	101	30	Katy Lynn Guerin	66
08	David Butler Vietor	80	JULY		
10	Irene Resendes	67	09	Ursula Prada	62
17	Margaret Mary Nugent	101	30	Margaret Mary Buttimer Vaughn	69
21	Robert L. Brabyn	65	31	Ralph William Gross	84
22	Judith A. Adazzio	72	AUGUST		
28	Edwin P. Dewing Jr.	88	01	Lynn Marie Searle	61
MARCH			15	Tavaris Mcalphy Bulgin	26
11	Deborah Ann Willoughby	67	18	Tavaughn Keith Bulgin	22
28	John Martin Samways	74	18	Nancy Kohlberg	92
31	Robert C. Gardner	93	SEPTEMBER		
APRIL			07	Ellen O'Brien	70
12	Paul M. Ronhock	85	12	Tilmon Leon Dubose	90
14	Christopher Stetson Look III	67	OCTOBER		
17	Paul C. Jackson	87	04	Miriam M. Wilton	95
28	Conrad G. Kurth	80	21	Margaret Christine Chambers	72
MAY			21	Alice Louise Coleman	81
04	Raphael Cypriano Magri	38	NOVEMBER		
05	Robert W. Stone	87	05	Philip Jeffrey Norton, Jr.	84
21	Ronald A. West	71	11	Steven C. Jordan, Sr.	67
24	Ralph Lowell Jr.	99	13	Debbie Gilmore	66
26	Stacy Lee Strelecki	47	19	Eberhard Suhr	81
28	Martha Emily Newhall Moses	81	DECEMBER		
30	Steve Michael Saxonis	67	05	Frank Michael Markwica	73
			07	Willians Danilo Banegas Diaz	48
			11	Richard R. Biros	91



PERSONNEL BOARD

To the Honorable Selectboard and Citizens of Edgartown;

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

As has become common with most employers, Edgartown saw many changes this year in staff. Current economic conditions have created an ever-changing employment market with some choosing to retire and others looking to explore new options. Edgartown was very fortunate to fill a number of positions in a relatively short time allowing the departments and employees to continue to thrive. Policies effecting staff and staff operations are consistently added and updated in response to current

trends and revised regulations.

Changes identified by the 2021 Pay Equity Audit were made permanent in 2022. The purpose of the Audit was to identify potential inequities in the Town's pay practices, these changes allowed for a more equitably sound compensation plan.

We would like to acknowledge several employees for their many years of dedication and service. Retirees, Lauri Mather, Janet Anthony-Hathaway, Virginia Munro, and Melissa Kuehne and former Personnel Board Members Maureen Hill, Paul Moreau, Judy Murray and Joseph Rock, we wish you all the best

Respectfully submitted,,
MARCEL LAFLAMME, Chair
SUZANNE CIOFFI
KELLY MCCRACKEN
HALEY KRAUSS

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY MANAGER/ PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER

To the Honorable Selectboard and the Citizens of Edgartown:

Another year removed from Social Distancing but with Covid still making the rounds, the IT landscape in Edgartown has been finding a happy medium between in person and remote functions.

While public meetings are still done via Zoom, there is still the obvious need for in person communication within departments and with the public. In the IT world, most of this comes down to access to information. A main focus of this has been permitting and licensing applications. Though most of these are currently being done in person, we are continuing to work on making these processes available online. We do offer online permitting up and running for our Shellfish licenses, with much thanks to Rob Morrisson, Edgartown's Shellfish Constable. We are continuing to work on online services as it is a major focus of my department and the Town overall.

I am continuing to upgrade our town computer hardware and software, with a major focus in this area being our accounting system. This project has been a collaboration between Edgartown's financial departments and your friendly neighborhood Town Hall computer guy. We have been working on this for a year or so, mostly planning, scheduling, and training, but we should be going live with the software this coming May. It will provide a host of

efficiencies internally and will allow us to better support the public. It's also a mandatory upgrade by our vendor, so that did enter the equation...

One of my great joys of working for a municipality is my interaction with the public. For a town Information Technology department, since it is not a public facing department, most of these interactions occur in response to the public having questions that come in from the town website, via email, during random interactions around town, or even during an incorrectly routed phone call. These are typically great conversations and it's nice to get to know the people who live in Edgartown along with those who are here for a visit. I enjoy hearing people's stories, suggestions, ideas, and fielding their questions.

I can never guarantee I'll be able to make every change requested, but I'm always happy to listen. Please send suggestions and ideas along my way to adarack@edgartown-ma.us - at the very least I'll respond to your email.

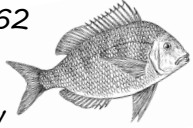
Wishing you all a happy and healthy 2023. As always, I look forward to catching up with everyone around town.

Respectfully submitted,

ADAM DARACK
Information Technology Manager
Public Information Officer

TOWN DOCK

I am yours
I belong to all of you
Like your parents and
your children
yet to come
I'm your downtown waterfront
you don't have much
Collins Beach
you bought in 62
Beach Street
Cottage Street
small and narrow
hardly used
Lighthouse beach
good for swimming
long winter walks
Of course the finger piers
the busy loading zone
tightly wedged
between the summer crush
But I am yours
since 1938
you should be proud
You have fished
off my stout deck
Rafted tall schooners
rail to rail
Draggers in their day
fresh from Georges
or stuffed with swordfish
hoisted high
while your children
and the summer folk
stood and gawked
I am your
Town Dock
you should be proud
I am all new now
steel and concrete
replace my old stone bones
My pavilion sits higher still
to see a bit further out
as bright yachts
race by down below
In my day whale ships
wore my fender pilings
Oil soaked my
timber deck
Built your widows walks
your stately homes on
Water Street
Then side-wheel steamers
loaded folks ashore



Long dresses and top hats
full of swells from
down the bulging coast
They all came
and crossed my planks
as they tumbled on up town
Now you fish from me
your children hand line
scup and cunners
eels and sharks
When you were young
you danced all night
in summer to the Bodes
and now the
Dock Dance Band rocks
my rugged frame
You light my July
pitch black sky
with crackling rockets
while your little ferries
slip on by my NE side
back and forth they go
Magic Carpet
that sleek and local yawl
loads up folks
to heel and feel the
clean fresh breeze
that fills her sails with
gusts of Island freedom
Tigress reminds of catboat days
big old gaff catching wind
broad of beam
barn door rudder
against the tide with pride
Conch boats grace my
SW side
loaded down with bulging bags
crunching as they
swing astride
flatbed trucks
potted up by local guys
While from my new
fresh revived
pavilion roof
you gaze on out
Your Great wide Harbor sprawls
while from behind
a stately view reminds you
one and all
of who you are
just why you're here
And as Aquinnah rises high

out to the west
her multi colored
Gay Head Cliffs
frame proud Moshup
his spirit
his bright light
How Chilmark boasts
Menemsha's fishing fleet
her roaring harbor tide
her Coast Guard base
West Tisbury's Grange
her Ag Hall fields
of vintage plows
her furrows
rich and deep
Vineyard Haven's
your Home Port
her blinking chops
her frothy ribs
Owen Park's
bandstand on the hill
Oak Bluffs' dizzy ride
spinning horses
gold rings and
jaunty Camp Ground
wooden tents
While way out East
the glacier carved
your dab flat
out wash plain
the ancient drain
formed great ponds
while one became
a harbor deep and swift
and so in Shiretown you claim
seafaring deep within
historic salted veins

And like a big old
Welcome Mat
Memorial marks
your town
As lilacs float from
grade school kids
the harbor light
right by my side
your Town Dock
stands up proud



STEVE EWING
Edgartown Poet Laureate
Annual Town Meeting
April 2022

FINANCE

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

To the Honorable Selectboard and the Citizens of Edgartown:

The Town of Edgartown FY2023 quinquennial Revaluation by the Department of Revenue has concluded and FY2023 assessments have been reviewed and certified. The new tax rate is set at \$2.52 per thousand dollars of assessed value, a reduction from the FY2022 rate of \$3.03. Please review the comparison of the tax recap sheets below for more information. The next Revaluation will take place for FY2028.

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

The Assessing Department continues to meet its primary responsibility of assuring a fair assessment of all property as set forth in the Massachusetts General Laws. The job of the Board of Assessors is not to determine how much the town will spend or levy in taxes. That responsibility belongs to the taxpayers, by approving budgets and warrant articles

at town meetings and voting on override questions at the annual town election.

Our work includes maintaining ownership records, inspecting properties for which building permits have been issued, inspecting properties that have sold, and analyzing the sales market and adjusting values. Fiscal Year 2023 assessed values (valuation date of 1/1/2022) were determined by analyzing market sales from calendar year 2021 for an adjustment of values. The DOR requires towns to adjust values yearly to ensure that values are supported with current market evidence. We also handle abatement and exemption requests and the senior tax work-off credit, and process all aspects of motor vehicle and boat excise taxes.

This department receives and responds to an abundance of information requests by taxpayers and the general public, and we provide convenient access to assessment information, GIS data, tax maps, and various assessors' forms online. 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 on the town website and at [HTTPS://WWW.AXISGIS.COM/EDGARTOWNMA/](https://www.axisgis.com/edgartownma/).

This program displays interactive maps and a good deal of publicly available property information, including property record cards.

Fiscal Year Filed	Applications		Value	% of Taxable Value Abated
	Granted	Abated		
2017	48	27	\$31,835,300	0.41%
2018	44	31	\$11,796,200	0.14%
2019	36	19	\$11,230,080	0.13%
2020	22	14	\$ 7,269,179	0.07%
2021	15	08	\$ 4,226,351	0.04%
2022	14	05	\$ 4,111,682	0.04%

For a historical perspective, please note the change in total town taxable value for the last twelve years. Total Taxable value changed only modestly every year from FY2012 through FY2014 and has risen steadily from FY2015 through FY2023 at an average of 6.8% per year.

Year	Total Taxable Value	Change
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	+7.26%
FY2018	\$8,252,255,423	+5.73%
FY2019	\$8,885,809,240	+7.68%
FY2020	\$9,399,979,752	+5.79%
FY2021	\$9,854,165,764	+4.83%
FY2022	\$10,605,891,992	+7.63%
FY2023	\$12,674,808,303	+19.5%

Our experience with the number of abatements filed and cases taken to the Appellate Tax Board continues to be excellent, with very few abatement applications being taken to the ATB. There is currently one open case.

We continue to measure and list new construction and update our assessment database for those changes as well as adding parcels created by subdivision. The increase in value from construction for FY2023 is from building permits issued in 2021 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 \$376,849 for FY2023, a decrease of \$99,906 from the FY2022 amount of \$476,755. The average over the last five years is \$419,402.

Please visit the office if you would like to know more about what we do; we will be happy to talk with you. Information pamphlets are available which provide a lot of insight into the assessing process. In addition taxpayers are encouraged to ask about possible eligibility for tax exemptions and deferrals.

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

Our staff members - Patti Roads, Principal Assessor; Elizabeth Francis, Administrative Assistant; Emerson Hazell, Data Collector – look forward to serving you!

Respectfully submitted,

DONNA L. GOODALE
 ALAN GOWELL
 S. CHRISTOPHER SCOTT

<u>BOAT EXCISE FISCAL YEAR 2022</u>			
Boat Excise Commitments	No. of Boats		
FY 2022 Boat Excise	581	\$	25,291.00
Total Boat Excise Issued		\$	25,291.00
Boat Excise Abatements			
Against Levy of FY	2015	\$	53.00
Against Levy of FY	2016	\$	387.00
Against Levy of FY	2017	\$	256.00
Against Levy of FY	2018	\$	251.00
Against Levy of FY	2019	\$	517.00
Against Levy of FY	2020	\$	539.00
Against Levy of FY	2021	\$	1,384.00
Against Levy of FY	2022	\$	1,476.25
Total Boat Excise Abatements Granted in FY2022		\$	4,863.25

ABATEMENTS & STATUTORY EXEMPTIONS GRANTED IN FY2022

REAL ESTATE & PERSONAL PROPERTY ABATEMENTS

Against Tax Levy of Fiscal Year	2019	\$	554.01
Against Tax Levy of Fiscal Year	2020	\$	3,912.73
Against Tax Levy of Fiscal Year	2021	\$	9,203.43
Against Tax Levy of Fiscal Year	2022	\$	<u>44,764.86</u>
Total Real Estate & Personal Property Abatements Granted in FY2022			\$ 58,435.03

STATUTORY EXEMPTIONS

Clause 17 D (Senior)	Against Levy of FY	2022	\$	721.00
Clause 41 C (Elderly)	Against Levy of FY	2022	\$	8,240.00
Clause 18 (Hardship)	Against Levy of FY	2022	\$	11,736.53
Clause 22 (Veteran)	Against Levy of FY	2022	\$	7,004.00
Clause 37(Blind)	Against Levy of FY	2022	\$	<u>515.00</u>
Total Statutory Exemptions Granted in FY2022			\$ 28,216.53	

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION SURTAX ABATED OR EXEMPTED

Against Tax Levy of Fiscal Year	2022	\$	<u>315.37</u>
Total CPA abated or exempted in FY2022			\$ 315.37

Total All Abatements & Exemptions Granted In FY2022 **\$ 86,966.93**

MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE CALENDAR YEAR 2022

Issued in Calendar	2022	No. of Vehicles		
2021 Excise		200	\$	7,376.06
2022 Excise		9583	\$	<u>1,500,813.54</u>
Total Motor Vehicle Excise Issued			\$ 1,508,189.60	

Motor Vehicle Excise Abatements Granted in Calendar 2022

Against Levy of	2019	\$	1,393.78
Against Levy of	2020	\$	561.45
Against Levy of	2021	\$	39,124.36
Against Levy of	2022	\$	<u>13,029.80</u>
Total Motor Vehicle Excise Abatements Granted in Calendar 2022			\$ 54,109.39

TAX RATE RECAPITULATION SUMMARIES

	FY2022	FY2023
	(7/1/2021 - 6/30/2022)	(7/1/2022 - 6/30/2023)
APPROPRIATIONS		
Raise & Appropriate	\$ 41,144,560	\$ 41,505,140
Free Cash	\$ 4,155,442	\$ 5,628,365
Available Funds	\$ 160,000	\$ 222,520
Other--Community Preservation Fund	<u>\$ 1,564,249</u>	<u>\$ 2,614,420</u>
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$ 47,024,251	\$ 49,970,445
Other Amounts to be Raised:		
Cherry Sheet Offset	\$ 32,683	\$ 53,616
Overlay Deficits/Snow Removal Deficits/Other	\$ -	\$ -
State/County Charges (Cherry Sheet)	\$ 1,439,919	\$ 1,368,268
Overlay	<u>\$ 118,524</u>	<u>\$ 180,068</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT TO BE RAISED	\$ 48,615,377	\$ 51,572,397
ESTIMATED RECEIPTS/OTHER REVENUE		
State Reimbursements (Cherry Sheet)	\$ 2,970,938	\$ 3,567,833
Estimated Local Receipts	\$ 7,628,895	\$ 7,598,742
Community Preservation Funds	\$ 1,564,249	\$ 2,614,420
Appropriations From Free Cash	\$ 4,155,442	\$ 5,628,365
Appropriations From Other Available Funds	\$ 160,000	\$ 222,520
Free Cash Appropriated to Reduce Tax Rate	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>
TOTAL ESTIMATED RECEIPTS/OTHER REVENUE	\$ 16,479,524	\$ 19,631,880
NET TAX LEVY & TAX RATE		
Total To Be Raised	\$ 48,615,377	\$ 51,572,397
Less Total Estimated Receipts/Other Revenue	<u>\$ 16,479,524</u>	<u>\$ 19,631,880</u>
TAX LEVY	\$ 32,135,853	\$ 31,940,517
TAXABLE VALUE		
Real Property	\$ 10,401,647,888	\$ 12,414,384,264
Personal Property	<u>\$ 204,244,104</u>	<u>\$ 260,424,039</u>
TOTAL TAXABLE VALUE	\$ 10,605,891,992	\$ 12,674,808,303
TAX RATE	\$ 3.03	\$ 2.52



MA Department of Revenue

Division of Local Services
 Final Municipal Cherry Sheet Estimates
 Data current as 7/28/2022

C.S. 1-ER Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Revenue FY2023

NOTICE TO ASSESSORS OF ESTIMATED RECEIPTS

General Laws, Chapter 58, Section 25A

Edgartown

A. EDUCATION

Distributions and Reimbursements

Chapter 70	1,038,273
School Transportation	0
Charter Tuition Reimbursement	56,331
Smart Growth School Reimbursement	0

Offset Items - Reserve for Direct Expenditure:

School Choice Receiving Tuition	43,072
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Sub-Total, All Education Items: 1,137,676

B. GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

Distributions and Reimbursements

Unrestricted General Government Aid	77,162
Local Share of Racing Taxes	0
Regional Public Libraries	0
Veterans Benefits	34,394
Exemp: VBS and Elderly	8,458
State Owned Land	2,299,599

Offset Items - Reserve for Direct Expenditure:

Public Libraries	10,544
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Sub-Total, All General Government: 2,430,157

C. TOTAL ESTIMATED RECEIPTS: 3,567,833

C.S. 1-ER Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Revenue FY2023
 NOTICE TO ASSESSORS OF ESTIMATED CHARGES
 General Laws, Chapter 59, Section 21

Edgartown

A. COUNTY ASSESSMENTS:

County Tax	222,674
Suffolk County Retirement	0
Sub-Total, County Assessments:	222,674

B. STATE ASSESSMENTS AND CHARGES:

Retired Employees Health Insurance	0
Retired Teachers Health Insurance	0
Mosquito Control Projects	0
Air Pollution Districts	9,978
Metropolitan Area Planning Council	0
Old Colony Planning Council	0
RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge	17,000
Sub-Total, State Assessments:	26,978

C. TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITIES:

MBTA	0
Boston Metro. Transit District	0
Regional Transit	260,920
Sub-Total, Transportation Assessments:	260,920

D. ANNUAL CHARGES AGAINST RECEIPTS:

Multi-Year Repayment Program	0
Special Education	0
Sub-Total, Annual Charges Against Receipts:	0

E. TUITION ASSESSMENTS:

School Choice Sending Tuition	113,656
Charter School Sending Tuition	744,040
Sub-Total, Tuition Assessments:	857,696

F. TOTAL ESTIMATED CHARGES:	1,368,268
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TOWN COLLECTOR

To the Honorable Selectboard
 And the Citizens of the Town of Edgartown:

I herewith submit the annual report for the
 fiscal year 2022 for the Town Collector.

TOTAL COLLECTIONS FISCAL 2022

	Real Estate & CPA Betterments & Liens	Personal Property	Motor Vehicle
2018		1,644.90	841.88
2019		4,979.30	1,816.08
2020	83,529.81	6,644.52	21,229.52
2021	395,800.86	15,222.79	346,477.94
2022	32,076,095.52	599,282.85	1,064,278.44

Sewer User Charges

2021	43,642.94
2022	1,581,190.78

Boat Excise Tax

2022	21,270.71
Pilot	28,436.48
Fees & Penalties	24,038.87
Interest	149,288.62

I would like to thank the Selectboard, Town Administrator James Haggerty, and work colleagues for the valuable support they provided to me in the last year as the new Tax Collector. I am pleased to welcome Jade Bennett as the new department clerk who joined the office in October 2022.

Finally, I would like to welcome all our new Homeowners in Town. It is a pleasure and honor to

work in the Town of Edgartown. I look forward to continue serving the taxpayers and the town.

Respectfully submitted,
 SHEETAL K GRANDE, CMMT
 Town Collector

TOWN TREASURER

To the Honorable Selectboard and the Citizens of the Town of Edgartown:

Hereby submitted is the Town Treasurer's reconciliation of cash for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022:

<u>GENERAL ACCOUNTS</u>		<u>TRUST/AGENCY ACCOUNTS</u>	
Rockland Trust	\$22,192,909.34	Rockland Trust	\$749,734.51
Martha's Vineyard Bank	66,386.14	Martha's Vineyard Bank	30,250.85
Unibank for Savings	579,919.66	Bristol County Savings Bank	922,058.79
Bristol County Savings Bank	3,499,179.51		
HarborOne Bank	15,832,042.60	TOTAL ALL ACCOUNTS	\$ 43,872,481.40

For fiscal year 2022 there was new debt issued in the amount of \$2,561,147.00 for the Katama Airfield hangar and Memorial Wharf projects. The retired debt was \$1,864,521.64. The total outstanding debt as of June 30, 2022 was \$11,837,856.36.

The total authorized and unissued debt as of June 30, 2022 was \$900,000.00 for the bulkhead project.

I would like to thank the Selectboard, employees and residents of Edgartown for their support. I would also like to thank Assistant Treasurer, Marisa Boniface for her continued assistance.

Respectfully submitted,
PAMELA J. AMARAL
Treasurer

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

To the Honorable Selectboard and
The Citizens of Edgartown:

Hereby submitted is the report of the Accounting Department for 2022. During the year, Lauri Mather, Assistant Town Accountant retired after many years of dedicated service to the Town. Her years of experience and historical knowledge were greatly appreciated by myself and the prior Town Accountant. A new Assistant Town Accountant was hired in June, after a short transition period, Jennifer Smyth joins the accounting team and has begun formal municipal accounting training.

Attached is the unaudited Combined Balance Sheet for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022. Final audit documents including all standard accounting reports and many detailed financial notes will be posted on the Town's website upon completion.

Respectfully submitted,
AMELIA C. TIERNEY
Town Accountant

Town of Edgartown
Combined Balance Sheet - All Fund Types and Account Groups
as of June 30, 2022
(Unaudited)

	Governmental Fund Types			Proprietary Fund Types		Fiduciary Fund Types Trust and Agency	Account Groups Long-term Debt	Totals (Memorandum Only)
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Enterprise	Internal Services			
ASSETS								
Cash and cash equivalents	22,059,730.46	9,066,443.78	3,647,818.02			6,944,844.84		41,718,837.10
Investments								0.00
Receivables:								
Personal property taxes	31,002.57							31,002.57
Real estate taxes	352,983.24							352,983.24
Allowance for abatements and exemptions	(704,889.52)							(704,889.52)
Tax liens	96,970.66							96,970.66
Deferred taxes								0.00
Motor vehicle excise	247,571.28							247,571.28
Other excises	7,827.00							7,827.00
User fees	49,456.98							49,456.98
Utility liens added to taxes	1,148.10							1,148.10
Departmental	295,133.60							295,133.60
Special assessments	1,070.09	61,151.68						62,221.77
Due from other governments								0.00
Other receivables	72,625.74	20,040.00						92,665.74
Foreclosures/Possessions	512,223.35							512,223.35
Prepays								0.00
Due to/from other funds								0.00
Working deposit								0.00
Inventory								0.00
Fixed assets, net of accumulated depreciation	80,249,729.29							80,249,729.29
Amounts to be provided - payment of bonds							8,565,627.35	8,565,627.35
Amounts to be provided - vacation/sick leave								0.00
Total Assets	103,272,582.84	9,147,655.46	3,647,818.02	0.00	0.00	6,944,844.84	8,565,627.35	131,578,508.51

LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY

Liabilities:								
Warrants payable								0.00
Accounts payable								0.00
Accrued payroll	721,632.12							721,632.12
Withholdings	243,369.88							243,369.88
Accrued claims payable								0.00
Due to/from other funds								0.00
Due to other governments								0.00
Other liabilities								0.00

	Governmental Fund Types			Proprietary Fund Types		Fiduciary Fund Types		Account Groups		Totals (Memorandum Only)
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Enterprise	Internal Services	Trust and Agency	Account Groups			
							Long-term Debt			
Deferred revenue:										
Real and personal property taxes	(320,903.71)									(320,903.71)
Tax liens	96,970.66									96,970.66
Deferred taxes										0.00
Foreclosures/Possessions	512,223.35									512,223.35
Motor vehicle excise	247,571.28									247,571.28
Other excises	7,827.00									7,827.00
User fees	49,456.98									49,456.98
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Departmental	295,133.60									295,133.60
Special assessments	1,070.09	61,151.68								62,221.77
Due from other governments										0.00
Other receivables	72,625.74	20,040.00								92,665.74
Deposits receivable										0.00
Prepaid taxes/fees										0.00
Tailings	20,805.54	2,165.10								22,970.64
IBNR										0.00
Agency Funds										0.00
Notes payable			3,272,229.00							3,272,229.00
Bonds payable							8,565,627.35			8,565,627.35
Vacation and sick leave liability										0.00
Total Liabilities	1,948,930.63	83,356.78	3,272,229.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	8,565,627.35			13,870,143.76
Fund Equity:										
Reserved for encumbrances	168,084.54									168,084.54
Reserved for expenditures	5,402,838.71	128,000.00	85,162.22							5,616,020.93
Reserved for continuing appropriations	2,647,833.87	3,613,980.07								6,261,813.94
Reserved for petty cash										0.00
Reserved for appropriation deficit										0.00
Reserved for snow and ice deficit										0.00
Reserved for COVID-19 deficit										0.00
Reserved for debt service	20,749.72									20,749.72
Reserved for premiums										0.00
Reserved for working deposit						6,944,844.84				6,944,844.84
Undesignated fund balance	12,834,396.08	5,322,298.61	290,426.80							25,391,966.33
Unreserved retained earnings										0.00
Investment in capital assets	80,249,729.29									80,249,729.29
Total Fund Equity	101,323,652.21	9,064,278.68	375,589.02	0.00	0.00	6,944,844.84	0.00			117,708,364.75
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	103,272,582.84	9,147,635.46	3,647,818.02	0.00	0.00	6,944,844.84	8,565,627.35			131,578,508.51

FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

To the Honorable Selectboard 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 \$100,000.00 as a reserve fund for FY22.

The accounting for said funds is as follows:

ATM appropriation	<u>\$100,000.00</u>
	\$100,000.00

TRANSFERS FY22

Selectboard – Employee Vacation Buyback Shortfall:	\$2,583.81
Katama Airfield Commission – Clerk of the Works Payment:	\$14,296.00
Katama Airfield Commission – Hangar Change Order Capital Expenses:	\$31,594.00
Holiday Committee– Expense Shortfall:	\$2,000.00
County of Dukes County – Center for Living Operating Deficit:	\$4,849.50
Martha’s Vineyard Refuse District – Assessment Error:	<u> \$364.91</u>
	Total: \$55,688.22
Balance Reserve Fund returned to Free Cash 6/30/2022 -	\$44,311.78

Respectfully submitted,
DONNA LOWELL-BETTENCOURT
Chairman



PROTECTION OF PERSONS & PROPERTY

BOARD OF FIRE ENGINEERS

To the Honorable Edgartown Selectboard and the Citizens of Edgartown:

On behalf of our membership, I am pleased to present the 2022 annual report on the activities of our Fire Department.

This past year has brought its own set of challenges. With staffing, supply chain issues and the pace of development in our community all being contributing factors, we continue to adapt our department to maintain quality service to the Town.

Recruitment and retention always are part of our organization and discussed in last year's report. However, these two components have become of significant recent concern. Fire Department and Emergency Medical Service commitments are in direct competition with family time and means to generate income to sustain a living here on Martha's Vineyard. The stipend night shift model has been difficult to maintain with all these factors and a decline in community members willing or even able to participate.

We continue to support EMT classes from Cape Cod Community College to try and increase our available EMTs. Unfortunately, an Island wide recruitment effort for people interested in this opportunity did not result in many participants and even fewer with Edgartown specific interest.

FIRE STATION

A Fire Station Building committee has been working since June to explore opportunities and make recommendations for the progression of this project. The committee reviewed the previous feasibility study and has updated it with lessons learned from the Pandemic and community needs. With a working draft of a building programmed with community space, adequate administration and capacity for Fire Department operations; we look to present the request for funding at the 2023 Annual Town Meeting. We hope to have continued support from the community throughout this process.

PERSONNEL:

In July we had the departure of Geoffrey Freeman

from our Assistant Chief role. Geoff brought leadership and cool command presence to our department for years, starting his career in 1994 as a firefighter on our Ladder Company. During his time there he moved through the ranks of Lt. and Capt. In 2018, he moved into the head office in support of that administration. We all have great respect for him and his recognition that he was not able to provide the attention to the position that he felt it deserved because of significant professional commitments in his life. We are happy to still have him with us as a firefighter when he is able to participate.

With one person leaving a leadership role brings in opportunity for a new person to fill it. An internal process to fill our open Assistant Chief position was followed and resulted in two great candidates that interviewed well and brought significant value to the table. Ultimately the decision was made to promote Joshua Baker to this position. He works as a Paramedic, is in our Fire Prevention Officer role and a Lt. on our Ladder Company. His continued devotion to our department and drive for professional development is exceptional. We look forward to working along side him in his new role.

With our new Assistant Chief leaving the Ladder, Jovany Navarrete was promoted to Lt. to fill that vacancy. His long-standing commitment to our department and technical expertise in everything from low voltage systems to heavy equipment makes him an incredible asset to our operations and newer membership.

Our fulltime staff also saw some staffing changes this past year. Brenden Cooney finished his time with us and moved onto to a career in Nursing. During his time here, he offered our community excellent emergency care, training of our membership and filled the role of Ambulance Coordinator for some time. He also participated as a firefighter and even obtained a Firefighter I/II certification. We wish him luck on his new pursuits. We saw an incredible response to fill the need of this full-time position from our membership. All of the applicants came from within our organization and were exceptional. It was Tom Ignacio who was the final choice. His blend

of response capabilities, administrative talent and teaching credentials made him our top choice. He serves on our rescue as a Lt, is a lead instructor for the Dukes County Fire Training Council and works with Cape Cod Community College to train new EMTs here on MV.

CONTINUING EDUCATION & TRAINING:

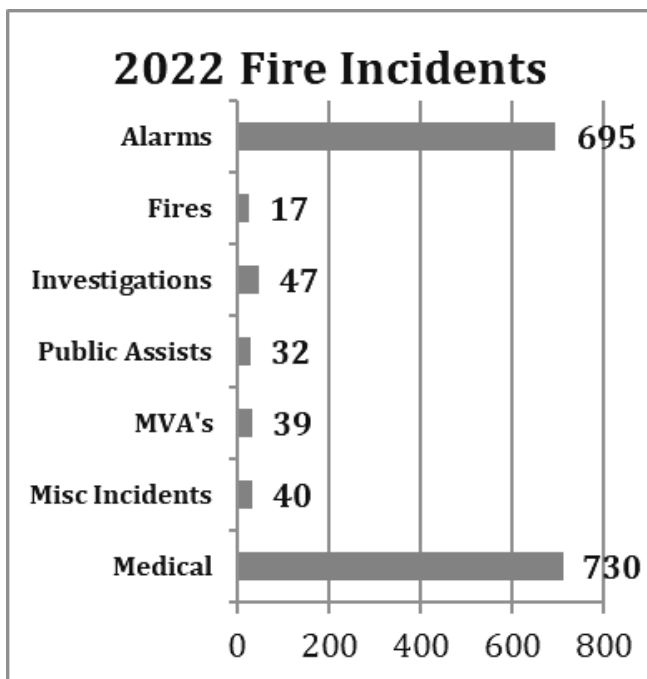
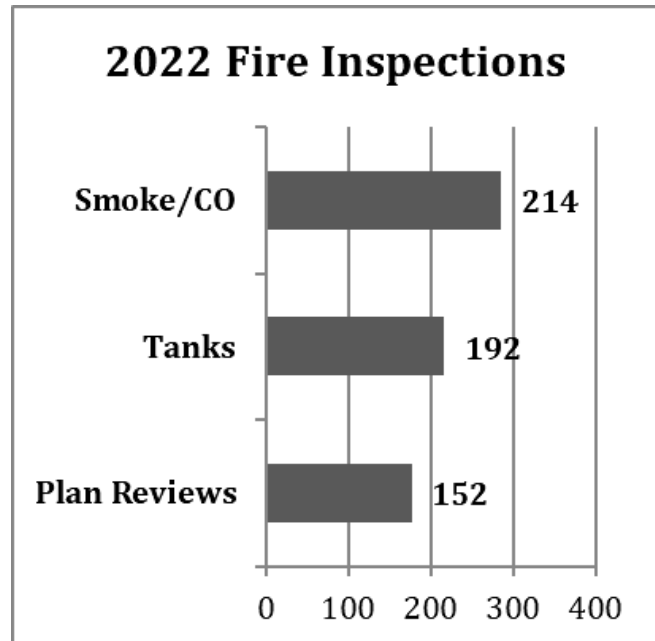
The fall marked the first island wide Firefighter I/II class in a while. Our department had participation from eight members comprised of some of last year’s recruits as well as multiyear veterans that had not previously had the opportunity to attend. We are proud to maintain the highest rate of Pro Board-Certified Firefighters on the island. This is important for the safety of our membership, Community and people within it. Our membership prides itself on their professional development and the ability to provide exceptional service to the Town.

VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT:

The Ambulance that was ordered in the Spring of 2021 finally arrived in October 2022. We are pleased with its design and safety features that provide the best environment for our EMS professionals to work. Unfortunately, the replacement response vehicle has been delayed multiple times because of supply chain issues. We hope to receive it in early 2023 to fill the void of our response capabilities that we have managed since August 2020

FIRES & CALL STATISTICS:

Our membership continues its response to a variety of calls throughout the year that are representative of our growing community and its needs. Our year included responses to structure fires, brush fires, motor vehicle fires, appliance fires and many other types of emergencies including CO exposures, motor vehicle accidents, missing person searches, oil spills, arcing wires and water emergencies.



FIRE PREVENTION:

With the amount of new construction, development and renovation the Town has seen in recent times our Fire Prevention Branch is commensurately taxed. With Asst. Chief Baker leading the operational capacity of our inspectors and developing new processes to achieve the best balance of code compliance data collection and the desired outcome of our community members.

AMBULANCE:

The ambulance staff has adapted its response to all emergencies to incorporate new levels of personal protective equipment and isolation protocols. The summer months have established a pattern of two calls at the same time. This makes our seasonal staffing increases important for quick responses to these emergencies.

IN CLOSING:

This past year has leaned heavily on a core group of Fire Department members to maintain shift coverage and the protection it provides. Consistent involvement in our department is difficult for people to commit to in the fast pace of what it means to live in our community and the burden it creates. We are grateful for the people that have found ways to support our initiatives and maintain their vitality. We recognize the significant challenge of the high demands of work and family commitments and strive to support the needs of our membership to make this partnership possible.

Respectfully Submitted,
ALEXANDER J. SCHAEFFER
Fire Chief

CHIEF OFFICERS

Chief Alex Schaeffer
Deputy Chief Andrew Kelly
Asst. Chief Josh Baker

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Anita Billings

BOARD OF FIRE ENGINEERS

Retired Deputy Chief Larry Thomas
Retired Chief Peter Shemeth
Retired Asst. Chief Scott Ellis
Retired Captain Richard Kelly

FULL TIME STAFF

EMT-P/FF Mike Klimek
EMT-P/FF Kate Foster
EMT-P/FF Brian Foster
EMT-P/FF Josh Baker
EMT-P Haley Krauss
EMT-B/FF Thomas Ignacio

COMPANY OFFICERS

Senior Captain Sam Koohy
Captain Kevin Maciel
Captain Kara Shemeth
Lieutenant Khalid Dore
Lieutenant Thomas Ignacio
Lieutenant Brian Foster
Lieutenant Jovany Navarrete

CALL MEMBERS

EMT/FF Ryan Bottary
EMT Rebecca Brown
FF Kevin Cody
EMT John Cabral
FF Ben Davy
EMT Jason Davey
FF Joe Delory
FF Paulo DeOliveira
FF Randy Dull
FF Geoff Freeman
EMT Marlon Garcia
EMT/FF John Goncalves
FF Janick Grabowski
EMT/FF Olivia Hart
FF Collins Heavener
EMT Brooks Jordan
EMT Ashley Moreis
FF Mike Parker
FF Timothy Penicaud
FF Renata Rovani
EMT Joan Shemit
EMT Meghan Sonia
FF Richard Soo Hoo
FF Vanessa Vacharasovan
EMT/FF Morgan Vincent
FF Craig Willett

POLICE DEPARTMENT

EDGARTOWN POLICE DEPARTMENT **MISSION STATEMENT**

The Edgartown Police Department is a team of dedicated professionals working in partnership with our community. We will protect our residents and visitors, endeavor to prevent crime and treat all fairly with respect and dignity. Together we will preserve the quality of life that makes Edgartown an exceptional place to live, work and visit.

Protect • Prevent • Preserve

YEAR-AT-A-GLANCE

This past year saw Edgartown Police Department (“EPD”) officers involved in several ‘high profile’ incidents, to include the return of our 4/July Parade, a tragic double drowning at State Beach, the arrival of a large group of Venezuelan migrants, and also the Tisbury armed bank robbery. Throughout these events, and all the others we responded to throughout the past year, your EPD officers provided the same high level of professional service that they are so well known for.

On behalf of the entire EPD, please accept this annual report for the year of 2022.

EPD STAFF

This past year the EPD did experience the following personnel changes:

- Officer Dayce Moore was promoted to the rank of Sergeant in July.
- Administrative Assistant Ken Romero was hired in July upon the departure of the previous Administrative Assistant Maria Ventura.
- Officer Alex Guest was hired as full-time police officer in August.
- This past summer also saw the resignation of Sgt Jonathan Searle, who has become the new Oak Bluffs Chief of Police. Congratulations to Chief Searle.

COMMUNITY POLICING

Department personnel, often through the generous and benevolent efforts of the Edgartown Patrolman’s Association (“EPA”), still managed to participate in numerous community policing initiatives in 2022, to include:

- “Annual EPA Golf Tournament,” to support local charities,
- “EPA College Scholarship,” which awarded

\$12,000 to local students pursuing a higher education,

- “Stuff a Bus” Christmas toy collection in support of the island’s Red Stocking Fund,
- “Halloween Candy Handout” for downtown trick or treaters,
- Thanksgiving turkey dinners delivered to 45 area families,
- “No Shave November” fundraising effort in support of disabled veterans,
- “Coffee with a Cop” conducted monthly at The Anchors
- “Senior Citizen Dinner” conducted at the Edgartown School

EDGARTOWN SCHOOL

The Edgartown Police Department continued to ensure that it worked seamlessly with the Edgartown School. Our assigned School Resource Officer (SRO) maintains an office within the school so as to better facilitate the manner in which we assist students, their families and school staff.

TRAFFIC SAFETY

Officers have continued to ensure safe conditions for motorists, pedestrians, and bicyclists within our community. The past year saw EPD officers respond to 110 motor vehicle accidents which was down from last year’s 137 accidents, 4 pedestrian vs car accidents, and 22 bicycle related accidents (up from last year’s 18 bike accidents). Five of the motor vehicle collisions we saw last year involved significant physical injuries. The department made 316 traffic stops in 2022.

The department purchased a second electronic radar sign board that can be deployed to areas where we have received frequent traffic complaints. Please call us at 508-627-4343 to request the deployment of a radar sign to your neighborhood.

ADDICTION RESPONSE EFFORTS

The Edgartown Police remain committed to providing services and support to those impacted by addiction issues. Officers are issued “Narcan,” an opioid overdose antidote, and administered it 3 times this past year, which was the same amount as last year. Also, the EPD remains an active participant in both the MV Drug Task Force as well as the Martha’s Vineyard Substance Use Disorder Coalition.

The past year saw the EPD continue with its partnership with Island Health Care, whereby specially trained plainclothes police officers and civilian recovery coaches jointly conduct follow up visits with at-risk individuals within our community.

To date, a number of these visits have been conducted and all have seen favorable results.

FIREARMS LICENSURE

The past year saw the EPD process and issue 109 firearms related permits. This was an increase from last year’s 92 applications. The EPD website has associated scheduling software to facilitate the appointment process for those looking to pursue a firearms license.

PUBLIC RECORDS REQUESTS

With recent changes in the public records laws, the EPD received and processed 640 requests for police reports and documents in the past year.

In closing, we of the EPD would all like to express our sincere appreciation for the help and support that we have received from our community over this past year. The close relationship that we all enjoy with our residents is not a common one, and it is not one that we take for granted.

We also thank the other Edgartown town departments, especially our public safety brothers and sisters at the Edgartown Fire and EMS. Thanks also to the Dukes County Sheriff’s Department and the Massachusetts State Police, as well as the other island PD’s and FD’s for their unwavering assistance as we do our best to protect and serve our community.

Thank you,
 CHIEF BRUCE R. MCNAMEE
 Edgartown Police Department

2022 ANNUAL STATISTICS

Alarms	1192
Disturbance/Fights	43
Medical	450
Suspicious	331
Noise Complaints	118
Mental Health	89
Assist Citizen	386
Domestic Related	35
Disputes/Civil Matters	72
Intoxicated Party	43
Protective Custody	6
Weapons Complaint	6
Elder Assist	12
Suicide Threats	6
Liquor Establishment Calls	62
Sexual Assaults	7
Breaking & Entering	11
Stolen MV	5
Stolen Property	33
Trespassing	18
Vandalism	19
MV Accidents (Includes bicycle and mopeds)	125
MV Complaints	55
MV Stops	316
Lockouts	185

This past year saw a 12.3% decrease from 2021’s total calls for service
 2020 = 7453 total
 2021 = 8484 total
 2022 = 7441 total

HARBORMASTER

To the Honorable Selectboard and Citizens of Edgartown:

I have only good news to deliver to you in this annual report starting with the restoration of the Memorial Wharf. This big project started with the removal of the covered roof which was moved into the parking lot. The old piles were removed and new steel ones installed welded to a steel framework. A new wood deck was raised two feet above the old level. The parking lot was left at its existing level awaiting for the plan that will address sea level rise in future years. This project was finished just in time for Memorial Day.

R.M. Packer Company supplied and ran our fueling facility and reached a record high for gallons pumped. Old Port Marine was awarded the launch license to provide service to the moorings and anchorage fields for the twenty-seventh year.

We were happy to welcome back many of our

seasonal staff who formed the training core for the new hires. Our year-round employees, as usual, made our office and vessels run smoothly. By the time we got our staff trained the summer had flown by and our season ended. The weather was storm free all season.

Yacht Clubs returned to visit Edgartown again after sheltering elsewhere during the Covid 19 pandemic years. It was refreshing to see the boating world return slowly back to normal.

The future for the Harbor looks bright for the coming year. Protecting the bulkhead at North Wharf is our next big project, scheduled to begin in November 2023.

Respectfully Submitted,

CHARLIE BLAIR
Harbormaster

WHARF RESTORATION COMMITTEE

To the Honorable Selectboard and Citizens of Edgartown:

This is the first Annual Report of a new town committee. The Edgartown Wharf Restoration Committee (EWRC) is an offshoot of the Memorial Wharf Restoration Committee (MWRC). Since the Memorial Wharf, aka Steamboat Wharf or Town Dock, has been rebuilt the MWRC has turned its attention to other town owned wharfs in need of restoration. The selectboard has authorized the existing MWRC to continue its work of organizing waterfront infrastructure restoration under the new name Edgartown Wharf Restoration Committee. Next on our list in need of repair is town owned North Wharf.

A brief history of our work so far has included a complete rebuild and re-support of the Pavilion of Memorial Wharf. The committee at the time consisted of Dick Barbini, chair, John Magnuson and Steve Ewing with Charlie Blair, Harbormaster and

Juliet Mulinare our assistant. The work was completed by Mark Nicotera of Trademark Services LLC (TM). The finish design was executed and overseen by Joanne Gosser. Childs Engineering was the engineer on the project. Including engineering and permitting this work was completed over the years 2016-2018.

Once Phase One was complete the composition of the Committee changed. Dick Barbini moved away, and Rick Hamilton took his place. John Magnuson was spending more time off island, so Chris Scott agreed to replace John. Eventually Rick also moved off and Scott Ellis filled the vacancy. All the above contributed to Phase Two of the Memorial Wharf restoration. Along with Juliet and Charlie all manner of expertise was brought to this important project. With James Hagerty guiding us from town hall and the Water, Sewer and Highway Departments lending a hand the restoration of the wharf was completed before the fireworks popped on July 4th

2022.

Phase Two involved moving the rebuilt Pavilion, now strong enough to survive a relocation, into the adjacent parking lot. The old wharf was completely removed and disposed of. The top of the steel sheeting, holding the parking lot was found to be compromised where it was trapped inside the pier and ground. The plans were altered, 18” of steel was cut away around the perimeter and a new concrete cap was poured giving a solid mass to extend the height of the wharf the planned two feet. Andrew Nilson, project engineer from Childs Engineering adapted to these changes without missing a beat.

Another surprise was a temporary halt of the project by Eversource who decided one new support pilings was a bit too close to the undersea electric cable servicing Chappy. Not wanting to chance disconnecting Chappy from its power source piling locations were altered and work continued. Thankfully the lights on Chappy never flickered. The timber pier was rebuilt two feet higher. The Pavilion was rolled back into place. Tie backs were installed, the parking lot was repaved and painted. The job was completed on time and within budget.

Kudos to BTT the contractor for great work. Thanks to Mark and crew from TM for jumping into Phase Two and tackling everything from pouring the new concrete cap, splicing new steel bases onto the support posts and finally raising the flagpole before the 4th. Thanks to the town departments for all they did to get us up and running, especially Allan DeBettencourt and staff for all the help with the parking lot. To Scott Ellis for helping get the water back on. Rob Young and crew for lighting up the place. Thanks to Peter, Sally and the ferry crew for “bearing with us”. Special thanks to James Hagerty

for keeping us on track. Thanks to Chief McNamee and the police for keeping things flowing. To Andrew and Ryan at Childs for a good plan and a great result. A very special thanks to Juliet Mulinare, our assistant and overall manager. It was Juliet, working with James and Christine Flynn of the MV Commission who secured a one-million-dollar grant from the MA Seaport Economic Council to help offset the town’s expense.

I’d like to thank the Edgartown Selectboard for trusting our committee to do a good job. Lastly, thanks to you the taxpayers of Edgartown. Working together we can get anything done.

Now on to North Wharf. We hope to break ground November 1st, 2023. New steel sheeting will be installed with a concrete cap ready to accept a two-foot extension when the town or Mother Nature tells us it’s time to raise the Wharf to accommodate anticipated sea level rise. The old underground fuel tanks will be removed, fender pilings installed and the lot repaved so the boatyard can start launching. Hopefully final State permits will be secured and our SEC grant application, which we will submit in May, gets approved. If all goes well by Spring 2024 another piece of the waterfront will be rebuilt and be ready to hand over to future generations of townspeople to enjoy.

Respectfully Submitted,
For the Edgartown Wharf
Restoration Committee
STEVE EWING, Chair
SCOTT ELLIS
S. CHRIS SCOTT
CHARLIE BLAIR, Harbormaster
JULIET MULINARE, Assistant



ANIMAL CONTROL

To the Selectboard and the Citizens of Edgartown:

Where to begin? What is Animal Control you ask? What does an Animal Control Officer do?

In the past animal control was thought to be a “dog catcher.” Today, Animal Control is so much more than just picking up stray animals but relates to all the many facets of animal welfare. This includes but is not limited to animal abuse, cruelty, animal neglect, investigation of animal bites, kennel and barn inspections, education, shelter operations, adoptions, court appearances, licensing and more. As an Animal Control Officer, I have a huge responsibility, not only to the people of Edgartown but to all the animals and their welfare.

Today all 50 States have laws that are mandated to protect animals from abuse, cruelty and neglect. In addition, cities and towns also have laws in place regarding animal welfare. The most important aspect of this job is to know and understand the laws in this community so that we can ensure equal and fair service to all and be an advocate for all the animals.

2022 was a very busy year. I am sure we can all agree if you spent any time walking down Main Street this summer there were more people and dogs than in years past. Considering all that, I believe we had a great year.

Yes, it was a very busy summer with more loose and restrained dog calls. There was an overwhelming number of skunk and wild turkey calls as well. This is a result of the large volume of people and construction taking place. Our wildlife has been displaced and forced to look for new homes, unfortunately making them much more active and visible.

I have received so much support during my first year to help make it successful. Everyone has been incredibly kind and welcoming. My sincere thanks to everyone who works at the Town Hall, PD, Fire, Parks, Shellfish, Dredge, Library and a BIG SHOUT OUT to the Highway Department for always taking such great care of me. And I cannot say enough how thankful I am to Town Administrator, James Hagerty, for his continued support everyday.

The people in Edgartown have been so amazing to work with and for. Even with a shortage of Veterinarians on island both AHC and VVC have been extremely helpful. ACH has been housing dogs we take in until we have our own kennel again. MV Shelter has also played a big role in helping us to house and place surrendered dogs and cats. We are grateful to them and the work they do every day.

Thank you to both of my assistants Maddie LeCoq and Kathryn Kennedy for help and patience during this year. I could not have done it without you. THANK YOU ALL!

My goal as the Head of the Edgartown Animal Control Department is to be a team. A team that is well trained, professional and dedicated to ensure our department is both safe and efficient.

LICENSING

We have seen a huge increase in the number of dogs licensed in Edgartown. Why is it so important to get your dog licensed every year?

1. To control and prevent the spread of rabies.
2. The easiest/ fastest way to identify and return lost dogs to owners.
3. It IS THE STATE LAW

LEASH LAW

Although enforcement of this STATE law (MGL ch140 / 173A) is a part of our job, it is a constant challenge. Please feel free to contact us with questions and concerns 508-939-1782.

VIOLATIONS

62 tickets were issued total this year between unlicensed and unrestrained dogs. Again this is to help prevent your dogs from injury, fight, public health & safety and prevent from getting hit by a car. Totaling \$3,800.00

BARN INSPECTIONS

MDAR (Massachusetts Division of Animal Health) requires that we do barn inspections and a farm census each year. Why do you ask? MDAR appoints a municipal animal inspector for each and every town in the Commonwealth. The primary duty of an Animal Inspector has become rabies control in

the domestic animal population. Municipal Animal Inspectors are also responsible for barn inspections to assist with domestic animal disease quarantines in the event of an outbreak. We had FIVE (5) 45-day quarantines and fourteen (14) 10-day quarantines this year.

FARM CENSUS

Cattle: 117
Goats: 11
Sheep: 50
Swine: 74
Llamas / Alpacas: 2
Horses / Ponies: 37
Donkeys: 3
Chickens: 5,642
Turkeys: 28
Waterfowl: 88
Rabbits: 27
Pigeons: 30
Game Birds: 4



CALLS FOR SERVICE IN 2022

Dog: 1569
Dog vs Livestock: 2
Cat: 222
Other Animal: 550
Skunk: 73
Raccoon: 20
Dogs impounded: 29
Cats impounded: 6
Other animals impounded: 1 (Chinese Pheasant)
Dogs Adopted: 5
Cats Adopted: 3
No other animals adopted
Dogs Hit By Car & Killed: 2
Dogs Injured: 3
Dogs sick: 1
Cats Hit and Killed by Car: 11
Cats sick: 3
Other Dead Animals: 151 (large number of ocean birds included in this number)
Other Animals Sick: 63
Misc. Calls: 1429
Dog Biting Human: 10
Dog Biting Dog: 20
Dog Attacking Livestock: 1
Cat Bites: 2
Other Animal bites: 1 (skunk)

Respectfully Submitted,
KIMBERLY ANDRADE
Office Of Animal Control
Inspector of Animals

TREE WARDEN

To the Honorable Selectboard and Citizens of Edgartown:

During 2022, the Tree Warden saw a more normal volume of applications requesting permission for removal or trimming of public shade trees. We also saw a very dry spring and summer season that in turn caused some of the trees to loose there leaves early in the fall season.

This year we experienced a few coastal storms with minor damage to some public shade trees with breakage of small branches. The Town along with property owners continued to be pro-active in the structural pruning of public shade trees with the assistance of professional arborists. The electric utility company's active tree trimming maintenance program around their utility wires was also continued this year resulting in minimal outages.

I am also pleased to report we were able to distribute nearly 800 tree seedlings with the resent

short supply to the students and staff of the Edgartown Elementary School in honor of Earth Day. These seedlings included the Blue Spruce and Pin Oak tree.

The Public Elm trees were treated for Dutch Elm Disease as part of their annual maintenance to prevent Dutch Elm Disease.

In closing, I wish to thank the Selectboard and the Citizens of Edgartown for their support and care for public shade trees in our community. I would also like to thank all of the tree care professionals, nurseries, and landscapers who provide their tree services in Edgartown.

Respectfully Submitted,

ALLAN deBETTENCOURT
Edgartown Tree Warden



HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Selectboard and Citizens of Edgartown:

I am pleased to present the annual report for the Edgartown Highway Department for 2022.

During 2022, there was only one large snowstorm event that brought over 12 in of snow at the end of January. The months of February and March were busy with several small snow and ice events that keep the department busy. Yes, do not forget the Christmas's eve snowstorm that left us with a white Christmas.

The Highway Department continued to keep up with the review of permits requiring approval from this department for the continued building and remodeling through Edgartown.

The Highway Department crew also installed several new storm water leaching systems throughout the year to relieve problematic flooding. Locations include Chappaquiddick Road by the Fire Station, which is always a challenge do to the chappy ferry and tides. Two more systems were installed on Middle Street and one was installed on the west end of Mill Street. These systems were installed by the Highway Department crew and equipment resulting in significant cost savings compared to hiring out.

The Highway crew also worked alongside a contractor on the expansion crack repair on Slough Cove Road, which is to be resurfaced in the spring of 2023. The last half of Katama Road rebuild project was completed this fall between Kane Lane and Edgartown Bay Road. The loam spreading and

seeding on this section of road will be done in early spring of 2023.

The Highway Department also assisted with many phases of the underground utility project that took place on Church Street as well as the installation of the Charge Point (EV) charging stations in the Dark Woods Lot.

In addition to these projects outlined above, the Highway crew performs many routine and necessary functions which include trash and litter removal, street sweeping, seasonal painting of parking lines and road stencils, roadside mowing, tree and brush trimming, dirt road grading, catch basin and culvert cleaning, asphalt patching, and sign maintenance. The Highway Department continues to maintain the Four Town Cemeteries as well as the ground maintenance at the Robinson Road recreational area with the help of the seasonal staff.

In closing, I would like to thank the Citizens of Edgartown for their support. I would also like to thank the Selectboard and all other Town Departments the Highway Department has worked with during the year. I would also like to thank the staff at the Edgartown Highway Department for their work and efforts throughout the year.

Respectfully Submitted,

ALLAN deBETTENCOURT
Highway Superintendent

BUILDING INSPECTOR

To the Honorable Selectboard and the Citizens of Edgartown:

Submitted herewith is our annual report covering the year ending 31 December 2022.

Building Permits Issued	#Increase/Decrease
New Single Family Residences	68 (decrease of 3)
*Includes 14 Guest Houses/Apartments	
Multi-Family Residence	0 (no change)
Single Family Residence:	303 (decrease of 48)
Additions/Alterations/Renovations	
(81 major, 152 minor, 70 insulation/weatherization)	
Garage/Barn	60 (decrease of 14)
*Includes 12 Detached Bedrooms & 18 Pool Houses	
Shed/Deck/Porch/Fence	46 (decrease of 20)
New Commercial	4 (increase of 2)
Commercial:	39 (decrease of 3)
Additions/Alterations/Renovations	
(9 major, 30 minor)	
Swimming Pool/Tennis Court	63 (decrease of 12)
Miscellaneous:	
Shingle	59
Demolition/Move	25
Foundation	13
Solar Array	72
Tent	83
Total	835 (decrease of 117)

Total Building Permits Receipts: \$457,520.86
(increase of \$46,591.67)

Miscellaneous Permits & Fees
(Includes Wood Stoves, Sign Permits, Summons, Fines, Additional Inspections, etc.)
Total Miscellaneous Fees \$18,647.50
(increase of \$5,351.50)

Trench Permits \$1450.00
(increase of \$150.00)

Total Building Inspector's Receipts: \$477,618.36
(increase of \$52,093.17)

Fees Collected by the Building Department for:
Gas Inspector \$68,625.00
Plumbing Inspector \$68,175.00
Electrical Inspector \$170,500.00

Total Receipts Collected by the Building Dept: \$784,918.36
(increase of \$66,893.17)

2022 proved to be another busy year for the Edgartown Building Department.

Even though there were fewer Building Permits issued in 2022 than in 2021 it was still the second busiest year in town history. In addition, Building Department receipts increased as did Gas, Plumbing, and Wiring permits and inspections. This is a direct reflection of the increase in size and scope of the projects that are being built in Edgartown.

The majority of projects in Edgartown continue to consist of single family residences, but there has been an increase in commercial construction (The Kelley House campus renovations and the Stop & Shop expansion, for example) with more large scale projects on the horizon.

In September Steve Kelly joined the Building Department as Local Building Inspector. He is a licensed contractor with many years of experience as a general contractor. His depth of knowledge, common sense and understanding of construction is an enormous asset.

Akeyah Lucas, Department Assistant for the past 10 years, left the Building Department, as did Adam Petkus, Local Building Inspector. They were both competent and smart and will no doubt succeed in their new endeavors.

Bill Callahan and Charlie Day continue to serve very well as Plumbing and Gas Inspectors. Robert Young and Michael Dolby kept up with the constant stream of Wiring inspections, and David Schwab steps in when needed. I am indebted to them all for their professionalism, as well as their patience and understanding as I've served as the Department Assistant over the past eight months.

Acting as the Building Commissioner and Zoning Enforcement Officer for the Town of Edgartown continues to be a gratifying, challenging and stimulating job, and I look forward to the new developments (including on-line permitting), new employees and multitude of diverse projects that wait in 2023.

Respectfully Submitted,
READE KONTJE MILNE
Building Commissioner

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
New Single Family Residence	36	30	41	49	67	42	56	55	61	40	71	68
Multi-Family Building	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
Single Family Residence Additions/Alterations	150	191	217	231	235	238	286	259	316	380	351	303
Garage/Barn	27	22	25	38	52	57	46	51	52	41	74	60
Shed/Deck/Porch/Fence	55	63	63	78	70	83	56	57	58	42	66	46
New Commercial	4	2	3	2	3	4	2	4	3	2	2	4
Commercial Additions/Alterations	18	32	28	21	20	34	38	35	66	36	42	39
Swimming Pools	18	23	28	31	34	35	28	28	44	55	75	46
Miscellaneous	66	64	116	74	112	150	140	207	216	172	271	252
TOTALS	365	427	521	524	593	643	654	696	816	768	952	835

PLUMBING & GAS INSPECTORS

To the Honorable Selectboard and the Citizens of Edgartown:

Submitted herewith is our annual report covering the year ending 31 December 2022.

Plumbing Permits: 301 \$14,900.00
(increase of 5)
Plumbing Inspections: 710 \$53,275.00
(increase of 28)

Total Plumbing Receipts: \$68,175.00
(increase of \$2,425.00)

Gas Permits: 352 \$17,550.00
(increase of 9)

Gas Inspections: 681 \$51,075.00
(increase of 31)

Total Gas Receipts: \$68,625.00
(increase of \$2,925.00)

Respectfully Submitted,
WILLIAM CALLAHAN
CHARLES DAY
Plumbing/Gas Inspectors

ELECTRICAL INSPECTORS

To the Honorable Selectboard and Citizens of Edgartown:

Submitted herewith is our annual report covering the year ending 31 December 2022.

Electrical Permits: 728 \$35,800.00
(increase of 81)
Electrical Inspections: 1796 \$134,700.00
(increase of 75)

Total Electrical Receipts: \$170,500.00
(increase of \$9,450.00)

Respectfully Submitted,

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

PUBLIC WORKS

CEMETERY DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Selectboard and the Citizens of Edgartown:

This year 18 lots were sold in the New Westside Cemetery. There were 40 burials, of which 27 were cremations and 13 were full casket burials.

Expansion of the New Westside Cemetery continues, 13th Avenue is complete and 14th Avenue has been laid out. Markers have been ordered for this avenue and will be installed in the Spring. The Edgartown Highway Department has been instrumental in moving this project forward.

Again this year, as part of its environmental studies, the Edgartown School partnered with BioDiversity Works and set up trail cameras in the New Westside and Old Westside Cemeteries in hopes of capturing wildlife activity in the area, we look forward to the report.

The commission again thanks the Community Preservation Committee for the support received for the restoration of historic gravestone and this year,

the Commissioners choose to look into restoring some of the older metal fences in the Old Westside Cemetery.

Aiden Varkonda, George Leary and Ryan Leary joined Cemetery Superintendent Edwin Alvarado Ortiz with grounds keeping, constant mowing, trimming and general care of the town cemeteries. The Old Westside fence was scrapped and repainted and with the exception of a few section, is completely repainted.

The Commissioners would like to thank the Edgartown Highway Department, The Edgartown Water Department, the Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Edgartown for their continuing support.

Respectfully submitted,
ANDREW KELLY, Chairman
SUSAN BROWN
ELIZABETH VILLARD
DEBBIE MANLEY-SMITH

WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT

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

The year 2022 was a good year at the Town’s wastewater treatment facility though there were lingering effects from the Covid pandemic. It was a relief to abandon wearing masks and to be able to work and mingle freely with our coworkers, other town departments and the public. As was the case during the pandemic essential services were provided and operational standards continued to improve while planned equipment upgrades continued.

SUMMARY OF WASTEWATER FLOWS AND TOTAL NITROGEN			
2022	FLOW	TOTAL N	
JAN	3,556,163	1.23	
FEB	3,052,874	3.36	
MARCH	4,007,663	1.70	
APRIL	4,406,427	2.28	
MAY	6,084,996	4.60	
JUNE	8,430,585	4.34	
JULY	11,885,217	1.36	
AUG	11,652,164	2.22	
SEPT	7,663,274	3.43	
OCT	5,843,807	1.52	
NOV	4,237,489	1.08	
DEC	4,411,812	0.94	
TOTAL/YR	75,232,471	AVG/YR	2.34

In 2022 the Plant processed 75.2 million gallons of influent. The Plant effluent at the other end of the facility averaged a total Nitrogen level of 2.34 milligrams per liter, resulting in 690 kilograms of nitrogen being contributed to the Great Pond Watershed. Edgartown’s MaDEP Discharge Permit has a 2,200-kilograms-per-year limit for effluent nitrogen from the Plant, and the Plant produced just over 31% of that limit. The Plant is contributing to the reduction of the Total Maximum Daily Load of nitrogen entering the Edgartown Great Pond and as

more properties within the Great Pond Watershed connect to the sewer system its contribution to the health of the Great Pond will increase.

The rapid infiltration beds rehabilitation project was finally given approval to proceed from the MaDEP and allowances were made that any sand and debris from the bed rehabilitation project would be able to be stored at the plant. Work began in the August and the project was completed in early September. The amount of sand and debris removed from the beds was less than anticipated and storage of the material on site did not become an issue. A Town Meeting warrant article from April 2022 allowed for some of the paving to be restored at the facility and it was decided by the Wastewater Commissioners to rehabilitate the entirety of the facility’s asphalt. This work commenced during the infiltration bed project and was finished shortly after the beds were completed. The SCADA project continued to be plagued by supply chain issues and it is projected that the much needed and much delayed project will be completed in the first two months of 2023. Another 2022 Town Meeting warrant article approved the replacement of the plant sludge pump hydraulic tank and control panel. Supply chain issues also affected this project and work is scheduled to begin in late winter 2023.

The MaDEP began a series of discussions with the Town concerning their proposed new regulations on Nitrogen and impacted waterways. In response the Town applied for an Asset Management Plan grant and began to make arrangements for a Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan. The Asset Management Plan is an essential step in the Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan and grant funding covered 60% of the asset plan cost. In-Kind contributions from plant and town staff reduced the asset plan another 20% leaving the Town responsible for \$32,500 of the entire \$162,500 asset plan cost. The Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan was funded in its entirety from the

April Annual Town Meeting. Both of these programs began in the fall and we are eagerly anticipating the results of both studies. At this

moment it is premature to quantify the results of the studies but it is expected that the Town will be required to sewer more of its residential areas to offset nitrogen loading in the Sengekontacket watershed and other areas. As the MaDEP regulations are not completely formulated as yet and the studies are not completed it is conjecture to guess what will eventually be required from the Town at this moment.

We also wish to thank the Operations crew of Joe Rock, Sebastian Corwin and Curtis Robart and our Administrative Assistant Pia Webster for their hard work and dedication. We also want to express our

thanks to Allan DeBettencourt and the Highway Department for making it possible to deliver our sludge to the Rhode Island disposal site. We feel confident about the future of the Wastewater Department and the work we contribute to making Edgartown the special place it is.

Respectfully submitted,

GLEN S. SEARLE ,
Chairman
SCOTT A. ELLIS
ALEX MORRISON

WATER DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Select Board and the Citizens of Edgartown:

Change is inevitable and can often be viewed as disruptive. I suspect that this is due to the fact that it is simply human nature to resist change. Unfortunately, some changes may be unexpected and completely out of our control. To minimize the effects of change, it is often best to anticipate the change when possible, accept the change and then to make the best of it. When change is in the form of personnel, numerous complications may be the immediate result. In professional sports, personnel changes are referred to as a rebuilding year. Loosely translated, this is just an excuse for a potentially substandard season. Unfortunately, municipalities do not have that luxury. When personnel changes happen here, the expectations remain the same. I often refer to the Water Department as a team, as we function as one. In 2022, two of our teammates moved on to pursue other interests. Lindsey Mercier had worked for the town for ten years. At the time of her departure, she was a well accomplished Administrative Assistant II for the Water Department. Over the years, I've watched Lindsey master her profession, become increasingly more relied upon and become one of the best in her field. Shortly after Lindsey's departure, Gordon Brown left us, bringing a staff shortage to the field operations, as well. Serving the department since 2017, Gordon was well versed in the expectations of our field staff, was educated in the field and was ever mindful of ways to improve the surroundings for all. On behalf of the department, I wish both Lindsey and Gordon the best in their future endeavors and thank them for the services they provided this department and the community.

A positive side of change, is that it can present opportunities. In our case, Sheila Ben David immediately expressed interest in the vacated Administrative Assistant II position. An employee of the department for twenty-two years, Sheila was well versed in her previous position and willing to assume the duties and responsibilities of advancement. This presented another change and yet, another opportunity. After fourteen years of employment at the Town Hall, Heidi Boyd transferred to our department to assume the recently vacated Department Assistant position. Almost overnight, the administrative team was back in place and running smoothly. The department is fortunate to have Sheila and Heidi in these two positions, as the transition was nearly seamless.

In 2022, our commitment to the community remained steadfast. The basic principals of the operation of a water system remain constant, and at times, intensify; they never seem to diminish. And as many others have witnessed, difficulties are often present in the form of staffing shortages, persistent issues related with the pandemic, supply issues and shipping issues. It stands to reason that we can only make the repairs and do installations if we can get the materials for the specific job. Much of the materials we have historically used have been unavailable or back ordered, complicating matters even further. Significant amounts of creative thinking were required, as we have been forced to make many substitutions in our operations and materials without a compromise in our standards. Though many difficulties continue and new complications will arise, the philosophy of maintaining the safest and most reliable water system available remains the common goal throughout the department.

As it relates to the pandemic, we have certainly experienced our fair share of issues. As is standard protocol, employees that feel ill and test positive for covid must take the required sick leave. All but two of the Water Department personnel have had the misfortune of testing positive. Given that the Water Department is presently not fully staffed, these absences had an added effect. I have mentioned in the past that this is not a job that can effectively be done from home. Similarly, your emergency services departments cannot be done from home. The Water Department must be staffed in a manner that can respond to water related emergencies at any hour. Fortunately, our covid related absences have been staggered, thereby minimizing staffing issues slightly.

Operational highlights and accomplishments of the Water Department of the past year include:

- A multi-year improvement to our corrosion control program began. Following an in-house study of raw and finish water sodium levels, the conversion from sodium hydroxide to potassium hydroxide began. The corrosion control program is essential in controlling lead and copper in the homes and businesses of the community. The conversion to potassium hydroxide will help address the concerns of those on low sodium diets, while still reducing lead and copper in the drinking water.
- In spite of the drought declaration by the state, the Water Department was able to meet the high demands of the summer, while running our

pumps at a reduced capacity for energy savings. This is due to the major improvements to the pumping equipment and the wells over the past six years. In 2022, the Water Department broke its single day, as well as the annual pumping volume record.

- Fire hydrants received their annual flushing and inspection. Any defects noted during the inspection were promptly rectified. The hydrant flushing process requires less time and less water each year. This is indicative of an effective program in place. Additionally, hydrants in need of paint were painted.
- Lead and Copper samples were collected in September and analyzed in October for the early educational facilities, as well as the entire distribution system. Both sets of analytical results were lower than any prior results, indicating continued improvements to the water chemistry and our corrosion control program.
- The Water Department was involved in the design and construction oversight to relocate a water main on Church Street to make room for the charging units for the electric V.T.A. busses.
- A main had to be relocated to make room for the Stop & Shop addition. The new main was designed by the Water Department and incorporated two new fire hydrants. In addition, the new main improved fire flows and water quality to neighboring areas.
- The pH analyzer at the Quenonica Pumping Station was replaced. During a weekly calibration exercise, erratic operation and calibration difficulty was observed. Though we could have resorted to alternative operations, the station was taken out of service until we replaced the analyzer. With the new analyzer calibrated, the water chemistry of the distribution system was not altered in a negative manner.
- The variable frequency drive (VFD) at Lily Pond Pumping Station was replaced this summer. Due to proper pumping station observations, it was recognized that the component was headed for complete failure. Though we can operate in a bypassed state, we would lose the electrical efficiencies afforded by the VFD. The VFD was replaced as a scheduled maintenance event, rather than an emergency repair in the height of the summer pumping season.
- The Wintucket Pumping Station received a new transducer to more accurately track the well operation and status / condition of the aquifer.
- The S.C.A.D.A. (Supervisory Control and Data

Acquisition) system for the Water Department was upgraded to include additional transducers and additional RF frequencies. These improvements build upon previous modifications to our system and further expand on “building a better mouse trap”. I have previously stressed the importance of this system and the need to continue increased reliability and water system oversight. We are proud of the fact that many of the upgrades and modifications we have developed and incorporated into our S.C.A.D.A. system are later used in other water systems.

- The unaccounted water (UAW) for the department has consistently reduced over the past several years. MassDEP expects a water system to operate with 10% UAW or less. In 2021, the Water Department recorded a respectable 2.8% UAW. While this is due to stringent operational practices, the reward is minimized operational costs, minimized environmental impacts and increased energy savings.
- Due to operational protocols, as well as historical data, MassDEP responded favorably to the request for a sampling waiver for PFAS6 compounds for the Water Department. This waiver presents a cost savings, reflecting positively on the total operating expenses of the department.
- Maintenance, repair and upgrade projects included the annual service for the Parco Valves, as well as the calibration of the master meters at the pumping stations. Pumping Stations received their annual winter maintenance and numerous in-house vehicle / equipment repairs and maintenance tasks were conducted.

This is Edgartown and though construction may slow from time to time, it never actually stops. In the Water Department, it can sometimes be difficult keeping up with the construction demand at this point. The growth rate for the Water Department’s customer base is constant, with no indication of it slowing down. Since the onset of the pandemic, we have consistently installed five to seven new services each month. Some of these installations are for new construction, while many are installed to convert seasonal residences into permanent residences. The distribution system is now comprised of seventy-five miles of main. As with services, water main installations remain a constant. Per the Rules and Regulations of the Water Department, a property to be served by town water must abut a road or right of way with a water main. As in the past, the Water Department will do the water main installations in town accepted ways. Water mains installed in

unaccepted roads are done by private contractors with the approval of and under the supervision of the Water Department. Regardless of who the installer might be, the water main installations in Edgartown are constructed under the most current policies and standards. Design criteria of an extension of a water main will have a holistic approach so that present needs are met, with future needs and enhancements in mind. Not only are the requirements specified as the best for the specific project, but an improvement to the entire water system, as well. As we close out 2022, I will speculate that a minimum of six water main extensions will be constructed in 2023.

The water main projects of 2022 included: 400' of 8" main on Ogden Way, 300' of 12" main on Davis Lane, 100' of 8" main on Church Street, 460' of 8" main on Bennett Way, 180' of 8" main on Teaberry Lane, 80' of 8" main on Jernegan Avenue, 580' of 8" main on Mill Street and 520' of 12" main and 330' of 8" main at the Stop & Shop. In particular, the main at the Stop & Shop provided a substantial improvement to the fire flow capacity in the Curtis Lane area. These water main projects added seven new fire hydrants to the distribution system.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY

January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022

Water Use – Wells

Meshacket Well #4 (Start-up 1959)

Water Pumped – .531 MG / 531,000 gals.
 Peak Day Demand – .196000 MG / 196,000 gals.(5/10/22)
 Minimum Day Demand – 0**
 Average Daily Flow – 1,455 gals

Lily Pond Well #5 (Start-up 1978)

Water Pumped – 43.039 MG / 43,039,000 gals.
 Peak Day Demand – .788 MG / 788,000 gals (8/17/22)
 Minimum Day Demand – 0 **
 Average Daily Flow – 117,915 gals.

Wintucket Well #6 (Start-up 1990)

Water Pumped – 127.470 MG / 127,470,800 gals.
 Peak Day Demand – .874000 MG / 874,000 gals.(6/30/22)
 Minimum Day Demand – 0 **
 Average Daily Flow – 349,235 gals.

Quenomica Well #7 (Start-up 1995)

Water Pumped – 107.951 MG / 107,951,000 gals.
 Peak Day Demand – 1.159000 MG / 1,159,000 gals.
 (7/31/22)
 Minimum Day Demand – 0 **
 Average Daily Flow – 297,000 gals.

Nunnepog Well #8(Start-up 2007)

Water Pumped – 123.002 MG / 123,002,000 gals.

Peak Day Demand – 1.165000 MG / 1,965,000 gals.
 (7/31/22)
 Minimum Day Demand – 0 **
 Average Daily Flow – 336,992 gals.

Water Use – All Sources Combined

Total Water Pumped – 401.993800 MG /401,993,800 gals.
 Peak Day Demand – 3.372 MG / 3,372,000 gals. (7/31/22)
 Min. Day Demand – .161 MG /161,000 gals.(2/28/22)
 Average Daily Flow – 1.102 MG / 1,102,000 gals.
 Maximum Week of Pumping – 22.454000 MG (8/3/22)
 Winter Average (October-May) – 14.786188 MG / Month
 or .562 MG / Day
 Summer Average (June-September) - 70.926075 MG /
 Month or 2.325445 MG / Day

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

Water Distribution System

New Mains – Installed by Owner/Developer – (4) 1,810 ft.
 New Mains – Contracted by Town of Edgartown - 0
 New mains – Installed by Town Crews – (4) 1,140 ft.
 Antiquated Mains Replaced – 0
 Total Main Installed – (8) 2,950 ft.
 Total Main Abandoned – (1) 220 ft.
 Total Miles of Main in Town of Edgartown – Approx. 75
 Fire Hydrants Installed – 7
 Fire Hydrants Replaced - 3
 Fire Hydrants in Service - 359
 New Water Service Activations - 65
 Number of Current Water Accounts - 3,513

FIRE HYDRANTS INSTALLED 2022

LOCATION	HYDRANTS
Ogden Way	2
Davis Lane	1
Teaberry Lane	1
Stop & Shop	2
Mill Street	1
TOTAL	7

WATER MAINS INSTALLED 2022

LOCATION	SIZE/FOOTAGE	
Ogden Way	8"	400'
Davis Lane	12"	300'
Church Street	8"	100'
Bennett Way	8"	460'
Teaberry Lane	8"	180'
Stop & Shop	8" 12"	330' 520'
Jernegan Avenue	8"	80'
Mill Street	8"	580'
TOTAL	2,950'	

WATER CONSUMPTION MAXIMUM DAY

July 1, 2018	3,004,000
August 3, 2019	3,354,000
July 12, 2020	2,890,000
August 1, 2021	2,903,000
July 31, 2022	3,732,000

YEARLY TOTALS

2018	358,764,000
2019	334,880,000
2020	359,396,100
2021	355,283,000
2022	401,933,800

Water professionals are very passionate of their profession and Water Departments are not operated without concern for the future. Positive or negative, our passion and concern is communicated to you in the most honest manner possible. Last year, I included a cautionary message about increased regulatory standards due to advances in analytical technology and the increased operational costs this will bring. For this year, I have an equally concerning message as it relates to the water industry. There is little interest in this field by younger people when choosing a career path. I have reported in the past that most of the employees of the Edgartown Water Department have over twenty years of experience. On the one hand, Edgartown is

very fortunate to have a team with this skill level. On the other hand, this presents concern, as there doesn't seem to be many that consider the water industry as a career option. To operate a water system, various licenses are required by the Commonwealth. The daunting reality of this is the fact that most of these licenses are held by individuals between the ages of fifty and sixty years old. As a Water Superintendent, this is concerning and as a consumer, it is horrifying. There is much speculation as to why there is a lack of interest of perspective candidates to follow our footsteps, but there are no clear answers. What is clear, is that something must change and more interest is needed to meet the water demands of the future. To illustrate my concern further, I inform you that as I write this report, we have had a vacated position since July of 2022. Though this position has been aggressively posted and advertised the entire time, not one person has applied. I'd hate to think we will still have a vacant position by the time this report is distributed, but it is entirely possible. If that be the case, interested parties should apply. Should the position be filled, don't dismiss the possibility, as other positions are sure to become available. If you would like to know more about a position in the water industry, simply ask one of us. I'm sure you would be told that a profession in the water industry is an important, reliable, rewarding and a necessary contribution to your community. In the end, I am hopeful that interest in the field increases and that this community, as well as the Commonwealth are able to be served by competent and licensed water professionals. I am also very hopeful that once fully staffed, we may remain that way, as Shane, Phill, Eric and Dylan have all had to pick up the slack and pull extra duties to cover the absence. It is understood in the working field that situations such as this may arise, and these individuals are agreeable to perform the additional coverage. However, this comes at a cost and long-term staffing shortages will eventually wear on the remaining employees.

Source water protection and the health of our aquifer have always been of great concern. While it is true that most water may be made potable with knowledge, technology and finances, finding, keeping and using water in its purest state is always preferred. Per-And Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) is the latest hot topic with the regulators. Though these compounds are widely used in modern day living, it is the drinking water that has received the most media attention. Specifically, the PFAS used in firefighting foams in the past. When this foam was used, there were many unknowns about environmental and public health impacts. Unfortunately, there are still many unknowns about PFAS in drinking water. Regardless, the

2022 ACTUAL WATER PRODUCTION

MONTH	MESHACKET WELL 4 *	LILY POND WELL 5	WINTUCKET WELL 6	QUENOMICA WELL 7	NUNNEPOG WELL 8	TOTAL PUMPING
Jan	62,000	9,050,000	38,900	132,000	100,000	9,382,900
Feb	0	954,000	5,025,300	1,868,000	0	7,847,300
Mar	0	6,000	3,868,400	1,550,000	3,213,000	8,637,400
Apr	17,000	15,000	12,721,300	1,928,000	143,000	14,824,300
May	199,000	37,000	14,474,900	5,484,000	11,963,000	32,157,900
Jun	0	2,569,000	15,159,100	11,168,000	24,954,000	53,850,100
Jul	0	13,270,000	15,004,800	28,021,000	28,799,000	85,094,800
Aug	46,000	13,917,000	15,340,100	28,945,000	28,938,000	87,186,100
Sep	0	2,691,000	11,604,300	21,524,000	21,754,000	57,573,300
Oct	0	301,000	19,377,500	3,298,000	3,096,000	26,072,500
Nov	0	197,000	6,771,500	2,883,000	15,000	9,866,500
Dec	207,000	32,000	8,084,700	1,150,000	27,000	9,500,700
TOTAL	531,000	43,039,000	127,470,800	107,951,000	123,002,000	401,933,800
Monthly Ave.	44,250	3,586,583	10,622,567	8,995,917	10,250,167	33,494,483
Daily Ave.	66,375	309,633	429,195	521,502	694,927	1,101,188
Days Pumped	8	139	297	207	177	365

Chemical Definition and Use: Sodium Hydroxide (NaOH) and Potassium Hydroxide (KOH) – 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 2022					
	MESHACKET WELL 4 *	LILY POND WELL 5	WINTUCKET WELL 6	QUENOMICA WELL 7	NUNNEPOG WELL 8
MONTH	NaOH gal	NaOH / KOH gal	NaOH gal	NaOH gal	NaOH gal
JAN	0	344.0	2.0	3.0	1.0
FEB	0	42.0	90.0	43.0	0
MAR	0	0	66.0	35.0	54.0
APR	0	0	226.0	47.0	5.0
MAY	0	0	273.0	125.0	239.0
JUN	0	175.0	301.0	261.0	569.0
JUL	0	878.0	292.0	712.0	695.0
AUG	0	900.0	288.0	699.0	706.0
SEP	0	165.0	226.0	532.0	560.0
OCT	0	17.0	389.0	87.0	80.0
NOV	0	13.0	136.0	87.0	0
DEC	0	2.0	160.0	24.0	1.0
TOTALS	0	2,536.0	2,289.0	2,655.0	2,910.0

* 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 2022, the well was run for testing and analytical purposes only. The water was not chemically treated and did not enter the distribution system.

Environmental Protection Agency established maximum contaminant levels for six PFAS compounds in drinking water. Following that, the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection was the first in the country to significantly reduce the acceptable maximum levels of these compounds. The result of this action discontinued the use of many drinking water sources throughout the state. While some sources have been recommissioned by the means of water treatment and filtration, others still remain inactive. It is well documented about the PFAS contamination at Martha's Vineyard's Airport and the mitigation efforts in place. I applaud these efforts, as it is my hope that the wells in Edgartown do not become impacted by this contamination. All historical and present analytical data of our wells indicates that we are presently free from PFAS contamination. However, I refer to the unknowns and can recognize that unfortunately, this could become an issue for us in years to come. As I write this report, the regulators are planning for public water systems to test for twenty-six more PFAS compounds. A more common, yet less publicized source of water contamination is the private septic system. Martha's Vineyard is twenty years behind the curve in this area, as the municipal wastewater facilities currently in operation are well undersized for the actual need. In simplest terms, everything that goes into a private septic system will eventually find its way to the aquifer. Some substances will receive the benefit of natural filtration, but some will not. Though modern technology has created chemicals and compounds that make life easier, the earth was never intended to accept or filter these substances. This means that byproducts and byproducts of byproducts continue to enter the water stream. The solution to this problem is simple, but expensive. The more private septic systems converted to a municipal sewer system, the better. Municipal sewer systems can provide treatment and filtration to a much greater degree than a private septic system, controlling the contaminants of the discharge. Additionally, municipal sewer systems can control where the discharge goes, private septic systems cannot. That said, large scale sewer plants with ocean outfalls should be the top priority of the M.V.C. to safeguard the quality of the aquifer.

And yet another concern... I am told we were in a drought for nine months of the year 2022. Often times, it is difficult to convey sarcasm in print, but that was my intent with that statement. In April, a drought was advised by the Drought Advisory Committee and then implemented by the Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs. This was based primarily on the lack of precipitation and the soil

moisture content. Allegedly, there was some data collected from a well, also (though I do not know the location of the well or the accuracy and frequency of the data collected). I am also aware of the fact that we actually came out of the drought conditions at one point, but the drought declaration was not lifted. Further, while in the middle of the drought, the Drought Advisory Committee failed to meet one month. Through the drought, this department was never consulted as to the condition of the aquifer. This is bothersome to me, as we have real time data of our wells and the condition of the aquifer for every minute of every day. The data of our wells in 2022 was representative of that of our trend for ten years. Further, the aquifer is capable of supplying eleven times that which is currently withdrawn on an annual basis. Simply put, Martha's Vineyard will never come close to using the water available. As previously mentioned, the protection of that source is another issue. I am a conservationist, but I am also a realist. It is the goal of the regulators that each community use less water, regardless of population or population swings. To elaborate, Edgartown sees countless visitors throughout the summer months. Yet there are many communities in the state that do not experience this. In fact, many communities decrease in population during the summer months (they come here). It stands to reason that the water we must produce covers the usage of those that visit, but their community sees a reduction in water demand proportionally. As easy as this concept is to grasp and as logical as it may be, it is not recognized. The reason this is concerning is due to the allotment we are allowed to withdraw from the aquifer and the parameters that presents. Understandably, Water Departments have operational expenses. These expenses must be covered by water rates. The fair and equitable way to set rates is to base them on both base and usage charges. In that manner, some revenue is collected by all but those using the most water pay the most. When water restrictions are enforced due to a drought declaration, personal usage must be reduced, thereby reducing the revenue stream. Naturally, the operational costs of the department must still be met so the reward for having water restrictions is an increase in water rates. Interestingly enough, there are no restrictions on private wells, yet they extract water from the very same aquifer that public water systems do. Let me be perfectly clear, I do not promote or condone wasteful usage of water. However, I do believe that a consumer should be able to use water unrestricted as long as there is no real threat to supply based on the information immediately and continuously available at our supplies. Source protection includes monitoring water availability and the most qualified

to do that are the professional of your public water system.

This report is not intended to be bitter, but rather bold and truthful facts. The professionals at the Water Department strive for the best for this community. We believe that Edgartown is a special and unique place and it deserves nothing less. However, it becomes increasingly more difficult to meet the balance of the needs of the community in a sensible and responsible manner and the requirements of the regulators. Still, and through it all, it is our mission to provide the community with the safest water possible, the most reliable water system, uninterrupted service and first-rate fire protection.

As in years past, my closing statements consist of praise, thanks and appreciation. Though a water system may be important to a community, a community is equally important to a water system and without community support, all town functions suffer. We greatly appreciate the support that Edgartown has shown us and are proud to be part of the operations of this community. Another key element of a successful department is the leadership that is offered. In Edgartown, the strong leadership of the Select Board and the Town Administrator benefits this department, as well as all others to serve the community in the best manner and with a positive vision. On many occasions, you have heard me refer to the Water Department as a team. I believe this to be true but additionally, the other town departments are part of our extended team, as the assistance we receive from them is a major

contributing factor to our success. In the immediate circle, are the Board of Water Commissioners and the staff of the Edgartown Water Department. Words cannot express the amount of respect and appreciation extended to this group. Day and night, the Commissioners avail themselves to assist, guide and oversee this department in the town's best interest. Though they are not compensated with pay, they continue to dedicate themselves to their water system and to their community. In a career that spans nearly thirty years, I have never worked with a more dedicated, selfless and functional Board. As it relates to the staff of the department, you are leaders amongst your field. Through staffing shortages, increased work schedules, additional regulatory requirements and staffing changes, you continuously meet the task and consistently provide the best possible services for your community. As a team, this department maintains a solid reputation with state and federal regulators and is regarded as one of the best water systems in the state. I thank you for your tireless dedication to your department, your profession and your community and am proud to be a part of this organization.

The Board of Water Commissioners and the staff of the Edgartown Water Department are proud to serve the community of Edgartown and proud of the services we provide. We look forward to the opportunity to serve you in 2023.

Respectfully submitted,
WILLIAM R. CHAPMAN
Water Superintendent

MV REFUSE DISTRICT

To the Honorable Select Board and the Citizens of Edgartown:

The Refuse District processed, and shipped over 12,500 tons in 2022 of waste and light construction material. All waste was delivered to SEMAS/ Covanta Waste to Energy Facility in Rochester Ma. With construction materials delivered to J.R. Vinagro in Johnston RI. Our recycling efforts also removed over 900 tons of single stream, 400 tons of various metals, over 200 batteries, 20 tons of tires, and 500 tons of leaves/brush.

With new processing efforts, the District has reduced an average seven trailer loads of waste going off Island per month in since July 2021.

Our food waste drop-off program has redirected over 40 tons from all four of the District town's collections sites in 2022.

We are proud to announce that over 600 households participated in the District's Hazardous Household Waste Collection program during 2022. After 33 years, the program continues to grow and provide Island residents the opportunity to dispose of hazardous material in an environmentally correct and safe way.

Mercury Elements and Florescent light bulbs are accepted free of charge, thanks to our contract with Covanta (SEMAS) Waste to Energy, and are accepted during regular business hours at all (4) of our drop off centers, (Rechargeable batteries, Watch/ Hearing Aid batteries and Fluorescent/ Low Energy bulbs).

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

2023 Schedule

Each event hours are 9am – 12pm
May 20, 2023 July 15, 2023
Oct 21, 2023

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

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

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

Dear Mr. Manter,

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

I believe good school systems embrace a culture in which everyone who is invested in some manner with our schools, becomes a steward of our schools, establishing a guiding principle in which a genuine positive and caring regard for all children pervades our buildings. As a steward of MVYPS for over 20 years, and as the new superintendent, I understand the privilege and honor that has been bestowed on me and I embrace and appreciate being entrusted with our schools. Being a part of this talented staff who supports our Island's children is very special for me.

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

- 1) Our work will always reflect the best interest of our students, all students. Their care is the most sustainable work that we do. During my time in MVYPS, I have seen our educators embrace caring as a primary responsibility of our schools. At the same time, promoting the social-emotional welfare of children is a responsibility that must be emphasized to the same degree as instructional measures. As our learners become intelligent problem-solvers, the skills of learning to listen with understanding and empathy become

paramount.

- 2) Effective collegial and congenial relationships will highlight our collaborative work in support of our children. The establishment and maintenance of strong and supportive relationships among adults, students, and their families in our community are vital to student learning.
- 3) Trust and effective communication, nurtured by consistent collaboration, strengthens our work with our students, supporting their resilience and achievement. The internal accountability that is fostered through our collaborative practices, promotes the collective efficacy of our students and staff.

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

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

These critical goals include:

- A clear focus on our students' academic achievement, their academic resilience, and their social emotional health.
- The Tisbury School Building Project.

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

with improved behavioral health interventions, resources, and practices.

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

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

EDGARTOWN SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

To the Honorable Selectboard and the Citizens of Edgartown:

It is a pleasure to report on the status of the Edgartown School during the 2022-2023 school year.

During the first four months of the 2022-2023 school year we held many special events including our Annual Outdoor Picnic for kindergarten students and their families, as well as our Open House, Health Fair, Garden Celebration, and Community Barbeque. Two in-person Curriculum Nights took place in September and October. An Honor Roll Breakfast celebrated the academic achievements of 76 middle school students in December, and the sounds of childrens' voices filled the gymnasium during a K-8 Winter Concert for the first time in three years.

In September school opened with an enrollment of 394 students. By October 1st, our total enrollment was 399. We have continued to steadily grow and expect to reach 405 students in January. The New England School Development Council projects our enrollment to reach 415 students in 2023.

We remain committed to fostering a sense of belonging for students in school and providing our community's children a rigorous and challenging educational experience. Students in grades K-8 are exposed to research-based curricula and participate in rich learning endeavors. Dedicated teachers and support staff work together to deliver instruction and coordinate learning experiences relevant to all learners.

The school works closely with the Town and its departments to maintain the school while receiving support for purchasing and payroll services. The Police Department provides a school resource officer (SRO) at the school five days a week to make the school safe and secure. The school resource officer can become acquainted with students and their families to give true meaning to the concept of community policing. The Fire Department's EMT unit provides assistance to the school's clinic, when needed. Both departments share their resources as an investment in the overall quality of services to the school community. The school hosts police and fire department trainings, as well as community college courses and other community events.

Edgartown School Committee members Kimberly Kirk, Louis Paciello, and Laura Seguin are committed to excellence in our school. They work collaboratively with members of the Finance Committee and Selectboard to analyze the school budget to ensure prudent spending and the proper allocation of resources, and I thank them for their voluntary service to our school community.

Students who are not proficient in the English language are provided specialized instruction according to individualized plans. English learners make up 22.9% of the student body. Learners with special needs make up 24% of our student population and are taught by highly-trained teachers in accordance with state and federal laws. An enrichment program challenges students with engaging experiences. In past years, these experiences have included Mock Trial, architecture, robotics, sign language, marine navigation, media production, aviation, and other project-based endeavors. This year's enrichment opportunities include drumming, gardening, additional art and newspaper projects. Eligible students in grades 7-8 receive accelerated math instruction. Students in grades 6-8 with special interests are matched with community volunteers in mentorships to expand their interests. The Edgartown School houses an Island-wide special education program in an effort to make specialized programming cost effective. The Bridge Program services students from across the Island with special needs.

Our students receive a well-rounded education and are exposed to a variety of experiences, both in and out of the classroom. These include musical productions, play performances, string and instrumental instruction, All Island Band, and general music and art classes that enrich our students' educational experiences.

The Parent Teacher Association (PTA) continues to provide ongoing support to the school and community. PTA President Brooke Leahy and Treasurer Michelle Oteri were joined this year by newly-elected Vice President Jamie Wallace and Secretary Amy Heil.

Teacher grants continue to be offered by the PTA

to support instruction. The PTA awards a \$1000 scholarship each year to a graduating high school senior from Edgartown. In addition to the programs that support students, the PTA also finds ways to demonstrate appreciation to the entire staff throughout the year.

The School Advisory Council (SAC) addresses and solves important issues. The SAC 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). The SIP is a blueprint for the school to follow and challenges the faculty to strive for excellence in all areas. A copy of the plan for 2022-2023 can be found on the school's website at www.edgartownschool.org.

Over the past few years, we have found ourselves needing to learn how to use new technology. Our network administrator, Darren Belisle, has been a key factor in keeping things moving forward seamlessly, supporting students, staff and families. Administration and administrative support personnel have kept the school running smoothly; guidance counselors continue to support students and families, while teachers and assistants support students' educational needs. The cafeteria staff continues to provide free breakfast and lunch for all students in our school. Our custodial staff works hard to keep our building clean. Our school nurse works in collaboration with the Island-wide Health & Safety Committee to provide updated information for families and staff about COVID-19, and the recent increase in influenza and RSV cases.

The Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education canceled the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) in the spring of 2020; however, the school was required to administer those exams to students in grades 3-8 in the spring of 2022. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, most districts and schools did not receive an accountability determination in 2022.

Our seventh grade ski trip took place in March 2022 and our eighth graders spent four days in Washington, D.C. learning about government and our country's history. In May, 2022 we held an indoor March to the Sea tribute featuring our seventh and eighth grade students, and town officials with Town Administrator James Hagerty as our guest speaker. In

June we returned to the Old Whaling Church for the Eighth Grade Graduation Ceremony.

The school is one of the largest buildings in the town with over eighty-five thousand square feet of space, which demands constant attention and upkeep. An extensive elevator renovation project was completed in August. Last Spring Edgartown residents approved a warrant article for \$53,000 for energy efficiency upgrades at the Edgartown School. The Green Communities grant will cover a substantial portion of the cost for new fixtures with dimmable LED lighting. A federal grant in the amount of \$100,000 was awarded to the Edgartown School to be put toward a feasibility study to improve ventilation and indoor air quality in the school building.

Martha's Vineyard Public School Superintendent Richie Smith, district administrators, and their staff deliver a wide range of support services. In addition to augmenting payroll, budgeting, curriculum, ELL programs, special education, and personnel services, the Superintendent's office provides Island-wide special education services to eligible students in a cost-effective manner.

The Edgartown School seeks to renovate its existing playground space into an outdoor learning campus for its students, the town, and the greater Island community. The newly-designed Outdoor Learning Campus will include modern, ADA compliant and inclusive playgrounds and a shaded outdoor classroom that offers unique learning opportunities and supports mental health and wellness. Completing this project will not only benefit the students and families of Edgartown, but it will benefit the entire community for years to come.

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 high-quality 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 I thank you for your continued support.

Respectfully submitted,

SHELLEY EINBINDER, Ed.D.
Principal

**EDGARTOWN SCHOOL
STATISTICS
2021- 2022**

	Average Daily Attendance	Average Memberships	% of Attendance
SEPTEMBER	386.05	409.17	94.35
OCTOBER	384.82	413.00	93.18
NOVEMBER	388.33	418.33	92.83
DECEMBER	364.82	419.64	86.94
JANUARY	352.73	416.52	84.69
FEBRUARY	380.16	421.77	90.13
MARCH	385.21	422.42	91.17
APRIL	398.68	428.75	92.99
MAY	401.33	431.28	93.06
JUNE	400.05	430.61	92.89

GRADE	BOYS	GIRLS	TOTAL
KINDERGARTEN	11	29	40
GRADE 1	16	18	34
GRADE 2	24	23	47
GRADE 3	21	25	46
GRADE 4	30	14	44
GRADE 5	23	16	39
GRADE 6	23	28	51
GRADE 7	22	20	42
GRADE 8	29	27	56
TOTAL	199	200	399

EDGARTOWN SCHOOL

Faculty & Staff Personnel 2022-2023

Shelley Einbinder-Fleischmann	Principal	Renee Habekost	ESP – KK
MaryAnn Bartlett	Assistant Principal	Rich Pease	ESP – 1M
Pamela J. Alwardt	Administrative Assistant	Judy Maynard	ESP – 1S
Nicole Gullotta	Administrative Assistant	Robert Culbert	ESP – 2D
MaryBeth Naron	Receptionist	Skylar Menton	ESP – 2F
Darren Belisle	Network Administrator	Liz Ward	ESP – 2S
Kathryn Curelli	School Nurse	Linda Wanamaker	ESP – 3H
Colleen Hickey	School Nurse	TBD	ESP – 3K
Eric Butler	Guidance	TBD	ESP – 3L
Deborah DeBettencourt	Guidance	TBD	ESP – 4L
Carmen Creanga	Guidance	Bill Jacob	ESP – 4M
Nancy Cole	Librarian	Jessie Merriam	ESP – K-4
Debra Grant	Gr. K	TBD	ESP – 5-8
Katie Kelly	Gr. K	Amy Koenig Da Silva	ESP – 5-8
Megan McDonald	Gr. 1	Mary Beth Meehan	ESP – 5-8
Denise Searle	Gr. 1	Doug Pease	ESP – 5-8
Summer DeSouza	Gr. 2	Ebony Goldwire	ESP – 5-8
Jennifer Fournier	Gr. 2	Robin Davies	ESP – 5-8
Chip Story	Gr. 2	Brooke Bulawka	ESP – 5-8
Pam Hurley	Gr. 3	Derek Chrebet (.4)	ESP – 5-8
Alicia Knight	Gr. 3	Deneen Convery	ESP – Library
Gail Lachapelle	Gr. 3	TBD	ESP Translator/Interpreter
Ryan Leandro	Gr. 4	TBD	ESP Translator/Interpreter
Heather Majkowski	Gr. 4	Dwight Kaeka	Head Custodian
Fabian Garcia	Gr. 4-8 Spanish	Jeff Burgoyne	Custodian
Kara Gelinis	Gr. 5/6 Science	Marjorie Hayes	Custodian
Erin Simmons	Gr. 5/6 ELA	Kara Best	Custodian
Mary Ellen Guyther	Gr. 5/6 Math	Gina deBettencourt	Head Cook/Manager
Brian Perry	Gr. 5/6 Social Studies	Jean Zandowski	Assistant Cook
Lucy Rinks	Gr. 5/6 ELA	Jill Taney	Cook's Helper
Dale Burcalow	Gr. 7/8 ELA/Reading	Dan Townes	Cook's Helper
Celia Mercier	Gr. 7/8 Math	Joel DeRoche/Gary Kovak	SRO
Nedine Cunningham	Gr. 7/8 Social Studies		
Ken DeBettencourt	Gr.7 Pre-Algebra/Gr.8 Math/Algebra		
Justen Foster	Gr. 7/8 Science		
Connie Leuenberger	Gr. K-2 Literacy Support		
Bridget Mello	Gr. 3-5 Literacy Support		
Ellen Wannamaker	Gr. K-4 Math Support		
Suzanne Costello	Health & Enrich, Coordinator		
Lorena Crespo	English Language Learning		
Nicole Miranda	English Language Learning		
Abigail Williamson	English Language Learning		
Catherine Doiron	English Language Learning		
Gail Gardner	Gr. K-8 Computer		
Nichole Shank	Gr. K-8 Art		
Sarah Vail (.5)	Gr. 5-8 Family & Consumer Science		
Gregory Pattison (.5)	Gr. 5-8 Industrial Arts		
Derek Chrebet (.6)	Gr. K-3 Physical Education		
Michelle Pikor	Gr. 4-8 Physical Education		
Lucas Nascimento	Gr. K-8 Vocal Music		
Janet Hurley	Gr. K-3 Special Needs		
Sharon Engler	Gr. K-3 Special Needs		
Laurie Pereira	Gr. 4-5 Special Needs		
Meghan Brown	Gr. 6-8 Special Needs		
Lindsay Morgan	Gr. 6-8 Special Needs		
Ian Lisi (.5)	Gr. K-8 Music Band		
Sarah Knight	ESP – KG		

SHARED SERVICES

Amy Wood	String Instruments
Mariel Garcia	School Psychologist
Bruce Boren	Occupational Therapist
Melissa Mahoney	Occupational Therapist
Molly Chvatal	Physical Therapist
Holly Holtz	Speech Therapist
Sarah Norton	Speech Therapist
Emily Burke	Inclusion Support Teacher
Chloe Benoit	Bridge/Elementary
Lyuba Avramova	Bridge/Elementary
John Cabral	Bridge/Elementary
Sabrina Scott	Bridge/Elementary
Kenny MacDonald	Bridge/Elementary
Kerry Branca	Bridge/Elementary
Kara Leandro	Bridge/Middle
Kara Thibodeau	Bridge/Middle
Reaan Steenkamp	Bridge/Middle

Maggie Benoit

Garden Coordinator

MARTHA’S VINEYARD REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

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

Dear Dr. Smith,

It is my pleasure to present to you a summary of the accomplishments of our departmental staff at the Martha’s Vineyard Regional High School in the service of our students and community. There are many things to be proud of. As an all-island school, we strive to represent the best of this unique community through our high-performing academic core, our hands-on career and technical programs, our abundantly talented performing and visual arts departments, and our very competitive sports teams. It is through the dedication and support of the towns, school committee, staff, students, community partnerships, and parents that all of this is made possible on a daily basis.

Art, Design & Technology

The Art, Design & Technology department continues to offer a rich variety of creative electives, including three levels each of Drawing & Painting, Crafts & Sculpture, Photo/Graphics, and Design & Architecture; AP Art Studio and AP Computer Science Principles; Cartoon Design, 3D Digital Design, Fashion & Sewing, Sound Design, Invention & Technology, Animation, Game Design, Video Production, Web Multimedia, and Programming (including a new Programming and Robotics for ELL course for newcomers with limited English.) We resumed public art exhibitions in 2022, including our annual showcase “Evening of the Arts” in May, including two exhibits at Featherstone, a Vineyard Conservation Society exhibit at the Film Center and Mocha Mott’s, a senior showcase at the Old Sculpin gallery, and an “Empty Bowls” ceramics charity fundraiser at the Ag Hall. One student raised funds for the Food Bank selling pottery for his Capstone senior project. We also partnered with the Martha’s Vineyard Times in February to produce the 12-page “Art Class” newspaper supplement showcasing student art. Sixteen MVRHS student artists won a total of 23 awards in the 2022 Massachusetts Scholastic Art Awards; three students

won Gold Keys and went on to national competition, and three seniors won art portfolio awards. Students were brought to Portfolio Day in Boston, where their portfolios were critiqued by school admissions professionals. When our school photo company dropped our contract, photography students stepped in to photograph some 600 students. Our digital laser cutter has been put to heavy use this year; students digitally design everything from working lamps to jewelry to eyeglasses fashion, and cut and assemble them from wood. Students also utilize 3D printers, including a new resin printer. After-school club attendance has been at record-high levels; students produced a successful 2022 yearbook and our art & literary magazine, SEABREEZES, and students in the Innovation Club built a makerspace in the Oak Bluffs Library and facilitated a series of hands-on public technology workshops.

Athletics

The Athletic Department continues to develop student-athletes using athletics as a medium to develop life skills, offering a wide variety of opportunities with 38 programs at the varsity and sub-varsity levels. 2021-22 season recap: The boys hockey and basketball programs qualified for tournaments with the boys hockey team winning the Lighthouse League championship for the Cape and Islands. MVRHS won its first ever National Championship at the Nike Outdoor National Championship where the boys 4x800 meter relay team took home the title. The boys and girls tennis programs went deep into the tournament, both taking league titles and the baseball qualified for the state tournament. The girls soccer team qualified for the state tournament for the first time in 20 years and won its first tournament game. The boys soccer team shared the Cape and Islands Atlantic League Cape and Islands title. The golf team won the Cape and Islands Willow Bend Cup and then qualified for the Division 3 championship where they were state runner-up. The football team brought home the Island Cup with an exciting game vs Nantucket. For the first time MVRHS hosted, what may become, the Battle of the Islands. On this day the field hockey teams, the boys and girls soccer teams, and the football teams all played Nantucket on the same day, with the culmina-

tion of the Island Cup. It was an exciting day where the varsity teams went 3-0-1. As we move into 2023, with the help of a very talented coaching staff, we will continue to give our student-athletes opportunities that will provide lasting memories and skills of a lifetime.

Career and Technical Education

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

Medical Assisting welcomed instructor Melinda McCarron, who brings experience in several clinical areas including most recently as a registered nurse at MV Hospital. Her knowledge of the healthcare industry and her love of students have made her special addition to the department. The students in the Medical Assisting program have completed their first blood pressure clinic. The clinic, held during school lunches, spurred excitement within the class and the students are excitedly planning other similar events to help educate the student body.

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

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

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

Early Childhood Education has begun the programmatic approval process. Last year they complet-

ed Part A of our application. This year they have 9 students taking the class and look forward to completing the second part of the application and ultimately getting approval and adding an additional chapter 74 program to their course offerings.

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

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

English

The English Department continues to thrive. Several teachers engaged in rigorous and meaningful professional development this past year, namely Rachel Schubert who was selected from a significant number of candidates nationwide to be awarded a National Endowment for the Humanities fellowship to attend a two week institute at Boston University in July 2022 on Friendship and Identity in Literature, Film and Adolescence along with 24 other teachers from around the country. Additionally, members of the English and History departments attended a five day Harkness training at Phillips Exeter Academy in June 2022. Teachers are implementing what they learned in order to better facilitate student-led discussions. We are also thrilled that this fall English teacher Danielle Charbonneau was selected from a pool of candidates to become Massachusetts Teacher of the Year, the first teacher from MVRHS to be given such an honor. Lastly, Seabreezes Literary Magazine co-led by English teacher, Jessica Russell, and art teacher, Chris Baer, published its 42nd edition and our school newspaper, The High School View, led by English teachers Kate Hennigan and Rachel Schubert, received the Highest Achievement Award from the New England Scholastic Press Association this past June. Another development in the English Department is the offering of a Dual Enrollment course through Bristol Community College, a course taught by returning English teacher Maria Thibodeau. Over-

all, our state and national exam scores reflect excellent achievement by English students at MVRHS and are a testament to the hard work and commitment of its teachers.

ESL

The close of 2022 finds the ESL (English as a Second Language) Department in the midst of change. The number of Newcomers enrolling at the high school has slowed to a more manageable number. Consequently, the department is able to attend to issues in a timely manner, Cheri Cluff successfully completed her MS in Mental Health Counseling last spring and is now working with the Student Affairs Office as a bilingual Adjustment Counselor. She is still a member of the ESL department and is ready to take on classroom duties when the need arises. Her work with ESL students, many of whom have experienced past trauma, has been incredibly helpful to both the students and the teachers who work with them. Jonah Kaplan-Woolner and Lizzy Schule have settled into their second year of teaching. Lizzy teaches all sections of ESL 2, while Jonah takes charge of the ESL 3 & 4 sections. Dianne Norton, Department Chair, is teaching those ESL students in the Navigator program, as well as ESL 1 and Sheltered American Studies. Dianne is also working with the Health teachers to make the new health curriculum more accessible to Newcomers and ESL 2 students. In addition to our teaching responsibilities, the entire department is working diligently to update our curriculum to include the new WIDA 2020 Standards. With the support of on-going professional development provided from WIDA webinars and MVYPS consultant Kelly Cooney, ESL teachers are writing curriculum units, learning how to better support ESL SPED students, and implementing strategies to more effectively address Student Success Plans for students not meeting improvement goals for the yearly state-mandated ACCESS test.

Guidance

The Guidance Department continued to serve the academic and social emotional needs of the students. We were lucky enough to welcome aboard Sheila McHugh (MVRHS Class of 2012) as a guidance counselor to work with 10-12 graders. To help better serve our ESL population, Cheri Cluff, an ESL teacher, worked part time as an Adjustment Counselor as

she completed the hours necessary to become a licensed Adjustment Counselor. Luiza Mouzina, a licensed therapist, was also hired as a half time school therapist. Luiza, who is from Brazil, was able to meet individually and in groups with many students from Brazil to help them with the social/emotional transition to schooling in the US. Guidance counselors continue to work with all the Island sending schools to implement a comprehensive transition program for incoming ninth graders as well as to develop an individual post-secondary plan. Students continue to meet with their counselors in groups and individually to explore personality profiles, career opportunities, and college options. We also continue to partner with many island agencies to offer alternatives to the traditional four-year college path. ACE MV, MV Youth, and many other groups and organizations are resources for students who wish to pursue two-year college degrees, vocational and trade opportunities, and various other post-secondary opportunities. The guidance department was able to develop transitional plans for the nearly 150 graduates. As a result, the Class of 2022 had about 75% of its graduates attend a two or four year college or university or technical or trade school. Many of the remaining 25% had concrete work plans after they graduated. The scholarship program again was hugely successful, and the generous donors provided scholarships, grants and additional items such as electronics and book stipends that totaled a remarkable \$2,391,644. Every student in the 2022 graduating class that was attending a post-secondary program received multiple awards totaling \$1,216,593. Post-graduates and other Island students received \$1,175,051. Moreover, not calculated in the total amount (per donor request) included an additional seven awarded for seniors and 26 awards for post-graduates. The scholarship program's list of contributing donors and financial assistance continues to grow yearly. This demonstrates the value our community places on our students to receive a post-secondary education. Each and every scholarship awarded is an investment that creates an opportunity for a student.

History

The History Department continues to expand our curriculum in order to provide courses that all students can access throughout their four years at MVRHS. We have been redesigning the sequencing

of our curriculum over the past two years and are now currently offering World History in 9th grade, American Studies in 10th, Global Studies in 11th, and Civics in 12th. Additionally, we are privileged to be one of 60 schools across the country chosen to participate in the newly created AP African American pilot program. This innovative curriculum is an exciting opportunity for our students to grow their understanding of American history and culture through a new lens. In 12th grade Civics, all of the students are exploring the history of Voting Rights in the United States by exploring a case study of Martin Luther King, his SCLC organization and the events on the Edmund Pettus Bridge. The students have been reflecting on how our country got to that point. As part of a collective effort with the ELL program, the SAO and Student Government, the several history teachers hosted Kyle Williams in training approximately 100 students in the CPR protocol of A Long Talk training. The students were enthusiastic about the opportunity and love working with Kyle. Finally, several teachers went to New Hampshire this past year to study the Harkness program and have brought back an enthusiasm for student-led discussions in their classrooms, which is quickly becoming the foundational principles for the Humanities programs in the 10th and 11th grades.

Library

The Library Department continued in 2022 to serve the school community through lending, access to resources, and instruction. The school librarian co-teaches the senior Capstone course and teaches a mini-course as part of the CTE rotation in which most freshmen are enrolled. Called Navigating Digital Information, it introduces foundational research skills using library databases, how to distinguish news from other types of information, and how to stop the spread of misinformation. Both classes meet in the library, where individual students and classes often visit to research and select books. Circulation of library materials continues to rise. To date in 2022, nearly 1,400 books have been checked out, roughly two books for every student at MVRHS. That is a 22% increase over the same timespan in 2019, when we were last continually in the building over those months. The library continues to provide access to Turnitin (for plagiarism-prevention), WeVideo (a collaborative video-editing platform), accounts for The New York Times

for all students and staff, and access to state-funded research databases. The librarian provides research instruction to classes across grades and departments.

Math

This past year for the Math Department has been one of “getting back to normal” not only with respect to classroom routine, but also in terms of raising the rigor of our curriculum. Many of our department members spent time over the summer engaging in work to support this endeavor. Carole Flanders attended the AP Summer Institute for AP Calculus (BC); Michael Innes and Kelly Magnuson worked on the scope and sequence of our AP Calculus (AB) and Honors Calculus curriculum; Jerry Kadien worked on a platform called Edulastic to address the question/assessment bank issues that had been identified the previous school year; Dawne Nelson worked on writing the curriculum for the new semester Statistics class that is now offered as a Dual Enrollment through Bristol Community College; and Marylee Carlomagno is running a new semester elective entitled Explorations in Engineering. We have partnered with a program called Engineering Tomorrow and its founder Bill Woodburn to connect our students with real Engineers in the field and college students who are currently studying to become Engineers, which has proven to be quite inspirational for the students. Our State Test and National Exam Scores were impressive and we are continuing to implement extra support to ensure we see sustained improvement.

Performing Arts

The Performing Arts Department had 11 students accepted into the South East music festival, and 3 received All-State audition recommendations. We sent 2 students (Jack Crawford and Emmett Favreau) to the All State Festival, where they performed at Symphony Hall in Boston. The MV Big Band went to the MAJE competition in March, earning a Bronze medal. We had to adjust our schedule in early spring due to a COVID surge, but triumphed with a four-day run of Les Miserables, a collaboration between 50 high school students, dozens of community members, and two elementary schools. The Minnesingers had a successful 10-day tour to Ireland. We had a May department concert with all of our performing groups, and the Minnesingers performed their annual Mother’s Day concerts in style. Finally, the band and choruses

performed at graduation. Our new drama teacher, Nate PUNCHES, brings a whole new skill set to our department, focusing on technical theater, set design and build, and production. We are looking forward to some new course offerings in the spring of 2023, and more for the 2023-24 school year in theater. We have added percussion ensemble as well as a hand-drumming rotational (CTE) to the instrumental offerings and a choral ensemble for the first time singers in our school. We had 19 students audition for the South East Music Festival this year, with 12 accepted and 5 receiving All State audition recommendations (Annabelle Brothers, Jack Crawford, Samuel Hines, Linus Munn and Katie Ogden). We have our first department concert on December 1 where we will have 7 groups performing - Orchestra, Concert Band, Percussion Ensemble, MV Big Band, First Year Chorus, Vocal Ensemble, and the Minnesingers. The annual Whaling Church show for the Minnesingers is December 9 - 10. Our students are hard at work rehearsing Chicago for a February 9th opening night, and a smaller group is choosing a play to rehearse and perform at the METG competition in the spring. Lastly, we have received another donation from the Kathryn Goodman foundation, in support of the music offerings at the school. We are studying, rehearsing, performing and competing a lot this year, with more students than we've seen in years. Things are looking up for the PAD at the high school!

Physical Education

Building on a successful pilot last year, our 10th grade students are engaged in a full year of health and PE, covering health topics such as Teen Mental Health First Aid, education around substance usage and deferment, "Get Real" sexual health education, as well as individual and team sports and recreation. All other grades continue to engage in Physical Education for a semester. Our five teachers, Gary Simmons, Liane Dixon, Ryan Kent, TJ Reap and new staff member Tony Mottola work hard to instill healthy habits in mind and body through our coursework. The PE department is also supported by the Sound Foundation, which financially supports three yoga courses each semester. This partnership allows our 11th and 12th graders the choice to take Yoga or the traditional PE program, and this helps support improved student engagement.

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

Project Vine

Project Vine has had a great year in 2022! After welcoming 13 new members as our class of 2025 at the end of January, we took the entire program of 45 students to the Cape Cod Mall to participate in various team building challenges at 10 Pin, including laser tag, escape rooms and virtual reality games. We held another successful "Chopped for Charity" event in March, raising over \$300 for the Island Food Pantry (through IGI.) In April, we visited the city of Boston for a photo scavenger hunt, and in June we held a fantastic end of the year party where three graduating seniors were awarded the Jake Sequoia Baird Memorial scholarship: the most awards we have given in a single year thanks to the generosity of Al & Jill Woollacott. Over the summer, staff met to design a new character education curriculum based around shared movies representing our school's core values. In September, Project Vine traveled back to Penikese Island for our annual retreat, but not before celebrating Dani Charbonneau, our program chair, being named the 2023 Massachusetts State Teacher of the Year! In October, seniors continued our tradition of working with staff at the MV Museum to research, write and perform historical fiction at our 6th annual Island Lore Night. Project Vine also hosted the Navigator and Explorer programs on Halloween for a classroom Trick-or-Treat. We held our fall work day in November, where students cleaned, painted and personalized our space, this time working with MVRHS Art Teacher Tiffany Shoquist to design and make a beautiful group art tapestry. In December, seniors will screen their new micro-documentary about the program for potential incoming members of the class of 2026.

Science

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

design. The department has worked with several local groups (on- Island and off-Island), including Biodiversity Works, Felix Neck, the Shellfish Hatchery, Island Grown Schools, Mink Meadows Conservation group and Cape Light Compact to provide project opportunities for students. We now offer two dual enrollment classes through local community colleges. Students can earn college credit in Marine Biology and Anatomy and Physiology this year. We have also expanded our elective offerings to upperclassmen with the return Island Natural History and Environmental Biology and two lab skills courses offered in conjunction with the CTE department. We are looking forward to a robust science fair in the second week of January and continued success in AP and MCAS testing results by our students.

Special Education

The Special Education Department continues to provide support to meet the individualized needs of our students. Programming can be found in the general education setting, co-teaching classrooms, as well as, the Navigator, Voyager and Compass programs. Our staff has spent time over the last year increasing their strategies and instructional methods through a variety of conferences in the areas of executive functioning, reading, therapeutic, and transition skills. As a team of teachers this year we are placing an emphasis on programming and skill development at the intersection of executive functioning and social emotional learning. Our students are educated throughout the island community in places of employment and places of enjoyment. MVRHS students are developing their work skills at Felix Neck, Trustees of the Reservation, Thimble Farm, Farm Institute, MSPCA. We also have students participating in the work study program in a variety of employment settings. The Voyager continues with the Purple Paws business, where the students make, package, sell and deliver packages of dog treats. The Voyager program is also collaborating with a local business around the opening of a local cafe. The Navigator students continue their work with the Coffee Clipper Cart, practicing interacting with customers and managing money. Our students are excited to be in action again with Unified Sports participating in Basketball in the Fall and Track and Field in the Spring. At all grades, our students are using Naviance to develop skills that help them to reach their goals related to their post-

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

Wellness

In the past year, the Wellness Department has continued to engage students in peer to peer programming. NAMI Peer Outreach is a club that meets to educate and destigmatize mental health challenges within our school community. This is a collaboration with NAMI of MV; the SWEAR (Stand with Everyone Against Rape) program held its first overnight retreat in June 2022; 30 students and 6 staff traveled to Camp Hale in NH. The retreat focused on deconstructing toxic masculinity and exploring the myths and repercussions of gender based violence. Our annual assembly is scheduled for December 2022. Our team is in the second year of TMHFA (Teen Mental Health First Aid) teaching mental health literacy to sophomore students. We continue to engage in racial equity and social justice work collaborating with A Long Talk for both students and staff, weekly WOC (Women of Color) and BSA (Black Student Alliance) meetings. We have implemented the 10 week STRONG (Supporting Transition Resilience of Newcomer Group) curriculum for newcomers to support their development of resilience and adjustment to the United States. As always we continue to support the social emotional well being of our students by offering 1:1 support (in both English and Portuguese) for issues/concerns students and families may be experiencing. We continue to collaborate with CONNECT to end violence; ICC; IWYC, IHC Recovery Coaches and private clinicians to offer support to our students.

World Language

This past year the World Language Department continued to work to further develop our understanding of proficiency and the various means to teach and assess in order to ensure that our students and teachers thoroughly understand where students are in their journey through the various levels of proficiency. We spent the winter and spring meeting with a consultant from the Avant testing company in order to be able to measure our students' proficiency levels in line with the American Council of Foreign Language and DESE. We also explored the newly released World Language Standards by participating in collaborative online modules. In the classroom, we continue to fo-

cus on the three modes of communication; Interpretive, Interpersonal and Presentational in the target language in order to help students practice and build their communication skills. We are proud to announce that our students demonstrated their advanced language skills with 13 graduates earning the Massachusetts State Seal of Biliteracy and one student earning the Seal of Biliteracy with Distinction, as well as a very successful showing for students that took the AP Spanish exam. We are now offering American Sign Language online through the Bristol Community College and American School for the deaf. Amy Crawford joined our department to teach Latin and Dr. Daniel Soares and Carlos Trindade joined our department from Brazil to develop our Heritage Portuguese and our Portuguese Language Arts program. We are so excited to welcome them to the department. In addition, this fall our AP students volunteered their time and language skills to help with 47 Venezuelan and Colombian immigrants that arrived on Martha's Vineyard unannounced. Three College Board Executives visited the school in October to

commend these students for their help. They spoke of the enormous value of using their acquired language skills to make a difference in the lives of others.

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

Respectfully,
SARA DINGLEDY,
Principal

**MARTHA'S VINEYARD REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
OFFICE OF THE TREASURER**

January 17, 2023

financial reports of the District for fiscal year ending June 30, 2022.

To the Citizens of Edgartown:

In compliance with Section VIII of the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School District Agreement under which the District was formed and according to the recommendations of the Office of the Directors of Accounts, we submit the following

FY2022 Assessment
FY2022 Expenditures – Budget vs Actual
FY2022 Balance Sheet

Respectfully submitted,

MARYLEE SCHROEDER
Treasurer

Martha's Vineyard Regional High School District
FY22 Assessment

DESCRIPTION	FY22 AMOUNT						
Operating & Capital Budget	\$ 23,266,857.01						
Charter School/School Choice Tuition	<u>765,489.00</u>	24,032,356.01					
Less							
Chapter 70 State Aid	2,875,680.00						
Chapter 71 Regional Transportation Aid	355,990.55						
Other Revenues	256,827.50						
E&D Offset	<u>600,000.00</u>	4,088,498.05					
FY18 Net Amount for Assessments	\$	<u>19,943,857.96</u>					
Town Apportionments							
(i) Required Minimum Local Contribution	228,827.00	2,491,679.00	2,471,986.00	2,363,828.00	1,144,138.00	9,208,964.00	
(ii) Excess of NSS over Required Minimum	222,802.47	2,614,215.65	2,911,285.61	2,866,725.12	1,232,840.34	10,412,302.11	
(iii) Transportation	9,098.79	23,050.27	118,890.87	117,071.12	50,346.65	425,216.85	
(iii) Capital	10,589.34	26,826.32	138,367.33	136,249.47	58,594.33	494,875.00	
(iii) Other Costs	53.50	135.52	699.00	688.30	296.01	2,500.00	
Gross Assessments	471,371.09	1,122,951.04	5,641,228.82	5,484,562.00	2,486,215.32	20,543,857.96	
Less E&D Offset	12,838.81	32,524.96	167,760.34	165,192.58	71,041.37	600,000.00	
FY22 Assessments Per Statutory Assmt Method	\$ 458,532.28	1,090,426.08	5,473,468.48	5,319,369.42	2,415,173.95	19,943,857.96	
<p>This schedule presents the town apportionments consistent with DESE's Statutory Assessment Methodology format.</p> <p>Member Town % Based on Statutory Assessment Method (voted by School Committee)</p> <p>Numbers may be off due to rounding.</p>							
	1.84%	4.46%	23.62%	28.61%	26.25%	15.22%	100.00%
School Population based on Town Census (10/1/22)	14	34	180	218	200	116	762

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

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

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

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

PUBLIC LIBRARY



Elyce Retmier, Children's Librarian, welcomes kids from the Edgartown School after the first day of the September term.

To the Honorable Select Board and the Citizens of Edgartown:

With the resumption of most in-person library services at the beginning of 2022, staff were hopeful that in-person programming wouldn't be far behind, after almost two full years of robust virtual offerings.

In January, two scheduled in-person events were postponed due to high Covid numbers on the Island. Children's Librarian Elyce Retmier continued her Winter Reading program as well as the wildly popular Book Box subscription service. Adult programs included online yoga with former Library Assistant Jelisa Difo, an art lecture with Janet Mandel, a dietician talk with Judy Palken, Program Coordinator Virginia Munro's online film discussion group, and Library Assistant Chris Look's popular online cooking show, Chef Look Cooks.

In February, the library became one of several Edgartown distribution sites for free at-home Covid test kits. The library tip-toed back into in-person programming with a concert featuring musicians Jeremy Berlin and Shelagh Hackett, much to the joy and exaltation of patrons. Meanwhile, the staff continued to present a wide range of virtual offerings featuring health and wellness programs, yoga, and presentations about art, film, and photography. Toward the end of the month, the Edgartown Planning Board's Master Plan Steering Committee held a series of public charrettes in the library's Program Room, the first steps toward the development of a revised Town Master Plan.

Town-wide mask mandate restrictions lifted in early March, and the programming lineup reflected this shift with

an array of virtual programs as well as a selection of in-person events, including the return of Program Coordinator Virginia Munro's popular film series on the Program Room's big screen, Opera Club, and a live concert with the Jeremy Berlin Trio. In the Children's Room, weekly drop-in Paint Group sessions and a LEGO Club were offered, along with Elyce's weekly Wiggle With the Words movement-based storytime, a favorite with the under-three crowd. The Friends of the Edgartown Library began a monthly Coffee Corner hour, inviting the public to stop by to inquire about being a member, or simply socialize and enjoy a cup of coffee.

The end of March also marked the end of an era: Virginia Munro, who brought stellar programming to the Edgartown Library for fifteen years, embarked on a well-deserved retirement. Virginia made an indelible mark on the library by introducing many exciting, educational, and entertaining programs over the years, including the Sounds Like Summer live music series, cooking programs, Opera Club, and innumerable expertly-curated movie series, all of which thousands of patrons have enjoyed over the years. Islander Emily Becker enthusiastically jumped into the role with an eye toward building programs around dance and the arts, conservation and sustainability, and developing partnerships across a wide spectrum of local organizations and non-profits that will continue the library's tradition of providing educational and entertaining programming for our community.

Late spring was marked with programs focused on self-sufficiency and sustainability, including a kombucha workshop, a talk on how to raise chickens in your backyard,

and a floral arrangement class with renowned florist Louise Sweet. May also marked the first Salt Water Wednesdays program, a workshop teaching all aspects of Island seafood as well as how to prepare it, which sent participants home (after shucking or fileting) with servings of local fish and shellfish. Word of this great offering traveled quickly, resulting in long waitlists every following month the program was offered. Children's Librarian Elyce Retmier got kids moving their bodies on the library's front lawn with the resumption of Fit Camp, led by personal trainer Bonnie Kingsbury.

Also in May, Reference and Technology Librarian Rizwan Malik began holding a monthly tech assistance clinic at The Anchors to provide digital literacy opportunities for seniors.

The Friends of the Library held their annual Mother's Day Open House, with a spring plant fundraiser, crafts for kids, and an open reading of the 10th annual Mother of the Year Essay Contest.

In collaboration with the Vineyard Conservation Society, the library installed a water bottle filling station in the library's front lobby area to promote the use of reusable bottles and reduce plastic waste.

In June, the library's Board Room was dedicated to the late Herb Foster, a former library trustee who, as an unwavering champion of the library, left a lasting impression on the board, the library staff, and all who love the library. The celebration was attended by Herb's daughter Donna Foster, by past and present library trustees, staff, friends, and by community members who gathered to honor and celebrate Herb. In-person programs continued to flourish in June with a weekly movement class, power yoga, a talk on native gardening practices with BioDiversity Works' Angela Luckey, a Foster Care informational session, and the Spirituals Choir led by Jim Thomas, who sang and presented stories about authentic U.S. slave songs.

July and August saw the return of the library's Sounds Like Summer music series, kicked off by local band The Jaywalkers. New acts were introduced to the lineup, and by summer's end, the weekly attendees blanketed the front lawn.

Through the summer months the library continued its regular movement classes, power yoga, film screenings, cooking classes, and author talks. Kathy Lavieri offered her technology expertise to adult learners, and Reference

Librarian Rizwan Malik taught a class on making kimchi. Former Chappaquiddick resident Rob Kagan stopped by to discuss his new memoir. Mark Lovewell presented a stargazing session on the constellations, and Ollie Becker and Emily Reddington of the Great Pond Foundation presented a film screening and discussion to a packed house. In July, the library held its first Disability Pride dance party and supper, a tradition that staff look forward to continuing.



In person programs at the library made a big comeback in 2022, including this author talk with Marc Favreau and Michael Eric Dyson.

Charlie Nadler and Cord Bailey closed the adult summer schedule with an evening of stand-up comedy.

In the Children's Room, Elyce Retmier invited Janet Messineo to teach kids the basics of fishing, and local kids' rock band The Pinkletinks returned to the library lawn for two consecutive monthly concerts of classic children's songs. Tony the Pony joined children for a special storytime, and Jeff Canha stopped by to talk with kids about what it's like to live on the water. Library Assistant Chris Look launched two new weekly programs for teens: an improvisation class, and Dungeons and Dragons.

The Children's Room broke its previous record with 304 young participants in the children's Summer Reading program, whose theme this year was "Oceans of Possibilities." The kids read thousands of books, and prizes for their achievements were generously donated by local businesses including Edgartown Meat & Fish, Dairy Queen, Edgartown Pizza, and Rosewater Market & Takeaway.

September and October brought a shift in both the weather and library programming, which turned its focus back to our local community. In fulfilling our mission to foster lifelong learning, the library held a discussion and Q&A on the war in Ukraine, and the global impacts the conflict has had on the world. Local author Marc Favreau was joined virtually by Vanderbilt University professor



Clockwise, from top left: Salt Water Wednesdays drew a crowd for a lesson on shellfish. The Disability Pride celebration in July was the festive start of a new library tradition. Young friends gathered to share the joy of reading, and Emily Becker succeeded the retiring Virginia Munro as the library's coordinator of adult programs.

Michael Eric Dyson, presenting their book on racial inequality to a standing-room crowd in the Program Room. Rebecca Gilbert gave a presentation on foraging, Tim Sheran led a fly-tying workshop, biologists from BiodiversityWorks gave a presentation on bats, and Dick Johnson discussed tick-borne illnesses. With the start of a new school year, the Children's Room offered after school movies on Fridays, and launched Make It Mondays, a weekly drop-in crafting opportunity for parents of young children.

September also saw the library's first-ever fashion show: patrons got to view looks from three of the Island's top clothing designers modeled by locals, complete with

a runway, lighting, and music. In October, Programs Coordinator Emily Becker introduced Open Mic Night, a monthly event that provided a stage for practicing, encouraging, and connecting with fellow artists.

In November and December, opportunities for enrichment and learning continued with a wide variety of programs, including the continuation of cooking classes with Chef Look, Open Mic Night, and weekly power yoga. Drop-in knitting with master knitter Cindy Bonnell resumed in the upstairs conference room to a joyful group of knitters, and entomologist Larry Dapsis gave a presentation on pollination ecology. Emily Becker's wreath-



The Sounds Like Summer music series was another popular program supported by Friends of the Library.

making workshop was so popular she offered a second class. Library patrons were also treated to a fall concert series in the Program Room, including the Lucas Ostinato Trio, Black Eyed Susans, and Maryse Smith.

In December, the Friends of the Library hosted their annual Open House and fundraiser during the weekend of Christmas in Edgartown. Patrons of all ages visited the library to enjoy refreshments while purchasing fresh poinsettia plants and bidding on raffle and silent auction items. In the afternoon, community caroling led by Friend of the Library and pianist Adele Dreyer and singer Sean McMahon brought the day to a festive close.

Santa visited the library in time to collect wish lists from Island children while National Honor Society students from the high school handed out free books, healthy snacks, and crafts to the families stopping by.

The support of the Friends of the Edgartown Library cannot be overstated: the Herb & Anita Foster Staff Education Fund, established to support professional development for library staff, continues to grow. Their partnership with Dolly Parton's Imagination Library provides free, age-appropriate books to registered Edgartown children from birth until age five, and has grown to almost 50 participants. Their annual fund drive continues to support the programs that our talented staff provides for our patrons. We are grateful for the tremendous support that this volunteer organization continues to provide for the library and our community.

Edgartown Free Public Library Board of Trustees

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Trustees meet on the third Thursday of each month.

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Facts at a Glance

fiscal year ending 6/30/2022

Collection size.....	99,761
Books	34,719
Subscriptions.....	55
Audio CDs	2,166
Video	7,910
Downloadable audio	14,049
Downloadable books.....	39,620
Circulation.....	147,848
Edgartown residents holding library cards	2,127
Edgartown library cards total	5,133
Volunteers	16
Volunteer hours	184
Total number of library programs, live and virtual	538
Total attendance at programs.....	11,009
Total annual foot traffic	50,049



HUMAN RESOURCES

BOARD OF HEALTH

To the Honorable Selectboard and Citizens of Edgartown:

The Board of Health respectfully submits the following calendar year 2022 report to the voters and taxpayers of the Town of Edgartown.

In the Health Department, 2022 will be marked as the year when COVID response activities eased but didn't cease and attention turned, as much as possible, to returning to the traditional activities of the department, including a couple of new initiatives related to changes at the state level.

2022 COVID Summary

- Rapid test kits, sourced through Island Health Care as a Federally Qualified Community Health Center, were distributed to the public free of charge beginning in early January. Early rapid test demand was high and the supply was limited. The first test kit distribution was done on Atlantic Drive, in Katama; due to a weather forecast of snow and ice the night before the public distribution was scheduled, causing uncertainty with exactly how distribution on Main Street might be impacted. Due to the limited supply, an online reservation system was developed for us by Adam Darack, the Town's IT Manager. At the beginning of the public distribution program, residents were asked to illustrate town of residence and supply was limited to one kit per household member. The supply of test kits improved quickly in 2022 with local distribution requirements relaxing steadily into the spring and summer. By year's end, approximately 8,500 test kits, with an estimated retail value in excess of \$200,000, were distributed by the Board of Health at no charge to the recipients. These test kits, although not as

sensitive as the clinically administered PCR tests, played an important role in supporting the public's resumption of nearly all activities and events.

- In early March, the Board of Health met in a jointly posted Zoom meeting of all of the island boards of health and voted to rescind a public place mask 'mandate' (requirement) that had remained in place from 2021.
- On March 31, TestMV marked its last day of providing no charge public asymptomatic PCR testing. This testing service that initially opened at the High School in late May, 2020, eventually relocated to the West Tisbury School for the summer of 2021 and then relocated to the Agricultural Society property in West Tisbury in the fall of 2021; provided an incredibly valuable service to the community and was the result of the generous support of Quest Laboratories, Island Health Care and a core group of dedicated volunteers who worked in ALL weather conditions. Additionally, thanks are due to three the host site boards and committees who made their facilities and support available.
- In May, in concert with the other island health departments, the Board of Health voted to adopt a mask 'advisory' (recommendation) in response to a significant increase in the number of local cases and the CDC's consistent designation, during that time period, of Dukes County as a high-risk community. The purpose of the advisory was partly to highlight the benefits of masking in certain circumstances, particularly when indoors, and to support the establishments and venues that chose to require masks.
- In late September, the Board of Health, again in

concert with the other island health departments, voted to suspend the mask advisory that had been in place since May. This decision was based partially upon local vaccination rates, the moderation of daily case counts and the severity of illness usually (but not always) being relatively mild.

- Throughout the year the island health departments, with the support and funding from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH), conducted seven vaccination clinics held at the regional high school. The seven clinics, all held on Sundays, delivered 2379 vaccinations ranging from first doses to boosters and served all eligible age groups. Three different mainland vendors, secured and funded by DPH, provided the clinical services and were supported by a committed, mostly volunteer, cadre of local staff for everything other than the actual administration of vaccinations.
- At the end of 2022, the Board of Health office in Town Hall continues to provide no-cost rapid test kits and masks to the public. The health department anticipates that the supply of test kits for public distribution will continue, at least, until early summer.

Title 5 Revisions Announced

In June the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) notified the town of pending revisions to Title 5, the environmental code that governs on-site septic system design, installation and operation. This is the first significant revision to Title 5 since it was amended in 1995 as a major rewrite of the prior code that had been in place since 1978. The most significant changes will potentially affect properties served by septic systems in what DEP defines as ‘nitrogen-impaired watersheds’. Title 5 governs septic systems across the entire state but coastal communities, particularly on the Cape and Islands and in southeastern Massachusetts, will experience the most significant changes. As the draft regulation is currently written, in Edgartown, the two watersheds that will be the main focus are the Sengekontacket and Edgartown Great Pond watersheds. You can find Edgartown watershed maps on the Martha’s Vineyard Commission

website: https://www.mvcommission.org/sites/default/files/docs/edg_h2oshed_par_current_0.pdf

As we head into 2023, the public comment period for the Title 5 rewrite is currently open. A significant aspect of the draft regulation is that it provides two options. Option 1, imposes a five-year timeline, from adoption of the regulation, to upgrade a great majority of septic systems in an impaired watershed to ‘enhanced treatment nitrogen removal’ technology. The goal of the regulation being; to reduce total nitrogen generated in a watershed to a level that does not exceed an assigned total maximum daily load (TMDL) for the respective watershed and to continue to meet the TMDL on an ongoing basis. Option 1, with the 5-year timeline for implementation, is not feasible for many reasons including cost and supply chain constraints for everyone involved from property owners, engineers, component manufacturers, system installers to permit administration at the permit review and inspection level. Option 2, the more feasible and preferred approach by most towns including Edgartown, allows a town to produce an analysis and application that supports what the state is calling a ‘Watershed Permit’, issued by DEP. The Watershed Permit approach allows a town to create a 20-year plan, with interim milestones, for complete implementation of the measures necessary to reach and maintain the TMDL for the respective water body. Converting properties from septic systems to town sewer is one way to comply with these requirements although the feasibility of extending sewer service also has associated limits ranging from expense to plant capacity to physical limits such as distance. The DEP has explained that a financial assistance program for property owners is part of the rollout of this significant regulatory change. The spring and summer of 2023 should reveal more information about how these changes to Title 5 will be adopted and enacted in final form. At this time, it is safe to assure the reader that the town is committed to securing watershed permits that will put us on a more achievable twenty-year timeline.

Inter-Islands Public Health Excellence Grant

In the middle of the second year of a three year grant cycle, Alexis Babaian, Community and Population Health Specialist within the SAPHE grant

program, focused on social and human public health topics. Among her main 2022 achievements are: building a joint MV BOH website, a meta-analysis of the past 11 Martha's Vineyard Rural Health Scholars' projects and repackaging the Community Health Assessment into a community health Resource (<https://arcg.is/88zCj>)

Patrick Roden-Reynolds, the Public Health Biologist, is also working under the three-year Public Health Excellence grant. He submitted a standalone annual report, titled: Tick Program which follows this report.

Cyano Bacteria Monitoring in Coastal Ponds

MV CYANO is a collaborative initiative among Island Boards of Health and scientists from Great Pond Foundation to monitor cyanobacteria on Martha's Vineyard. Cyanobacteria, a.k.a. *blue-green algae*, are a group of microorganisms found in all Vineyard waters. When cyanobacteria grow rapidly or bloom, they can produce cyanotoxins, which when concentrated, can cause adverse health effects in humans, pets, or livestock who wade in or ingest blooming waters. Edgartown Great Pond, Sengekontacket Pond and Crackatuxet Ponds were all sampled and tested weekly from June into October. Crackatuxet Pond, being least salty and most poorly circulated, produced the most concerning results with the warm late season test results advising significant caution regarding human and animal exposures. Find the results for the 2022 testing season here: <https://greatpondfoundation.org/mvcyano/>

Acknowledgments and Appreciation

Janet Hathaway, Assistant to the Board, retired early in the summer of 2022. Janet began her work for the Board of Health in 1994. She served as a stalwart in the health department for her entire career and served in important and increasing capacities as the years passed and the town grew along with the Board of Health's work. Importantly, Janet was also a strong advocate in the affordable housing effort and served on the town's affordable housing committee for several years. On behalf of the town, we extend our thanks for nearly three decades of service and wish her well in her next chapter.

The Board of Health welcomes Celena Guimaraes, who joined the health department as

Assistant to the Board in August. Celena moved from the InterIsland Public Health Excellence grant (described in last year's annual report) where she gained training and several certifications, including the ever challenging; Soil Evaluator certification. Celena's ability to onboard effortlessly and immediately contribute helped with an important staffing transition.

Meegan Lancaster, who served on the board from the spring of 2019 into early 2022, resigned from the board in order to accept a job in the private sector that could have potentially overlapped with her role as an elected board member. Meegan worked tirelessly through the first two years of the pandemic to protect public health and safety while also keeping sharp focus on the other non-pandemic topics that came before the board. We thank her for her significant contributions to the board during her service.

Gretchen Regan joined the Board of Health in June as the appointed representative to fill the vacancy when Meegan Lancaster left the board. Gretchen's immediate contribution to the Board's work across a number of complex applications and topics has been essential and very positive.

Tom Pierce and Darren Morris continued to serve as the two town representatives to the Martha's Vineyard Refuse District committee. Both Tom and Darren helped the MVRD complete another successful year and have helped advance the MVRD operation as they were near securing all permits and poised to start with the renovation of the transfer station layout and facility at the close of 2022.

Matt Poole continues overseeing the daily activities of the health department as the Health Agent. Matt will have served the town for twenty-five years by the time this annual report is printed. He notes that the activities of local health have expanded and grown more complex during his time working for the board but there has also been a lot of consistency and stability over the same span of time. Much of the consistency and stability is a result of the commitment of the town residents to collectively make and support good decisions and to always keep the greater good a high priority.

The Board thanks the entire community, along with those from neighboring towns and boards that

have contributed toward successfully navigating 2022.

Respectfully submitted,
 CHRIS EDWARDS, Chairperson
 CANDACE NICHOLS
 GRETCHEN REGAN

Board of Health Quick Facts and Statistics

Activity	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
Septic permits (total, could tally in multiple categories below)	165	169	118	118	113	121
Septic permits (new construction)	55	53	28	31	29	33
Septic repair or up-grade (total, could tally in multiple categories)	46	66	48	64	60	60
Enhanced Treatment septic system with nitrogen removal	41	15	11	21	20	17
Septic system abandonment permit	20	35	32	21	22	26
Septic application withdrawn prior to action or denied	3	0	0	2	2	2
Septic Permit Variance Hearings (total)	23	20	7	18	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>
Variations for repairs or renovations to ext’g homes (septic system)	12	9	4	13	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>
Variations for new construction (septic system)	11	11	3	5	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>
Sale and Transfer septic system inspection reports received	79	79	103	122	123	126
Passing transfer inspections	66	74	93	108	109	117
Failed transfer inspections	4	4	4	7	7	6
“Needs further evaluation” transfer inspections	2	1	3	4	4	1
“Conditionally passes” transfer inspections	3	0	3	3	3	2
Well Construction permits (new, replacement & irrigation)	18	19	10	18	10	27
Food Establishment permits	86	90	49*	103	103	99
Temporary Food Event permits	9	0	2	21	29	25
Tobacco sale permits	9	10	10	11	10	10
“Verified Under-age tobacco sale violations via compliance check or other violation”	0	0	0	3	2	2
Residential Pool Const.	66	64	55	41	27	21
Body Art Establishment	1	1	1	0	0	0
Fertilizer Applicator Permit (2015 first year required, 3 yr. lifespan)	0	0	0	0	20	0
Department revenue from fees	\$74,800	\$73,005	\$55,344	\$67,625	\$60,886	\$53,930

TICK PROGRAM

To the Honorable Selectboard and Citizens of Edgartown:

We completed 97 yard surveys this year and regularly sampled 11 trails throughout the island 83 times. Chloe Combra, an intern through Sam Telford, assisted with the trail sampling in June and July, and Dick Johnson assisted on several yard surveys. 90 yard surveys were conducted in 2021.

Looking through past reports it is clear lone star ticks continue to spread throughout the island. In 2014 a reported 26% (22/86) surveys on Chappy and 1.6% (1/62) surveys in Chilmark found lone star ticks. In 2019, these numbers increased to 97% (56/58) on Chappy and 51% (25/49) in Chilmark for yard surveys with lone star ticks. Although sample sizes differed for some towns this year, there was an increase in the proportion of yards with lone stars for all towns (Table 2). Lone star ticks in residential mowed lawns is the greatest concern for me. I can recount at least 6 properties where I collected ticks from dragging in perfectly mowed/manicured lawns. We typically found lone star nymphs in the lawn not

adults. Aside from spraying, permethrin treated clothing and rubber boots are the best defenses against nymphs in the lawns.

YARD SURVEYS

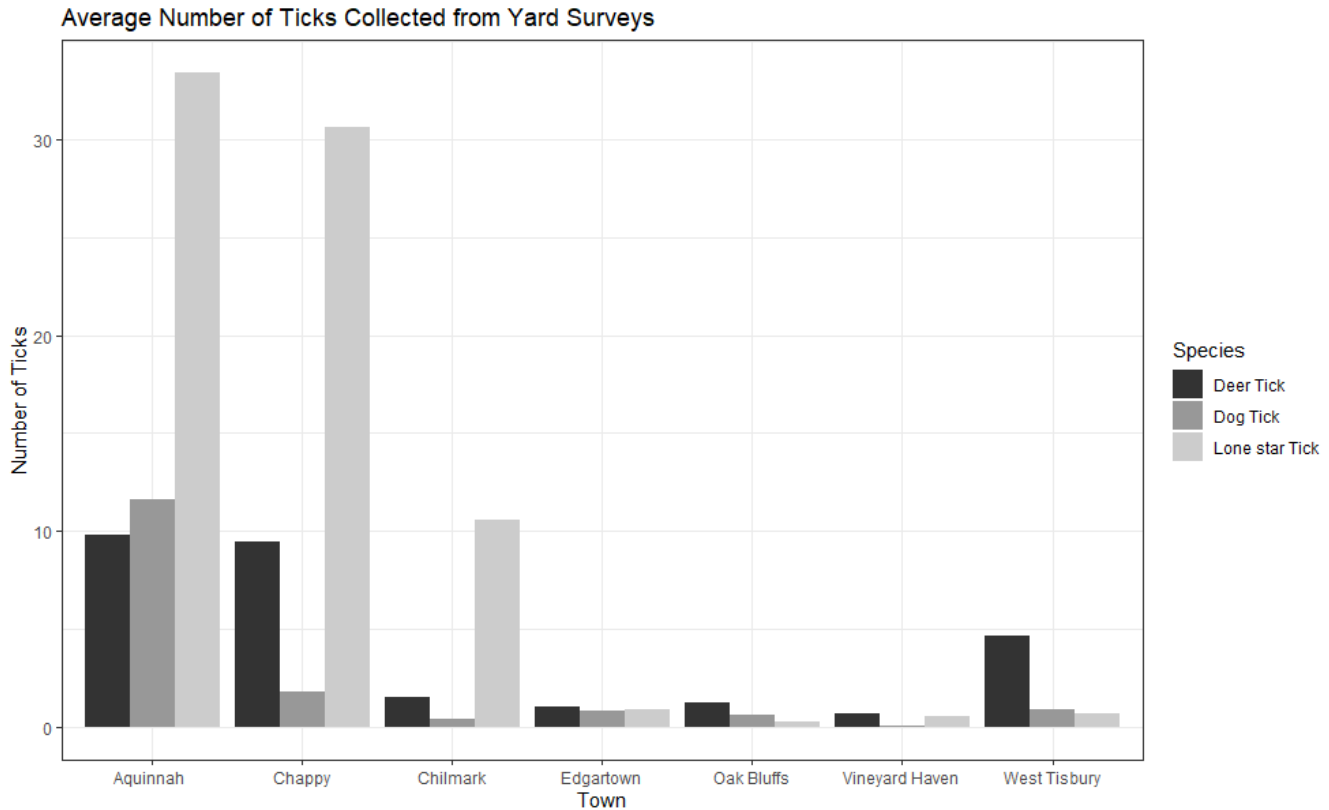
Table 1. Number of yard surveys conducted in each town and corresponding times a tick of any species was found.

Town	Surveys	Surveys w/ ticks	% w/ ticks
Aquinnah	5	5	100
Chilmark	10	9	90
Chappaquiddick	10	10	100
Edgartown	28	20	71
Oak Bluffs	8	5	62
Tisbury	14	9	64
West Tisbury	22	20	91

Table 2. Number of Yard Surveys with at least 1 Lonestar Tick (Larvae, Nymph, Adult).

Town	2019			2022		
	Surveys	Surveys w/ Lone stars	% w/ Lone stars	Surveys	Surveys w/ Lone stars	% w/ Lone stars
Aquinnah	20	20	100	5	5	100
Chilmark	49	25	51	10	8	80
Chappaquiddick	58	56	97	10	10	100
Edgartown	24	6	25	28	14	50
Oak Bluffs	16	2	12.5	8	2	25
Tisbury	11	0	0	14	5	36
West Tisbury	34	12	35	22	9	41

Figure 1. Average number of ticks collected each yard survey for each town in 2022. Aquinnah, Chappy and Chilmark continue to have the highest tick numbers. I suspect the low numbers for Edgartown here are from the number of yards I surveyed that were well maintained, didn't adjoin woods, or were sprayed.



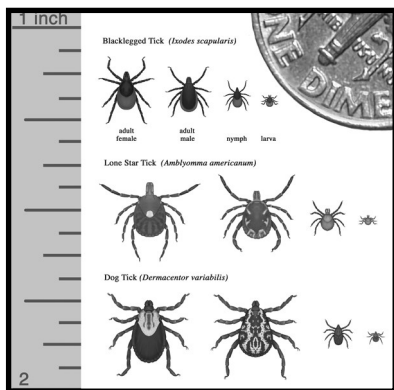
Trail or Public Surveys

Trail survey update: I collect relatively more deer ticks during the trail surveys in most towns compared to yard surveys where I collect majority of lone star ticks with West Tisbury and Oak Bluffs being the exception. I think this highlights the importance of folks knowing the risk of lone stars in lawns, even if they are mowed regularly. The public trails are often more wooded with leaf litter which is prime deer tick

habitat whereas residential yards tend to have more open grassy areas and mixed leaf litter which lone star ticks prefer.

Outreach

We gave several public presentations this past year at Chappaquiddick Community Center, Aquinnah and Edgartown Libraries and attended events with a booth at the MV Agricultural Fair and Edgartown Elementary. We spoke about ticks, prevention, and alpha-gal with WCAI NPR radio.

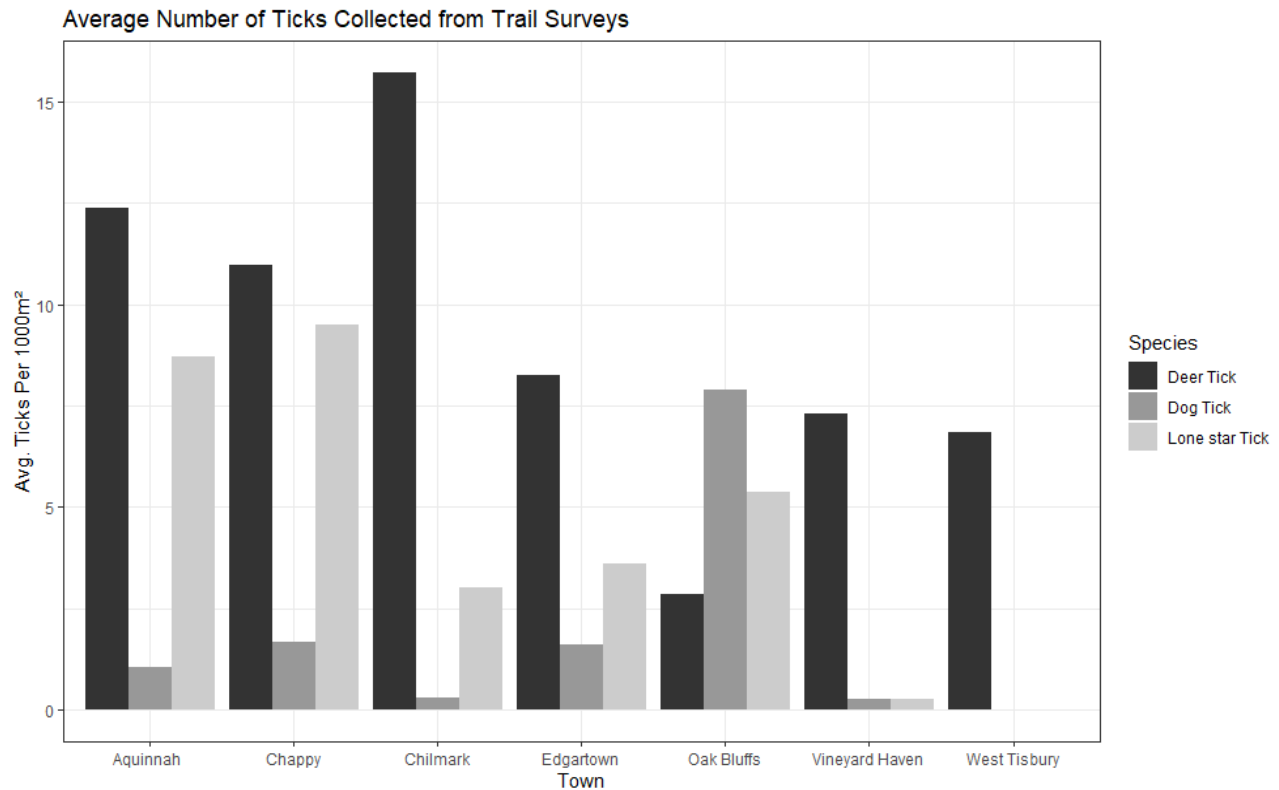


Respectfully Submitted,
 PATRICK RODEN-REYNOLDS
 Public Health Biologist ,
 Martha's Vineyard & Nantucket

Table 3. Each trail was sampled at least 6 times throughout the summer months.

Town	Trails	# Times Sampled
Aquinnah	Gay Head Moraine	7
Chilmark	Fulling Mill Brook & Waskoskim's Rock	13
Chappy	Poucha Pond Preserve	6
Edgartown	Huckleberry Barrens, David H. Smith Preserve & Caroline Tuthill Preserve	20
Oak Bluffs	Tradewinds Fields & Pecoy Point Preserve	16
Tisbury	Phillips Preserve	9
West Tisbury	Christiantown Woods Preserve	12

Figure 2. Average number of ticks collected per 1000m² of sampling along trail edges grouped by town. This can be interpreted as the number of ticks it is possible to encounter after walking for 10-15minutes along trail edges. Although sample size for certain towns was low.



COUNCIL ON AGING

To the Honorable Selectboard and Citizens of Edgartown:

The Council on Aging saw a year of adaptation and growth as we

Overall, in 2022, 798 seniors participated over 10540 times in an Anchors sponsored meal, activity, program, volunteer opportunity, or event. This includes the number of older adults served by the Anchors Outreach team in the Edgartown community.

The Friends of the Edgartown Council on Aging is a non-profit volunteer organization, formed to support the Anchors through fundraising and other activities. Many programs and events offered by the Anchors are made possible by, or enhanced through, the Friends financial contributions, including our surplus food program, exercise programs, craft classes and trips. In 2022 the Friends provided the funds for our outreach department to execute a large mailing to raise awareness of the many programs and services available to the Edgartown community. The Friends group is an important and valued resource for the ECOA and our participants. We thank you so much for your on-going support!

COUNCIL ON AGING BOARD ACTIVITY

The COA Board is composed of volunteers, all of whom are Edgartown residents. Historically, the Board meets monthly, except July and August, on the third Friday of each month at 8:30 a.m. at the Anchors. Since the onset of the pandemic, the Board has met via Zoom. The ECOA Board once again focused its efforts on outreach and services to the Edgartown older adult community, particularly our home-bound elders.

Rosemary Cunningham serves as the Chair of the Board, and she is supported by Board members **Marvene O'Rourke (Co-Chair), Nancy Ignacio, John Dropick, Jay Sigler, and Heidi Boyd.** **Janice Belisle** serves as the Friends of the ECOA representative on the Board. All members bring considerable experience and a commitment to serve Edgartown's older adults. The Board said goodbye to **Heidi Boyd** in August 2022 after she accepted a

new position in another Town department. We will miss her consistent and supportive presence, and we wish her all the best in her new endeavor.

In February 2022, the Council on Aging Board appointed a **Five-Year Planning Committee** to study and review how the Edgartown Council on Aging is addressing the needs of the population we serve in our current location. The goal of this committee is to share its findings and make recommendations for future best practices to the Town.

This committee met monthly to review demographics, evaluate the positives and negatives of our current programs as well as the Anchors building itself, and review and learn from other COAs that are addressing similar challenges.

Members of the committee are:

Marvene O'Rourke, Chair, Dianne Durawa, Lyndsay Famariss, Carolyn O'Daly, Nancy Ignacio, Janice Belisle, Sarah Henderson, Barbara Phillips and Shirley Dewing

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

2022 STAFF

Lyndsay Famariss - Administrator
Meris Keating - Director of Senior Services
Victoria Haeselbarth - Outreach Worker
Donna Paulson - Clerk
Diane Wall - Cook
Gabrielle Nash - Part-time Outreach Worker (temp.)

OUTREACH:

One of the most important components of the Department is community outreach which helps to unite older adults and their families with beneficial services to enhance their well-being. In **2022, our outreach worker, Edgartown resident Victoria Haeselbarth**, increased services and the number of seniors served both in the Anchors and at their homes. These services include, but are not limited to, requesting and monitoring the delivery of Meals on Wheels, home care, home making and shopping

services, creating care plans for older adults and their families, distributing soups and surplus food, making referrals to island health and human service agencies, and providing home visits, case management and notary services.

The response to Victoria's support and services to older adults and their families continues to be extremely positive and she acts as an important avenue through which people learn about and access the many options that exist for our growing older adult population. The number of people served by our outreach department has tripled in just seven years. Victoria has been trained and certified to assist elders with fuel assistance applications and has assumed the responsibility for aiding all Edgartown seniors who request this help.

From May - July 2022, Victoria was supported by **Gabrielle Nash**, a first-year social work student at Boston College School of Social Work. Funding for this very important support position comes from the annual grant from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Elder Affairs.

NOTABLE PROGRAMS AND OTHER EVENTS IN 2022

Off-Island trips are among the most frequently requested and best attended programs of the ECOA. In the fall of 2022, staff were forced to cancel the fifth fully-booked trip in just under three years, due to issues arising from the pandemic. Hope springs eternal and so staff are optimistically planning an off-island trip for the Spring of 2023.

Play Reading in the winter of 2022, led by **Liz Villard** and attended by eight others. The group read "The Hollow" by Agatha Christie.

Healthy Aging Martha's Vineyard's Advance Care Planning coalition set a goal with **Martha's Vineyard Hospital** to encourage more island adults to complete their **Health Care Proxies**. Staff of the ECOA answered the call and increased their typical assistance in this area to 25 individuals in 2022.

Lecturer Michael Quinlan drew a large crowd of lifelong learners to his talks on Ukraine and China. Michael is looking forward to returning to the Anchors in the summer of 2023.

Naturalist Dick Jennings gave a wonderful talk on osprey migration to a full room of birding enthusiasts. A favorite program for all who attended.

Hospice and Palliative Care of MV presented an informative session on the services they offer, and ways Hospice can support island families.

In a collaboration with the **Edgartown Public Library**, tech and reference librarian **Rizwan Malik** comes to the Anchors every second Wednesday of the month for one-on-one tech consultations. This offering has been a popular, valuable monthly event.

Director of Senior Services **Meris Keating** led a **genealogy group** in 2022 and was able to help several participants in their quest for information about their heritage and family trees. The program was well received and Meris continues to assist people with their genealogy upon request and as time permits.

A group of ECOA participants enjoyed a private tour of the **MV Museum**.

Thanks to the hard work of **Healthy Aging Martha's Vineyard (HAMV)** and their community partners, the ECOA was able to host the "A Matter of Balance" workshop. The news of this program's return shed light on the very real need for more offerings tailored to help people with a fear of falling. The program was a success, with excellent reviews from those who participated and more workshops already being scheduled at other island COAs in 2023. A big thank you goes out to **Cindy Trish** (HAMV Executive Director), **Island Health Care**, and the coaches who worked so hard to make the workshops happen.

Holiday Open House: The annual holiday open house occurs in tandem with the Christmas in Edgartown celebration. The 2022 Open House was a success, with attendees grateful to be back together enjoying good food and the company of friends both old and new. Four holiday gift baskets were raffled off to lucky winners thanks to the **Friends of the ECOA**. Also enjoyed by all were the 2022 planners and dozens of beautiful confections made by volunteer baker extraordinaire **Carolyn O'Daly**.

The Vineyard Sound: Thanks to a pop-up tent and

some chairs loaned from the **Edgartown Library**, we were able to host this, one of our favorite annual summer events. Forty-three people attended this lovely outdoor performance of the beloved acapella group **The Vineyard Sound**, and all were happy to once again soak in the beauty of our view and the sounds of summer while enjoying a frozen treat from **Diane Wall's** kitchen. Thanks to the **Friends of ECOA** for continuing to sponsor this event.

Exercise and Wellness: 58 individuals participated a total of 1,036 times in exercise and wellness classes including Tai Chi with **Nan Doty**, Yoga with **Carol Vega**, Mindfulness Meditation with **Ed Merck**, and A Matter of Balance workshop with multiple instructors including our Tai Chi instructor Nan Doty. The ECOA is looking to expand exercise options to include other modalities in 2023.

VOLUNTEERS

The Edgartown Council on Aging simply could not serve Edgartown's older residents at the level we do without the support of our many volunteers. They enhance the work we do by donating their time in a myriad of ways including: board members, fish distribution assistants, friendly visitors, gleaners, kitchen helpers, cooks, bakers, dining room set-up assistants, reception and telephone assistants, leaders of bridge, mahjong and conversation groups, drivers, meal delivery drivers, surplus food handlers, craft class leaders, SHINE (Serving Health Information Needs to Everyone) representatives, and tax preparers.

We also are proud of our volunteers who share their knowledge and expertise with us through programs including lectures on world affairs, ornithology, theater, opera, and musical performances.

In 2022, the Anchors community benefited from the generosity of 47 dedicated and caring volunteers. The economic value of their 1,782 volunteer hours in 2022 was \$33,881. We are ever grateful for the ECOA volunteers and the enthusiasm, knowledge, and hard work they contribute to enrich our community.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT AND DONATIONS

The COA received donations from the following businesses and farms: MV Fishing Derby, The Fishermen's Preservation Trust, Island Grown Initiative, the Gleaners, Slough Cove Farm, Island Food Products, Slip Away Farm, The Federated Church of Martha's Vineyard, Morning Glory Farm, and the many individuals, gardeners, and farmers who brought us fresh vegetables and flowers from their gardens and farms. Our Friends organization continues to support the majority of our programming here at the Anchors. As always, we are extremely grateful to our local businesses, friends and neighbors for all of their support.

FRIENDS OF THE ECOA

The Friends of the Edgartown Council on Aging is a 501c3 organization that assists the COA in serving and supporting our community's seniors. Co-Presidents **Barbara Phillips** and **Madeline Fisher** lead a group of dedicated Edgartown volunteers who work to make sure the unmet needs of Edgartown's most vulnerable residents get the attention they deserve. Treasurer **Janice Belisle** serves as a representative to the ECOA board, and she is a regular in the Anchors building at programming and meetings. The Friends' funds continue to support and subsidize such programs as: our weekly in-house prepared meals and soups, supplemental food for our surplus food program, art and craft supplies, plants, flowers, and gardening program supplies, yoga, tai chi, our monthly newsletter, complimentary annual planners, as well as gift baskets and other door prizes for the annual open house. In addition, the Friends contribute to older adults' emergency needs for utilities, as well as gift cards for acute food needs at Stop & Shop supermarket. They offered financial support for transportation to off-island medical appointments when all other supports have failed. They work in collaboration with the ECOA and our town's EMTs to fund smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, fire extinguishers, and lock boxes for Edgartown's older adults.

TOWN DEPARTMENTS WORKING TOGETHER

We are grateful for the town departments that help meet the needs of the Anchors and the town's older adults. The **Town Assessor** and **Human**

Resources departments work with the ECOA to offer the Senior Tax Work-Off program that offers qualifying seniors the option to work for town departments and receive property tax credit. Our **Board of Health** funds our public health nurse and blood pressure clinics, case management, and home visits. The **Edgartown Highway Department** helps us whenever we call. The **Edgartown Police Department** often goes the extra mile with our more vulnerable community members. Together with the **Edgartown Fire Department and EMTs**, they provide outreach and check on the most vulnerable residents during storms, power outages, and times of need throughout the year. We send a special thank you to **Sergeant Will Bishop** for his popular monthly program ‘Coffee with a Cop’. The Edgartown Fire Department and EMTs also provided seasonal gift totes stuffed with helpful and fun gifts to Edgartown’s older community members. Our COA is part of the Emergency Management Team which coordinates an emergency response to storms, hurricanes, and inclement weather events. All of Edgartown’s departments work together to try to provide support when an older resident is in need of help. We’re so grateful for our Town colleagues.

PARTNERSHIPS

The community benefits when the ECOA joins forces with other local organizations. Some of the relationships we continue to foster include: **Island Grown Initiative, Elder Services of the Cape & Islands** (CARES grants to support caregiver appreciation efforts), **Healthy Aging MV, Island Health Care, Martha’s Vineyard Community Foundation, Martha’s Vineyard Commission, Martha’s Vineyard Community Services, Martha’s Vineyard Hospital, Vineyard Health Care Access, Vineyard Smiles, Dukes County Social Services** and the **Martha’s Vineyard Center for Living**.

We partnered with the **Vineyard Transit Authority (VTA)** and **Healthy Aging MV** to create a COA transportation program at the Anchors that launched in the spring of 2022. With initial financial support from the **Martha’s Vineyard Community Foundation**, we began offering transportation to our participants for our programming, events and shopping trips in Edgartown. Edgartown resident

Bruce DiRuggeiro stepped up to serve as a regular volunteer van driver to our weekly program participants. He has driven people to Anchors lunches and programming, as well as shopping and pharmacy outings. In the fall of 2022, we partnered with Chappaquiddick resident **Mary Spencer** to expand this service to offer van service for Chappy residents to meet the VTA’s Medivan service to Boston hospitals. As a member of Healthy Aging MV, our COA supports and makes valuable contributions to island-wide programs and initiatives benefiting older adults. The **Massachusetts RMV** offered a Zoom presentation on the ‘Real ID’, and will continue to offer similar presentations to keep us up to date. The **Better Business Bureau and Boston Office of Consumer Affairs** again offered an hour-long session on Fraud and Scams, including resources on how to prevent being a victim and what to do if you become one.

Our annual Veteran’s Day luncheon was made extra special thanks to a collaboration with **Susan Brown** of the Daughters of American Revolution Martha's Vineyard Seacoast Defence Chapter. MVCS Veteran advocates **Bob Tankard** and **Tom Bennett** of MVCS, and Duke’s County Veterans Agent **Randy Dull** helped to invite fellow veterans and also spoke about programs and services available to veterans on the island. The ECOA is grateful for their relationship with **Peter Wells** of the **Chappy Ferry**, whose cooperation makes it possible to serve older adults on Chappaquiddick. We thank the **MV Times** for generously delivering 25 free newspapers each Thursday morning for our patrons. We also thank the **Vineyard Gazette** for allowing us to pick up free newspapers each Friday morning for our patrons to enjoy. We look forward to broadening our partnerships with other island organizations in 2023.

PROGRAM AND SERVICES STATISTICS

Statistics below reflect numbers of individuals participating in different Anchors programs; the numbers do not include how many times each individual attended each program and/or event. Moreover, these numbers do not reflect all attendees of all programs, but show attendance for our most popular activities, events, and outreach. These numbers, or data, are entered into our MySeniorCenter database and reported in various

ways, depending on the statistics sought.

OUTREACH / ADVOCACY

- 221 received advocacy for 779 units of support services
- 67 received health insurance counseling
- 67 individuals received visits in their homes
- 328 received assistance, including fuel subsidy, family support, hospital visits
- 17 individuals received EMT visits to check/install smoke detectors and check fire safety

SUPPORT SERVICES

- 574 Individuals served
- 399 telephone reassurance calls were made
- 46 borrowed medical equipment
- 59 purchased senior VTA bus passes
- 574 people received 3,396 referrals to service organizations

WELLNESS

- 58 individuals attended yoga, tai chi, A Matter of Balance, and meditation for a total of 1066 visits.
- 375 benefited from various offerings including blood pressure and hearing screenings, My Life My Health, Medication and Falls Talk, Cannabis Talk, the Happiness Project, and free at-home Covid tests from the Board of Health.

NUTRITION, LUNCHESES

- 671 received monthly Open Cupboard/surplus food, including fish derby distribution, gleaned produce, Island Grown Initiative soups, MV Seafood Collaborative chowders.
- 2,239 meals were picked up through the Anchors' Soup and Brown Bag Lunch programs during 2022.
- 520 meals were delivered through Wednesday outreach meals (424), holiday meals from MVH (82), and Edgartown Police Department's Turkey program (14).

COMMUNITY EDUCATION, ARTS, & CULTURE

- 1300 copies of The MV Times were made available each Thursday via a contactless pickup bin outside the Anchors building.
- 389 participated in conversations, Coffee with a Cop, genealogy, tech help, a tour and lecture at

the MV Museum, as well as lectures on bird migration, world events, fraud prevention, and opera appreciation.

- 322 participated in ongoing knitting groups, craft workshops, painting classes, and a logo design informed by input from the Anchors community received national recognition when featured in the My Senior Center newsletter.

MUSIC

- 288 people enjoyed musical performances sponsored by the Friends of the ECOA. We thank Adele Dreyer, Michael Haydn, The Vineyard Sound, Sean Fullerton, and the Minnesingers for sharing their talents.

SUMMATION

In 2022, the Covid-19 pandemic continued to wreak havoc on the ECOA's plans and traditions. Our dedicated Board, staff and volunteers continued to adjust to the changing public health directives to offer consistent support, resources, nutritious food, and entertaining events to Edgartown's older adults. We're grateful for the all of our partnerships, but of special note are the new partnerships that we have made with Healthy Aging MV, the VTA, the Chappy Ferry and the Chappaquiddick volunteers who will allow us to expand our offerings to all Edgartown residents, including our neighbors on Chappy. As always, we hope to be a welcoming, resourceful, vibrant, and dependable community center for Edgartown's older adults. We look to the new year with hope and anticipation of welcoming and serving the Edgartown community.

Respectfully submitted,

ROSEMARY CUNNINGHAM,
Chairperson, Board of Directors

LYNDSAY FAMARISS,
Administrator

ELDER SERVICES OF CAPE COD & THE ISLANDS, INC.

To the Honorable Selectboard and Citizens of Edgartown;

Elder Services of Cape Cod & the Islands Inc. is a private not-for-profit community-based organization serving the changing needs of the older adult population in the twenty two towns of Barnstable, Dukes, and Nantucket counties. Since 1972, we have been dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for elders in the community, and help to assist them in maintaining maximum independence and dignity. We are the federally designated Area Agency on Aging (AAA), the state designated Aging Services Access Point (ASAP), and the Aging Disability Resource Consortium (ADRC).

In FY 22 Elder Services Nutrition program (Meals on Wheels, Senior Dining) served 42,079 meals on MV. 289 seniors received meals delivered to their homes by a corps of over 105 Meals on Wheels volunteers. Under the oversight of the Elder Services registered Dietitian, all meals are prepared through our contract with the Martha's Vineyard Hospital and are delivered to homes and dining sites in all six towns by our volunteers. Our Senior Dining sites are located at the Oak Bluffs, Tisbury, and Up Island Councils on Aging. Our Nutrition program coordinator also participates in the Island Food Equity Network Summit that meets to collaborate on food access for Martha's Vineyard residents. ** Our Senior Dining program has remained closed due to COVID19. We are hopeful to be able to reopen that program in 2023.

Our Home Care Program provides eligible elders the supportive services they need to live safely and independently at home. Professional Care Managers assess needs, develop a service plan, arrange for necessary support, and see elders on going to ensure continuous management of services. In FY 22, The Home Care Program served 285 elders on MV. There were 21,297 hours provided through; personal care assistance, medication management, light cleaning, meal prep, shopping, chore, and laundry services contracted through our vendors. In addition, 124 elders were enrolled with a Personal Emergency

Response System (PERS). Home Care can also include services provided by the Martha's Vineyard Center for Living including their Supportive Day program and Alzheimer's and Dementia coaching.

Senior Corps RSVP volunteers are providing transportation services for Vineyard Village at Home. A volunteer Nursing Home Ombudsman regularly visits residents of Windemere Nursing and Rehabilitation Center to provide advocacy and support. Elder Services of Cape Cod and The Islands has also been an active member of The Dukes County Health Council since its inception. We also serve on the Oversight Committee and BOD of its Healthy Aging Martha's Vineyard as well as the Falls Prevention sub-committee. Our Protective Services unit has joined Martha's Vineyard Community Services' Connect to End Violence elder abuse prevention effort and Safe Seniors collaboration. We look forward to active and ongoing participation in these local initiatives.

In addition to the Elder Services' in-house programs that serve the elder population, the AAA distributes Older America Act Title III funds to other community agencies/organizations to provide needed care and assistance. Martha's Vineyard was awarded funds for programs offered through Martha's Vineyard Community Services. Martha's Vineyard Community Services provides bi-monthly support groups for caregivers of elders. MVCS also provides some funding for respite needs while caregiver attends the support group. This program was awarded \$5,400. Martha's Vineyard Community Services also provides home/community short-term assessment, intervention, and referral for mental health and substance abuse issues for elders 60 and over. This program was awarded \$12,000.

Elder Services of Cape Cod and the Islands uses federal, state, town, and private funds to provide essential community programs/services. The value of these funds is greatly enhanced by Town support, the cooperative efforts of the Councils on Aging, and the many Island residents who volunteer their time and skills. We appreciate the value of the community support we receive and expect to continue to work

collaboratively and productively with local organizations to meet the challenges of the future.

Respectfully submitted,
MEGAN PANEK,
MV Director

PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

Information & Referral: A central source of information on all services available to older adults on Cape Cod and the Islands as well as the entry point for referral to Elder Services' many programs. All referrals Call 1-800-244-4630. For additional information visit our website at www.escci.org. Martha's Vineyard Office- 508-693-4393.

Protective Services: Help is available 24/7 for anyone over the age of 60 who has been abused, neglected, financially exploited or is at risk of harm due to self-neglect. Call 1-800-922-2275 to report 7 days a week 24 hours a day.

Home Care Program: Services are provided to help an elder remain safely in the community; Care Managers assess the needs, develop a service plan, arrange for supports, and see elders on going to manage services, and help with resources. To qualify, individuals must be sixty or older, meet financial eligibility guidelines, and have specific unmet care needs.

Senior Nutrition Program: Senior Dining Centers are located at Tisbury, Oak Bluffs, and Up-island Senior Centers; Meals on Wheels are delivered by volunteers in every town for any elder who is

homebound. Delivery is Mon-Fri usually between 10-Noon.

Family Caregiver Support Program: Provides education, advocacy, and connections to community resources that will enable the caregiver to better care for their loved ones as well as themselves.

Money Management Program: Volunteers, trained and certified, meet with elders in their homes to help them balance their checkbooks, pay bills, and oversee other routine financial management tasks.

Senior Community Services Employment Program: Provides training and part-time employment to individuals fifty-five and older.

Senior Service Corps: A corps of volunteers who enhance the community by participating in a wide variety of service activities.

Options Counseling: Provides information and short-term counseling to assist consumers (elders aged 60 and older or individuals over the age of 18 with any disability) in making informed choices about long term care services, support, and settings.

Long Term Care Ombudsman Program: Ombudsmen are trained and certified advocates with the authority to make weekly unannounced visits to facilities to monitor the condition of the home and meet with residents and/or their families to discuss any concerns they might have about the quality of their care.

Long Term Care Screening: Registered nurses assess an individual's health and functional abilities in order to determine medical eligibility for Medicaid funding of nursing home care.

MV CENTER FOR LIVING

To the Honorable Selectboard and Citizens of Edgartown;

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

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

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

PROGRAMS & SERVICES

Supportive Day Program: The Supportive Day Program (SDP) is a professionally run social program for individuals who are at risk if left alone and unable to participate independently in community activities and programs. Our focus is on providing community-based support and opportunities for social connections to combat isolation and loneliness, the greatest threats to the wellbeing of our clients and their caregivers. The SDP is open Monday-Friday from 9am to 2pm.

The Center for Living is a place where older adults, regardless of ability, can engage with their community, enjoy the company of friends and peers, in a safe environment free of stigma. The Supportive Day program offers companionship, conversation and widely ranging activities tailored to individual

capacity, including exercise and yoga, music, singing, dancing, and arts and crafts. Careful attention is paid to the physical and emotional needs of our clients. A morning snack and nutritious, home-made noon meal are prepared on-site and served family style.

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

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

Transportation: In October 2022, MVCL acquired a Lift Van from the Vineyard Transit Authority and hired a driver to provide daily transportation to and from the Center for approximately two thirds of our SDP clients. We continue to partner with the VTA, as they provide transportation for some of our clients, as well as the training and testing required of Lift drivers.

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

opportunity to enjoy the social aspects of being out in the community.

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

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

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

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

program, Dukes County Health Care Access program and the Elder Law program for additional supports and services.

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

MV Community Foundation Utility Support Program 2021-2022: As a response to the pandemic and the resulting widespread loss of income and resources, the MV Community Foundation, with a combination of state funding and generous local philanthropic support, was able to provide significant relief to islanders by funding a Utility and Rental relief assistance program. To administer and distribute these funds the MVCF sought to partner with other island non-profit organizations with experience in these areas. MV Center for Living stepped forward to take applications and distribute the utility portion of this funding. We received referrals from Dukes County Social Services, Councils on Aging, the MVCS CORE program, Morgan Woods, MV Hospital Social Worker for island families in need of assistance with utility bills

FEMA/Emergency Food and Shelter Program 2021-2011:

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

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

Emergency Food Program: Martha’s Vineyard Center for Living is a sponsoring agency of the Greater Boston Food Bank emergency food distribution program on Martha’s Vineyard. MVCL coordinates Emergency Food distribution centers

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

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

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

Martha's Vineyard Regional High School Luncheon Program: Post pandemic, we were finally able to resume this program in the 2021-2022 school year. Once a month between 25 and 40 folks enjoy a delicious meal prepared and served by the

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

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

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

We are grateful for the generous support of all town Selectboards, Finance Committees, Councils on Aging, other municipal agencies, as well as our non-profit partners and the community at large. This support and generosity make a positive impact on the lives of many islanders and is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,
LESLIE CLAPP,
Executive Director

MV CULTURAL COUNCIL

To the Honorable Selectboard and Citizens of Edgartown;

The mission of the Martha’s Vineyard Cultural Council (MVCC) is to promote excellence, access, education, and diversity in the arts, humanities, and interpretive sciences to improve the quality of life for all Island residents. Our grants may be modest, but their effects resound mightily through the Vineyard community.

Each year, the MVCC receives and evaluates grant applications for projects that help support our mission. Instructions, program guidelines, and application forms are available at massculturalcouncil.org. The MVCC gives priority to projects originating on the Island and benefiting the year-round Island community.

In 2022 the MVCC held several meetings virtually from October-December to evaluate applications. For FY23, the Commonwealth allocated the MVCC \$30,000 for local re-granting. The six Island Towns also contributed generously: Aquinnah (\$1,500), Chilmark (\$3,500), Edgartown (\$3,500), Oak Bluffs (\$2,000), Tisbury (\$3,500), and West Tisbury (\$3,500). A number of prior year grantees were unable to follow through with their projects, and so those funds were rolled over to be distributed this year. Together, the total amount available for grants was \$57,901. This year the MVCC received 49 applications requesting a total of \$121,510. The 32 grants awarded by the MVCC are listed below.

As always, the members of the MVCC wish to thank West Tisbury Town Accountant Bruce Stone and Town Treasurer/Collector Katherine Logue, who have processed the financial transactions of the Council since it became a regional entity in 2003. The members of the Cultural Council hope that Edgartown will again contribute \$3500 in FY24 so that the Council may continue to fulfill its mission.

Respectfully submitted,
RIZWAN MALIK, Chair

MVCC Members

West Tisbury

IRENE TEWKSBURY,
Treasurer
PAUL DOHERTY
HAL GARNEAU

Aquinnah

PENNY WEINSTEIN
BERTA WELCH

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JULIA KIDD
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Edgartown

SUSAN PRATT
SUSAN SHEA
BARI BOYER, Secretary

Oak Bluffs

ABBY BENDER
ABBY REMER
RIZWAN MALIK, Chair

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

PLANNING

PLANNING BOARD

To the Honorable Selectboard and Citizens of Edgartown,

In 2022, the Planning Board reviewed about sixty applications and scheduled twenty-nine public meetings, which were held remotely via Zoom due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Board Actions

2022 was a challenging year for the planning board due to staffing shortages and ongoing development pressures. Among the applications reviewed this year were:

- One Form B Preliminary Subdivision Plan (MGL Chapter 41, Sec. 81S);
- Eight requests for endorsement of plans of land not believed to require approval under the Subdivision Control Law (MGL 41 Sec. 81L);
- Six requests for special permits or changes to special permits in the B-II District (Edgartown Zoning Bylaw, Sec. 3.2);
- Twenty-three requests for special permits for various residential uses in the Coastal District (EZB, Sec. 5.1);
- Two requests for special permits for piers, piles or landings (EZB Sec. 6);
- Four requests for 'de minimis' determinations (EZB Sec. 10.1.G.2.H);
- Three requests relative to a change of curb cut or road name change.

A full record of applications can be found in the planning board office.

Topics of Special Focus

Master Plan: The Master Plan Steering Committee continues to work with Dover, Kohl & Partners to refine the draft master plan after holding two series of week-long charettes to brainstorm and design the plan concepts in the February and June 2022.

Membership to the Steering Committee is as follows: Juliet Mulinare Chair, Jeffrey Agnoli, Jonathan Blum, Doug Cooper, Gail Croteau, Paulo

DeOliveira, Jack Ensor, Madeline Fisher, David Ignacio, Marcel LaFlamme, Mike Mackenty, Robert Strayton, and Pia Webster.

Martha's Vineyard Hospital & Navigator Homes Green House Project: The Board continued to review an application from Martha's Vineyard Hospital to construct a skilled nursing facility along with workforce housing on 490 Edgartown-Vineyard Haven Road. This skilled nursing facility will have seventy beds and the workforce housing will consist of eighty-four bedrooms with varying formats. The skilled nursing facility is intended to be a replacement for the current nursing home, Windemere and will be separate from the other workforce housing on the property. This application was made possible by the overlay district created by special vote conducted at the 2021 Town Meeting.

Other Business

Zoning Bylaw Changes: Several changes were made to Zoning Bylaw in attempts to remove ambiguity and develop consistencies. These changes include clarity to special permit granting authorities, "pitched" and "flat" roofs, and more protection for lot boundary vegetation through the establishment of a "tree yard."

Membership: In April, the Board elected Ms. Lucy Morrison to serve a second term as Chair until April 2023 after she was re-elected to a five-year term at the Town election in April 2022.

Respectfully submitted,
LUCY MORRISON, Chair
SCOTT MORGAN
GLEN SEARLE
FRED MASCOLO
MICHAEL MCCOURT
JAMES CISEK, Alternate

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

To the Honorable Selectboard and Citizens of Edgartown:

The following is a list of cases heard by the Edgartown Zoning Board of Appeals during the calendar year 2022: [The numbers that appear in parentheses after the applicant's address represent the town's assessor's map and lot numbers]

63-2021 GOGGINS – 33 WATCHA PATH (25-8) a request for a special permit under section 2.1 B 6 to operate a small-scale business (Atlantic Pools) in a residential district was granted with conditions.

1-2022 SCHOPPE – 24 DOWN HARBOR ROAD (36-330) a special permit under section 10.1 G of the bylaw to construct a swimming pool and a pool equipment shed on a preexisting, nonconforming lot was approved with a condition.

2-2022 THE EDGARTOWN GOLF CLUB -- 100 GOLF CLUB ROAD (13-5.111) a request for a special permit under sections 10.1 G & 10.3 F of the bylaw to (a) construct a five-bedroom duplex for employee housing and to (b) rebuild and expand the existing pro shop and the existing locker room was approved.

3-2022 ADDAZIO – 8 BRIARWOOD DRIVE (11-36) a request for a special permit under section 10.1 G for the construction of a single-story addition to an existing residence on a preexisting, nonconforming lot was approved.

4-2022 KICZA – 106 PEASES POINT WAY (29A-41) a request for special permit under section 10.1 G of the bylaw to construct a swimming pool and a pool equipment shed on a preexisting, nonconforming lot was granted with conditions.

5-2022 DÉTENTE -- 15 WINTER STREET (20D-217) a request for a special permit under section 10.2 (e) of the bylaw to add 24 outdoor dining seats was granted.

6-2022 FOLEY d.b.a. MINOT LIGHT REALTY TRUST – 54 WHALER'S WALK (22-10) a request for a special permit under section 10.1 G for the construction of a single-story additions to a preexisting, nonconforming structure on a preexisting, nonconforming lot was granted.

7-2022 AYOUNG CHO – 61 EDGARTOWN MEADOWS ROAD (22-40) a request for a special permit under section 10.1 G to allow the construction of a swimming pool and pool equipment shed on a preexisting, nonconforming lot was granted with conditions.

8-2022 ROBINSON/HUGHES – 33 CODMAN SPRING ROAD (22-7) a special permit under

section 10.1 G was granted to permit the construction of additions and the installation of a swimming pool and pool equipment shed on a preexisting, nonconforming lot.

9-2022 GREEN/McNAGNY – 22 COTTAGE STREET (20D-259) a special permit under section 10.1 G to allow the renovation/reconstruction of a preexisting, nonconforming structure on a preexisting, nonconforming lot was granted.

10-2022 CASTANON – 30 MILL HILL ROAD (29-50.11) a special permit under section 2.2 B 12 to allow a guest house larger than 900 s.f. on a 14-acre parcel was approved.

11-2022 ISLAND HOUSING TRUST/TYRA – 32 PLANTINGFIELD WAY (20B-21) a request for a special permit under section 2.2 B 1 to convert a single-family residence to a two-family dwelling to be used as employee housing was indefinitely postponed.

12-2022 HOYT & BRAUER – 6 DUNHAM ROAD (29B-83) a special permit under section 10.1 G of the bylaw to permit the renovation and addition of a preexisting nonconforming dwelling and the installation of a pool was granted with conditions.

13-2022 ARDITTE – 69 DODGER'S HOLE ROAD (10-71) a special permit under section 10.1 G of the bylaw to permit the construction of a one-story addition, a second floor dormer, deck and entryway on a preexisting, nonconforming structure on a preexisting, nonconforming lot was approved.

14-2022 WEYMOUTH – 14 THAXTER LANE (45-16.35) a modification to a special permit under section 10.1 G to enlarge a swimming pool was granted.

15-2022 GOLLNER – 1 WESTMINSTER COURT (10-99.19) a request for a special permit under section 10.1 G of the bylaw to construct a 12 x 22 one-story addition was approved.

16-2022 KENNEY d.b.a. BLACKBIRD CAFÉ – 3 JEFFERS LANE (31-30) and 98 POCHA ROAD (47-53) a special permit under section 10.2 A 2 of the bylaw to allow a small-scale business (food truck) in a residential district was granted with conditions.

17-2022 THE FARM INSTITUTE– 14 AERO AVENUE (45-423) a request for a special permit under section 10.2 A 2 of the bylaw to operate a small-scale business (farm stand/visitor's center) in a residential district was withdrawn.

18-2022 McKENZIE – 16 CUMMINGS WAY (29b-42) a request for a special permit under section 10.1 G of the bylaw to allow the

reconstruction and expansion of additions constructed in the 80s & 90s on a preexisting, nonconforming lot was approved.

19-2022 LITTLEJOHN – 15 MULLEN WAY (29A-48) a special permit under section 10.1 G of the bylaw to allow the reconstruction and expansion of a preexisting, nonconforming structure on a preexisting, nonconforming lot was approved.

20-2022 CONNORS – 20 DOWN HARBOR ROAD (36-322) a request for a special permit under section 10.1 G of the bylaw to construct a one-story addition to the main house, to convert an existing garage to a guest house, and to construct a new garage with detached bedroom above on a preexisting, nonconforming lot was approved.

21-2022 BUNN – 1 NORTH STREET (29A-39) a request for a special permit under section 10.1 G of the bylaw to allow the conversion of a preexisting, nonconforming one-story, one-car garage with a detached bedroom into a two-story, two-bedroom guest house above a new two-car garage was approved.

22-2022 CASSOTTA – 7 NORTH BOG (21-160.4) a special permit under section 10.3 D of the bylaw to allow the conversion of a finished basement into an accessory apartment was approved.

22-2022 CANN – 7 PEASES POINT WAY SOUTH (20D-47) a request for a special permit under section 10.1 G of the bylaw to allow the reconstruction of a rear addition, the installation of a plunge pool, and the reconfiguration of a detached bedroom was approved.

24-2022 MALKIN – 27 FOURTH ST NORTH (11A-95) a request for a special permit under section 2.2 B 13 of the bylaw to construct a guest house when the main house has been in existence for less five years was approved with conditions.

25-2022 WATERHAVEN NOMINEE TRUST – 96 BEACH ROAD (12B-136) a request for a variance to section 11.6 A of the bylaw to allow an additional sign on Sheriff's Meadow property was granted.

26-2022 PAOLINO – 15 MERCIER WAY (36-74) a request for a special permit under section 10.1 G of the bylaw to construct a carport with office above on a preexisting, nonconforming lot was granted.

27-2022 SMITH – 37 SCHOOL STREET (20D-137) a request for a special permit under section 10.1 G of the bylaw to allow the construction of an addition and a full basement to an existing structure on a preexisting, nonconforming lot was granted.

28-2022 OLDS/SCHWARTZ – 92 POCHA ROAD (47-45.1) a request for a special permit to

enlarge a preexisting, nonconforming deck was withdrawn at the applicants' request.

29-2022 AFFIRMATIVE INVESTMENTS – ISLAND HOUSING TRUST – 38 MESHACKET ROAD (28-225) a request for a comprehensive permit under M.G.L. Chapter 40 B was referred to the Martha's Vineyard Commission for initial review.

30-2022 GREEN HOLLOW LLC (29-136.1 & 138.2) & 32 OCEAN VIEW AVENUE (29-137) a request for a flood plain permit for landscape activities was referred to the Conservation Commission and the Building/Zoning Inspector.

31-2022 SPALDING – 32 CLEVELANDTOWN ROAD (29A-73) a request for a special permit under section 10.1 G of the bylaw to install a pool, construct an addition, and relocate a shed to be used as a pool house was approved.

32-2022 McKENZIE – 16 CUMMINGS WAY (29B-42) a request for a special permit under section 10.G of the bylaw to remove an existing swimming pool, install a replacement pool, and construct a detached bedroom was approved.

33-2022 CRONIN– 11 COTTLE LANE (20D-72) a request for a special permit under section 10.1 G of the bylaw to construct a sunroom, reconstruct a one-story wing, and add a mud room on a preexisting, nonconforming lot was granted.

34-2022 VUKOJE – 13 BRIARWOOD (11-37) a request for a special permit under section 10.1 G of the bylaw to install a pool, shed, and second floor deck on a preexisting, nonconforming lot was withdrawn.

35-2022 MALM – 24 KATAMA BAY VIEW ROAD (46-18.1) a request for a special permit under section 10.G of the bylaw to construct a pool, spa, and cabana on a preexisting, nonconforming lot was postponed at the applicant's request.

36-2022 BRETL – 6 ARMSTRONG LANE (30-20) an appeal of the Building Inspector's decision under M.G.L. Chapter 40A, Sections 8 & 15 relating to the location of the Shore Zone was denied.

37-2022 TOPHAM – 5 PLAINS HEAD (45-15.39) a request for a special permit under section 10.1 G to allow the construction of an in-ground pool on a preexisting, nonconforming lot was granted

38-22 OSWALD – 32 WASHQUE AVENUE (48-9) a request for a special permit under section 10.1 G to allow the second floor of a garage to be converted from storage to office space and a half-bath was granted

Respectfully submitted,
LISA MORRISON
Assistant

MV COMMISSION

To the Honorable Selectboard and Citizens of Edgartown;

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

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

SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES FOR EDGARTOWN

Climate Change

MVC staff assisted with the updates to the Edgartown Harbor Plan. Presentations on Edgartown climate change impacts were given to the Town Administrator, Emergency Manager, and Building Inspector. Climate change informational meetings were held with the Select Board and Conservation Commission. Climate Action Plan update meetings were with Select Board, Town Administrator. Climate change presentation was given to Edgartown School eighth grade class.

Coastal Management

Felix Neck Saltmarsh Elevation Monitoring: MVC staff took measurements at an elevation monitoring station in the Felix Neck saltmarsh. This area of study will help plan for sea level rise impacts to Edgartown's marshes. Enough measurements have been made for a preliminary observation that the marsh is keeping up with sea level rise.

Economic Development

MVC staff worked with Memorial Wharf Rehabilitation Committee to secure a Seaport Economic Council Grant. MVC staff also worked with the Dredge Committee to secure a Seaport Economic Council Grant to help dredge Edgartown's Outer Harbor.

Geographic Information Systems

CERT - Chappaquiddick residents sought the assistance of the MVC to delineate their neighborhoods for the Community Emergency Response Team. The MVC's cartography department compiled an online editable map

and instructed members of the working groups as to how to draw and save their neighborhoods. The next stage of this project may involve designing an online survey to be completed by Chappy residents. Upon completion, their survey responses will automatically be pinned to their geographic location on Chappy.

Hydrants - Responding to a request from the Edgartown Fire Department, the MVC provided a series of PDF maps showing the location of hydrants throughout the town. This prompted the Water Department to provide more up-to-date hydrant information to the MVC. The MVC then converted that information from paper format to digital GIS data. Where applicable, the flow rate of the hydrant has been documented with the respective hydrant. Upon completion of the final review by the Water Dept., these data will then be shared with the EFD in an online interactive map.

Planning

Open Space & Recreation Plan: Staff has secured formal approval of the Town's Open Space and Recreation Plan, serving as a lead author and coordinator for the report. The Town was responsible for prioritization of the identified goals and is now eligible for grants through the EEA's Division of Conservation Services; the report has also been shared with the Town's Planning Board and Master Plan Steering Committee.

Master Plan Assistance: The MVC organized a site visit between the Master Plan Steering Committee, the Town Highway Department and MassDOT engineers to discuss public safety improvements along Upper Main Street.

Transportation

Data Collection: The MVC conducted Automated Traffic Recorder (ATR) counts at roughly 20 locations along the Edgartown-Vineyard Road and Edgartown West-Tisbury Road Corridors, Chappaquiddick, and several locations along the Shared-Use Paths. The current 2023 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) includes continued data collection efforts throughout the municipality as well as an update to the 2020-2040 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP).

Local Technical Assistance: From July to November, staff assisted the Town in monitoring the number of vehicles that were traveling over the Dike Bridge on Chappaquiddick. Staff continued to work with DCR and MassDOT District 5 in identifying and advancing plans for another phase of improvements to the State Forest Shared Use Path. The project has currently been approved by the MassDOT Project Review Committee. MVC is working with the Town's Highway Superintendent, Town Administrator, and Planning Board on a scope of work that focuses on traffic and bicycle and pedestrian improvements along the Edgartown-West Tisbury Road corridor, specifically the

intersection of Barnes Road and Edgartown- West Tisbury Road and Airport Road and Edgartown-West Tisbury Road. Staff is currently evaluating crash history as well as existing conditions to set up future meetings with all stakeholders. Evaluation for a future scheduling of Road Safety Audit (RSA) along Upper and Middle Main Streets. Staff also provided traffic impact analyses for the following DRIs: Navigator Homes, Vineyard Wind Hangar, Seafood Shanty Seating, Meshacket Commons, Boys & Girls Club, HarborView Hotel, Big Sky Tents, and Airport Lumber.

Support of the 3C Process: Through the Martha's Vineyard Commission Hearing process and continued participation with the Joint Transportation Committee (JTC), Town officials support the planning staff and their efforts to assist the municipality in making short- and long-term planning decisions, i.e., endorsement of the FFY 2023 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) and FFY 2023-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Inter-Regional Transportation Activities: Appointed staff member to the Steamship Authority Nosie and Traffic Mitigation Working Group.

Water Quality

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

Water Sampling: In cooperation with the Edgartown Shellfish Warden and the Edgartown Great Pond Foundation, water quality samples and on-station field data were collected from Sengekontacket Pond, Katama Bay and Edgartown Great Pond. In 2021, samples were taken for analysis 4 times over the summer season. In Edgartown Greta Pond, this included a sample prior to and after the Pond was opened. This data helps 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, Friends of Sengekontacket, Shellfish wardens and the Town.

Coastal Ponds: The Water Resources Planner participates in, and advises as needed, the Friends of Sengekontacket (FOS), Chappaquiddick Island Association, Edgartown Shellfish Committee, Water Alliance, and the Vineyard Golf Club Review Committee. The Water Resource Planner meets with and collaborates with staff from the Edgartown Great Pond Foundation when requested. Staff continued to assist FOS with a bathymetry tidal restriction survey of Sengekontacket.

Cyanobacteria monitoring: Commission staff identified and documented locations of cyanobacteria to establish baseline conditions and monitor cyanobacteria in Katama Bay, Edgartown Great Pond and Sengekontacket. Samples were tested for the toxins produced by cyanobacteria, Anatoxin, Microcystin and β -methylamino-L-alanine (BMAA). This monitoring program, in conjunction

with the Boards of Health, will create a mechanism to locate, monitor, and predict blooms. The MVC will continue to partner with Island Pond groups, the EPA cyanobacteria BloomWatch, and UNH in 2022.

Developments of Regional Impact

Seven projects in Edgartown were reviewed by the MVC in 2022:

Kelley House Additions and Renovations (DRI 713) Renovations, additions, and other work at the Kelley House Hotel. The application was withdrawn and modified to not require referral.

Big Sky Tents Relocation (DRI 717) Relocation of Big Sky Tents and construction of a 16,000 ft² building. The MVC approved the project with conditions after a public hearing; the written decision was approved on April 14, 2022.

Edgartown Stop & Shop (DRI 429-M2) Proposal to construct approximately 17,432 ft² of additions to the existing 25,259 ft² main Stop & Shop building. The MVC approved the project in 2018 with a condition to return for approval of final plans. The LUPC approved the construction management and phasing plans on May 3, 2022.

New England Wind 1 Connector (DRI 732 Previously C.R. 7-2022) Installation of two undersea export cables associated with the Park City Wind project south of the island. The MVC approved the project with conditions after a public hearing; the written decision was approved on September 15, 2022.

Meshacket Commons Affordable Housing (DRI 734 Previously C.R. 10-2022) 40B Comprehensive Permit for 36 rental units and 4 ownership units. The MVC approved the project with conditions after a public hearing; the written decision was approved on December 1 2022.

Navigator Homes/MV Hospital (DRI 720) Construction of a skilled nursing facility and workforce housing. The MVC approved the project with conditions after a public hearing; the written decision was approved on December 15, 2022.

Big Sky Tents New Building (DRI 738) Construction of a 27,000 ft² building to consolidate Big Sky Tents operations. The project remains under review at the end of the year; a public hearing has not been scheduled yet.

COMMISSION FOCUS 2022

Removal of Nitrogen from Island Ponds

The Commission continues to focus on the development of a robust pond monitoring program and participating in innovative technologies designed to address nitrogen contamination. In 2022, Commission staff completed a seventh year of extensive water quality testing. Since 2016, multiple samplings have been conducted in 16 Island ponds. Water samples are used to measure nutrient and chlorophyll content, pond visibility, temperature, salinity, and other

factors. The testing was conducted using the same locations and methods as those used in the Massachusetts Estuaries Project, which ensures comparable results. Comprehensive reports between 2016 and 2018 detail the results of the testing and evaluate the current trends for each pond. A similar report was completed for the summer 2020 and will be completed for the data obtained over the summer of 2022, along with a trends analysis report evaluating the changes observed over the prior period of study. The MVC has created one-page pond summaries for each of the ponds, these will be updated with the 2022 results when available. The MVC continues to update the website to make pond data and reports more accessible. A website focused specifically on the ponds was created to make all pond data available in one place.

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

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

Elderly Services

The MVC chaired an off-island transportation group focused on improving options for older adults seeking to reach their medical appointments on the mainland. This has led to the launch of a pilot program partnering with Sandwich-based ophthalmologists, Healthy Aging Martha’s Vineyard, and the VTA that will provide older adults and their escorts with roundtrip rides to the eye doctors on certain Tuesdays. The MVC also serves on the Executive Board of Healthy Aging Martha’s Vineyard, while staff provided administrative support by taking minutes. The MVC also analyzed the 2022 street list data to document the recent growth of the Towns’ older adult population segment.

Finances

The Commission’s FY2022 income was \$2,426,430 and expenses totaled \$2,662,414 comprised of the following components. The annual audit by Anstiss Certified Public

Accountants continued to show fiscal soundness. The FY2023 budget and FY2021 audited financial statements are available on the website.

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

ISLAND-WIDE PLANNING ACTIVITIES

Affordable Housing

The MVC continued to assist the Towns with various affordable housing planning initiatives.

Cartography/GIS Services

The year 2022 for the MVC’s mapping department contained mostly regional projects. Either projects lead by the MVC or Town Departments working with their respective cohorts across the Island.

The MVC’s mapping department provides the following to all Town Departments, Boards, and Committees within Dukes County.

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

Regional GIS software contract with ESRI.

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

Mapping Contribution to Regional Projects:

- 1. Wastewater System Mapping & Dashboard:** The wastewater system mapping project primarily benefits the Boards of Health with planning for the future and targeting areas for wastewater management strategies to help reduce the nutrient load in Island's coastal ponds. The wastewater mapping indicates, Island-wide, if a developed parcel is connected to town sewer or an on-site septic system. If connected to septic, the type of septic is specified. These data are not shared with the public at this time. The Boards of Health may access the data and peruse a data dashboard for interactive querying of the data.
- 2. Up-Island Watershed Management Plans (aka Up-Island 208 Plans):** The Up-Island 208 study to produce watershed management plans for the 5 Up-Island coastal ponds plowed full steam ahead this year. Four complete reports were released to the public and the fifth has been released to the James Pond working group. Each report includes a series of 13 maps that range in topic from land use, to wetlands, to water quality sampling stations. Available reports may be accessed on the MVC website.
- 3. GIS data for Fire Department's software:** Fire departments in four of the Islands towns (Edgartown, Oak Bluffs, Tisbury, & West Tisbury) have decided to purchase the First Due software. This software assists the departments with pre-planning, responding, and post-event analysis. The MVC mapping department provided basemap GIS spatial data for use in First Due.
- 4. Dukes County Real Estate Sales:** In collaboration with the Dukes County Registry of Deeds, the MVC's mapping department maintains an online interactive data dashboard with the monthly real estate sales that have occurred in Dukes County. The registry supplies the MVC with the monthly sales spreadsheet. Visit the dashboard: <https://www.arcgis.com/apps/dashboards/692eded23ec6473d9bae62cb1b7d2f81>
- 5. Trail and Open Space/Conservation Land Mapping:** The MVC maintains a trails and open space/conservation land database for Dukes County. These data change frequently as new properties are acquired into conservation and new trails are constructed. These data are shared with the public in our ArcGIS OnLine cloud space (open space, trails). From that portal, the data are pushed into the Sheriff's Meadow Foundation's TrailsMV App as well as the Martha's Vineyard Land Bank's online map. These resources allow the public to appreciate this work and the beauty of the Island. Maintaining these datasets also

benefits the Towns for completion of their Open Space Plans (required by the State) and planning of special ways, scenic ways, and expansion of the Island's Shared Use Paths and signed bike routes.

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

Coastal & Climate Change Planning

Climate Action Plan (CAP) www.thevineyardway.org

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

Climate Action Week - May 8 to 14, 2022

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

Climate Action Task Force

The climate crisis has become a top priority for the MVC, which formed a Climate Action Task Force in 2019 to focus on mitigating the effects of global warming and adapting to the changes that are projected or already underway. MVC staff has provided staff support to the

political working group and convened a series of meetings with Senator Markey's office. A dedicated meeting with Markey's team and the Steamship Authority was held to discuss funding pathways towards electrification. An island tour of staff from the offices of Senator Markey, Senator Warren and Congressman Keating was organized for Town representatives to introduce key resiliency sites in need of federal funding.

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

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

Regional Emergency Manager: The MVC onboarded a part-time Regional Emergency Manager who reports to the Dukes County Emergency Managers Directors Association. The MVC serves as the administrative entity to formally employ this position, and it meets bi-annually with the Chair of the Directors Association to review priorities for the position.

Storm Tide Pathways: Through a grant from MA Coastal Zone Management the Center for Coastal Studies in Provincetown has identified 716 Island sites where stormwater will flow inland as the sea rises and storm surges increase. Maps and data can be found at www.stormtides.org.

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

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

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

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

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

Transportation

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

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

Martha's Vineyard Transportation Improvement Program (TIP): The TIP is produced annually on Martha's Vineyard through the JTC and includes Federal-aid projects to implement within the constraints of available Federal and State funds. In FFY 2022, \$769,690 in Federal funds were obligated for Martha's Vineyard. The 2022 update on Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Projects included the following:

Beach Road Shared-Use Path - #608142: Construction began in Fall 2022 of the Shared-Use Path along Beach Road, from Lagoon Pond Bridge northerly to the Eastville Avenue/County Road Intersection.

Bicycle-Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC): The MVC staffs the BPAC, an advisory committee to the JTC and the wider community on bicycling and pedestrian matters. The BPAC developed a one-page SMART tips for bicyclists which was published in the July-August visitor guide. BPAC also began evaluating route options for cyclists

and is working with the Sheriff's Meadow Foundation regarding adding bike routes to the popular TrailsMV app. Towards the end of the year, BPAC began discussions with town police chiefs about the growing popularity of electric bikes and the new state law recognizing e-bikes. The MVC was deeply saddened by the sudden death of Richard DeWitt, chair of the BPAC, in November. Rich was extraordinarily committed to improving cyclist and pedestrian safety. His listening skills and can-do energy made him a particularly great contributor to BPAC's efforts.

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

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

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

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

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

Water Quality

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

Massachusetts Estuaries Project (MEP): For more than a decade, the MVC provided extensive water-quality testing and land-use data analysis as a basis for the

Commonwealth's Mass Estuaries Project, which prepares detailed models of water quality problems in coastal ponds and helps identify the most cost-effective solutions. In 2022, samples were taken for analysis four times in each system over the summer season, and where applicable, this included a sample prior to and after the opening of the ponds. MVC staff worked with the Friends of Sengekontacket, Tisbury Waterways, the Lagoon Pond Association, Edgartown Great Pond Foundation, and the Towns of Oak Bluffs and Tisbury Wastewater Committee to devise plans to address excess nitrogen, and assist with Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plans (CWMPs).

208 Equivalency Planning for the Up-Island Towns: The MVC received a grant from the DEP to develop a 208-management plan for the towns of West Tisbury, Chilmark and Aquinnah. For more info see our website.

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

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

Groundwater monitoring: In conjunction with the United States Geological Survey (USGS) the Water Resource Planner takes monthly groundwater measurements and maintains a database of groundwater elevation at nine well sites around the Island. Staff is assisting USGS, in cooperation with Mass DEP, in a three-year study investigating the effects of sea-level rise and climate change on the groundwater resources of Martha's Vineyard.

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

Marine Invader Monitoring & Information Collaborative (MIMIC): MVC staff monitors and collaborates with MIMIC, which is coordinated by the Massachusetts Office of Coastal Zone Management, and is a network of trained volunteers, scientists, and state and federal workers who monitor marine invasive species. The collaborative provides an opportunity for the public to actively participate in an

invasive species early detection network, identify new invaders before they spread out of control, and help improve our understanding of the behavior of established invaders.

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

REGULATORY ACTIVITIES

Developments of Regional Impact (DRIs)

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

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

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

Districts of Critical Planning Concern (DCPCs)

The Commission designates DCPCs to afford protection to sensitive areas through town zoning, conservation, and health regulations the towns might otherwise not be legally empowered to enact.

COMMISSIONERS

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

STAFF (including part-time and other funded positions)

Adam Turner	Executive Director
Kevin Brennan	Emergency Manager
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Dan Doyle	Special Projects Planner
Liz Durkee	Climate Change Planner
Alex Elvin	DRI Coordinator
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Laura Silber	Housing Planner
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Kate Warner	Energy Planner, Vision Fellow

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

To the Honorable Selectboard 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% . The amount received for April 2022 articles was 51.71% or \$463,290 from the state.

The CPA committee (CPC) is composed of members recommended by various town boards and appointed by the Selectboard. The committee requests applications in the fall and meets to consider them for the following Annual Town Meeting. All meetings are on ZOOM via the town agenda website. The last one is an advertised public hearing in early December to seek input before the committee votes to place the articles before the voters.

The April 2022 Town Meeting approved the following articles:

Total of \$1,405,000 appropriated and set aside for further expenditures...

- \$112,000 for Dukes County Regional Housing Authority rental assistance for Edgartown residents
- \$188,800 for the PALS repairs program through The Resource Inc. (TRI) for interest free loans to Edgartown families earning less than 100% median income.
- \$30,000 for ongoing development and site work on the Meshacket Affordable Housing Program.
- \$150,000 for Harbor Homes to support affordable housing by paying down the mortgage for their 111 New York Avenue, Oak Bluffs for low

income women facing homelessness.

- \$150,000 to further pay Edgartown's portion for the new Island Elderly Housing's Aidylberg Property.
- \$319,600 to be used for Phase 2 of Island Autism Group housing on Lambert's Cove Rd, West Tisbury.
- \$66,420 for capital improvements to increase access for passive recreation along Swimming Place Path.
- \$42,600 for capital improvements to increase access to the Town's Cape Pogue Gut property.
- \$30,000 for consulting and engineering of the Robinson Road Recreation Area.
- \$60,000 for historic restoration of the MV Camp Meeting Association Tabernacle roof in Oak Bluffs, MA
- \$60,000 toward costs of the North Wharf Project.

The committee appreciates the support of the voters for all to enjoy these projects.

The towns people and visitors are able to enjoy these projects accomplished with the Community Preservation funds through the tax assessment and the state contribution for many years to come.

I would like to thank the other members of the committee for their input and participation at the meetings. I also thank our assistant Kristy Rose for her work with this committee.

Respectfully submitted,

MARGARET E. SERPA,
Chairman

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMITTEE

To the Honorable Selectboard and Citizens of Edgartown:

The number of applications made for proposed work within the Historic District this year totaled 101. We had 30 applications for routine repairs and maintenance which are typically granted through expedited approval. Seventy-one applications for new work were reviewed by the Commission at public meetings, with a 98% approval rate in granting Certificates of Appropriateness.

The Historic District Commission (HDC) engages residential and commercial property owners in detailed discussions during the project review process, balancing the individual's interest to make improvements to the property with the need to preserve Edgartown architectural heritage for present and future generations. This collaborative approach has proven successful in guiding the continuing trend in significant renovations in new construction within the district.

The private investment in properties within the District is significant and the Commission looks forward to working with owners, their architects and builders on preserving the essential historic character of Edgartown. Our goal is to assist in maintaining these resources which make Edgartown a viable community and a nationally prominent destination for years to come.

We wish to acknowledge the efforts of our former Historic District Commissioner administrator Bricque Garber who served in her role since 2011. Bricque worked tirelessly to ensure that the Commission had all possible resources to make thoughtful decisions about the properties in front of us at any given meeting. She was instrumental in expanding the Historic District, clarifying our by-laws for applicants, and streamlining the application process for expedited approvals for routine maintenance. We are incredibly grateful for her service and wish her all the best in retirement.

We are happy to welcome Hillary Grannis as an alternate on our board and thank Minah Worley who she replaced.

Until public health guidance permits the return of in person meetings the commission will continue to meet via zoom as posted on the first and third Thursday of each month. All HDC meetings are open to the public and any interested member of the public is encouraged to attend.

Respectfully submitted,
JULIA TARKA,
Co-Chairman
PETER ROSBECK,
Co-Chairman

AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMITTEE

To the Honorable Selectboard and the Citizens of Edgartown:

The goal of the affordable housing committee is to facilitate affordable homes at less than market price for Island residents that are unable to establish homes in Edgartown due to climbing real estate prices. The program is intended to lessen situations of hardship and to retain a stable and diversified year-round community and workforce to support a stable infrastructure in Edgartown.

In 2022, The affordable housing committee assisted in the selection of a developer for the Meshacket Road project that was later approved by the Selectboard. The developers, Island Housing Trust and Affirmative Investments have been assisted by the Affordable Housing Department in subsequent approvals by the Martha's Vineyard

Commission and other Town departments to help the project move swiftly forward. The AHC awarded a single family lot on Chappaquiddick to an income qualified resident and continues to assist in the process of erecting a home on the property. The AHC continues to do more and more research into ways to serve a broader range of residents seeking opportunities to obtain affordable and attainable housing in the town of Edgartown.

This Committee continues to be committed to create equitable 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

AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST

To the Honorable Selectboard 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. The trust aims to address the pressing need for affordable housing by working from a financial perspective with the affordable housing committee, developers, community organizations, and local government to create and preserve affordable housing units.

Currently, the affordable housing trust has successfully developed several affordable housing projects, including most recently, funding and

coordinating the development phase of the Meshaket Road project based on the proposal submitted by the Island Housing Trust and Affirmative Investments which was approved by the select board in 2021. The Trust is proud to have set aside a significant contribution to this project from Community Preservation Act funds and will continue to utilize CPA funds for future projects as well as provide proposals and warrants for additional funds, including short-term rental tax revenue, in support of these future goals. However, the demand for affordable housing in our town continues to outstrip the supply. As a result, the trust is continually seeking new opportunities to expand the availability of affordable housing options.

In the coming years, the affordable housing trust hopes to achieve the following goals:

- Implement rental assistance programs to help low- and moderate-income residents afford market-rate housing. These programs could include rental subsidies, voucher programs, and

other forms of financial assistance.

- Develop and explore funding through the rental assistance programs, described above, for staff housing that is not tied to employment but is subsidized by the trust and employer. This could provide an affordable housing option for employees who may not otherwise be able to afford housing in our town while providing the peace of mind to employees who may fear the loss of housing when needing to change jobs/ career paths.
- Create auxiliary housing, such as tiny homes or accessory dwelling units, as a way to increase the overall supply of affordable housing options. These units could be built on the properties of existing homeowners or on land owned by the trust. In addition, the trust is excited about the potential of working with the planning board in supporting updates to zoning laws to allow for

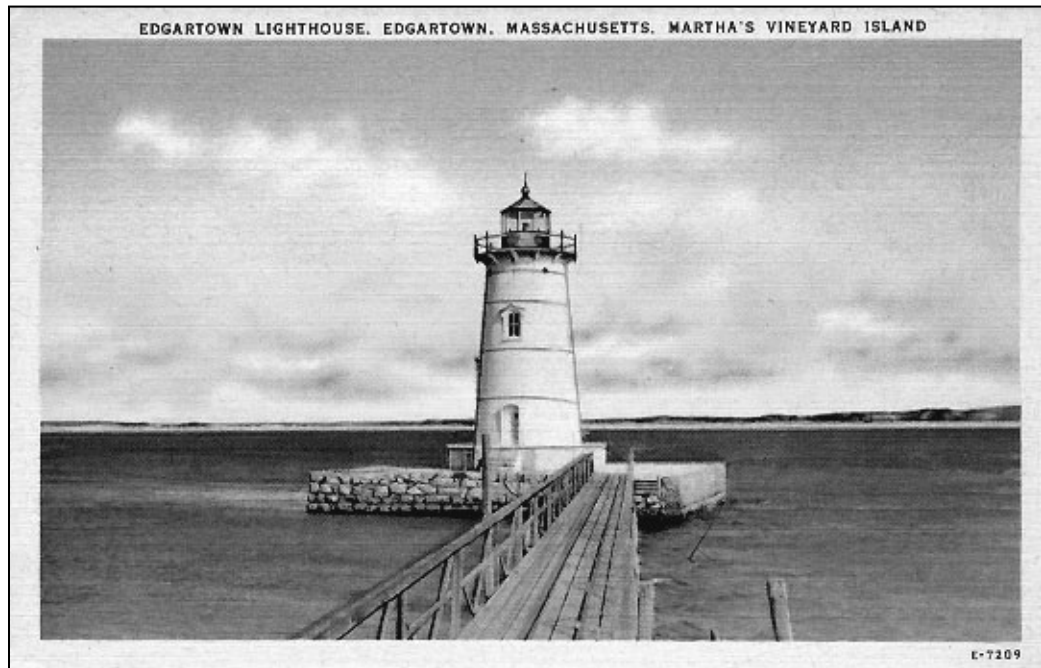
easier affordable rentals provided by current accessory units.

- The affordable housing trust is committed to addressing the pressing need for affordable housing in our town. By implementing rental assistance programs, developing and encouraging staff housing, and creating auxiliary housing units, we hope to significantly increase the availability of affordable housing options and improve the lives of low- and moderate-income residents.

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,

JASON MAZAR-KELLY,
Chairman



ENERGY COMMITTEE

To the Honorable Selectboard and the Citizens of Edgartown:

Introduction

In 2022, the Edgartown Energy Committee focused its work on two main areas: (1) completing the steps necessary for Edgartown to join the Green Communities program, and (2) planning for the Town to migrate from fossil fuel usage to electrical power by the Town with the help of solar power and battery energy storage. Other committee activities included deploying electric vehicle (EV) chargers at the Park and Ride lot; working to bring new, energy-efficient lighting to the Edgartown School and new energy-saving sewage pumps to the Wastewater Department; developing plans for outreach to town residents to encourage home energy assessments and migration to electric space and water heating; and tracking energy production by the Town's two solar fields, as well as power dispensed by EV chargers.

External activities included monitoring progress toward bringing solar power to the Meshacket Landfill; supporting permitting of offshore wind power cables passing under Muskeget Channel; assisting with the Climate Action Plan; liaison with the newly-formed Edgartown Climate Committee; and working with the Master Plan Steering Group on energy issues.

The year 2022 also saw changes in committee membership. Kat Monterosso and Carla Cooper withdrew from the committee, and were succeeded by Ellen and Richard Price. Jack Ensor, Bonni Widdoes, and Chair Alan Strahler remained as members. Volunteer Jack Connell provided very helpful counsel in developing plans for studies that will show the way forward to all-electric town buildings.

Green Community Activity

Edgartown became a Green Community in 2022, following an effort by the Energy Committee begun in 2018. The final application was prepared and completed in June, and the Town was provisionally accepted into the program with a designation grant of \$132,000 during the summer. The successful

application was marked by a formal acceptance ceremony for six Cape and Islands towns held in Buzzards Bay on November 7. Further information, including a final spending plan for grant funds, was provided and a contract for the Town was issued for Town approval in December. As the year closed, the Town was waiting for the Green Communities division to add its signature to the document.

Final Energy Conservation Measures

The Committee selected two energy conservation measures for partial funding that provide large energy savings. A much-needed replacement of lighting fixtures at the Edgartown School with dimmable lucent LED panels will save an estimated 122,709 kWh of energy per year and \$22,067 in dollar cost per year. Green community funds will cover \$88,303 of the total cost of about \$236,249. The second energy conservation measure will be replacement of sludge pumps at the Wastewater Department at an overall cost of \$419,145, with a contribution \$43,697 in Town Green Community funds. The investment is projected to save 135,398 kWh of energy per year and \$24,372 per year. The largest savings of any Green Community energy conservation measures will be harvested by the School, which will use about \$25,000 in earmarked funds accompanied by energy-savings incentives to add a demand-controlled system for ventilation. The system is projected to save 11,790 gallons of heating oil per year for an energy savings of 480,343 kWh per year and a dollar savings of \$36,855 per year.

Chargers for Electric Vehicles

The year 2022 saw the completion of the Committee's efforts to bring public use electric vehicle charging to Edgartown. Shortly after the first of the year, Eversource's contractor, Maverick, installed two ChargePoint dual Level-2 chargers at the Town's Park and Ride lot, providing capacity for four electric vehicles to charge at once. However, Eversource determined that it could not bring 480-volt, 3-phase power to the site to feed the transformer that had been installed. As a result, a new transformer was ordered for standard single-phase 240-volt power and installed in early June. Following commissioning

by the vendor, Artis Energy, the chargers were placed in operation on June 16. From that date to the end of 2022, the chargers supplied 8,192 kWh of electric energy in 444 charging sessions by 196 unique drivers, received \$2,028 in revenue, and saved the release of approximately 1,700 kg of greenhouse gases.

As noted in 2021, the Town also applied for funding of \$42,045 for a Direct Current Fast Charger from DOER's the Electric Vehicle Incentive Program. Awards were announced in February, but the Town's application was unsuccessful. To expand the availability of vehicle chargers, Committee Member Bonni Widdowes contacted Stop and Shop about possibly making charging facilities available at their Edgartown location as part of the current renovation and expansion project. She found that Stop and Shop had no plans to do so.

Electrifying and Solarizing Town Buildings

At its 2021 Annual Town Meeting, Edgartown adopted an aspirational goal of reducing fossil fuel usage by 50 percent by 2030 and 100 percent by 2040. To reach this goal, the Town must do its part. At present, most Town buildings are heated by fossil fuels, although some also use supplementary electric heat pumps. Many town buildings require resilience in the face of power outages, using generators burning fossil fuels for emergency power. Resilience can be enhanced by adding local solar photovoltaic energy generation coupled with battery storage. Such solar-battery systems also cut energy costs during everyday operation. Considering these facts, the Committee has moved aggressively to chart pathways to using electric power for space and hot water heating of Town buildings, coupled with solar-battery systems for resilience and energy savings.

Energy Service Facility for New Firehouse And Renovated Police Headquarters

In 2022, Edgartown began actively planning a replacement for the Town's Firehouse, as well as a renovation of the adjacent Police Headquarters. This construction provides the opportunity to add solar power and battery storage to the building complex, thus providing the ability to meet power needs by drawing from solar panels, batteries, Eversource line power, and generator power at will. By using

intelligent switching equipment, everyday power is provided by the lowest-cost source available. When line power fails, the equipment draws on other sources to meet emergency demands. This system can be regarded as an Energy Service Facility.

To meet the goal of providing the Energy Service Facility, Committee Members Jack Ensor and Alan Strahler met with Fire Chief Alex Schaeffer and later attended two meetings of the Firehouse Building Committee to present the idea. They then worked with Cape Light Compact to apply for a grant from the Commonwealth's Municipal Energy Technology Assistance program to retain a consultant to advise the architects and the Firehouse Building Committee. Rise Engineering scoped the cost of the consultant at \$10,585. At the close of 2022, the grant application, submitted in late November, was still pending.

Electrification and Solar Study of Town Buildings

Given the aspirational town goals for reduction of fossil fuel usage, the Committee requested funding for a study in the FY24 budget that would provide individual plans for Town buildings to replace fossil fuel energy with electricity and add solar-battery systems. The plan would allow the Committee to recommend a sequence of building energy conversions over coming years based on need, cost, and status of present fossil fuel-using equipment. Committee Member Alan Strahler worked with a very knowledgeable town resident, Jack Connell, to specify the scope of the study, and Rise Engineering was asked to provide an estimate of the cost. The Rise estimate of \$41,325 was rounded upward to \$43,500 to provide for a possible increase, and a warrant article requesting this amount from free cash was submitted for consideration on the 2023 Annual Town Warrant.

Edgartown School Planning Grant for Electric Heating and Cooling

Beginning in 2021, the Energy Committee began working with the Edgartown School on a long-term plan for replacement of oil-fired heating with electric heat pumps and accompanying development of solar energy and battery storage. Heat pumps will open the School to year-round use by providing both heating and air conditioning. Adding solar energy and battery storage will provide an energy service facility that

will reduce energy costs and yield resilience when line power goes out. To chart the way forward, the School has applied for a grant of \$100,000 from the Commonwealth's Improving Ventilation and Air Quality in Public School Buildings program.

Other Committee Activities

Tracking Town Solar Energy Production and Power Dispensed by EV Chargers

During late summer and early fall, Committee Members Richard Price and Alan Strahler began a project to document the solar power produced by the Town's Katama Farm and Nunnepog Well solar fields. A first look at the data shows the fields have generated 22,656 MWh of energy and a net benefit to the town of \$1,410,546 from their startup in June, 2014, through FY 2022. This energy furthers the Town's aspirational goal of increasing renewable power consumed to 50 percent of supply by 2030 and 100 percent by 2040.

Richard and Alan are also tracking energy dispensed to electric vehicles by the Town chargers at the Park and Ride Lot. From the beginning of operation in late June to the close of the year, EVs have received 8,191 kWh of energy in 444 sessions by 196 unique drivers. Usage peaked in August, with July not far behind.

Community Outreach

Outreach efforts continued apace in 2022. Updates to the Town's Energy Committee page provided the status of ongoing activities, as well as summaries of energy generated by the town's solar fields and consumed by electric vehicles from the Park and Ride Chargers. In September and October, a round of broad discussions on direct outreach was begun by Members Bonni Widdoes, Ellen Price, and Alan Strahler, including meetings with Vineyard Power's Energy Transition Coordinator Dion Alley and Oak Bluffs Energy Committee Chair Bill Cleary. The effort culminated in a series of open sign-ups for home energy assessments at town libraries, commencing with the Edgartown Library in December.

Warrant Articles at 2022 Town Meeting

Although the Energy Committee made no requests for free cash at the 2022 Town Meeting, the

Committee supported several warrant articles. These included enabling the solar lease of the Meshacket Landfill, and funds for energy efficiency upgrades at the Edgartown School totaling \$53,000.

External Activities

Solar Power At Meshacket Closed Landfill

During 2021, the Energy Committee provided support to the Town's plan to lease the Meshacket closed landfill to a solar developer. The year 2022 saw Ameresco designated as the vendor. Early in 2022, negotiations began on the lease contract, but legal developments brought about by the federal Inflation Reduction Act and the Commonwealth's Act Driving Clean Energy and Offshore Wind, both acts of 2022, necessitated renegotiation to accommodate new energy incentives. At the close of 2022, the contract was apparently very close to signature..

Muskeget Channel Power Cables

As offshore wind power development proceeded in 2022, Avangrid Renewables began seeking permits for the New England 1 Connector, a pair of electrical cables connecting the Park City Wind project to Cape Cod. Following a similar pathway to the Vineyard Wind Connector, it will be buried beneath Edgartown waters in Muskeget Channel. The Committee voted to support the project at public hearings in July before the Martha's Vineyard Commission by placing a letter in the written record. Member Alan Strahler also spoke in favor of permitting the project. After MVC approval, the project moved to the Edgartown Conservation Commission permit process in late October. The Committee again supported the project by letter and orally at two public hearings. At the close of the year, hearings were ongoing and no decision had been made.

Climate Action Plan

Committee Chair Alan Strahler served as a temporary member of the Climate Action Plan Steering Committee until a representative from the Town's Climate Committee was appointed. He later served on the Plan's Energy Thematic Group, setting goals, objectives, and actions for energy and greenhouse gas savings by island towns and residents. Activity Co-Chairs Kristi and Alan Strahler

organized and led an Electric Vehicle Convoy of about 35 electric vehicles from Edgartown to the West Tisbury Grange as part of Climate Action Week in May.

Edgartown Climate Committee

At the request of the Selectboard, Committee Chair Alan Strahler convened the newly-formed Climate Committee on February 25, which selected Julia Livingstone as its Chair. He continued to attend Climate Committee meetings as a liaison from the Energy Committee.

Edgartown Master Plan

The Energy Committee has maintained liaison with Edgartown’s Master Plan efforts since the inception of the planning effort in order to assure

consideration of energy savings and climate change issues in devising the Master Plan. Committee Member Jack Ensor serves independently on the Master Plan Steering Committee and Energy Committee Chair Alan Strahler audits Master Plan meetings.

Respectfully submitted,

ALAN STRAHLER, Chair
JACK ENSOR
ELLEN PRICE
RICHARD PRICE
BONNI WIDDOES



CAPE LIGHT COMPACT

To the Honorable Selectboard and Citizens of Edgartown;

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

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

POWER SUPPLY

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

The Compact has been a green aggregation since January 2017, matching Compact power supply customers' annual electricity usage above the mandated state requirements with voluntary renewable energy certificates (RECs) to provide a 100% renewable product. By retiring RECs to match the Compact's customers' usage, Compact customers are financially supporting renewable energy resources, including resources located on Cape Cod. In addition, NextEra deposits all premiums paid for voluntary RECs, plus their supplier and retail fees (expected to total over \$3 million per year), into a trust fund to be used solely for the development of new renewable energy resources. By purchasing

electricity through the Compact, all Compact power supply customers are supporting renewable energy and acting locally to combat climate change.

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

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

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

As of ---December 2022, the Compact had approximately 4,696 electric accounts in the Town of Edgartown on its power supply.

CONSUMER ADVOCACY

Since 1997, Cape Light Compact has advocated

for the ratepayers of Cape Cod and Martha’s Vineyard at the local and state level.

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

Grid modernization (DPU docket 21-80):

- The Compact participated in this docket with a focus on ensuring that customers on the Cape and Vineyard are able to benefit from Eversource’s proposed grid modernization and advanced metering infrastructure (AMI) investments. The Compact’s key concern is that municipal aggregations and their competitive suppliers be able to access the data available through smart meters in order to design and offer time varying electric rates to their customers.

Electric vehicles (DPU docket 21-90):

- The Compact participated in this docket with a focus on ensuring that Cape & Vineyard customers are able to benefit from the Make Ready incentives available to customers for installing electric vehicle supply equipment. The docket remains open.

Eversource rate case (DPU docket 22-22):

- This rate case determines the charges Eversource is allowed to impose on the distribution side of the electric bill, meaning that this rate case affects all residents and businesses on Cape Cod and Martha’s Vineyard.
- The Compact focused on Eversource’s rate design proposal to advocate for equitable allocation of costs between rate groups and rate

classes.

- The Compact also focused on the bill impacts of Eversource’s proposed increase to the fixed customer charge.

Solar Massachusetts Renewable Target (SMART) (DPU docket 20-145):

- The Compact participated in this docket with a focus on allowing customers of municipal aggregations to benefit from the SMART program’s Low-Income Community Shared Solar incentives. The docket remains open.

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

ENERGY EFFICIENCY

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

Jan – Oct 2022	# of Participants	Customer Savings	kWh Saved	Rebates/Incentives Paid to Customers
Low Income	73	\$5,930.00	29,650	\$230,391.54
Residential	370	\$14,640.80	73,204	\$682,897.71
Commercial	15	\$9,080.60	45,403	\$9,693.50
Total	458	\$29,651.40	148,257	\$922,982.75

Note: Please note that this data does not include activity that occurred in November and December 2022 due to the date of this publication. Please visit www.capelightcompact.org/reports for more information.

CLIMATE COMMITTEE

To the Honorable Selectboard and Citizens of Edgartown,

We are pleased to present the first annual report for the Edgartown Climate Committee, which was created and appointed by the Select Board in January 2022.

The mission of the Edgartown Climate Committee is:

- to collect and record information through the lens of climate change;
- to educate our community with information to support the process of adaptation;
- to remain committed to being organic and ongoing in the pursuit of knowledge and action;
- to fortify our objectives by conveying the power of will as we urgently and tenaciously strive to protect our community in facing and resolving the harmful effects of climate change.

2022 Accomplishments

During its first year, the Edgartown Climate Committee:

- met with Town Department Leaders to learn about their projects which relate to climate change and climate change problems which need to be addressed;
- created a climate flyer to educate visitors about what Edgartown is doing regarding climate change and what they can do while they are visiting; and
- submitted a town warrant article to request funds in 2023 to hire an expert to propose new zoning bylaws related to climate change.

Meetings with Town Departments

The Climate Committee members' conversations with Town Departments were intended to raise awareness of climate change impacts which the Departments may have to address such as:

- more frequent and severe storms and their effects on roads/drainage/structures/supplies/power/accessibility
- sea level rise
- increases of seasonal temperatures resulting in hotter summers and warmer winters, coupled with high and low extremes
- more frequent and increased droughts resulting in increased use of the Town's water from the Island's single source aquifer

- pond-overheating resulting in potential Cyanobacteria blooms if pond nitrogen levels remain high
- increase in types of vector-borne diseases on the Island from an increase in mosquitos, types and number of ticks, and other pests
- the important role of trees and green space to provide shade and carbon sequestration
- the crucial role of salt marshes to absorb storm surge
- the Martha's Vineyard Commission Climate Action Plan recommendations of specific programs and actions which various Town Departments could lead or assist.

List of Town Departments and Committees whose Leaders met with the Climate Committee:

Affordable Housing	Health
Beautification	Highway
Building	Parks
Council on Aging	Planning
Edgartown School	Police
Fire/Emergency Manager	Wastewater
Harbormaster	Water

Town Department Climate Change Plans and Concerns

Town Departments are thinking through how to plan for and react to climate change. When asked what they would like the public to know about what they are doing as it relates to climate change, Town Department Leaders were very forthcoming, for example:

- The Harbormaster recognizes that Edgartown needs a 10-year and 20-year plan to address Dock St., the Chappy Ferry slip, and the harbor front from the Reading Room to the Lighthouse. Long-term planning is critical.
- The Water Department cautions that water conservation is essential. Wasteful practices diminish supply and increase operational electrical demand. New construction increases demand for water, representing an increase in electrical use. New construction should be monitored to avoid exceeding Edgartown's resources and infrastructure capabilities.
- The Highway Department notes that their number one problem is drainage. The Department is working to address the seven outflow drains that have not been maintained

over the years, one by one. There are areas, such as Dunham Road, which didn't used to flood, but now flood regularly. The Department explains that storm drains in town currently take storm water to the harbor, and this may need to change in coming years: the storm water will need to be pumped uphill to new drainage sites. An engineering study of the current storm water drainage system is needed for future flows, and additional leaching areas may be needed throughout Edgartown.

- The Building Department is concerned that existing Edgartown zoning bylaws don't address climate change adaptation, and suggested that a consultant be hired to review the bylaws with climate change in mind. This has led to a new effort by the Planning Board to look at revisions to town bylaws in the context of climate change.
- The Planning Board is supporting an article in the 2023 Town Warrant to appropriate funds to hire an expert to propose zoning bylaw changes to assist the Town in adapting to climate change.

The Climate Committee plans to continue conversations with Town Departments and alert them to pertinent Martha's Vineyard Commission Climate Action Plan projects.

Town Warrant Article

As a result of the Town Department meetings, the Climate Committee worked with the Building Inspector and the Planning Board to submit a town warrant article to request funds in 2023 to hire an expert to propose new zoning bylaws related to climate change. This is an important and much needed step towards Edgartown's climate change adaptation.

Climate Change Action Flyer

To educate our community and visitors about what Edgartown is doing about Climate Change, the Climate Committee created a 2-sided flyer.

- Side One of the flyer lists climate change actions the Town of Edgartown has already taken.
- Side Two of the flyer lists climate change actions that visitors to Edgartown/MV can take.

The flyer was distributed to popular visitor locations and also to Edgartown realtors for their rental packets along with a pdf for their websites/to email clients. Public locations with flyers included the Church St bus station and Post Office, the Edgartown Library, the Triangle Post Office, the Edgartown School and the Town Hall. Flyers were also provided to Edgartown businesses for window and in-store display.

In closing, we wish to thank all the Town Department Leaders who met with us this year to share their knowledge and input. We look forward to keeping the lines of communication open with our Town Departments and with the other Town Climate Committees so we can work together on adapting to climate change. We thank the Select Board for creating the Edgartown Climate Committee this year, and we remain committed to helping our community adapt and plan for the harmful effects of climate change.

Respectfully Submitted,
 JULIA LIVINGSTON, Chair
 KEVIN LOUGHLIN,
 Associate Chair
 JENNIFER BLUM
 JOSEY KIRKLAND
 PETER KIRN
 CARI WILLIAMSON



Climate Change

Actions you can take:

- Shop local to support our farms, local fishers, small businesses, and reduce your carbon footprint
- Avoid balloons and plastic containers, straws, and utensils to reduce plastic waste which has to get shipped off Island
- Bring your own reusable water bottles and shopping bags to reduce plastic waste and paper bag waste
- Refill your water bottles at free refill stations located throughout the Island instead of buying bottled water
- Turn off your car engine instead of idling it to minimize emissions and save fuel
- Ride bikes and electric public buses and walk when possible to reduce fossil fuel use
- Stay off dunes and marsh grasses because they protect us from storm surges
- Dispose of fishing gear and single use plastics so they don't end up on beaches or harming ocean wildlife
- Wash the dishes, shave, and brush your teeth without keeping the water running to conserve the Island's fresh water
- Take shorter showers to save energy and water
- Compost food scraps and recycle to reduce waste on the Island



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NATURAL RESOURCES AND RECREATION

SHELLFISH DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Selectboard and the Citizens of Edgartown:

The Edgartown Shellfish Department enforces commercial, recreational, and aquaculture regulations in the waters of Edgartown. The Shellfish Department also conducts a large scale propagation effort growing out shellfish seed to supplement Edgartown's wild shellfish population.

2022 Wild Commercial Shellfish harvest:

Species	Quantity Harvested
Bay Scallops.....	6,119 bushels
Oysters.....	87,800 pieces
Steamer Clams.....	193 bushels
Quahogs.....	710 bushels

2022 Aquaculture (Oyster) harvest:

As restaurants re-opened post pandemic, the oyster market rebounded for aquaculturists in Edgartown. Oyster sales approached pre-pandemic levels for oyster farmers. The Edgartown Shellfish Department works closely with the Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries (DMF), and Edgartown's oyster farmers, to monitor oyster harvest protocols to reduce the incidence of illness from Vibrio p. bacteria. Fewer cases of Vp occurred in Katama in 2022, than the previous year, and no reactive closures to oyster harvest occurred.

2022 Recreational Shellfish Harvest:

Species	Quantity Harvested
Bay Scallops.....	288 bushels
Oysters.....	176 bushels
Steamer Clams.....	147 bushels
Quahogs.....	792 bushels

The 2022/2023 recreational bay scallop season began on October 1st 2021. The season was off to a good start for dip netting in both Cape Poge and

Sengekontacket pond. Sengekontacket pond saw a much larger population of adult scallops than had been observed in many years. As this report is being written in early January 2023, recreational license holders are still able to harvest their limit of scallops in Sengekontacket.

The 2022/2023 Commercial bay scallop season began on October 31,2022. The majority of the commercial bay scallop catch came from Cape Poge, with 25-30 limits taken daily. There was also a commercial bay scallop harvest in Sengekontacket Pond, with 2-3 limits taken daily by dip net during the beginning of the season.

Commercial and recreational harvest of quahogs takes place in Edgartown mostly in the warmer months. A handful of commercial fishermen rake quahogs in Sengekontacket and Cape Poge during the summer months. During low tides in July and August, fifty or more recreational license holders can be seen working the flats of Katama Bay in the family area. Recreational limits of quahogs are common in Katama Bay. The success of this recreational fishery is the direct result of the Shellfish Department's work with the Martha's Vineyard Shellfish Group to establish this fishery.

The Edgartown Shellfish Committee voted to open a commercial steamer clam fishery in the Edgartown Great Pond by means of hydraulic harvest during the summer of 2022. This commercial season was opened after the areas were surveyed by the shellfish department. Two or three fishermen in total participated in this fishery, and were able to supply a limited local market with fresh steamers.

For the past ten years, the Edgartown Shellfish department has conducted the Major's cove oyster project in Sengekontacket pond. This project drives

both a commercial and recreational oyster season annually in Sengekontacket. Harvesting oysters removes nitrogen from the pond, and contributes to the overall health of Sengekontacket. Each year the department purchases and grows out 500,000+ 1.5mm oyster seed. This project has been a great success that has created an excellent recreational fishery in the family area along the beach road.

2022 was yet another productive year for the Martha's Vineyard Shellfish Group. MVSG supplies the Edgartown Shellfish Department with shellfish seed for grow out and planting in the waters of Edgartown. The Shellfish department built a second tidal upweller to assist in growing out quahog and scallop seed in Katama Bay this year. Quahogs and bay scallops started in this tidal upweller showed excellent growth early on, and continued success throughout the growing season. This upweller was especially helpful in expanding Edgartown's work with growing bay scallops. For the second year in a row, scallop seed was overwintered and grown to adult size. Growing bay scallops to adult and large seed size improves survival rate when planted. Seeing an abundant scallop population in Sengekontacket and Cape Pogue is very encouraging, and has lead the department to expand its work with bay scallop grow out next season.

The Shellfish Department continued to assist the Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries and the MV Commission with water sampling. The DMF tests all shellfish areas five times annually for fecal coliform bacteria to ensure public health. This is

done under the National Shellfish Sanitation Program. Under this program DMF regulates bodies of water in Edgartown suitable to shellfish harvest. DMF's 2022 water sampling showed that water quality has remained consistent in Edgartown, and no new areas were closed to shellfishing. The MV Commission's Water Resources Department collects water samples from many of the Island's ponds to ensure a sustainable and safe level of water quality across the Island.

Many thanks to all of the other Town departments that help the Shellfish Department throughout the year. Thank you to all that provide data, and assist the shellfish department in regulating and protecting our valuable resources. Friends of Sengekontacket especially, for providing the FOS interns, Anne and Aiden, for the summer of 2022. They were both hard working, eager to learn, and were extremely helpful with our shellfish propagation program.

Finally, I would like to recognize all of the hard work, dedication, and commitment of the Shellfish Committee and Shellfish Department Staff: Deputies- Warren Gaines, Jason Mallory, and Chuck Fisher and Seasonal Deputies - Ralph Peckham and Ron Domurat.

Respectfully Submitted,

ROB MORRISON
Shellfish Constable



MV SHELLFISH GROUP

To the Honorable Selectboard and Citizens of Edgartown;

In April 2022, the Martha's Vineyard Times published an article titled: "Shellfish Douglas Nurture Island's Watery Ecosystems," and in a weird and wonderful way, that's exactly what Martha's Vineyard Shellfish Group, Inc. (MVSG) does. Through continued programs, MVSG fulfills its mission of enhancing shellfish resources for the wellbeing of the entire Island community. We focus on things like habitat restoration, including reducing nitrogen levels in the salt ponds, replanting depleted eelgrass beds, growing seed so the towns can sustain recreational shellfishing, and working with community partners and stakeholders to identify long term goals for how commercial aquaculture, recreational permitting and resource conservation can intersect to preserve our ponds, our bivalves and our island culture.

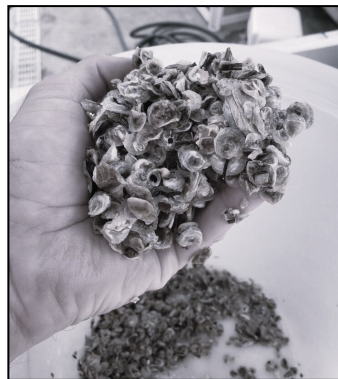
In 2022, MVSG received funding from all six Island towns in the form of a membership to the Group which includes an equal share of the shellfish seed produced by MVSG. The Group operates the Richard C. Karney Solar Shellfish Hatchery in Vineyard Haven, the John T. Hughes Hatchery and Research Station in Oak Bluffs, and the Chappy Point Nursery on Chappaquiddick. Each site serves a different role to maximize the quantity and quality of seed we grow. In 2022, these 3 facilities produced millions of seed for the towns. The seed is grown to an average of 1mm before it is evenly distributed to each town's Shellfish Departments. The Constables



grow the seed in nursery systems such as floating cages, bags and rafts where they are safe from boats, people and predators. At the end of the summer, these larger seeds are released to good shellfish habitat where they improve water clarity and ecosystem functioning and may be harvested by recreational and commercial harvesters. We

also released millions of quahog, scallop and oyster eggs and larvae to help supplement the wild populations.

The natural resources in each town offer a multitude of different habitats and we cater to each one. West Tisbury, for instance, receives only oyster seed because there is no quahog or scallop habitat in that town. The Tisbury Great Pond supports a wild, commercial oyster harvest, though it is constantly challenged by an oyster disease (which does not affect humans) and environmental stressors. The remaining five towns only receive quahog and scallop seed for municipal purposes. Since Edgartown Great Pond's wild oyster population is also challenged by disease, it is host to an oyster



restoration project which is funded by a private grant, and therefore receives oyster seed as well. We monitor and study the oyster disease levels in the Great Ponds to maximize the effectiveness of our programs.

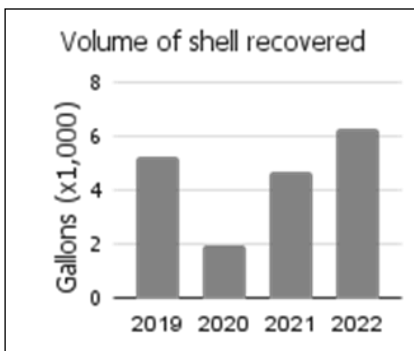
MVSG has managed **oyster restoration projects** in Tisbury Great Pond for 30+ years (funded largely by the Town of West Tisbury) and in Edgartown Great Pond for 14 years (funded by a private grant). The primary restoration strategies are production of spat-on-shell and planting of loose shell. The addition of shell to the ponds helps to harden the bottom of the pond, so that oysters aren't suffocated when they sink into soft mud. It also helps to provide calcium-based substrate for wild oyster larvae to set on and acts like a natural antacid by buffering against increasingly acidic conditions. These processes depend on shell and only recently have we been able to save shells from the trash to repurpose them in a natural



way.

Since 2011 the **Shell Recovery Partnership** has committed to rescuing shells from the waste stream by collecting it from Island restaurants, letting it age for at least a year, then returning it to the Great Ponds. After a reduced collection resulting from the pandemic, the 2022 volume surpassed pre-pandemic levels by working with restaurants including Beach Road, the Clambulance Rescue Raw Bar, Edgartown Yacht Club, l'etoile, Lookout Tavern, Outermost Inn, Port Hunter, Net Result and Larsen's Fish Market. Want to participate? We always need more Shell Recovery Partners who want to reduce their waste and help restore oyster populations! Not affiliated with a restaurant?

Not a problem! Anyone can recycle their shells at the Hughes Hatchery (former Lobster Hatchery) on Shirley Ave in Oak Bluffs.



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

In September, a fourth seeding of spat-on-shell was planted into Sengekontacket Pond, to help **promote a healthy ecosystem**. The oysters were spawned in 2021 and kept safe from predators in bags and cages for about 15 months. The oysters were planted onto small beds of shells and oysters

which were established in 2018. While doing this, we found very large oysters that have persisted in the experimental sites, which means this area of the pond is healthy enough to sustain old oysters. We will spawn a new cohort to grow in 2023 which will be planted in 2024. This project is funded by the Friends of Sengekontacket.

Eelgrass restoration in Lagoon Pond is growing, as the Shellfish Group and volunteers work together to gather and replant close to 2,000 shoots this year. Over a thousand eelgrass seeds from various locations have been planted in the hatchery over winter to germinate into seedlings. We hope to have opportunities for the community to lend a hand on this project in the near future.

For the first time in 2022, an **early scallop propagation pilot** was carried out to provide scallop seed for shellfish farmers wishing to diversify their marketable products. The response from oyster farmers in Lagoon Pond was very positive, and so this project will continue and expand in 2023. Look for farmed bay scallops in the markets this fall!

MVSG was tasked with increasing food security as part of the 2022 Climate Action Plan – The Vineyard Way. The three goals are to build partnerships between technical organizations and local growers, conduct an island-wide analysis to help the towns identify suitable sites for aquaculture, and to develop fishing clubs and mentorships to inspire the next generation in shellfishing. We are



excited to find new ways to advocate for well-planned aquaculture and the persistence of shellfish harvest traditions.

MVSG also received contracts, grants or donations to fund research and other projects from the MA Division of Marine Fisheries, the Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head - Aquinnah, Friends of Sengekontacket, Lagoon Pond Association, Martha's Vineyard Community Foundation, the Edey Foundation, the Vineyard Vision Fellowship, Proud Pour, the Peter & Elizabeth Tower Foundation, the North American Association for Environmental

Education (NAAEE), and more than 300 other donors, including individuals. By receiving outside funding beyond our municipal partners, we are able to spearhead locally inspired biological research and apply it to improve and protect the waters around us.

A few things we are **looking forward to in 2023** are: the return of our annual *Clamily* Reunion



fundraiser at the Chilmark Community Center in April (on Earth Day), updating and repairing our three hatcheries,

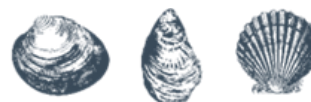
increasing our outreach and education with our new team member, Nina Ferry Montanile, continued eelgrass propagation and habitat restoration in Lagoon Pond and growing shellfish seed in order to *Bivalvify* the Vineyard. Making sure bivalves are

available to filter the water to improve the health of our salt ponds, and provide a climate-friendly protein source that can be farmed or harvested from the wild, are just some of the big impacts this small organization makes.

For more information or to schedule a tour of the shellfish hatchery, call (508) 693-0391, visit www.mvshellfishgroup.org, or email mvshellfishgroup@gmail.com.

Thank you for your sustained support for shellfish resources on the Vineyard.

Respectfully submitted,
EMMA GREEN-BEACH
Executive Director and Biologist



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SHELLFISH GROUP**

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Shellfish Seed Produced and Distributed in 2022

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

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

To the Honorable Selectboard and the Citizens of the Town of Edgartown;

In one of its primary and founding capacities as the administrator and enforcer of the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act and the Edgartown Wetlands Bylaw, the Conservation Commission reviews proposed projects within 200 feet of any resource area, and within 300 feet of a resource area in the Great Pond overlay district. Applications remained steady this year with a total of 50 Notices of Intent, 5 Requests for Determination, 7 local bylaw Notices of Intent and the issuance of 44 Orders of Conditions. The high volume of property sales resulted in substantial workload for the issuance of Certificates of Compliance, and often revealed projects that were not in compliance with the terms of the permit issued by this office. Applications varied from new development on vacant land, demolition and rebuilding of existing dwellings, piers, and vegetation management. The common theme in most applications was extremely large residential structures and complex landscaping, pools and accessory structures such as detached offices and recreation facilities.

The Commission's Agent, Jane Varkonda, the Park Department and Dredge department, with oversight from the Woods Hole Group, completed the restoration of dunes from the left fork eastward onto Norton Point. This followed the relocation bathhouse landward 50 feet. The dunes were planted with beach grass, the OSV trail on Norton Point was relocated and a pedestrian access trail was established for the left fork. Given the dynamic nature of the recent erosion rates we are most fortunate that this project was completed. The remainder of the dune reconstruction on Norton Point has recently become an uncertainty and this office will assist the County, who owns the beach and TTOR in making that project a reality.

Ms. Varkonda and the Park Commission, with the assistance from the Woods Hole Group, applied for a MVP grant for dune restoration at South Beach. South Beach is owned by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Department of Conservation and Recreation. The grant request, for \$ 1,096,473.60

included restoration of dunes and relocation of the remaining two bathhouse structures. Unfortunately the grant request was not approved after back to back grant approvals for the design and implementation of restoration of the dunes at the left fork and Norton Point. Our intent is to apply for funding in the next round of grant applications. The town is working with DCR to streamline their internal processes and permits outside the regulatory review during the rigorous permitting process. DCR's internal review of the project proposal will dramatically add to the cost of the project, and possibly delay implementation of efforts to proactively manage South Beach as the town has for over 30 years. A drive down Atlantic Drive now affords a view of the ocean from almost any vantage point. The primary dunes adjacent to the Atlantic Drive bridge has been completely overwashed and destroyed, with the width of the beach reduced to less than 70 feet.

The Conservation Commission issued various Enforcement and Restoration Orders for several projects that either did not have permits from this office or which exceeded the limits imposed on the projects.

The Town's Open Space and Recreation Plan, prepared and submitted by Dan Doyle at the MVC has been approved. A huge round of thanks to the Park Department for taking this plan to the finish line. Approval of the plan opens the doors to avenues for State funding for open space and recreation projects. Similar funds were essential for the town's acquisition of Katama Farm and Katama Airfield.

In September lease holders at Katama Farm reported the following to the Commission review of farm operations. The collaboration of Slough farm and TFI resulted in 25 acres being grazed, pigs raised in the former sunflower field, and the restoration of the Friendship Garden. The garden, with Melinda DeFeo's expert skills, yielded 650 pounds of produce that were used as part of TFI's educational programming and for Slough farm's food inequity program. Lindsay Brown and Lily Robbins noted that camp had 676 registrations and that 90% of weekend and afternoon programs sold out. TFI hosted many adult and children's programming outside of summer

camp.

TFI granted 14 scholarships totaling \$17,000 for campers who needed assistance with tuition. Please contact the Conservation Commission if your family would like to apply for a scholarship for the upcoming season.

Morning Glory Farm reported that much work had to be performed on the irrigation system. Cattle were grazed on pasture overwintered in the cow barn and 100 chickens were raised MGF harvested 58 round bales for feed. Pigs on the western pasture worked the fields to prepare for planting of a cover crop and ultimately to be seeded for pasture. Dan Athearn noted the need for irrigation for the pastures and hay fields south of Aero Ave and in the western pasture. Grey Barn, which partnered with MGF achieved one cutting of hay on 40 acres. Mr. Glasgow plans to do soil sampling and analysis for the coming season

The Commission renewed the leases at the Waller Farm for Donora's Nursery and Landscaping, Morning Glory farm and John Talanian.

The Conservation Commission has a longstanding commitment to monitor and protect nesting shorebirds from Lighthouse Beach to Eel Pond. We contract with Biodiversity Works for Lighthouse Beach and other sites. Three pairs of piping plovers nested and fledged 8 chicks, which is a huge improvement in fledging success over last year. The early nesting success allowed the beach to be opened up much earlier than in previous years, 7/20/22 vs. 8/13/2021. A small Least Tern colony of 30 with 6 to 8 incubating birds produced no chicks. Biodiversity works staff monitored the protected nesting sites during the July 4th fireworks and did a post fireworks beach cleanup.

The Nature Conservancy and their fire management partners conducted a fall burn of the control unit and strip of land between runway 3-21 and Herring Creek Road in our efforts to maintain and preserve one of the finest examples of sandplains grassland habitat in New England.

The Fisherman's Landing Stewardship Committee continued to meet on a regular basis to assist Ms. Var-konda in management efforts for the existing landing and for the successful acquisition of an easement for an additional 50 feet of abutting the traditional access.

Plans to modify and/or expand the limited uses at the landing will develop as soon as surveys and plans are completed and permits for are secured.

Thanks to the Dredge Committee for their longstanding efforts to nourish Fuller Street Beach and for their invaluable advice on logistics for moving sand to where it is most needed along the town's shoreline.

Ms. Shemeth has completed her first year in her role at the Conservation Assistant and continues to bring her unique knowledge and tremendous skills to the forefront of the routine and not so routine rolls that the Conservation Commission finds itself in.

The Conservation Commission would like to thank the Edgartown Highway Dept, Dredge Committee and Crew, Harbormaster's Office, Shellfish Office, Animal Control, Park Dept, Building Department, Police Department, Fire Department, and the MV Land Bank for their continued support and cooperation in protecting the Town's natural resources and working together to ensure that the community will be able to enjoy these resources for years to come.

Respectively submitted,
EDWARD VINCENT, JR.
Chairman



CAPE POGUE DCPC COMMITTEE

To the Honorable Selectboard and the Citizens of the Town of Edgartown;

The Cape Pogue District of Critical Planning Concern Advisory Committee is pleased to report upon its inaugural year of meetings, with its first meetings having taken place beginning in March, 2022.

The District of Critical Planning Concern was first established in order to prevent damage to structures, land, and water as a result of erosion; to preserve and enhance the character of views, to maintain the quality of well water, to prevent pollution, to enhance and protect recreation uses, to minimize adverse impacts of recreational use, to protect the quality of adjacent fin and shell fisher industries, and to maintain and enhance the fishing economy and promote and protect wildlife habitats. The Advisory Committee, as established by the Martha's Vineyard Commission, exists to advise regarding issues affecting the District, to propose studies of regional uses of Cape Pogue, and propose amended district guidelines concerning wildlife management and recreation and work with all property owners involved. We foster cooperation in management of public and private lands in the District, advise the Planning Board on applications for Special Permits, and propose wildlife management and recreational guidelines.

The membership of the Committee in 2022 included representatives of the following bodies:

- Edgartown Conservation Commission (Jane Varkonda)
- Edgartown Board of Health (Chris Edwards)
- Mass. Department of Environmental Management (no current member —TBD)
- Mass. Department of Fisheries, Wildlife, and Environmental Law Enforcement (EPO Lt. Matthew Bass)
- The Trustees of Reservations Membership (Bob Hayman)
- The Trustees of Reservations Staff (Darci Shofield)
- County of Dukes County (Keith Chatinover)
- Martha's Vineyard Commission (no current member —TBD)
- Cape Pogue Property Owner appointed by the

Edgartown Board of Selectmen (Rachel Self) (Chair)

- Conservation/Wildlife Specialist (appointed jointly by Sheriffs' Meadow Foundation, Vineyard Conservation Society, and Vineyard Open Land Foundation) (Matt Pelikan)
- Edgartown Police Department (Ofc. Ryan Ruley)
- Edgartown Planning Board (Scott Morgan)
- Edgartown Marine Advisory Committee (Ed Handy)
- Edgartown Harbormaster (Charlie Blair)
- Edgartown Shellfish Constable (Rob Morrison)

In 2022, the Committee began the work of reaching out to and building relationships with other stakeholder groups. It arranged centralized reporting of complaints and violations within the District, and arranged the placement of a vehicle counter within the District; these efforts will ensure better data collection in the future, to allow the Committee and other bodies to engage in data-based decision-making.

The Committee also pursued efforts to have a permanent Environmental Police Officer stationed on the island. It heard presentations of beach management plans put forth by multiple entities interested in managing the District's beaches. The Committee voted to advise the Select Board to continue the District's successful anchoring moratorium from the previous year, and to amend the bylaw to allow for a process to apply for an exemption from the District's ban on herbicides and pesticides, to ensure best environmental practices are used with the District.

All minutes and agenda materials are available on the Town of Edgartown's website at: <https://www.edgartown-ma.us/downloads/-folder-487>

The Committee would like to thank all those who offered their invaluable input during its meetings over the course of the year — particularly members of the public, whose commentary and engagement is essential to transparency and the achievement of the Committee's mission.

Respectfully submitted,
RACHEL M. SELF, Chair

DREDGE COMMITTEE

To the Honorable Selectboard and the Citizens of Edgartown;

The Dredge Committee is pleased to report another successful year for the Dredge Program. After completing its fifth dredging season, the town dredge (purchased in 2017) underwent heavy maintenance and repairs this spring. It started out the 2022 dredging season at the Little Bridge in Oak Bluffs where it cleared the channel into Sengekontacket to improve flow and water quality in the pond. Because the Towns of Oak Bluffs and Edgartown share an interest in the pond, an inter-municipal exchange of sand for services was arranged for the work. The sand was transported to South Beach where it is being used as nourishment material at the direction of the Parks Department. After completing the dredging at the Little Bridge, the Department responded to a request by the Tisbury Harbormaster to perform maintenance dredging at the Tashmoo Channel. Through another inter-municipal agreement, the dredge spent the month of December over in Tashmoo, clearing the channel and generating over \$100,000 in revenue for Edgartown. The Committee always welcomes the opportunity to assist our island neighbors with their dredging needs, in addition to our own.

The Committee is continuing to work towards expanding the Comprehensive Permit so that areas crucial to navigation, water quality and aquaculture can be protected and maintained. In addition to the \$240,000 grant the Department received to add Katama Bay to the Comprehensive Permit in 2021, two additional grants were received in 2022: \$96,000 was received in July to engineer and permit dredging at the Harbor entrance and Lighthouse Beach, to address the shoaling occurring there; and \$292,000 was received in December to support the renewal of the 10 Year Comprehensive Permit, which will expire in 2024. Both grants were awarded by the MA Seaport Economic Council and the Town would like to express its gratitude to the entire Council, led by former Lt. Governor Polito, for their generous and on-going support of the Edgartown Dredge Program. The permitting processes have become lengthy and very involved as multiple agencies must weigh in. This has increased the costs associated with the permit renewal process, which was the catalyst for seeking grant funding. The Committee will continue

to explore grant opportunities, as well as revenue generating projects, so that the program remains a useful and profitable tool for the Town.

The Katama Landing Expansion Project has begun. Contractors mobilized to the site in mid-December and excavation began in early January. The new ramp will be wide enough to allow two boats to launch simultaneously, and improvements to the parking lot are also included in the scope of work. The ramp is owned by the State, which is contributing 75% of the funding for the project. The new ramp has been engineered to support the launch of the dredge by trailer. The completion of the ramp will significantly reduce the Dredge Program's annual costs of launching and hauling the dredge by crane. The project's completion date is subject to weather, but will be no later than May 1, 2023.

The Dredge Committee would like to extend its gratitude to many in town who contribute to the program's success including Shellfish Constable Rob Morrison, who has worked with the Committee to ensure the success of the town's aquaculture programs align with the goals of the Dredge Department. A big thank you to Conservation Agent Jane Varkonda who works with numerous local and state agencies to protect the Town's natural resources in a variety of ways. The Committee would also like to thank the Parks Department and the Highway Department, the Harbormaster, the Town Administrator and the Selectboard for collaborating on projects and also providing guidance and support.

The Committee would like to thank the Dredge Crew and Staff: Foreman Greg Bettencourt, Leverman Donny Benefit, Anchorman Peter Jackson, Crew Alternate Douglas Benefit and Administrator Juliet Mulinare. Finally, and most importantly, thank you to the Citizens of Edgartown; without your generous support, the dredge program would not be possible.

Respectfully Submitted,

ED HANDY, Chair
DUDLEY LEVICK
PETER VINCENT
RYAN SMITH
MICHAEL SHALETT

PARKS DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Selectboard and the Citizens of Edgartown;

The Park Commissioners were pleased with another busy year at Wilson's Landings, the Bend in the Road Beach, Cannonball Park, the Robinson Road Recreation Area and South Beach.

2022 was a challenging year as the staffing shortage that effected the island also effected the Park Department and how we were able to staff the various properties under its care and control.

South Beach saw a record number of confirmed shark sightings this season. The staff was vigilant about monitoring the water to ensure public safety. Over the winter of 2021, the Left Fork beach dune was restored using funds secured with a grant we were able to secured from the Coastal Zone Management. We were also able to move the Left Fork bath house away from the ever encroaching water line and out of danger. The erosion effecting South Beach is unprecedented and the Park Commissioner are working diligently with the Edgartown Conservation Commission who have been invaluable with their help and guidance throughout this process.

Wilson's Landing was a very popular destination for boaters and kayakers this summer. The commissioners are constantly working to improve the area so it may be enjoyed by all.

Hagerty Tree Company assisted with the evaluation and removal of some trees and bushes in Cannonball Park which were past their prime. With these trees removed, the commissioners hope to allow for more natural sunlight to be let into the park and new flower and garden beds to flourish. The broken stone planter closest to the jail was also removed due to it deteriorating state. The commissioners look forward to replacing the planter in the future and are working with the Beautification Committee to bring to park up to its full potential.

The Robinson Road Recreation Area was not staffed this past summer due to the staffing shortage. The Commissioners continue to work with our consulting firm and try to raise funds for the

upcoming renovation.

The Bend in the Road was again a popular destination for families this summer.

The commissioners would like to thank our lifeguard staff: Brooks Jordan; Head Lifeguard, Charlotte Lisa; Assistant Head lifeguard, Nate Newcomer; Assistant Head Lifeguard, Griffin Coffey, Riley Coffey, Caden Choisnard, Jack Cronin, William Cronin, Shea Driscoll, Lucia McMullen, Suzanne More- Straton, Thiago Muniz, Avery Newcomer, James Riseborough, Braden Sayles Natalie Simone, Bryce Nelson, Elizabeth Williamson, Matthew Rickard, and Daniel Coleman. We would also like to thank the Park Patrol staff: Eugene Townes; Park Patrol Director, Dan Townes, Donald Herman, Brian Usher and Blake Axtell. Thank you for keeping the beaches safe and clean.

The commissioners would like to thank the Edgartown Highway Department, The Edgartown Fire & EMS Department, the Edgartown Police Department, the Harbormaster, the Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Edgartown.

Respectfully Submitted,

JANE VARKONDA,
Chairman

GLEN SEARLE
ANDREW KELLY

JESSICA MCGROARTY,
Administrative Assistant

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS COMMITTEE

To the Honorable Selectboard and
the Citizens of Edgartown:

It was another joyous holiday season in Edgartown, and our surprise white Christmas only added to the beauty of downtown this time of year.

The Board of Trade did a wonderful job with the annual Christmas in Edgartown weekend celebration that enlivens town and gives businesses a much needed boost in the off-season. And, although a bit cold and cloudy, thousands turned out for the annual Christmas parade, which was also a huge success.

The decorations downtown were expanded to South Summer Street this year, illuminating and adding cheer to the sidewalks from Main Street all the way up to the Federated Church.

The Committee would like to thank the Highway Department, who graciously transports and erects the tree stands all throughout downtown; the Donaroma's crew for providing and installing the wreaths, garlands, lights and bows, and Tom Bassett and his crew for lighting everything up and keeping it lit for all to enjoy.

If anyone would like to join the Committee and help in planning for next year, we would love to have you.

Respectfully Submitted,

GLEN SEARLE
LES BAYNES
JULIET MULINARE

MV LAND BANK EDGARTOWN ADVISORY BOARD

To the Honorable Selectboard and Citizens of Edgartown:

Properties suited to conservation can be large and they can be small. Both the largest and the smallest properties purchased by the land bank in 2022 were located in Edgartown.

A 3-acre lot straddled by two large conservation areas on each side was jointly purchased by the land bank and the Sheriff's Meadow Foundation, its private-sector counterpart. It's good conservation practice to purchase inholdings and, in addition, a long-distance trail will result. The property is located off the Chappaquiddick Road and has been incorporated into the Three Ponds Reservation.

The price was \$677,625, of which the land bank paid \$386,000. The seller was David Ames, Jr.

The 35-acre Quenomica Preserve was created by the purchase of two properties at opposite ends of the Quenomica peninsula in the Edgartown Great Pond. The northerly 14 acres, along Meeting House Way, were purchased from Edwin and Ellen Harley for \$9,500,000 and include both open fields and a clustered core of buildings where the land bank workshop, office and staff housing will be located. At the southerly end of the peninsula the land bank purchased 21 acres from John O'Keefe for \$8,000,000. This remarkable property contains approximately two-thirds of a mile of pond frontage.

The land bank sought permits to open the Caleb's Pond Preserve to public use. It installed a new set of adjustable bluff stairs at the North Neck Highlands Preserve for access to the Cape Pogue Bay, to replace stairs that had been lost to erosion. New kayak racks were installed at the Quammox Preserve. Scenic vistas that otherwise would be lost to overgrowth were maintained at the Norton Fields Preserve and Sweetened Water Preserve.

Each of the land bank's town advisory boards, including Edgartown's, reviewed and approved the land bank budget.

Anyone wishing to make recommendations or suggestions is invited to join the board at one of its meetings.

Respectfully submitted,
MICHAEL DONAROMA,
Chairman

MV LAND BANK

To the Honorable Selectboard and Citizens of Edgartown;

4050 acres, representing 7% 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

So many goals were attained with the creation of the Quenonica Preserve. Scenic and ecological: an exceptional 21-acre peninsula, projecting into the Edgartown Great Pond with two-thirds of a mile of shoreline, was purchased from John O'Keefe for \$8,000,000. Scenic, ecological and pragmatic: 14 acres of fields abutting existing conservation land were purchased for \$9,500,000 from Edwin and Ellen Harley. The latter was pragmatic because the land bank had been facing a number of expensive building construction projects across the island — for land management workshops and for affordable housing for its staff — and never, in its planning, allowed itself to envision the existence anywhere on the island of a single property with several practical pre-existing buildings clustered around a core, using space so efficiently ... and then this remarkable opportunity arose. As a bonus, one of the buildings will serve as the land bank's office, allowing it to sell its current office in Edgartown center.

The Tisbury Great Pond benefits from the land bank's purchase of 26 acres along the Mill Brook, its primary source. Six vacant building lots, long ago platted hard against the stream, were conserved, sparing the watershed the impact of their septic systems and development runoff. The \$2,500,000 price was softened by a \$325,000 donation from the Martha's Vineyard Community Foundation's Land Protection Fund, which the land bank gratefully accepted. The seller was Claudia Miller; the land has been incorporated into the Priester's Pond Preserve.

Likewise the Squibnocket Pond benefits from the land bank's new Black Brook Preserve. The 6-acre

parcel is the spring from which most of the freshwater feeding the pond arises. It's a good example of how conservation builds on itself, as this headwater became a land bank priority directly following the 2020 and 2021 creation of the Squibnocket Pond Reservation. Some \$150,000 has or will be spent to protect this land, purchased via a number of partial interests.

Merry Farm LLC sold 18 grassy hilltop acres into conservation, as an accretion to the Wompesket Preserve. The preserve is now double its initial size. The price was \$2,500,000.

The Sheriff's Meadow Foundation and the land bank teamed to purchase, from David Ames, Jr., a \$677,625 three-acre lot off the Chappaquiddick Road. Two lobes of conserved land straddle the lot and its conservation will not only keep the inholding green but will allow the installation of a long-distance trail spanning the lobes. It is part of the Three Ponds Reservation.

Mary Robin Ravitch sold to the land bank, for \$2,020,000, her 4.5-acre property abutting the Ice House Pond, for renaturalization. She retained a life-estate, which allows sellers to remain on their properties for the rest of their lives; the price to the land bank is reciprocally reduced. Ice House Pond is a rarity on the Vineyard — a freshwater great-pond — and will benefit from the reduced development around its margin. Pepperbush Preserve's name nods to the widespread paludal shrub.

Land Management

Ecological inventories and studies continued at many land bank properties: Arrowhead Farm, Aquinnah Headlands Preserve, Christiantown Woods Preserve, Edgartown Great Pond Beach, Great Rock Bight Preserve, Manaquayak Preserve, Ocean View Farm Preserve, Paint Mill Brook Preserve, Pecoy Point Preserve, Priester's Pond Preserve, Quammox Preserve, Quenonica Preserve, Squibnocket Pond Reservation, Tisbury Great Pond Beach, Tisbury Meadow Preserve, Waskosim's Rock Reservation, Wilfrid's Pond Preserve and Wompesket Preserve.

Review by the commonwealth of the James Pond

Preserve and Squibnocket Pond Reservation management plans is still underway; such imprimatur is required, by statute, before land bank properties can be opened for public enjoyment.

Morainal erosion requires constant vigilance. The land bank field crew rebuilt trails at the popular Aquinnah Headlands Preserve, Great Rock Bight Preserve and Waskosim's Rock Reservation — and at quieter properties such as the preserves at Ramble Trail, Tisbury Meadow and Weahtaqua Springs. Hikers are using the new path linking the spine trail at the Fulling Mill Brook Preserve with the Radar Hill Road, which leads to the Peaked Hill Reservation, as well as a new loop on an addition to the John Presbury Norton Farm.

Infrastructure too requires vigilance. Slumping ate away the bluff at the North Neck Highlands Preserve, so new — and adjustable — beach-stairs were installed. The stairs leading down to the Ice House Pond at the Manaquayak Preserve were completely rebuilt, using milled locust. A viewing platform was erected at the Little Duarte's Pond Preserve and deteriorated kayak racks at the Quammox Preserve were replaced.

In a profuse place like the Vineyard overgrowth swiftly occurs, which has both ecological and scenic impacts. Uprooting — pitch pines at the Trade Wind Fields Preserve; autumn olive at the Short Cove Preserve; and Japanese knotweed at the Farm Pond, Norton Fields and Sweetened Water Preserves — maintains good ecological health, while view corridors were revived by mowing at Allen Farm, Blue Barque Preserve, Eachpoquassit Hill Preserve and the Waskosim's Rock Reservation. But development is profuse here too; buildings were removed at the James Pond and Tashmoo Preserves in order to renaturalize these areas and make them more welcoming to visitors. The Beatrice Barrett Planet Earth Fund, administered via the Martha's Vineyard Community Foundation and the Nature Conservancy, generously donated \$186,500 for these undevelopment projects.

Useful buildings are always prized. Cottages at James Pond and Quenomica, renovated, have been established as staff housing for caretakers who provide overnight supervision of these preserves.

The land bank's grassland restoration program expanded in 2022: acreage managed via grazing increased by 25%, and the herd itself is regularly replenished via annual planned kidding.

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

Cross Island Hike (XIH)

After a two-year hiatus the XIH resumed in 2022 for a 18.9-mile trek from State Beach at Big Bridge in Edgartown to the Long Point Reservation in West Tisbury. Over eighty hikers participated; forty completed the entire cross-island hike. The route passed through ten conservation properties and used eleven established ancient ways.

Budget and related matters

The following chart synthesizes the land bank's annual finances. Anyone wishing to review the budget in its entirety, which includes a narrative describing the purpose of each line item expenditure, is encouraged to read it on the land bank website.

The expenditure in the 2022 reserve category serves as the land bank's allocation in the county's OPEB (other post-employment benefits) trust fund; public employers in the commonwealth are required to plan for this purpose.

As of December 1, 2022 the land bank treasury contained some \$9,393,000 in cash, to fund all expenses including new acquisitions and the payment of debt service for existing properties.

The asterisk (*) indicates the land bank's revenue projection.

Per statute, first-time homebuyers paid no land bank fee on purchase prices at or below \$715,000; in 2023 the threshold will be \$800,000. This is called the "m" exemption and 34 transactions qualified for it in 2022

Gifts

The land bank gratefully accepted the following gifts: (1.) Monica Finch, \$100, in memory of Dagmar Dockery; and (2.) Tammy Kallman, \$100, in memory of Wayne Kallman.

	FY22 BUDGETED	FY23 ACTUAL	FY23 BUDGETED
	<i>Cash Amount and Percentage of Totals</i>		
Revenues	\$20,000,000	\$22,291,003	\$17,000,000 *
Administrative expenses	(\$ 645,407) 3%	(\$ 606,695) 3%	(\$ 736,988) 4%
Land management expenses	(\$ 3,014,382) 15%	(\$ 1,623,619) 7%	(\$ 3,302,764) 19%
Debt service expenses	(\$ 6,357,202) 32%	(\$ 6,532,349) 29%	(\$ 7,156,137) 42%
Reserve expenses	(\$ 1,050,000) 5%	(\$ 1,000,000) 5%	(\$ 100,000) 1%
Unencumbered new receipts	\$ 8,933,009 45%	\$ 12,528,340 56%	\$ 5,704,111 34%

Transfer fee revenues

Fiscal Year 2022 transfer fee revenues were:

	Transfer fee revenues received July 1, 2021 through <u>June 30, 2022</u>	percent of total
Aquinnah Fund	\$119,058	1 %
Chilmark Fund	\$1,461,110	7 %
Edgartown Fund	\$4,896,849	22 %
Oak Bluffs Fund	\$1,689,069	8 %
Tisbury Fund	\$1,505,907	7 %
West Tisbury Fund	\$1,473,510	7 %
<i>central fund</i>	<u>\$11,145,502</u>	<u>50%</u>
	\$ 22,291,005	100%

This represented a 17% decrease over the previous year.

Commissioners and staff

The land bank commission currently comprises the following members: Steven Ewing, Edgartown;

Pamela Goff, Chilmark; Wesley Mott, commonwealth; Kristen Reimann, Oak Bluffs; Sarah Thulin, Aquinnah; Nancy Weaver, Tisbury; and Peter Wells, West Tisbury. The year-round land bank staff comprises the following individuals: Janette Andrews, fiscal officer; Jean-Marc Dupon, conservation land assistant; Maureen Hill, office manager; Zachary Jessee, goatherd; Harrison Kisiel, land superintendent; Jeffrey Komarinetz, conservation land assistant; James Lengyel, executive director; Antone Lima, crew manager; Julie Russell, ecologist; Timothy Sheran, conservation land assistant; and Blake Wasson, conservation land assistant.

Respectfully submitted,
JAMES LENGYEL
Executive Director

MV TRANSIT AUTHORITY



To the Honorable Selectboard and Citizens of Edgartown;

The Martha’s Vineyard Transit Authority (VTA) provides fixed-route bus and ADA demand-responsive van service to the six towns on the Island of Martha’s Vineyard. The VTA was created by the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 161B and is funded through local, state, and federal sources.

Leadership

Per MGL Chapter 161B, the VTA is managed by an Administrator, who is appointed by an Advisory Board. The Advisory Board is composed of one representative from each member community, one Rider Community Representative and one Disabled Community Representative:

Oak Bluffs	Alice Butler, Chairman
West Tisbury	Robert Wasserman
Aquinnah	Vacant
Tisbury	Elaine Miller
Chilmark	Leonard Jason
Edgartown	Mark Snider
Rider Community Representative	Vacant
Disabled Community Rep.	Steve Soraino/Tisbury
Administrator	Angela E. Gompert

Mission

We believe that public transportation is essential to the economic vitality, environmental stability and quality of life on the Island of Martha’s Vineyard. We provide safe and secure environment for our customers, community and employees through consistent training, enforcement and allocation of resources. We continuously strive to improve the cost efficiency of our services and approach our financial relationships with integrity and transparency.

Description of Services

During Fiscal Year 2022, the VTA operated ten year-round routes, plus four additional summer peak season routes and paratransit service in accordance with Americans with Disability Act (ADA). The fixed routes are organized into a hub and spoke system around four hubs, which are located in the Vineyard’s largest communities (Vineyard Haven, Oak Bluffs, Edgartown and West Tisbury). With one exception, all VTA routes serve at least one hub. Connecting to and between hubs allows passengers to transfer between routes and increases accessibility to the Island’s major services and destinations. The VTA also interlines buses to offer one-seat rides between key destinations. The VTA’s annual operating budget for FY22 was \$6.627 million, plus \$2.51 million in capital funds. VTA ridership

continued to feel the effects from the COVID-19 pandemic, carrying 772,214 riders over 981,295 revenue miles of service.

FUNDING UPDATES

CARES Act Funding

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the VTA was awarded \$2,924,620 in the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act funding. During FY22, the VTA expended the remaining \$1,178,312 of the CARES funding to supplement lost fares due to decreased ridership.

For FY23, the VTA has been awarded \$3,998,487 in Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA) funds.

SERVICE MODIFICATIONS

Fiscal Year 2022 started with a concerted effort by the VTA to return to normal In-Season transit service as the COVID pandemic continued but with fewer restrictions. VTA passengers were still required to wear face masks while aboard the buses, and social distancing continued to be recommended as much as possible. While much service that traditionally operates was restored, late night service was only partially restored.

Another challenging trend to delivering transit service to the region emerged in Fiscal Year 2022. Labor shortages of CDL licensed bus operators, always a concern for transit planning, intensified as the pandemic lingered in 2021. Service modifications were driven more by the constraints of the labor shortage than the pandemic-related reduced travel demand as Fiscal Year 2022 went on. By the end of the Fiscal Year, the VTA's ridership recovery was around 70%, as compared to pre-pandemic ridership levels.

Changes to Off-Season 2021 - 2022 as compared to Off-Season 2020 - 2021

The Off-Season service remained similar to the previous year on most routes, with some other routes being restored to more normal operation. Routes 7 and 9, after an off-season experiment being served by microtransit service, returned to more conventional fixed route service sharing one bus alternating the two routes during the service day. Route 13 returned to half hour service during the daytime daily, an increase from hourly Sunday through Thursday and every thirty minutes only on Fridays and Saturdays. Evening service remained every thirty minutes on Fridays and Saturdays only.

Changes to In-Season 2022 as compared to In-Season 2021 (mid to late June)

The full brunt of the labor shortage impacted VTA service in 2022 when it was time to ramp up

service to In-Season levels. The In-Season itself was delayed several weeks from mid-May to June 10, 2022. In anticipation of this challenge that would only intensify as the season went on, the VTA reduced evening service on up-Island routes, with last trips operating in the six and seven o'clock hours instead of eight and nine pm. Route 8 service was reduced to every 30 minutes daily, being served by one bus instead of two during the last week of June. Route 10A temporarily ceased service altogether, with the bus that normally interlines Routes 2 and 10A being reassigned to Routes 2 and 4. This reduced the service on Route 4 to every two hours, a reduction from hourly.

Overall, the shortage of qualified vehicle operators significantly reduced the amount of transit service the VTA could offer to levels below desirable levels. With ridership recovery as compared to pre-pandemic levels ranging monthly from 65 to 80 percent, an organizational priority became addressing the labor shortage with more determined employee recruitment and securing employee housing.

Electronic Ticketing

In December 2021, the VTA launched an electronic ticketing platform, allowing passengers to have a safe, fast and contactless experience while boarding the bus. Passengers could purchase multi-day digital travel passes online and download to their Apple Wallet or Google Pay App. Physical travel passes remained available for purchase as well. With the transition to digital ticketing, annual passes which were historically based on a calendar year became valid for 365 days from the first day of use, allowing passengers more flexibility and value with their annual pass purchase. Additionally, the VTA introduced a digital 100 day pass, which was marketed towards seasonal workers and visitors.

Clean Transportation Initiatives

In 2017, the VTA commenced an ambitious project to electrify its transit fleet and fuel the fleet with renewable solar energy and integrated energy storage. This system of locally generated renewables, storage and vehicle charging will create a first-of-its-kind fully integrated, clean, resilient, and flexible public transportation system. The VTA has updated its operations and maintenance facility and now has an electrical distribution system capable of supplying electricity for charging stations for 40 buses, 7 vans and 6 cars. The installation of Energy Storage Systems (ESS), solar canopies and inductive charging included a central control system manages vehicle charging, reduces peak demand by ESS discharge, and supplies emergency power through an island-able micro grid.

The VTA currently has 16 electric buses in service, which accounts for 50% of the total bus fleet. Additionally, the VTA expects to purchase nine more electric buses over the next three years. The electric buses have been well received by the community and the VTA is pleased with how well this new technology is working.

In January 2022, construction commenced for the installation of in-ground inductive chargers on Church Street, Edgartown (full project scope available at www.vineyardtransit.com). During this project, the Edgartown Visitors Center facade and landscape were renovated, making a more comfortable and aesthetically pleasing bus hub for our riders, community and visitors.

Partnerships & Community Outreach

The VTA continues to partner with the Island’s councils on aging, elderly and disabled housing authorities, and schools to provide reduced fare annual passes for the Island’s elderly, disabled and youth. Reduced fare passes are available for purchase through the councils on aging and all Island schools. The VTA also offers a Military reduced fare.

For the past 19 years, the VTA has maintained the Island’s school bus fleet, saving the school district money and the complications of getting vehicles to the mainland for repair services, as viable and affordable alternatives do not exist in the private sector on the Island.

The VTA leases office space within their building to the Registry of Motor Vehicles (RMV) to operate a local branch for the Island.

The VTA maintains its own fuel island on the property, with above-ground diesel and unleaded fuel tanks. We are the largest consumer of fuel on the Island. We allow other public agencies to fuel at our facility which, with the pooling of our fuel purchases saves tens of thousands of dollars annually for these public agencies: the Martha’s Vineyard School District, the Airport, Dukes County Sheriff’s Department, several Towns police, fire and highway departments, Island Elderly Housing, the Land Bank and the County. A computerized fuel authorization system allows access for these agencies to fuel twenty-four hours a day.

The VTA property is host to training exercises for MV Tactical Response Team and fire department drills. The VTA has provided vehicles and drivers, as needed, to the Airport so they can coordinate their MCI Drills, as required by FAA. We are a member of the County and all Island Towns’ Emergency Management plans for evacuations, transportation and cooling/warming rehabilitation vehicles in the

event of an emergency.

The VTA is home to the only Commercial Driver’s License (CDL) course. The VTA allows private, as well as other public agencies, to train on and use the course for licensing.

**OPERATIONAL FACTS AND FIGURES
FIXED ROUTE**

Facts:	FY 22	FY 21
Annual Ridership	772,214	547,696
Annual Farebox & Other Revenue	\$1,598,570	\$1,166,347
Annual Cost of Operations	\$5,381,257	\$4,535,035
% of Fare Box Recovery of Operating Costs	27.1%	24.77%
Fleet Size	34	34

Fixed Route:		
# of Fixed Routes	14	14
Annual Passenger Trips	772,214	547,696
Annual Revenue Hours	61,168	49,880
Annual Revenue Miles	981,295	792,458
Annual Vehicle Hours	64,797	52,839
Annual Vehicle Miles	1,039,507	839,468

Performance Measures:		
Operating Expense Per Passenger Trip	\$10.78	\$11.59
Operating Expense Per Revenue Hour	\$96.76	\$96.47
Operating Expense Per Revenue Mile	\$5.90	\$6.02
Passenger Trips Per Revenue Hour	11.23	9.71
Passenger Trips Per Revenue Mile	0.70	0.61
Required Subsidy Per Passenger Trip	\$8.68	\$9.37

Fare Information:	Per Zone	Per Zone
Fixed Routes Fares:		
Adult Base	\$2 / \$1.25	\$2 / \$1.25
Elderly Fare	\$1 / \$0.75	\$1 / \$0.75
Disabled & Veteran Fare	\$1 / \$0.75	\$1 / \$0.75
Under 12	\$2 / \$1.25	\$2 / \$1.25
Under 6	Free	Free
Student Pass	Reduced Fare	Reduced Fare

ADA - DEMAND RESPONSE

Facts:

Annual Ridership
Annual Farebox &
Other Revenue
Annual Cost of
Operations
% of Fare Box
Recovery of Operating
Costs
Fleet Size

	FY 22	FY 21
Annual Ridership	7,976	4,406
Annual Farebox & Other Revenue	\$120,669	\$32,384
Annual Cost of Operations	\$576,205	\$549,408
% of Fare Box Recovery of Operating Costs	21.09%	5.89%
Fleet Size	8	6

Performance measures:

Operating Expense Per
Passenger Trip
Operating Expense Per
Revenue Hour
Operating Expense Per
Revenue Mile
Passenger Trips Per
Revenue Hour
Passenger Trips Per
Revenue Mile
Required Subsidy Per
Passenger Trip

Operating Expense Per Passenger Trip	\$74.49	\$120.49
Operating Expense Per Revenue Hour	\$120.99	\$148.22
Operating Expense Per Revenue Mile	\$8.56	\$10.85
Passenger Trips Per Revenue Hour	1.67	1.27
Passenger Trips Per Revenue Mile	0.12	0.08
Required Subsidy Per Passenger Trip	\$59.15	\$98.22

Demand Response Statistics:

Annual Passenger
Trips
Annual Revenue
Hours
Annual Revenue
Miles
Annual Vehicle
Hours
Annual Vehicle
Miles

Annual Passenger Trips	7,976	4,406
Annual Revenue Hours	4,802	3,413
Annual Revenue Miles	68,800	46,911
Annual Vehicle Hours	5,336	3,792
Annual Vehicle Miles	76,444	51,505

Fare Information:

Paratransit:

Elderly

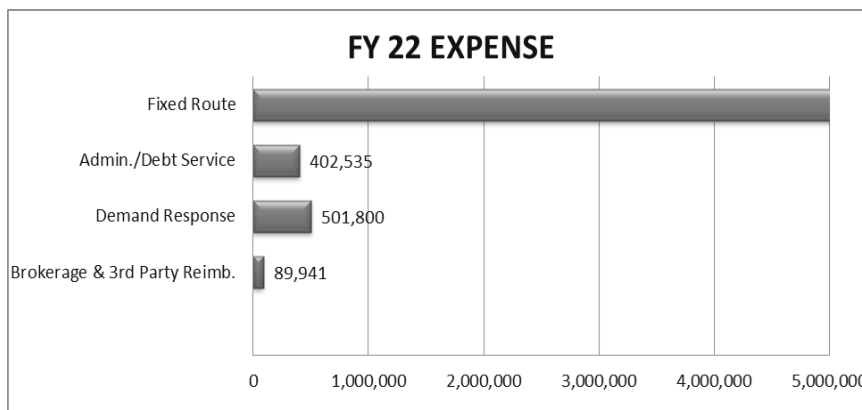
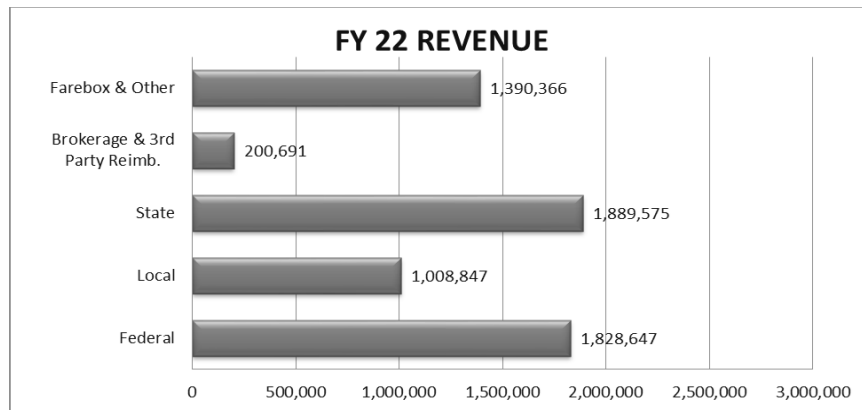
Disabled & Veteran

Pass Program

Ticket Program

Paratransit	\$2.00/ town	\$2.00/ town
Elderly	\$2.00/ town	\$2.00/ town
Disabled & Veteran	N/A	N/A
Pass Program	N/A	N/A
Ticket Program	N/A	N/A

FINANCE



STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

ASSETS		2022	2021
Current Assets			
	Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 669,125	\$ 898,995
	Receivable for operating assistance	\$ 1,941,289	\$ 1,297,241
	Inventory	\$ 402,568	\$ 394,739
	Prepaid expense	\$ 171,985	\$ 442,802
	Prepaid fuel hedge	\$ 27,521	\$ 238,825
	Lease receivable	\$ 31,085	\$ -
	Total current assets	<u>\$ 3,243,573</u>	<u>\$ 3,272,602</u>
Restricted & Noncurrent Assets			
Restricted assets			
	Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 307,574	\$ 278,047
	Receivable for capital assistance	\$ 1,655,590	\$ 4,902,808
	Total restricted assets	<u>\$ 1,963,164</u>	<u>\$ 5,180,855</u>
	Receivable for operating assistance	\$ 544,915	\$ 667,716
	Capital assets, net	\$ 23,151,269	\$ 22,732,933
	Net OPEB asset	\$ 453,474	\$ 256,824
	Lease receivable, less current portion	\$ 94,015	\$ -
	Right to use asset	\$ 243,991	\$ -
	Total restricted assets & noncurrent assets	<u>\$ 26,450,828</u>	<u>\$ 28,838,328</u>
	Total assets	<u>\$ 29,694,401</u>	<u>\$ 32,110,930</u>
Deferred Outflows of Resources			
	Deferred outflows of resources related to pension	\$ 146,940	\$ 110,194
	Deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB	\$ 130,239	\$ 113,256
	Total assets & deferred outflows of resources	<u>\$ 29,971,580</u>	<u>\$ 32,334,380</u>
LIABILITIES			
Current liabilities			
	Accounts payable and accrued expense	\$ 305,049	\$ 686,351
	Lease liability	\$ 74,577	\$ -
	Total current liabilities	<u>\$ 379,626</u>	<u>\$ 686,351</u>
Restricted and noncurrent liabilities			
Liabilities payable from restricted assets			
	Accounts payable and accrued expense	\$ 1,176,343	\$ 4,272,369
	Total liabilities payable from restricted assets	<u>\$ 1,176,343</u>	<u>\$ 4,272,369</u>
	Lease liability, less current portion	\$ 157,584	\$ -
	Net pension liability	\$ 77,080	\$ 199,587
	Revenue Anticipation Notes	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 2,013,247
	Total restricted and noncurrent liabilities	<u>\$ 3,411,007</u>	<u>\$ 6,485,203</u>
	Total liabilities	<u>\$ 3,790,633</u>	<u>\$ 7,171,554</u>
Deferred Inflows of Resources			
	Deferred inflows of resources related to pension	\$ 273,503	\$ 154,742
	Deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB	\$ 192,605	\$ 50,186
	Deferred inflows of resources related to leases	\$ 122,009	\$ -
	Total liabilities & deferred inflows of resources	<u>\$ 588,117</u>	<u>\$ 204,928</u>
	Total liabilities & deferred inflows of resources	<u>\$ 4,378,750</u>	<u>\$ 7,376,482</u>
NET POSITION			
	Invested in capital assets	\$ 23,151,269	\$ 22,732,933
	Restricted	\$ 786,821	\$ 908,486
	Other current assets	\$ 1,654,740	\$ 1,316,479
	Total net position	<u>\$ 25,592,830</u>	<u>\$ 24,957,898</u>

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