

Town of Aquinnah



2020
Annual Report

TOWN OF AQUINNAH • 2020 • ANNUAL REPORT

Annual Financial Report
of the Town of
Aquinnah



For the Year Ending June 30

2020

with which is included the
ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORTS

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Joan Carol Patadal

August 13, 1950 - January 22, 2021

Joan was a great friend to our community, a proud Aquinnah Wampanoag woman, who will be dearly missed.



Dylan Fernandes
State Representative
Barnstable, Dukes
& Nantucket

Kaylea Moore
District Liaison
kaylea.moore@
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Dear Aquinnah Friends,

The Covid-19 global pandemic has put enormous burdens on our local economy, our hospital, medical, and professional communities, and of course our most precious resource: our children and families.

Martha's Vineyard has seen unprecedented levels of unemployment with so many Islanders unable to work. If you or someone you know has filed for unemployment (UI) or Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) and need assistance with a claim, we are more than happy to help.

Please don't hesitate to reach out to me anytime at: (617) 722.2013 ext. 3, or email me at: Dylan.Fernandes@mahouse.gov.

My office is always here to serve you.

Respectfully yours,
Dylan

Aquinnah Town Officers

Elected

	Term Expires
BOARD OF SELECTMEN	
James Newman	2021
Gary Haley	2022
Julianne Vanderhoop	2020
 TOWN CLERK	
Gabriella Camillieri	2023
 MODERATOR	
Michael Hebert	2022
 BOARD OF HEALTH	
Sarah Saltonstall	2023
Gerald Green	2022
James Glavin	2021
 CONSTABLES	
Heidi Vanderhoop	2022
Roxanne Ackerman	2021

Term Expires

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Marjorie Spitz	2023
Faith Vanderhoop	2022
Heidi Vanderhoop	2021

MARTHA'S VINEYARD COMMISSION

James Vercruysse	2022
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SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE

Roxanne Ackerman	2021
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PLANNING BOARD

Jo-Ann Eccher	2022
James Mahoney	2022
James Wallen, <i>Chair</i>	2023
Thomas Murphy	2023
Berta Welch	2021

MARTHA'S VINEYARD LAND BANK COMMISSION

Sarah Thulin	2021
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Appointments

GENERAL TOWN GOVERNMENT

All terms expire on June 30, 2022 except as noted

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

Robin Robinson

ASSESSORS

Harold Scheid Howard Goldstein
Kayla Manning Darcy

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Building Inspector, Leonard Jason, Jr.
Electrical Inspector, Gary Haley
Gas Inspector & Plumbing Inspector, George Apostolides
Smoke/Oil Burner Inspector, Simon Bollin

BOARD OF APPEALS

H. Ted Cammann Peter Ives
James Vercruysse Kathy Newman (Alternate)

BOARD OF HEALTH ASSISTANT

Karen Columbo

BOARD OF REGISTRARS

Mallory Butler Carolyn Feltz
June Manning Marjorie Spitz

CAPE LIGHT COMPACT

Michael Hebert

CABLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Richard Skidmore

CEMETERY COMMISSION

Eleanor Hebert Fulton Malonson
Stefanie Hecht

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

Derrill Bazzy Beth Green
Marshall Lee Mary Elizabeth Pratt
Kathy Newman Beverly Wright

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Kathy Newman Mary Elizabeth Pratt
Sibel Suman Sarah Thulin, *Chair*
Steve Yaffe

PUBLIC WORKS

Jay Smalley, *Director*

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Gary Robinson

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Allen Rugg, Chair
Mark Foster
Thomas Murphy

FIRE CHIEF

Simon Bollin

HOUSING COMMITTEE

Michael Hebert, Chair
Vera Dello Russo
Mary Elizabeth Pratt
Sophia Welch
Rudy Sanfilippo
Adam Gross, Alternate

LAND BANK ADVISORY BOARD

James Newman, *Selectman*
Mary Elizabeth Pratt, *Conservation Commission*
Peter Temple, *Planning Board*
Durwood Vanderhoop, *Health*

LIBRARY

Rosa Parker, *Interim Director*
Vera Dello Russo, *Assistant*

LIGHTHOUSE ADVISORY BOARD

Leonard Butler, Chair
Thomas Murphy
Richard Skidmore, Co-Chair
James Pickman
Bettina Washington

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

June Manning
Paul Manning
Kathy Newman
Alexandra Taylor

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Randhi Belain, *Chief of Police*
Paul G. Manning, *Sergeant*
Officer Steven M. Mathias
Officer David Murphy

SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS

Tyler Moreis
Bradley Fielder
Roshawn Groce
Bret Stearns
Chief Jonathan Klaren
Sgt. Sean Slavin
Det. Jesse Burton
Officer William Fielder
Officer Elizabeth Rogers

SHELLFISH COMMITTEE

Ed Belain
James Sanfilippo
Hollis Smith
Brian Vanderhoop
William D. Vanderhoop, Jr.

SHELLFISH CONSTABLE/HARBORMASTER

Brian Vanderhoop, *Shellfish Warden/Harbormaster*
Hollis Smith, *Deputy Constable*
William D. Vanderhoop, Jr., *Deputy Constable*

TAX COLLECTOR

Wenonah Madison

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

Emily Day

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Jeffrey Madison

TOWN COUNSEL

Ronald Rappaport, Esq.

TREASURER

Sibel Suman

Appointments

REGIONAL OFFICERS

DUKES COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD

James Newman

**DUKES COUNTY REGIONAL HOUSING
AUTHORITY REPRESENTATIVE**

Richard Skidmore

MARTHA'S VINEYARD CENTER FOR LIVING

June Manning

MARTHA'S VINEYARD CULTURAL COUNCIL

Penny Weinstein

Duncan Caldwell

Berta Welch

MARTHA'S VINEYARD TRANSIT AUTHORITY

June Manning

MARTHA'S VINEYARD T.V. ADVISORY BOARD

Richard Skidmore

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

James Glavin

Megan Ottens-Sargent

**SELECT BOARD'S REPRESENTATIVE
MARTHA'S VINEYARD COMMISSION**

Kathy Newman

TRI-TOWN AMBULANCE COMMITTEE

James Newman

UP-ISLAND COUNCIL ON AGING

Jean Lince

June Manning

Report of the Town Accountant

TOWN OF AQUINNAH, MASSACHUSETTS COMBINED BALANCE SHEET - ALL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUP JUNE 30, 2020

ASSETS AND OTHER DEBITS	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES		FIDUCIARY FUND TYPES	ACCOUNT GROUP	
	GENERAL	SPECIAL REVENUE		TRUST & AGENCY	GENERAL LONG TERM OBLIGATIONS
CASH AND INVESTMENTS	\$ 936,262	\$ 850,111	\$ 170,294	\$ -	\$ 1,966,127
RECEIVABLES:					
PROPERTY TAXES	456,029	-	-	-	456,029
TAX LIENS	736,973	-	-	-	736,973
MOTOR VEHICLE & OTHER EXCISE TAX	71,867	-	-	-	71,867
DEPARTMENTAL	-	27,594	-	-	27,594
INTERGOVERNMENTAL	-	-	-	-	-
OTHER ASSETS	10,940	-	-	-	10,940
AMOUNTS TO BE PROVIDED FOR RETIREMENT OF LONG TERM OBLIGATIONS:					
	-	670,000	-	54,030	724,030
TOTAL ASSETS AND OTHER DEBITS	\$ 2,212,071	\$ 877,704	\$ 170,294	\$ 54,030	\$ 3,993,560

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LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES		FIDUCIARY FUND TYPES	ACCOUNT GROUP	
	GENERAL	SPECIAL REVENUE		TRUST & AGENCY	GENERAL LONG TERM OBLIGATIONS
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
OTHER LIABILITIES	6,185	-	(71,117)	-	(64,932)
DEFERRED REVENUE	1,204,303	27,594	-	-	1,231,897
RESERVE FOR ABATEMENTS & EXEMPTIONS	71,506	-	-	-	71,506
NOTES PAYABLE	-	24,000	-	-	694,000
LANDFILL POSTCLOSURE CARE COSTS	-	-	-	54,030	54,030
BONDS PAYABLE	-	210,000.00	-	-	210,000
TOTAL LIABILITIES	1,281,994	261,594	(71,117)	54,030	2,196,500
FUND EQUITY:					
FUND BALANCES:					
TRUST FUNDS - NONSPENDABLE	-	-	-	-	-
TRUST FUNDS - EXPENDABLE	-	-	-	-	-
RESERVED FOR CONTINUING ARTICLES	355,331	-	-	-	355,331
RESERVED FOR ENCUMBRANCES	-	-	-	-	-
DESIGNATED	-	616,111	241,411	-	866,982
UNDESIGNATED	574,746	-	-	-	574,746
TOTAL FUND EQUITY	930,077	616,111	241,411	-	1,797,059
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	\$ 2,212,071	\$ 877,704	\$ 170,294	\$ 54,030	\$ 3,993,560

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**TOWN OF AQUINNAH, MASSACHUSETTS
COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES AND EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020**

	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES			FIDUCIARY FUND TYPES EXPENDABLE TRUST	TOTALS (MEMORANDUM ONLY)
	GENERAL	SPECIAL REVENUE	CAPITAL PROJECTS		
REVENUES:					
REAL ESTATE AND PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES, NET OF TAX REFUNDS	\$ 5,010,890	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,010,890
INTERGOVERNMENTAL	13,240	128,620	-	-	141,860
MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE	75,133	-	-	-	75,133
PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES	-	-	-	-	-
HOTEL/MOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX	30,568	-	-	-	30,568
PENALTIES & INTEREST	140,207	-	-	-	140,207
CHARGES FOR SERVICES	352,737	-	-	-	352,737
INVESTMENT INCOME	3,767	10,465	-	10,429	24,661
CONTRIBUTIONS & DONATIONS	-	75,429	-	-	75,429
DEPARTMENTAL & OTHER INCOME	83,883	232,533	-	-	316,416
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>5,710,425</u>	<u>447,047</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,429</u>	<u>6,167,901</u>

	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES			FIDUCIARY FUND TYPES EXPENDABLE TRUST	TOTALS (MEMORANDUM ONLY)
	GENERAL	SPECIAL REVENUE	CAPITAL PROJECTS		
EXPENDITURES:					
CURRENT:					
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	870,979	4,715	-	-	875,694
PUBLIC SAFETY	1,247,563	-	-	-	1,247,563
EDUCATION	1,994,740	-	-	-	1,994,740
PUBLIC WORKS	285,760	-	-	-	285,760
HUMAN SERVICES	161,043	-	-	-	161,043
CULTURE & RECREATION	324,641	442,101	-	-	766,742
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	500,951	-	-	-	500,951
STATE & COUNTY ASSESSMENTS	50,760	-	-	-	50,760
DEBT SERVICE					
PRINCIPAL	80,000	94,521	-	-	174,521
INTEREST	15,229	-	-	-	15,229
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>5,531,666</u>	<u>541,337</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,073,003</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	178,759	(94,290)	-	10,429	94,898
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)					
BOND PROCEEDS					
OPERATING TRANSFERS IN/OUT	192,655	114,000	-	-	114,000
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	<u>192,655</u>	<u>(40,655)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(152,000)</u>	<u>-</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER FINANCING USES	371,414	(20,945)	-	(141,571)	208,898
FUND BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	558,664	637,056	9,461	382,981	1,588,161
FUND BALANCE AT END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 930,078</u>	<u>\$ 616,111</u>	<u>\$ 9,461</u>	<u>\$ 241,410</u>	<u>\$ 1,797,059</u>

**TOWN OF AQUINNAH, MASSACHUSETTS
GENERAL FUND STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES
BUDGET AND ACTUAL - BUDGETARY BASIS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020**

	PRIOR YEAR CARRYFORWARD ARTICLES & ENCUMBRANCES	CURRENT YEAR INITIAL BUDGET	ORIGINAL BUDGET	FINAL BUDGET	ACTUAL	CURRENT YEAR ARTICLES & ENCUMBRANCES	VARIANCE FAVORABLE (UNFAVORABLE)
	\$						
REVENUES:							
PROPERTY TAXES	-	\$ 5,105,194	\$ 5,105,194	\$ 5,105,194	\$ 5,010,880	-	\$ (94,304)
INTERGOVERNMENTAL	-	7,000	7,000	7,000	13,240	-	6,240
MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAX	-	50,000	50,000	50,000	75,133	-	25,133
PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES	-	7,500	7,500	7,500	-	-	(7,500)
HOTEL/MOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX	-	10,000	10,000	10,000	30,568	-	20,568
PENALTIES & INTEREST	-	44,500	44,500	44,500	140,207	-	95,707
INVESTMENT INCOME	-	2,500	2,500	2,500	3,767	-	1,267
DEPARTMENTAL	-	288,500	288,500	288,500	436,620	-	148,120
TOTAL REVENUES	-	5,515,194	5,515,194	5,515,194	5,710,425	-	195,231
EXPENDITURES:							
CURRENT:							
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	105,767	772,450	878,217	1,080,132	870,979	187,875	21,278
PUBLIC SAFETY	39,540	1,299,329	1,338,869	1,323,785	1,247,563	74,211	2,011
EDUCATION	-	1,987,079	1,987,079	2,057,936	1,994,740	31,320	31,876
PUBLIC WORKS	37,195	251,674	288,869	295,146	285,760	19,990	(10,604)
HUMAN SERVICES	570	185,653	186,223	170,822	161,043	570	9,209
CULTURE & RECREATION	34,152	296,082	330,234	385,397	324,641	48,341	12,415
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	-	466,012	466,012	501,560	500,951	-	609
STATE & COUNTY ASSESSMENTS	-	-	-	-	50,760	-	(50,760)

	PRIOR YEAR CARRYFORWARD ARTICLES & ENCUMBRANCES	CURRENT YEAR INITIAL BUDGET	ORIGINAL BUDGET	FINAL BUDGET	ACTUAL	CURRENT YEAR ARTICLES & ENCUMBRANCES	VARIANCE FAVORABLE (UNFAVORABLE)
	\$						
DEBT SERVICE							
PRINCIPAL	-	80,000	80,000	80,000	80,000	-	-
INTEREST	-	15,229	15,229	15,229	15,229	-	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	217,224	5,353,508	5,570,732	5,910,007	5,531,666	362,307	16,034
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	(217,224)	161,686	(55,538)	(394,813)	178,759	(362,307)	211,265
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):							
BOND PROCEEDS	-	114,000	114,000	-	-	-	-
OPERATING TRANSFERS IN	-	(192,655)	(192,655)	(192,655)	(192,655)	-	-
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT	-	192,655	192,655	192,655	192,655	-	-
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	-	114,000	114,000	-	-	-	-
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER FINANCING USES	\$ (217,224)	\$ 275,686	\$ 58,462	\$ (394,813)	\$ 178,759	\$ (362,307)	\$ 211,265

**TOWN OF AQUINNAH, MASSACHUSETTS
FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020**

BUDGET CATEGORY	PRIOR YEAR CARRYFORWARD ARTICLES & ENCUMBRANCES	FY20		FY20		FY20		FY19		FY18		FY17		FY16		
		INITIAL	ORIGINAL	FINAL	EXPENSES	EXPENSES	EXPENSES	EXPENSES	EXPENSES	EXPENSES						
		BUDGET	BUDGET	BUDGET	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL						
GENERAL GOVERNMENT																
PERSONAL SERVICES																
SELECTMEN	\$	16,708	\$	16,708	\$	16,708	\$	16,367	15,892	15,428	14,531	14,903				
ADMINISTRATOR		106,330		106,330		106,330		106,330	112,293	94,070	92,366	86,816				
ACCOUNTANT - SALARY		41,375		41,375		41,375		41,375	39,234	37,950	36,739	39,235				
ACCOUNTANT - CLERK		14,056		14,056		14,056		12,933	13,379	11,027	9,086	7,829				
ASSESSORS		-		-		9,244		9,244	66,599	61,936	66,422	57,928				
ASSESSORS - LONGEVITY		-		-		-		-	1,332	1,293	1,177	578				
TREASURER		58,510		58,510		58,510		57,916	55,483	52,580	41,704	43,487				
TAX COLLECTOR		45,340		45,340		44,465		44,465	43,040	38,365	34,645	39,262				
TOWN CLERK		26,779		27,086		27,086		27,086	25,393	38,987	22,879	23,171				
BOARD OF REGISTRAR		1,500		1,500		1,257		3,000	563	2,655	1,515					
PLANNING BOARD		33,155		33,155		30,254		28,159	397	15,696	16,347.00					
BUILDING & GROUNDS - RENTAL MGT		1,500		1,760		1,760		1,500	932	863	2,583					
EXPENSES																
GEN TOWN - TELEPHONE		11,845		15,793		15,793		17,111	13,569	11,409	10,653					
GEN TOWN - ADVERTISING		7,000		6,400		6,400		6,400	16,377	9,646	13,102					
GEN TOWN - POSTAGE		2,000		2,245		2,245		1,511	1,511	1,772	2,212					
GEN TOWN - SUPPLIES		3,500		6,834		6,834		6,674	5,973	2,847	6,024					
MODERATOR - EXPENSES		180		180		180		-	-	-	-					
SELECTMEN - EXPENSES		3,150		3,730		3,730		3,730	5,708	4,102	2,500					
SELECTMEN - CEREMONIAL USE		180		38		38		38	120	35	3,298					
SELECTMEN - CONSULTANT FEES		6,360		6,842		6,842		6,360	6,360	7,253	120					
ADMINISTRATOR - EXPENSES		4,200		1,809		1,809		4,200.00	-	-	-					
FINANCE COMMITTEE - RESERVE FUND		26,000		13,500		13,500		-	-	-	-					
FINANCE COMMITTEE - EXPENSES		100		100		100		-	0	81	-					
AUDIT		13,000		-		-		-	-	-	-					
ACCOUNTANT - EXPENSES		1,500		1,500		1,413		1,500	224	50	1,058					
ASSESSORS - EXPENSES		40,000		46,978		46,978		5,000	4,108	4,963	5,923					
TREASURER - EXPENSES		2,450		5,542		5,542		2,450	2,450	2,875	3,686					

BUDGET CATEGORY	PRIOR YEAR CARRYFORWARD ARTICLES & ENCUMBRANCES	FY20		FY20		FY20		FY19		FY18		FY17		FY16		
		INITIAL	ORIGINAL	FINAL	EXPENSES											
		BUDGET	BUDGET	BUDGET	ACTUAL	ACTUAL										
GENERAL GOVERNMENT																
PUBLIC SAFETY																
PERSONAL SERVICES																
POLICE - CHIEF		141,128		141,128		142,209		142,209	125,322	111,241	104,630	102,647				
POLICE - WAGES		486,232		486,232		448,515		448,515	416,049	412,665	341,868	372,992				
POLICE - LONGEVITY		13,538		13,538		6,756		6,756	6,001	6,001	7,000	7,007				
FIRE - CHIEF - PAY		40,000		40,000		40,000		40,000	30,000	25,000	14,000	11,022				
FIRE - PAY		34,000		34,000		28,000		28,000	29,000	24,170	25,685	24,290				
EMERGENCY MGT		980		980		1,000		1,000	951	951	951	932				
DOG OFFICER		9,000		9,000		6,000		6,000	8,700	8,700	8,288	6,824				
SHELLFISH CONSTABLE -		43,905		43,905		44,044		44,044	41,637	40,269	38,117	37,741				
SHELLFISH CONSTABLE - LONGEVITY		1,756		1,756		1,756		1,756	1,665	1,616	1,178	1,155				
BUILDING INSPECTOR - PAY		10,000		10,000		10,000		10,000	10,556	10,556	4,718	7,778				
BUILDING INSPECTOR - CLERK		1,000		1,000		-		-	1,440	1,440	488	868				
ARTICLES																
		105,767		105,767		257,767		69,892	112,579	85,711	110,914	62,627				
GENERAL GOVERNMENT																
		772,450		878,217		870,979		917,311	778,378	791,503	753,691					

BUDGET CATEGORY	FY20 INITIAL BUDGET		FY20 ORIGINAL BUDGET	FY20 FINAL BUDGET	FY20 EXPENSES ACTUAL	FY19 EXPENSES ACTUAL	FY18 EXPENSES ACTUAL	FY17 EXPENSES ACTUAL	FY16 EXPENSES ACTUAL
	FY20 INITIAL BUDGET	FY20 ORIGINAL BUDGET							
EXPENSES									
POLICE - EXPENSES	47,325	47,325	47,325	47,325	\$ 45,403	40,997	39,459	38,459	36,458
FIRE - EXPENSE	43,600	43,600	39,104	39,104	\$ 39,104	42,693	41,201	37,901	35,399
TRI-TOWN AMBULANCE	371,290	371,290	371,290	371,290	\$ 371,290	363,691	277,734	263,152	251,920
EMERGENCY MGT - EXPENSE	1,000	1,000	320	320	\$ 320	320	320	320	697
DOG OFFICER - EXPENSES	1,200	1,200	596	596	\$ 596	0	642	968	619
MV SHELLFISH GROUP -	38,000	38,000	38,000	38,000	\$ 38,000	38,000	37,000	37,000	37,000
SHELLFISH/HARBORMASTER -	14,375	14,375	14,375	14,375	\$ 14,286	14,375	10,707	12,448	5,195
BUILDING INSPECTOR -	1,000	1,000	-	-	\$ -	916	320	320	-
ARTICLES	39,540	39,540	84,495	84,495	\$ 10,284	29,945	49,134	32,892	45,928
PUBLIC SAFETY	1,299,329	1,338,869	1,323,785	1,323,785	\$ 1,247,563	1,206,622	1,099,146	971,971	986,472

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EDUCATION									
BUDGET CATEGORY	FY20 INITIAL BUDGET		FY20 ORIGINAL BUDGET	FY20 FINAL BUDGET	FY20 EXPENSES ACTUAL	FY19 EXPENSES ACTUAL	FY18 EXPENSES ACTUAL	FY17 EXPENSES ACTUAL	FY16 EXPENSES ACTUAL
	FY20 INITIAL BUDGET	FY20 ORIGINAL BUDGET							
EXPENSES									
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ASSESSMENT	1,650,080	1,650,080	1,650,080	1,650,080	\$ 1,618,204	1,422,613	1,078,660	974,700	863,452
HIGH SCHOOL ASSESSMENT	336,999	336,999	336,999	336,999	\$ 336,999	295,431	315,394	283,629	311,763
ARTICLES	-	-	70,857	70,857	\$ 39,537	20,121	20,121	15,758	1,435
EDUCATION	1,987,079	1,987,079	2,057,936	2,057,936	\$ 1,994,740	1,738,165	1,414,174	1,274,087	1,176,650

PUBLIC WORKS

PERSONAL SERVICES									
BUDGET CATEGORY	FY20 INITIAL BUDGET		FY20 ORIGINAL BUDGET	FY20 FINAL BUDGET	FY20 EXPENSES ACTUAL	FY19 EXPENSES ACTUAL	FY18 EXPENSES ACTUAL	FY17 EXPENSES ACTUAL	FY16 EXPENSES ACTUAL
	FY20 INITIAL BUDGET	FY20 ORIGINAL BUDGET							
HIGHWAY WAGES	56,389	56,389	57,808	57,808	\$ 57,808	55,894	55,042	41,371	34,842
HIGHWAY DIRECTOR	89,751	89,751	90,648	90,648	\$ 90,648	85,632	82,616	78,193	67,381
PUBLIC WORKS - BUILDING MAINTENANCE	13,975	13,975	14,766	14,766	\$ 14,766	12,968	24,097	23,528	28,149
SNOW REMOVAL - OVERTIME WAGES	10,759	10,759	10,759	10,759	\$ 21,363	26,122	47,776	36,743	32,105

PUBLIC WORKS									
BUDGET CATEGORY	FY20 INITIAL BUDGET		FY20 ORIGINAL BUDGET	FY20 FINAL BUDGET	FY20 EXPENSES ACTUAL	FY19 EXPENSES ACTUAL	FY18 EXPENSES ACTUAL	FY17 EXPENSES ACTUAL	FY16 EXPENSES ACTUAL
	FY20 INITIAL BUDGET	FY20 ORIGINAL BUDGET							
EXPENSES									
HIGHWAY	23,800	23,800	26,795	26,795	\$ 26,795	32,715	11,500	17,000	21,764
PUBLIC WORKS -	-	-	-	-	\$ -	0	5,000	8,024	8,024
PUBLIC WORKS - BUILDING MAINTENANCE	27,000	27,000	22,772	22,772	\$ 22,772	30,563	27,000	26,550	24,050
CEMETERY	2,000	2,000	4,800	4,800	\$ 4,800	1,400	1,400	2,000	-
GAS & OIL	25,000	25,000	27,202	27,202	\$ 27,202	36,683	27,342	25,000	24,825
FERRY TRAVEL	3,000	3,000	2,401	2,401	\$ 2,401	3,141	2,576	3,000	1,686
ARTICLES	37,195	37,195	37,195	37,195	\$ 17,205	16,180	13,000	46,125	-
PUBLIC WORKS	37,195	37,195	295,146	295,146	\$ 285,760	301,298	297,349	304,510	242,826

HUMAN SERVICES

PERSONAL SERVICES									
BUDGET CATEGORY	FY20 INITIAL BUDGET		FY20 ORIGINAL BUDGET	FY20 FINAL BUDGET	FY20 EXPENSES ACTUAL	FY19 EXPENSES ACTUAL	FY18 EXPENSES ACTUAL	FY17 EXPENSES ACTUAL	FY16 EXPENSES ACTUAL
	FY20 INITIAL BUDGET	FY20 ORIGINAL BUDGET							
LANDFILL	18,690	18,690	18,932	18,932	\$ 18,932	18,112	17,539	17,847	15,914
BOARD OF HEALTH	26,422	26,422	26,180	26,180	\$ 26,673	24,957	20,559	22,226	21,103
BOARD OF HEALTH - INSPECTOR	2,660	2,660	2,660	2,660	\$ 2,140	1,080	1,935	1,350	1,763
HOMESITE	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	\$ 224	341	341	570	1,664
EXPENSES									
LANDFILL - DISTRICT ASSESSMENT	23,586	23,586	23,586	23,586	\$ 23,586	22,987	21,743	22,312	21,587
LANDFILL	36,300	36,300	26,782	26,782	\$ 26,782	32,554	31,617	25,457	26,761
BOARD OF HEALTH - NURSING SERVICES	6,700	6,700	1,766	1,766	\$ 1,485	5,449	5,176	2,402	2,131
BOARD OF HEALTH - EXPENSES	5,563	5,563	5,563	5,563	\$ 3,186	3,346	3,419	1,864	2,008
BOARD OF HEALTH - SOCIAL SERVICES	-	-	-	-	\$ -	-	-	-	8,163
COUNCIL ON AGING - ISLAND SERVICES	-	-	-	-	\$ -	-	-	-	-
COUNCIL ON AGING - UP ISLAND SERVICES	53,681	53,681	52,732	52,732	\$ 52,224	52,171	51,936	46,306	44,247
D.C. HOUSING AUTHORITY ASSESSMENT	9,811	9,811	9,811	9,811	\$ 9,811	8,303	9,940	10,279	7,618
HOMESITE	250	250	250	250	\$ -	0	0	100	2,075
ARTICLES	570	570	570	570	\$ -	0	0	2,687	16,603
HUMAN SERVICES	570	185,653	170,822	170,822	\$ 161,043	169,300	164,205	153,400	171,627

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BUDGET CATEGORY	PRIOR YEAR CARRYFORWARD ARTICLES & ENCUMBRANCES	FY20 INITIAL BUDGET	FY20 ORIGINAL BUDGET	FY20 FINAL BUDGET	FY20 EXPENSES ACTUAL	FY19 EXPENSES ACTUAL	FY18 EXPENSES ACTUAL	FY17 EXPENSES ACTUAL	FY16 EXPENSES ACTUAL
<u>CULTURE & RECREATION</u>									
<u>PERSONAL SERVICES</u>									
LIBRARY - SALARY	47,343	47,343	47,343	47,343	\$ 47,307	45,081	41,984	40,612	42,070
LIBRARY - WAGES	61,845	61,845	45,545	45,545	\$ 45,545	43,124	50,218	44,916	50,198
RECREATIONAL FACILITIES	101,969	101,969	101,969	101,969	\$ 97,298	102,572	55,000	52,242	53,980
<u>EXPENSES</u>									
LIBRARY	48,925	48,925	48,925	48,925	\$ 41,217	45,982	44,193	39,565	42,042
ARTS/CULTURE	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	\$ 1,500	1,500	1,500	1,624	1,000
PARK & RECREATION	33,000	33,000	33,000	33,000	\$ 33,000	23,338	8,000	5,495	5,917
COMMUNITY PROGRAMS	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	\$ 1,500	32,607	824	43,081	12,888
ARTICLES	34,152	34,152	105,615	105,615	\$ 57,274	103,664	66,243	43,704	15,039
	<u>34,152</u>	<u>296,082</u>	<u>330,234</u>	<u>385,397</u>	<u>\$ 324,641</u>	<u>397,868</u>	<u>267,962</u>	<u>271,239</u>	<u>223,134</u>
<u>CULTURE & RECREATION</u>									
<u>EMPLOYEE BENEFITS</u>									
PENSION	190,910	190,910	190,910	190,910	\$ 190,910	182,519	173,828	145,351	137,517
WORKMENS COMPENSATION	4,380	4,380	15,300	15,300	\$ 15,300	15,870	10,538	4,380	6,330
UNEMPLOYMENT	7,200	7,200	8,006	8,006	\$ 8,006	3,749	1,332	7,103	8,011
HEALTH INSURANCE	242,796	242,796	266,072	266,072	\$ 266,072	263,216	244,290	261,091	235,695
MEDICARE	20,726	20,726	21,272	21,272	\$ 20,663	21,320	18,830	16,269	17,442
ARTICLES	-	-	-	-	\$ -	-	-	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>466,012</u>	<u>466,012</u>	<u>501,560</u>	<u>\$ 500,951</u>	<u>486,674</u>	<u>448,818</u>	<u>434,194</u>	<u>404,995</u>
<u>EMPLOYEE BENEFITS</u>									
<u>DEBT SERVICE</u>									
PRINCIPAL	80,000	80,000	80,000	80,000	\$ 80,000	80,000	40,000	35,000	19,000
INTEREST - LONG TERM	15,229	15,229	15,229	15,229	\$ 15,229	4,751	3,079	3,657	770
INTEREST - TEMPORARY LOANS	-	-	-	-	\$ -	-	-	-	1,561
	<u>-</u>	<u>95,229</u>	<u>95,229</u>	<u>95,229</u>	<u>\$ 95,229</u>	<u>84,751</u>	<u>43,079</u>	<u>38,657</u>	<u>21,331</u>

BUDGET CATEGORY	PRIOR YEAR CARRYFORWARD ARTICLES & ENCUMBRANCES	FY20 INITIAL BUDGET	FY20 ORIGINAL BUDGET	FY20 FINAL BUDGET	FY20 EXPENSES ACTUAL	FY19 EXPENSES ACTUAL	FY18 EXPENSES ACTUAL	FY17 EXPENSES ACTUAL	FY16 EXPENSES ACTUAL
<u>DEBT SERVICE</u>									
PRINCIPAL	80,000	80,000	80,000	80,000	\$ 80,000	80,000	40,000	35,000	19,000
INTEREST - LONG TERM	15,229	15,229	15,229	15,229	\$ 15,229	4,751	3,079	3,657	770
INTEREST - TEMPORARY LOANS	-	-	-	-	\$ -	-	-	-	1,561
	<u>-</u>	<u>95,229</u>	<u>95,229</u>	<u>95,229</u>	<u>\$ 95,229</u>	<u>84,751</u>	<u>43,079</u>	<u>38,657</u>	<u>21,331</u>
<u>STATE & COUNTY ASSESSMENTS</u>									
COUNTY TAX	-	-	-	-	\$ 32,514	37,416	56,940	55,000	20,260
AIR POLLUTION CONTROL	-	-	-	-	\$ -	-	-	-	-
RTA	-	-	-	-	\$ 18,246	19,852	28,161	33,120	35,259
NON-RENEWAL EXCISE	-	-	-	-	\$ -	-	-	-	-
STATE & COUNTY ASSESSMENTS	-	-	0	0	\$ 50,760	57,268	85,101	88,120	55,519
	<u>-</u>	<u>5,570,732</u>	<u>5,570,732</u>	<u>5,910,007</u>	<u>\$ 5,531,666</u>	<u>\$ 5,359,257</u>	<u>\$ 4,598,212</u>	<u>\$ 4,327,681</u>	<u>\$ 4,036,245</u>
<u>TOTAL EXPENSES</u>	<u>217,224</u>	<u>5,353,508</u>	<u>5,570,732</u>	<u>5,910,007</u>	<u>\$ 5,531,666</u>	<u>\$ 5,359,257</u>	<u>\$ 4,598,212</u>	<u>\$ 4,327,681</u>	<u>\$ 4,036,245</u>

**TOWN OF AQUINNAH, MASSACHUSETTS
 COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES,
 AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
 PROPRIETARY FUND TYPES AND SIMILAR TRUST FUNDS
 YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020**

**FY20 Report
 of the Treasurer**

JULY 1, 2019 - JUNE 30, 2020

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

To the Honorable Select Board
 and Residents of Aquinnah:

DEBT:

With no new debt issued in FY20 we retired \$164,000.00 in principal and paid \$25,839.86 in interest.

We ended the fiscal year with a total debt balance of \$904,000.00:

\$350,000.00 Town fire truck

\$180,000.00 Town share mortgage on Helens Place

\$374,000.00 CPC share mortgages & projects

REVENUE:

Beach Parking, and Philbin Permit sales generated \$201,596.00

Gay Head Light House Tours generated \$71,360.00 (July-October 2019)

Tax Title accounts settled in FY20 generated \$343,452.00

The new state-mandated short-term rental tax is in its first year. Aquinnah received \$19,603.00. This new revenue is expected to grow in the coming years.

The FY20 Treasurer's Receipts and the Reconciliation ending June 2020 follow this report.

Thank you for your continued support.

Respectfully submitted,

SIBEL SUMAN,
 Treasurer & Benefits Administrator

FY20 REVENUES TOTALS

**TREASURER RECEIPTS RECEIVED IN FY20
(July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020)**

TAX TITLE	219044.28
TAX TITLE CPA	5232.16
INTEREST & PENALTIES—CPA TAX TITLE	3013.27
INTEREST & PENALTIES—TAX TITLE	116092.33
CERTIFICATE OF REDEMPTION	
/TAKING COURT FEES	14612.27
MUNICIPAL LIEN CERTIFICATES	725
LDO (LANDFILL DROP OFF) FEES	32410.75
PARKING LOT	161954.11
RESIDENT PARKING REPLACEMENT FEES	400
PHILBIN BEACH PERMITS	39642
BILLED POLICE WAGES	1754.28
GHL TOURS	71360.74
GAY HEAD LIGHTHOUSE GIFT FUND	3591.82
GAY HEAD LIGHTHOUSE GIFT FUND—EVENTS	15395
GHLH WEDDINGS/PRIVATE TOURS	1500
BUILDING PERMITS	7781.28
CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY	100
FIRE DEPARTMENT PERMITS	200
GAS PERMITS	860
PLUMBING PERMITS	970
ELECTRICAL INSPECTIONS	4200
FIRE DEPARTMENT INSPECTIONS	1100
GAS INSPECTIONS	2360
PLUMBING INSPECTIONS	2715
DOG OFFICER FINES	21
ASSESSOR/EXPENSES/REFUND	0

LIBRARY GIFTS	4271.26
POLICE DETAILS	17235
POLICE FEES (DETAILS)	1330.5
POLICE GIFT DONATION	1810
FIREARMS PERMITS—TOWN SHARE	225
FIREARMS PERMITS—STATE SHARE	600
OTHER DEPARTMENTAL REVENUE	224
LIGHT HOUSE FEES/RENTALS	300
MENEMSHA LOT LEASES	1800
CLIFF LOT LEASES	29772.56
CLIFF LOT LEASES—TRIBE	0
LIQUOR LICENSE FEE	350
VICTUALERS PERMIT	150
TRIBAL HOUSING—IN LIEU OF TAXES	0
TRIBE—PUBLIC SAFETY	0
HOMESTEAD SPECIAL EVENT LEASE	3250
TOWN HALL LEASE	2010
AQUINNAH CULTURAL CENTER	0
DOG LICENSES—TOWN CLERK	278
CLERK MARRIAGE/BIRTH/DEATH CERT FEES	400
CONSERVATION COMM. FEES	1660
PLANNING BOARD FEES	4375
ROAD NAME CHANGE FEE	0
FOOD SERVICE PERMITS	75
SEPTIC INSTALLERS PERMITS	2025
SEPTIC PERMIT	375
NITE SOIL PERMITS	675
WELL PERMITS	200
SEPTIC HAULERS PERMIT	700
COMMERCIAL SHELLFISH PERMITS	200

COMMERCIAL SCALLOP PERMITS	600
STATE MISC REVENUE COVID 19 BOH GRANT	11000
FAMILY SHELLFISH PERMITS	1385
SKIFF PERMITS	3180
MOORING PERMITS	18150
RETIREE HEALTH BENEFITS	14665.81
FIRE DEPARTMENT DONATION	1000
GIFT/PICNIC AREA AT CIRCLE DONATION	50000
PARKING TICKETS	5286.69
ZONING/BOH SEPTIC FINES	400
PRIOR YEAR REFUND—LAND COURT	236.68
PRIOR YEAR REFUND—OTHER NON RECURRING	11114.07
PRIOR YEAR REFUND—NON-RECURRING	4634.43
PRIOR YEAR REFUND—LIBRARY	2500
CURRENT YEAR REFUND TO LIBRARY	
EXPENDITURES	26602960
REFUND OVERPAYMENT—NON RECURRING	6754.9
VENDOR WEB—DOR COVID RELIEF FUND	28831
VENDOR WEB MASS CULTURAL COUNCIL	5000
VENDOR WEB—DEP/ENV MVP PLANNING GRANT	25000
VENDOR WEB—CMVI (SPEEDING TICKETS)	738.5
VENDOR WEB—VETERANS SERVICES	36
VENDOR WEB—ROOMS TAX	10965.01
VENDOR WEB—CPA STATE MATCH	120407.61
VENDOR WEB—POLLING HOURS FOR SENATE SPECIAL	315
VENDOR WEB—ELDER AFFAIRS	6000
VENDOR WEB—LIBRARY AID	1111.04
VENDOR WEB—SHORT TERM RENTAL TAX	19603.34
VENDOR WEB—DEP OF PUBLIC UTILITIES	63.3
INTEREST EARNED—PHILBIN SCHOLARSHIP	595.05

INTEREST EARNED—CONSERVATION	601.18
INTEREST EARNED—DHCD PILOT PLANNING	0.24
INTEREST EARNED—SEPTIC LOAN	76.08
INTEREST EARNED—STABILIZATION	7092.03
INTEREST EARNED—STABILIZATION—B&G	320.36
INTEREST EARNED—STABILIZATION—CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	2422.09
INTEREST EARNED—CPA	10388.82
INTEREST EARNED—INVESTMENT INCOME	6844.17
INTEREST EARNED—GAY HEAD LIGHTHOUSE FUND	170.57
SOLAR LEASE	434
SALE OF INVENTORY	36100
RECEIPT TOTALS	1,199,629.58

TREASURERS RECONCILIATION REPORT

DESCRIPTION	JUNE 2020 FY20				ENDING BALANCE 06/30/20	
	BEGINNING BALANCE 06/01/20	JUNE RECEIPTS	JUNE WARRANTS	TRANSFERS IN		TRANSFERS OUT
GENERAL	953676.26	89038.32		59145	217328.61	884,530.97
PAYROLL	1486.04	4.63		157,933.61		1,490.67
COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACT	206137.37	70.71	157,933.61		13800	192,408.08
GAY HEAD LIGHTHOUSE FUND	18047.4	8.76				18,056.16
PETTY CASH	1.58					1.58
VENDOR CHECKING	192044.77	4.22	246,700.23	221662.6		167,011.36
CONSOLIDATED	89066.27	12.63				89,078.90
ONLINE COLLECTIONS	177385.68	11098.47				26,216.55
COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACT	315878.53	917.27	145.87		162267.6	316,649.93
STABILIZATION	241859.63	702.33	111.69			242,450.27
STABILIZATION-BLDG & GROUNDS	10924.77	31.73	5.04			10,951.46
HOUSING	511.02	1.48	0.24			512.26
STABILIZATION-CAPITAL	82600.65	239.86	38.14			82,802.37
CONSOLIDATED TRUST ACCOUNTS	40795.4	118.46	18.84			40,895.02
NON INTEREST GIFT FUND (CIRCLE)	50000				45345	4,655.00
TOTAL	2380415.37	102248.87	404953.66	438741.21	438741.21	2,077,710.58

Report of the Tax Collector

July 1, 2019-June 30, 2020

FY '06				Collected
Motor Vehicle				\$15.00
Interest/Fees				\$29.71
FY '07				Collected
Motor Vehicle				\$52.50
Interest/Fees				\$97.85
FY '08				Collected
Motor Vehicle				\$18.75
Personal Property				\$0.60
Real Estate				\$1.24
Interest/Fees				\$30.17
FY '09				Collected
Motor Vehicle				\$48.75
Interest/Fees				\$164.03
FY '11				Collected
Motor Vehicle				\$79.69
Real Estate				\$0.30
Interest/Fees				\$127.94
FY '12				Collected
Motor Vehicle				\$485.31
Interest/Fees				\$496.67

FY '13			Collected
Motor Vehicle			\$1,381.30
Interest/Fees			\$1,281.56
FY '14			Collected
Motor Vehicle			\$321.25
Interest/Fees			\$232.94
FY '15			Collected
Motor Vehicle			\$646.35
Interest/Fees			\$384.88
FY '16			Collected
Motor Vehicle			\$715.42
Personal Property			\$33.48
Interest/Fees			\$481.72
FY '17			Collected
Motor Vehicle			\$3,977.50
Personal Property			\$24.81
Real Estate			\$31.61
Interest/Fees			\$1,992.43
FY '18			Collected
Motor Vehicle			\$7,198.68
Personal Property			\$136.14
Real Estate			\$45.89
CPA			(\$1.39)
Interest/Fees			\$2,100.07

FY '19			Collected
Motor Vehicle			\$25,088.31
Personal Property			\$3,035.07
Real Estate			\$126,769.99
CPA			\$3,026.27
Interest/Fees			\$9,517.86
FY '20			Collected
Motor Vehicle			\$36,925.11
Personal Property			\$59,883.06
Real Estate			\$4,655,550.70
CPA			\$126,156.93
Interest/Fees			\$8,632.11
Total Motor Vehicle Collected			\$76,953.92
Total Personal Property Collected			\$63,113.16
Total Real Estate Collected			\$4,782,399.73
Total CPA Collected			\$129,181.81
Total Interest/Fees Collected			\$25,569.94
Total Collected			\$5,077,218.56
Respectfully submitted,			
WENONAH MADISON			
Tax Collector			

Respectfully submitted,
WENONAH MADISON,
Tax Collector

Report of the Board of Assessors

To the Board of Selectmen
and Town Residents,

Our office is committed to maintaining tax assessments that are fair and equitable. Property valuations are adjusted annually to reflect changes transpiring in the real estate market. Each year's assessments are reviewed by the Board of Assessors and approved by the Department of Revenue / Bureau of Local Assessment. A full audit of Aquinnah's assessments and assessment practices is completed by the DOR once every five years.

Our office contracts with Regional Resource Group, Inc. to provide our assessment staff. RRG is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the office which includes responding to taxpayers' questions and abatement requests. Additional responsibilities include conducting property inspections, maintaining our assessment database, completing annual revaluations, submitting DOR reports, and setting the town's tax rate.

RRG also provides taxpayer assistance through their help desk. A link to a live assistant can be found on the Aquinnah Assessors' webpage. Using your home computer or smartphone the encounter begins as a chat session. Options for voice and even video (Facetime) sessions are possible. For those not having access to a computer and the internet there is a computer workstation located in the lobby of townhall. The help desk is open to taxpayers between 9 am and 3 pm (EST) Monday thru Friday.

All businesses and second homeowners are reminded that they are required to file a Form of List (personal property declaration) with the Board of Assessors on or before March 1st of each year. All taxable tangible personal property is to be listed on the form. Forms are available for download from our office website.

The Board would like to remind senior homeowners that they may apply for an exemption if they meet certain criteria. Eligibility includes meeting age, ownership, residency, income, and asset requirements. There are also exemptions for eligible veterans, surviving spouses, and the legally blind. You may contact the Assessors Office for more information through our remote help desk accessible on our webpage. Applications can be found on our office's webpage.

We invite the public requiring property information to access our Geographic Information System (GIS). The easy-to-use site can be found at www.axisgis.com/aquinnama.

Respectfully Submitted,

HOWARD GOLDSTEIN, Member
KAYLA DARCY, Member
HARALD SCHEID, Assessor (RRG)
Aquinnah Board of Assessors and Staff

Regional Resource Group staff assigned to Aquinnah
David Golden, *Associate Regional Tax Assessor*
Sherri DiPasquale, *Administrative Assessor*
David Manzello, *Mass Appraisal Services*
Genny Daniels, *Personal Property Specialist*
Marina Keating, *Chapter Land Specialist*

ANNUAL REPORT – 2020 -Town of Aquinnah Assessor's Office

Fiscal 2021 Assessments and Revenues by Major Property Class

Property Class	Levy Percent	Valuation by Class	Tax Rate	Tax Levy
Residential	97.6449%	786,374,181	6.39	5,024,931.02
Open Space	0.0000%	-0-	6.39	-0-
Commercial	1.1463%	9,231,592	6.39	58,989.87
Industrial	0.0111%	89,800	6.39	573.82
Personal Property	1.1977%	9,645,348	6.39	61,633.77
TOTALS	100.0000%	805,340,921	6.39	5,146,128.48

Valuation and Tax History

Fiscal Year	Tax Rate	Total Valuation	Accounts	Tax Levy	Change (%)
2021	6.39	805,340,921	1,113	5,146,128.48	0.8018
2020	6.81	749,661,496	1,128	5,105,194.79	11.8501
2019	6.12	745,803,644	1,197	4,564,318.30	11.0768
2018	5.48	749,845,892	1,225	4,109,155.49	5.5596
2017	5.50	707,769,721	1,209	3,892,733.47	4.0856

Fiscal Year 2021 Abstract of Assessments

Property Class Code/Description	Accts	Class Valuation	Avg. Value
012 – 043 Mixed Use Properties	3	3,517,900	1,121,247
101 Residential Single Family	401	574,328,873	224,555
102 Residential Condominiums	4	2,102,400	298,596
104 Residential Two Family	0	0	182,894
105 Residential Three Family	0	0	190,138

Miscellaneous Residential	Accts	Class Valuation	Avg. Value
111 – 125 Apartments	24	60,141,900	213,954
130 – 132, 106 Vacant Land	1	1,354,300	643,920
300 – 393 Commercial	340	146,988,200	45,810
400 – 442 Industrial	18	6,709,900	356,813
450 – 452 Electric Generation Plants	0	0	717,065
501 – 508 Personal Property	1	89,800	86,665
550 – 552 Electric Generation Plant Personal Property	319	9,554,399	86,665
600 – 821 Chapter 61, 61A, 61B	1	90,949	17,477
TOTALS	1,113	805,340,921	

Assessor's Account for Exemptions and Abatements

Description	FY2021	FY2020	FY2019	FY2018	FY2017
Assessor's Overlay	26,851.85	22,401.79	25,409.30	22,712.58	23,708.11
Overlay Deficits	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
Charges to 6/30/2021	TBD	17,575.35-	14,482.45	20,461.79	7,550.30
Potential Liability	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
Amount Released	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

New Growth Revenue

Fiscal Year	Added Valuation	Prior Tax Rate	New Revenues	Change (%)
2021	1,665,059	6.81	\$11,339	-49.28
2020	4,065,195	6.12	\$24,879	-5.66
2019	5,374,381	5.48	\$29,452	0.24
2018	5,323,042	5.50	\$29,276	24.61
2017	4,514,662	5.35	\$24,153	

Report of the Town Clerk

Births

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Parent's Name</u>
May 19	Adelaide Maggie Ives	Sarah Louise Ives Taylor Geb Ives
June 9	Leda Daisy Parker	Keelan Aileen Parker Edward Michel Parker
August 29	George Riley Metros	Kathren Noel Hogan Charles John Metros

Marriages

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Residence</u>
June 13	Ava Belle Castro	27	Edgartown, MA
	Scott Thomas Goldin	34	Edgartown, MA
August 1	Michael Kofman	32	Tallahassee, FL
	Katrina Nichole Young	28	Tallahassee, FL
Sept. 24	Shackai Keannie James	27	Aquinnah, MA
	Alexander William Jones	27	Aquinnah, MA
Sept. 25	Devin C. Slatas	31	Encinitas, CA
	Boyd William Petersen	36	Encinitas, CA
Sept. 26	Steven Bernard Soldate	29	New Britain, CT
	Makenzie Rose Ozycz	26	Berlin, CT
Oct. 3	Trisha Yvette Chandler	33	Aquinnah, MA
	Stanley Vernon McMullen	34	Aquinnah, MA
Oct. 3	Maya Jessa Glavin	41	Vineyard Haven, MA
	Gardner Mclean Gormican Allen	41	Lafayette Hill, PA
Oct. 17	Laura Anne Bozzi	39	Cold Spring, NY
	Alexander Robertson Wilcox Cheek	38	Cold Spring, NY

Deaths

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>
March 1	Hannah Lacob Malkin	99
May 16	Ingrid P. Reuter	77
Sept. 14	Theodore C. Howes	60

Number of registered voters as of December 31, 2020 — 420

Year-round population as of December 31, 2020 — 508

Number of households as of December 31, 2020 — 262

Annual Town Election Results June 24, 2020

<u>Office</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Votes</u>
Select Board	3 Years	Julianne Vanderhoop	61
Library Trustee	3 Years	Marjorie Spitz	69
Planning Board	3 Years	James Wallen	63
Planning Board	3 Years	Thomas Murphy	58
Town Clerk	3 Years	Gabriella Camillieri	71
Board of Health	3 Years	Sarah Saltonstall	56

Dog Licenses – 48

Respectfully submitted,

GABRIELLA CAMILLIERI,
Town Clerk

Report of the Aquinnah Public Library

To the Board of Selectmen
and Town Residents,

FY2020 began as peacefully as the last but, because of Covid-19, closed tumultuously, full of uncertainty and fearful caution. Some staff members, Elissa Turnbull and Sonja Josephson, left along the way, but thanks to our Acting Library Director and remaining staff, Rosa Parker, Vera Dello Russo and Julia Matejcek, the library continued to serve our community while observing all safety measures. This was due, in large part, to the Martha's Vineyard Library Association (MVLA), a very strong and active Island-wide coalition of Island librarians who developed a series of graded protocols to which every Martha's Vineyard library adhered (and to which, as of this writing, they are still adhering).

All six Island libraries permanently canceled outstanding overdue fines and became fine-free as of January 1, 2020 in a milestone policy shift. This was intended to eliminate any embarrassment that patrons might have felt and to encourage the return of delinquent materials (no questions asked) that might otherwise have languished at home.

A full roster of summer, fall and winter programs, monthly book club meetings and all our children's programming continued through February of 2020. However, by mid-March 2020, Covid-19 had shut down much of the Island, including our libraries which were closed to the public and, even, initially, to our staff. The MVLA voted to adopt an alternative approach that our librarians were able to use from their homes to serve our patrons, by hosting Zoom programming and helping patrons download e-books and other materials.

During June, our staff returned to work in the building on a limited basis, although it was still closed to the public. Book lending

resumed with contactless pickup and book delivery for the home-bound. The return to printed books was most important for our youngest users who needed to hold and touch books and look at the pictures in person and also for those of us with impaired sight or no internet connection. It was a great relief to us all when we could again serve the entire population.

Our library holdings are, as most of you know, greatly supplemented by the online book, DVD and CD collections available for patron use through OverDrive. We also provide access through our CLAMS network (Cape Libraries Automated Materials Sharing) to materials which can be delivered to our library. CLAMS also provides a link to OverDrive on its website. These services have given us invaluable access to the greater world out there and were particularly necessary during this pandemic. It is anticipated that we will continue to provide access to e-content at a similar level during the coming years.

FY20 appropriated expenditures were as follows:

Wages and Salaries	\$ 92,853
Print Books and other material	\$ 11,762
Audio Books	\$ 648
Downloadable content	\$ 15,011
DVDs	\$ 4,617
CLAMS network annual fee	\$ 7,369
Miscellaneous	\$ 1,810
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	\$ 134,070

We are, as always, very grateful to all community members for your support and understanding during this difficult year. Thank you to those of you who gave to the Town of Aquinnah Library Gift Fund and, of course, to members of the Friends of the Aquinnah Library who have responded generously and without question to every request our director has made of you. 2020 programs were funded through the Friends group and individual donations. It's been a pleasure to serve you.

In this unusual year, we felt it appropriate that our Acting Director Rosa Parker deserved to add her own heartfelt message to all of you whom she and her staff have served. Please see below.

Respectfully Submitted,

HEIDI VANDERHOOP, Chair
FAITH VANDERHOOP
MARGIE SPITZ
Board of Library Trustees

A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR

In hindsight, the normalcy of July and August of 2019 is hard to comprehend, and reflecting triggers great nostalgia. We were fortunate to host Music on the Deck with MVY and the incredible Laurel Redington, Summer Reading, and our Summer Speaker Series. We had the opportunity to hear from Thomas Dresser, Sarah Lynne Ruel, Dick Johnson, Roberta Kirn, Liz Witham, and Ron Slate. The library hosted yoga with Jeremy Bresnahan, and teamed up with Bridgette of Maple Mehndi to offer henna. We closed the summer out with our annual Ice Cream Social and Back-to-School Cookout. The fall ushered in Costume Clinics in October, Janet Messineo stopped by to discuss her new book, and Kids' Pizza and a Movie started up again. We are deeply grateful to the Friends of the Aquinnah Public Library for making all of these enriching programs possible through their generous financial support.

Going fine-free in January 2020 dramatically improved our ability to serve the Aquinnah community. The days of overdue fines ended and the angst, embarrassment, and sometimes shame that library patrons can feel when they have overdue items ceased. As librarians, it feels deeply gratifying to alleviate any pressure associated with a deadline and say, "Just bring it back when you're done, and enjoy it." All previously accrued fines were forgiven, and every library patron

was given a clean slate. Going fine-free was a decision that we were proud to partner with the other five Island libraries to bring to fruition.

During an extremely stressful and unprecedented time, librarians Vera Dello Russo and Julia Matejcek strove to provide the best service possible. I am deeply grateful for all of their hard work, dedication, and flexibility. The Aquinnah librarians savored every masked, outdoor interaction between library staff and the Aquinnah community. We express our deepest gratitude for the support we have received from the Aquinnah community during an unprecedented year. We are honored to serve this community and committed to making the best of whatever comes next.

Respectfully submitted,

ROSA PARKER,
Acting Library Director

Report of the Planning Board Plan Review Committee

To the Honorable Select Board
and Residents of Aquinnah:

First and foremost, we want to express our deepest gratitude to the front-line workers and extend our condolences to families who have lost loved ones during this pandemic.

Although 2020 was a challenging year at best, Aquinnah was still thriving with residential construction for current and new residents. The Planning Board Plan Review Committee begun the year holding in person meetings and moved to remote meetings, which was an easy transition. In total, PBPRC held 6 meetings and approved 26 decisions ranging from the siting of new dwellings to minor renovations and accessory structures. Under the Zoning Determination bylaw, the Zoning Administrator approved 20 zoning determinations and special permit amendments deemed as minor and insignificant. Although these numbers may not match our busiest year, they reflect how the pandemic shifted our outlook on our houses and properties, changing them from a place not only for shelter but our sanctuaries.

As always, we continue to review the bylaws and make revisions that both sustain the beauty of Aquinnah and allow us to ensure that the future of our town community continues to grow. We invite our town residents to help and direct us in reaching this goal as we look towards the future.

Respectfully submitted,

JIM WALLEN, Chairman	JO-ANN ECCHER
JAMES MAHONEY	BERTA WELCH
TOM MURPHY	ISAAC TAYLOR

Report of the Town Administrator

To the Honorable Select Board
and Residents of Aquinnah:

Goodbye 2020!!! I wish I could say that the year passed without interruption. Sadly, that was not the case. You were a really difficult year and we will NOT be missing you. We're still here and Aquinnah and our town government continues operations through every obstacle you put in our way. As we began this new fiscal year we remain powerful, fully engaged and ready to move our town forward

We began the year by having our Annual Town Meeting outside, on the apron in front of the fire station. There was little discussion on the budget or the few articles that were presented to the socially distanced voters who attended on that bright, sunny afternoon. Town employees unanimously agreed to defer COLA increases and all potentially controversial questions were similarly deferred. We did not require a Prop 2½ override.

In many respects the town was fortunate the way events unfolded as a result of the pandemic. The lighthouse was closed to visitors for the entire season. While we missed our steadfast lighthouse visitors were able to enjoy the park throughout the season.

Our beaches were flooded with summer tourists who had little else to do on the Vineyard except for enjoying the out of doors. New regulations were implemented for selling beach passes and parking placards. Thank you to Rachel Vanderhoop for keeping all of that under control. Residents and visitors alike gave her kudos for the new system. In anticipation of a slow summer, the select board streamlined the number of summer employees at the parking lot and Philbin Beach and the result was an unexpected boost in revenues to the town coffers. The newly instituted procedures will continue this summer.

As this report is written the town offices remain closed to the public. Most of our town officials are working from home and nearly all meetings are being held by Zoom video conferencing. New technology has also allowed access to our assessing department from your home computer. This program since its inception last year has met with positive reaction from taxpayers. We in the office of the select board will continue our effort to improve our service to the community.

The seemingly never-ending saga of a casino in Aquinnah moved toward conclusion this year as the select board was notified by the court of the Tribe's right under federal law to operate Class II gaming on their trust land. The board accepted the federal law relative to the Tribe's sovereign rights. However in reaction to rumors about numbers of anticipated visitors, lack of adequate sanitary facilities the board attempted to engage the Tribe in talks to allay those concerns and refused to apply for a building permit.

Ultimately, the select board referred the matter to the Martha's Vineyard Commission as a development of regional impact. The commission held several hearings but the Tribe steadfastly refused to reveal their plans. This left no alternative other than for the town and commission to seek injunctive relief through the court.

On advice of, and with assistance from, our regular town counsel, Ron Rappaport, the town engaged the Goodwin Law Firm through their Boston and Washington, D.C. offices, who provided first-rate representation at a fee significantly lower than they usually charge. The First Circuit Court of Appeals ruled in the town's favor and as a result the Tribe must follow all local, regional and state permitting requirements in a manner similar to any other applicant. Of course the Tribe asked the court to rehear the case. The court denied the Tribe's request. At this writing the board is waiting on whether the Tribe will take and appeal to the Supreme Court.

Finally, in this coming year the town, through its Town Projects Committee and the select board, will consider whether to build new restroom facilities at Aquinnah Circle and sorely needed rehab of the town hall/town office and police facilities. It is hoped that schematic drawings will be developed and presented to the town at multiple

meetings over the course of this summer and fall. If the town agrees, then it is hoped that construction will be completed by the spring of 2023. Thank you to members of the committee: Jim Pickman, Mitzi Pratt, Randhi Belain, Kathy Newman, all of whom have worked tirelessly to move these projects forward. An extra special thanks to Karlen Salvatore who has been invaluable in our efforts so far.

Our Green Communities effort continues. We have installed charging stations at the town hall and Aquinnah Circle. Those units are available for free charging to all owners of electric vehicles. Green Communities also is funding energy efficiency improvements to the town hall, town offices, fire station and restrooms at the Cliffs through a Phase I grant of \$125,000.00. Thank you to Noli Taylor and Bill Lake for their work on this project.

Costs associated with public safety continue to spiral out of control. The select board is negotiating new contracts with the police department that expired in 2020. Every effort will be made to stem rising costs related to police protection. Similarly, the contract with Simon Bolin, fire chief has expired. The select board is committed to retaining Chief Bolin at an affordable rate. Tri-town Ambulance Service is moving from its home in West Tisbury to a new facility. Next year, and for the next 20 years, Aquinnah will contribute to the cost of a new Tri-Town Ambulance headquarters in Chilmark. Our Finance Committee has reached out to the towns of Chilmark and West Tisbury seeking relief from the one-third contribution of capital costs that is currently under consideration. We simply cannot afford to share in other towns' capital improvements at the expense of our own.

Aquinnah lost a significant amount of prime taxable property when the owners of Red Gate Farm sold over a mile of South Beach frontage to the Martha's Vineyard Land Bank. It is anticipated this sale and resultant removal from the tax rolls will cost Aquinnah taxpayers between \$.23 and \$.27 per thousand dollars of valuation on their tax bills.

Respectfully submitted,

JEFFREY L. MADISON, ESQ.
Aquinnah Town Administrator

Report of the Aquinnah Housing Committee

To the Honorable Select Board
and Residents of Aquinnah:

We have been working on a new project for our town. We are trying to construct affordable rental housing on town-owned land behind the town hall. In conjunction with the Park & Recreation Committee and a group interested in developing a food forest on this property, we contracted with the Conway School to help us determine the best locations for the uses we have in mind. If you have not yet seen this report from the Conway School, I encourage you to do so. This report is detailed and insightful. To date, a request for proposals is being advertised. We are hopeful of a positive response. We hope you will support this badly needed project.

Sincerely, Your Housing Committee

MICHAEL HEBERT, Chair	VERA DELLO RUSSO
MARY ELIZABETH PRATT	SOPHIA WELCH
RUDY SANFILIPPO	ADAM GROSS, Alternate

Report of the Aquinnah Climate and Energy Committee

Aquinnah Board of Selectmen
People of Aquinnah

The Climate and Energy Committee has been active this year with projects aimed at both mitigating climate change (by reducing greenhouse gas emissions) and adapting to the effects of climate change that is happening and will worsen despite all we do to slow it.

On the mitigation side, we worked with the Cape and Vineyard Electric Cooperative (CVEC) to install electric vehicle charging stations at the town buildings and at the Cliffs. It has been gratifying to see them in use by the growing number of electric vehicles on the Island.

As a member of the Vineyard Sustainable Energy Committee (VSEC), our committee helped to formulate the vision of migrating the Island to 100 percent renewable energy by 2040, and we put forward a resolution endorsing that goal that was unanimously approved at the special town meeting in December. West Tisbury and the Martha's Vineyard Commission also have endorsed the goal, and we hope to see the other Island towns do so.

With great support from the select board, we worked successfully to have Aquinnah designated as a Green Community under the Commonwealth's Green Communities program. This brought the town a designation grant of \$126,000, which is being devoted to energy-saving improvements at the town buildings, including heat-pump minisplits to replace fossil-fuel heating systems. The town should see direct effects in lower energy bills, as well as reducing its carbon emissions. The town is eligible to apply for additional "action grants" to pay for additional improvements.

Again with help from CVEC, we have contracted with a developer to install solar panels on the town building roofs and on a canopy in front of the fire station. The solar arrays will be linked to batteries to store electricity to keep power on if the grid goes down in a storm.

On the adaptation side, with participation by volunteers from a broad range of town constituencies, we managed a public process to identify the town's greatest vulnerabilities to the effects of climate change. This produced a report that qualifies the town to participate in the state's Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness program. That program will be another source of grant money in the future — in this instance for steps to reduce our exposure to severe storms or other effects of climate change. We work closely with the Aquinnah Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) on these issues.

Current members of the committee are Forrest Filler, Meghan Gombos, Bill Lake, Molly Purves, Isaac Taylor, and Noli Taylor

Report of the Police Department

To the Residents of Aquinnah:

2020...definitely a year that will be engrained in our nation's history. A year that introduced us to the Covid-19 virus that has taken (and unfortunately continues to take) far too many lives and has changed our way of living our day-to-day lives. The pandemic also changed workplace procedures which challenged workplaces financially and operationally.

Here at the Aquinnah Police Department safety was, and continues to be, our number one priority. In order to keep our officers safe, Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) needed to be obtained. Due to all public safety agencies needing PPE, the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) stepped in to assist public safety agencies in obtaining critical PPE. Public safety agencies on Martha's Vineyard collaborated with MEMA on a weekly basis to obtain PPE which kept all First Responders safe. We're grateful that MEMA played this critical role to assist public safety agencies.

Although we obtained PPE, we had to remain vigilant and follow the national, state, and local guidelines to remain safe, not only for ourselves, but for the public we serve. I am proud to report that as of the writing of this report, all officers of this department remained vigilant and no one contracted the virus! Due to being a small department, if an officer contracted the virus, it could have drastically effected our staffing, which would have affected our day-to-day operations.

Due to the pandemic many restrictions were issued nationally and locally, which affected our traditional summer tourist season. While we saw a decreased number of visitors, the majority of these visitors still visited our beautiful beaches and the National Landmark Gay Head Cliffs. While visitors were not allowed to tour the Gay

Head Lighthouse, many visited the beautiful park area around the lighthouse.

Parking for Moshup Beach was problematic because one of the local restrictions was lowering the number of parked vehicles in the municipal parking lot at Aquinnah Circle. Because of this restriction, we kept busy with traffic control in this area due to allowing visitors to wait with their vehicles alongside of Moshup Trail until parking became available in the parking lot. We were also busy with parking enforcement at the Resident Parking Permit beach areas. As you will see in our statistics, we issued almost three times more parking tickets in 2020 than we did in 2019. While this increase is partly due to beach parking during the summer, another reason for the increase was due to parking restrictions for the Martha's Vineyard Bass & Bluefish Derby held during the months of September and October.

Another important issue we faced in 2020, but an issue that has always existed, was/is racial injustice. Unfortunately this issue was brought to light nationally with the killings of George Floyd and Breonna Taylor (just to name a couple) at the hands of the police. Both deaths sparked demonstrations and discussions on how police handle incidents involving people of color.

Locally the Island police chiefs began conversations amongst ourselves centered on this issue and how our departments handle them. Out of our conversations we decided our officers needed training centered on implicit bias. To that end, we contracted with Hillard Heintze LLC to provide this training to all officers in the fall of 2020. Unfortunately, due to pandemic restrictions, the training is postponed until the spring of 2021. The police chiefs also began communicating and meeting with various Island diversity groups. The conversations between these groups gave the police chiefs a better understanding of how our departments can improve handling incidents with people of color. The chiefs will continue to work with these various groups to keep the lines of communication open. While meeting with these various groups is important, there is still other areas where Police Departments needed to improve.

Namely, updating their policies and procedures. While depart-

ments were in the process of doing so, the discussion of police reform began and ultimately on December 31, 2020 Massachusetts Governor Charles Baker Jr. signed a bill into law named "An Act Relative to Justice, Equity and Accountability in Law Enforcement in the Commonwealth." The bill centers on police accountability and transparency. Within the bill there is language relating to use of force by police. This language requires police departments update their "Use of Force Policies & Procedures." I am proud to report that I have updated our department's "Use of Force Policy" to include the language necessary to comply with this new law. There are other pieces of this bill that require police departments to comply with by certain dates; however there is some uncertainty and confusion on how police departments are going to do so, but we will work with the necessary state agencies to make sure we are in compliance.

On February 26, 2020 the department received sad news that retired Aquinnah Police Chief Douglas J. Fortes passed away. Retired Chief Fortes joined the department in 1989 as a patrol officer and became chief of the department in 1991. He continued as chief until his retirement in 2004.



During his tenure he increased the level of professionalism in the department by making sure the department had the necessary policies & procedures in place; ensuring the department was meeting its statutory requirements; ensuring the officers received proper training, had the proper equipment; and ensuring the department was working with other Island police departments on regional issues. While Ret. Chief Fortes looked like he had a tough demeanor on the outside, inside he was a man with a compassionate heart who cared about the town and its residents. I will always be thankful to him for giving me a chance to join the department as a special officer and then sponsoring me to attend the Recruit Police Academy. He believed in me enough to promote me to the ranks of corporal and sergeant, and ultimately recommended I become chief upon his retirement. Retired Chief Fortes, thank you for all that you did for the department, the residents of Aquinnah, for the opportunities you gave to many officers, and for all you have done for me. May you rest in eternal peace!

In June 2020 the department purchased an electric police patrol bicycle to replace our older Trek police patrol bike. The new e-bike allowed for officers to patrol a greater amount of area. This bike makes it easier to patrol the area of Aquinnah Circle during the summer months. Having an officer on a patrol bike also makes the officer more approachable to the public.



Due to the pandemic we unfortunately were unable to hold our Annual Public Safety Day in July. We missed having this event as it allows us to interact with the public and show them the equipment we have to perform our operations. We hope to hold this annual event in July 2021. Although we weren't able to hold this event, the department participated in two events with the other Island public safety agencies. Both events involved a parade of emergency vehicles. The first event was a parade held in May 2020 as a "thank you" to workers at the Martha's Vineyard Hospital and the Island grocery stores. The second event was a parade held in June 2020 for the graduating seniors of the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School. Both parades generated many socially distanced Island spectators. We were honored to participate in both events.

In closing I'd like to thank the officers of this department for the professionalism, dedication, and perseverance during 2020: Sgt. Paul Manning, Officer Steven Mathias, Officer David Murphy, Special Officers Tyler Moreis, Bradley Fielder, and Roshawn Groce.

I'd also like to thank the following agencies for assisting the department in various ways during 2020: Aquinnah Fire Department, Aquinnah Highway Department, Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah) Natural Resources Department, Tri-Town Ambulance, the Island police agencies, Dukes County Sheriff's Department, the state agencies assigned to the Island, U.S. Coast Guard – Station Menemsha, Town of Aquinnah Select Board, Board of Health, and town employees.

Please continue to follow the recommended guidelines regarding the Covid-19 virus, stay safe, and here's to hoping for a healthier 2021!!!

Listed below are the numbers and some of the types of calls for service the department responded to from January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020 compared with those responded to in 2019.

2020 AQUINNAH POLICE STATISTICS		
	2019	2020
Medical Emergencies	40	25
Alarms (Burglar)	45	30
Alarms (Fire)	34	30
Alarms (Other)	11	18
Assist Citizen (general)	25	34
Assist Outside Agency	10	6
Assist Aquinnah Fire Department	3	2
Assist Animal Control Officer	9	7
Public Utility / Hazardous Condition	5	2
Assault & Battery	1	4
B&E and Attempted B&E	1	1
Domestic Related Activity	5	8
Harassment Complaints	1	1
ID Theft/Fraud	3	3
Larceny	2	4
OUI	0	1
Other Alcohol Related Incidents	0	0
Sexual Assaults	0	1
Lewd Behavior	0	0
Shoplifting	0	0
Vandalism / Destruction of Property	1	1
Motor Vehicle Complaints	2	3
Covid-19 Related Complaints	0	2
Disputes / Disturbances	3	3
Animal Complaints	9	7
Fireworks / Gunshot Complaints	0	3

Hunting/Fishing Complaints	4	3
Noise Complaints	4	4
Parking Complaints	9	5
Trespass Complaints	3	1
Suspicious Vehicles, Persons, Activities	33	29
Marine Mammal Incidents	3	1
Welfare Checks	8	6
Missing Person	1	0
Child Welfare	2	3
Marine Watercraft Incidents	3	0
Bicycle Accidents	0	0
Moped Accidents	3	0
Motor Vehicle Accidents	13	5
Motor Vehicle vs. Deer / Other Animal	7	7
Deaths	0	0
By-Law Violations	4	1
Arrests	2	7
Protective Custody	0	0
Criminal Complaint Applications	11	7
Incidents on Tribal Lands	34	24
Total Incidents	322	275
Motor Vehicle Stops	144	173
Motor Vehicle Citations Issued	51	28
Parking Tickets Issued	191	541

Respectfully submitted,

RANDHI P. BELAIN
Chief of Police

Report of the Fire Department

To the Honorable Select Board
and Residents of Aquinnah:

It is my pleasure to present the 2020 annual report of the Aquinnah Fire Department.

The department continues to grow as we welcomed Firefighter Bruce Palmer and Firefighter Mike Parker. We are always looking for additional volunteers to join our team. If you are interested in learning more about what our department does, please stop by the station on Sunday mornings at 10:00 am during radio check.

Our Current Members are

Chief Simon Bollin, Deputy Chief Gordon Perry, Capt. Ken Cottrell, Lt Troy Vanderhoop, FF Darren Leport, FF Russell Long, FF Ben Moreau, FF Dan Marshall, FF Troy Vanderhoop Jr., FF Paul Manning, FF Bruce Palmer, FF Chris Manning, FF Mike Parker.

I commend our firefighters for getting through this crazy year. 2020 brought us Covid which changed a lot of the ways we operated and had to change our normal procedures. It also changed the way we trained as we couldn't get together in large groups but we adapted as needed and moved forward best we could under the circumstances. And we have striven to provide the best possible protection for the town.

The number of emergency calls this year have been lower than last year. This year our department responded to a total of 52 calls for service. These calls included alarms, motor vehicle accidents, rescues and fires. We have also completed 23 fire inspections including smoke/CO detectors, oil burning equipment and propane tank installations.

A couple of friendly reminders:

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

In case of emergency please call 911 and report the issue. If it's not an emergency but you need to contact the Fire Department you can call 508-693-1212 and they can dispatch one of the members to reach out to you. You can also call the Fire Chief's cell phone at 508-958-2033. If there is no answer please use the 508-693-1212 number so they can dispatch us as needed. Cell service is still not the best coverage Up-Island.

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

Respectfully submitted,

SIMON BOLLIN,
Fire Chief

Report of the Highway/Public Works Department

Greetings Townspeople,

Despite obstacles posed by Covid-19, the Highway/Public Works Department continued with regular duties and maintained public open spaces and roads with mowing and brush cutting. In response to the Covid-19 crisis, we added signage in public spaces to encourage social distancing and maintained a high standard for cleanliness and increased sanitation efforts, especially within the town restrooms.

Throughout 2021, regular maintenance will continue. Paving will take place on Lighthouse Road and the department will be working with the Harbormaster to secure permits for repairs to the Gay Head side of Menemsha causeway. The department also plans to improve fencing at the lighthouse while maintaining visual standards.

We welcome any feedback from the community, please feel free to contact the department with any concerns.

Thank You,
JAY SMALLEY
Highway Superintendent

Report of the Board of Health

Greetings to the Honorable Board of Selectmen
and all the citizens of Aquinnah

Permits and Licenses issued:

	FY 2020	FY 2021
Septic Pump-Out Permit	36	26
Septic Construction Permit	12	4
Septic Installers Permit	10	10
Septage Haulers Permit	6	5
Well Drilling Permit	5	4
Food Establishment License	3	3
Frozen Dessert License	1	0
Common Victualer's License	5	3
Residential Kitchen License	2	2
Temporary Food License	2	2
Inn Holders License	3	2
Children's Camp License	1	0
Public Bathing Beach Permit	4	1

This past year, we would venture, has been nothing like any other any of us have experienced during our lifetimes. The appearance from overseas in March this past year of the COVID-19 (SARS-Co-V-2) virus shook our society nationwide to its very roots. Unprecedented measures were imposed upon the nation in the form of lockdowns, forced business and school closings, and a mandate to wear masks in public. Each state and locality took its own approach to the pan-

demic, and the Island was no exception, imposing a construction ban through the spring, with added conditions still in effect as business resumes slowly and sequentially.

Initially, testing for the disease was mostly unavailable on-Island. Through the efforts of our newly hired health assistant, Karen Colombo, and a local retired physician, the town was able to secure a supply of testing kits (requiring submission of sputum by mail with the results available usually within two days) which were made available to all town residents and employees, free of charge. This continues to be the case, as supplies remain available. The board is now working on obtaining an improved test that provides results almost instantly. However, funding—which initially came mostly from FEMA supplemented by state programs—is now uncertain.

During the initial days of the pestilence, the board issued a weekly newsletter informing town residents of any news and relevant developments. To date, the number of cases experienced on Island are as follows:

Lab-tested Covid cases in Aquinnah:	7
Total cases on the rest of the Island:	933
MV Hospitalizations :	3
Deaths:	0

We have been fortunate in the relatively minimal effect of the disease itself upon our town, but many have suffered untold burdens as a result of the financial, emotional, medical, and mental effects of the restrictions imposed.

Thanks to Chief of Police Randhi Belain, who reached out to us and offered support, advice and encouragement, police officers were assigned the expanded duty of serving as agents of the Board the Health. This made it possible for his officers to render assistance and monitor and enforce Covid-related developments.

There was life and issues besides Covid. According to the state database on infectious diseases, there were twice as many tick-borne disease cases in Aquinnah than Covid cases — 16 to date. The tick

problem exists across the Island, and the MV Tick Program performed several surveys to quantify the impact. It was reported that Aquinnah is cursed with a higher-than-average tick population. Along with deer ticks that spread disease such as Lyme and Babesiosis, there were cases of Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever, associated with the American dog tick, and cases of Ehrlichiosis, associated with the Lone Star tick. We intend on pursuing tick surveys, promoting tick awareness, and providing more information to residents.

If water is the source of life, we'd better test the water. The Board of Health looks to the Wampanoag Environmental Laboratory to perform water collection and analysis. The good news is our bathing beaches have been very clean this year. However, there is concern about the presence of cyanobacteria in ponds, and we expect to collaborate with local pond and marine science organizations to monitor this development.

Natalie Francis continues to be an essential contributor to our town's infrastructure as the attendant at the LDO — affectionately known as the dump. The schedule there will remain as it had been, open Thursdays and Sundays throughout the year, and open for an additional 16 weeks on Saturdays during the summer season. The dump is closed on national holidays and during extreme weather.

We are pleased to provide the services we can at the Board of Health and look forward to maintaining healthy living standards and working conditions in our town. Due to the fact town hall remains closed to the public, you can reach Karen at 508-645-2309 for an appointment or to answer questions or via email at boh-assistant@aquinnah-ma.gov. Stay safe , stay healthy and let us know if we can improve our work for the town.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES A. GLAVIN, Chairman
SARAH SALTONSTALL, RN
DR. GERALD GREEN, MD

Report of the Tri-Town Ambulance

To the Honorable Select Board
and Residents of Aquinnah:

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

We are happy to welcome Jason Davey (Tisbury) to our squad. He has been a great addition to the team.

This year was a challenging year for us, with the COVID-19 Global Pandemic. We had to adjust our staffing, as well our operations to comply with Centers for Disease Control guidelines, as well as state and local guidelines and recommendations. I am happy to report that our squad has been handling the changes well, and morale and health have been great.

During October, Breast Cancer Awareness Month, the Tri-Town Ambulance Benevolent Association supported the fight against breast cancer by modifying our uniforms to include the breast cancer ribbon.

This year was a lower volume year, due to the Covid-19 pandemic, below are the reported runs for the year ending Dec. 31, 2020:

Total Ambulance Runs: **289**

- West Tisbury: **151** Ambulance Runs (52.25% of total runs)
- Medical Emergencies: **135**

- Motor Vehicle Accidents: **15**
- Fire Standby: **1**
- Chilmark: **108** Ambulance Runs (37.37%)
 - Medical Emergencies: **104**
 - Motor Vehicle Accidents: **5**
 - Fire Standby: **1**
- Aquinnah: **27** ambulance runs (9.34%)
 - Medical Emergencies: **26**
 - Motor Vehicle Accidents: **1**
 - Fire Standby: **0**
- Mutual Aid calls: **3** Ambulance Runs (1.03%)

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

- West Tisbury Selectman Cynthia E. Mitchell
- Chilmark Selectman Warren Doty (Chairperson)
- Aquinnah Selectman James Newman
- Medical Control Dr. Karen Casper

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

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

Without the members of the squad, Tri-Town Ambulance would not function. These EMTs make themselves available year-round to ensure that the people of their community receive high quality medical care in a timely manner. Please join us in our deep admiration and gratitude for the following:

Full Time Staff:

Benjamin Retmier, *Chief*
 Matthew Montanile, *Deputy Chief*
 Jason Blandini

Traci Cooney
 Eamon Solway
 Belinda Booker
 Allison Grazcykowski

EMT—Paramedics:

Brenden Cooney
 Christopher Cowan
 Kyle Gatchell

Christopher Greim
 Myriah Hallinan
 Tracey Jones

Haley Krauss
 Jeff Pratt
 Heather McElhinney

EMT—Basics:

Meg Athearn
 Randhi Belain
 Robyn Bollin
 Simon Bollin
 Jonathan Brudnick
 Bradley Carroll
 Connor Chisholm
 Diane Demoe
 Jason Davey
 Rebecca Cournoyer

Alan Ganapol
 Dawn Gompert
 Amanda Gonsalves
 Bruce Haynes
 Jennifer Haynes
 Harry Hill
 Phil Hollinger
 J.“Skipper” Manter
 Paul Manning
 David Marinelli

Molly Martone
 Sam Neubauer
 Jim Osmundsen
 Farley Pedler
 Gary Robinson
 Katherine Smith
 Samantha Smith
 Gerrison Vieira
 Nisa Webster
 Adam Wilson

Respectfully submitted,

BEN RETMIER
 Tri-Town Ambulance Chief

Report of the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

To the Honorable Select Board
 and Residents of Aquinnah:

This year, the Aquinnah Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) has been able to make continued progress in helping our town be prepared for emergency situations. Aquinnah CERT is organized into three working groups: Communications, Sheltering, and Trainings and Education. The committees gather together monthly (primarily via Zoom since Covid struck) to coordinate efforts and share progress.

With the help of the Martha’s Vineyard Commission, our **Communications** team created a digital survey for town residents to identify who in town has special needs they would like help with during emergency situations, and who has special skills and equipment that could be useful in assisting others in an emergency. If you have not yet filled out the survey, you can access it through the CERT page on the town website. They also have developed a network of trained “neighborhood captains” in different neighborhoods across town who have hand-held radios they can use to communicate with each other and with emergency services personnel during emergencies, even if cell service and power are out.

Our **Sheltering** team has worked hard to make sure we have adequate sheltering for town residents in emergency situations. The Wampanoag Tribe has established a Red Cross-certified shelter at their Community Center, which will serve as the overnight shelter for anyone from Aquinnah who needs shelter

in an emergency. The town hall will serve as a daytime warming station, where anyone can come in an emergency to stay warm, charge cell phones, touch base with emergency personnel, and get a hot cup of coffee or a bowl of soup. Both shelters will be ready to accommodate our needs when an emergency is declared.

The **Training and Education** group is planning multiple trainings this spring, including for shelter volunteers, a CPR training, and a First Aid training. All townspeople are encouraged to join any training that is of interest to them. The more of us trained in these skills, the better prepared we will be to take care of ourselves, our families, and neighbors in emergencies. Please keep an eye out for emails about the training opportunities and keep an eye on the CERT page on the town website.

Aquinnah can be proud that it is the only town on Martha's Vineyard to have an active CERT team. The spirit of cooperation and camaraderie in the group is strong.

The team is always looking for more residents willing to be of service in times of disaster, and encourages people to contact us if they would like to join, at aquinnahcert@gmail.com. Members of the team, and those who have been of service include:

Roxanne Ackerman
Phoenix Becker
Randhi Belain, *Aquinnah Police Chief*
Ed Blanchard, *American Red Cross*
Simon Bolin, *Aquinnah Fire Chief*
Chuck Cotnoir
Carla Cuch
Gabiella Camillieri, *Aquinnah Town Clerk*
Beckie Scotten-Finn, *Wampanoag Natural Resources Department*

Forrest Filler, *Emergency Manager*
Gary Haley, *Selectman*
Morgan Hodgson
Bill Lake
Jeffrey Madison, *Aquinnah Town Administrator*
Chris Manning, *Tribal Ranger*
Paul Manning, *Police Sergeant*
Zachary Moreis, *Tribal Ranger*
Kathie Olsen
Rick Reinhardson, *Salvation Army*
Gary Robinson, *Emergency Manager Emeritus*
Rudy Sanfilippo
Bret Stearns, *Wampanoag Natural Resources Department*
Noli Taylor
Isaac Taylor

Report of the Harbormaster/Shellfish Constable

To the Honorable Select Board
and Residents of Aquinnah:

I am happy to report some great progress was made in 2020 for the benefit of Aquinnah boaters.

The pandemic drove many recreational boaters and their families to find relief and fresh air out at sea. This made for an unexpectedly busy summer. Thankfully safety regulations were mostly

- adhered to and my department, including shellfish, continually provided assistance and guidance
- for safe boating and shellfishing.

A 25-foot section of the opening into the West Basin was dredged so boat traffic could enter and exit without hitting the bottom. The opening had shoaled up due to NE storms and dredging of the main channel the previous year. The lighter sand/silt particles drifted out on the ebb tide and at the final turn going out of the channel the tide/current swirls around and drops everything right at the W. Basin opening. I was able to apply for emergency permitting because boats were bottoming out and at low tide the town's emergency response vessels were at risk of getting stranded. The emergency permit allows speedy response to permitting but is limited to removal of only 100 square yards of material. I'm in the process of applying for a five-year maintenance permit so that I can widen the opening and keep it dredged out deep enough.

The clam flats mostly to the east of the parking lot seem to be responding very well to the yearly aeration that I've been doing before seeding the soft-shell clams (steamers). A couple weeks before the steamer seed arrives I use a disc harrow (in the less clam populated

areas) to turn the sand over at low tide to let some air in. When folks dig for steamers it also helps tremendously.

I've also been seeding hard-shell clams (quahogs) around the shores of Menemsha pond. Anywhere from knee deep to waist deep at low tide.

I have continued through last year working via Zoom and remotely with the MV Shellfish Group and the Cape and Islands Harbormaster Association and Shellfish Officers Association.

The scallop season was not very productive this year, we're on the down side of the cycle. There are a good amount of scallop seed out there so I'm looking forward to next year's harvest.

Permits sold:

Resident Family	40
Non-Resident Weekly	20
Commercial	4
Senior	30
Commercial Scallop	2

"The good seaman weathers the storm he cannot avoid, and avoids the storm he cannot weather."

Respectfully submitted,

CAPT. BRIAN VANDERHOOP
Harbormaster/Shellfish Constable

Report of the Martha's Vineyard Commission

To the Honorable Select Board
and Residents of Aquinnah:

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 2020 were Doug Sederholm of West Tisbury, Chairman; Joan Malkin of Chilmark, Vice-Chair; and Ernie Thomas of West Tisbury, Clerk-Treasurer. The Commission is supported by a professional staff of 12. More detail is provided below and is available on the Commission's website, www.mvcommission.org.

COMMISSION FOCUS 2020

A Note from Adam Turner, MVC Executive Director

2020 was an interesting year for the Commission. We had one of the most complex groups of DRI applications and planning projects in recent years, and our typical processes were greatly disrupted by Covid-19. From the middle of March, staff transitioned to working from home and had to develop and execute an entirely new method

of proceeding. This including completely changing our philosophy on the importance of in-person meetings and not permitting remote participation, to transitioning completely online. This required the identification and investigation of equipment and software, and the familiarization of each by staff. Lucy Morrison became our meeting master responsible for the Commission meeting protocols and operation and deserves recognition.

There were no meetings held in late March, but by mid-April, most meetings and activities were back on track. In June, the Commission held its first public hearing on Zoom. By the end of 2020, the Commission proceeded through eight months of online meetings.

Some highlights of the year include:

- The DRI Checklist was revised and approved by the state,
- We successfully installed a permeable reactive barrier in Tisbury,
- We completed the normal pond-by-pond water quality analysis, which was especially challenging with COVID-19,
- We developed several different modeling approaches to forecasting the impacts of development in terms of water quality and other factors,
- More than 200 properties were surveyed for historical features,
- The automated traffic counters went online providing real-time data on roadway volumes,
- Numerous mapping and data projects were completed for the towns and Island-wide,
- We received a grant and began a forest fire management planning project,
- We completed climate change resources books for each Island town.



In June 2020, we said goodbye to our long-time Coastal Planner Jo-Ann Taylor. She had been with the Commission for almost three decades and besides her tremendous institutional knowledge, she completed numerous projects for the Commission. We wish her best wishes and good health.

In 2020 the Commission focused more resources and time on the consideration of policies regarding climate change. Toward that end, we hired a Climate Change Planner whose position reflected the need to concentrate on climate change matters. We welcome Liz Durkee as our new Climate Planner in December. Liz had been the Conservation Agent for the Town of Oak Bluffs for many years.

I would like to acknowledge the contributions of staff during Covid-19. Staff members were forced to develop new skills, including completing work during a period where no offices were open and face-to-face meetings could not occur. Staff was also expected to create office space complete with cameras and microphones in areas that had never been designed for such things. On top of that, there were children and other family members working which led to some serious challenges, and the Commission faced an unprecedented workload in 2020. The fact that we completed so much is a testament to the MVC staff. I would like to recognize Alex, Bill, Chris, Christine, Christina, Curt, Dan, Lucy, Mike, and Sheri. You did great work under difficult conditions.

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 2020, Commission staff completed a fifth year of extensive water quality testing. Since 2016, multiple samplings have been conducted in 16 Island ponds. Samples are used to examine 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 2019 and will be completed for the data obtained over the summer of 2020, along with a 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 2020 results when available. The MVC continues to update the website to make pond data and reports more accessible.

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. Groundwater wells were placed and the monitoring and evaluation for the micro-siting of the PRB was completed. Engineering was completed and installation occurred November 2-6, 2020. Monitoring and testing for efficacy will continue throughout 2021.

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 leaching 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 assists with the testing and monitoring of the pilot systems.

Healthy Aging

The Commission continued its collaboration with Healthy Aging Martha's Vineyard (HAMV) and Martha's Vineyard Community Services (MVCS), which included planning and administrative support as HAMV developed a new governance structure and launched an Island-wide Older Adult Survey in 2020. The MVC also followed up on its 2019 Elder Service Mapping Project, with additional data collection and analysis aimed at estimating the cost of services per client. Our partnership with HAMV and MVCS benefits the MVC by providing additional data and resources, along with insight into the elder and caregiver communities, which helps inform all types of regional planning.

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. The task force is made up of MV Commissioners and staff, along with Island leaders and other professionals. The task force has begun the process of developing integrated mitigation and adaptation master plans for the Island, with extensive public outreach planned for 2020. It also advanced a non-binding resolution for the annual town meetings in each town, seeking support for an initiative to eliminate greenhouse gas emissions on the Island by 2040 and pursue methods of carbon capture. In addition, the MV Commissioners adopted a resolution to 1) incorporate climate impacts into the MVC's regulatory and planning activities, 2) support the non-binding resolution mentioned above, and 3) draft both an energy and adaptation master plan to help guide the Commission's work in the future.

2020 Census

The MVC obtained funding through the MA Secretary's Office to hire an outreach coordinator to work with local organizations to ensure an accurate count in the 2020 Census for Dukes County. MVC staff worked with Outreach Coordinator Jean Cabonce and the

Dukes County Complete Count Committee Chair Keith Chatinover to implement outreach strategies, including the distribution of print and online materials, and collaboration with Island and state organizations. Additional funding through the MA Census Equity Fund allowed us to continue outreach through the summer and early fall when the census period was extended due to Covid-19. The MVC hired Steve Auerbach to take over as Outreach Coordinator and participated in a series of strategy workshops offered pro-bono by the consulting firm Synecticsworld. A final report on the 2020 Census will be prepared in 2021.

Permanent Traffic Counters

MVC analyzed and presented data on the Island's six permanent traffic counting stations. 2020 was the first year the counters provided a full calendar year's worth of data. These were particularly insightful this year, in gaining a metric relevant to Covid impacts on Island vehicular circulation — from traffic impacts from the stay-at-home orders, to comparison of a summer during a pandemic with previous summers, to the additional vehicles using our road network in the off-season — the counters were able to verify and dispel or corroborate speculation and anecdotal observation. The Edgartown Police Department also uses the data to optimize siting of officers for speed enforcement. Installation data can be found on the public facing MS2 portal.

Finances

The Commission's FY20 income was \$2,026,238, of which 53.8% came from town assessments, 30.2% from grants and contracts, and 16.0% from other sources. The Commission received \$612,557 in grant funding, a 13.6% increase over the previous fiscal year. FY20 expenses were \$1,990,370, of which 49.0% was for salaries, 20.2% for salary-related costs, 2.2% for legal costs, 3.5% for mortgage payments for two MVC-owned properties, and 25.1% for other expenses. The annual audit by Anstiss Certified Public Accountants showed fiscal soundness. The FY20 budget and FY19 audited financial statements are available on the website.

ALL-ISLAND EFFORTS

Affordable Housing

- **FY20 Community Development Block Grants (CDGB):** The state has not announced CDBG awards due to Covid-19.
- **Community Development Block Grant Advisory Group:** MVC staff will continue to assist the towns and grant writer Alice Boyd of Bailey Boyd Associates with the CDBG CARES Act.

MVC staff continues to Work on Massachusetts Office of Travel & Tourism (MOTT) Water Quality and Housing Grant,

MVC staff continues to work with Department of Revenue (DOR) and Short-Term Rental (STR) Agencies to track the number of Short-Term Rentals and local revenue streams.

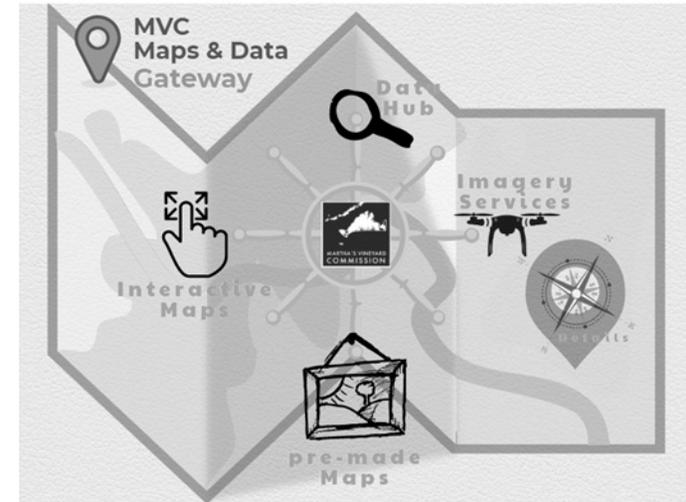
- **Site Suitability Tool:** The MVC, with technical services from software developer Bluegear Labs, launched a user-friendly, web-based, site suitability for affordable housing development across the towns of Oak Bluffs, Edgartown, Tisbury, and West Tisbury. The MVC presented to the tool to several town boards and committees. Planning Board and Affordable Housing Committee members can visualize spatial data distribution of high scoring sites. The tool is presently undergoing repair by the developer.

Cartography

Maps, maps, maps, and more maps! The MVC's Cartography Department's goal is community service. The Mapping/Geographic Information (GIS) Office is staffed by Chris Seidel. During her 17 years with the MVC, Chris has made mapping services easily available to all municipal employees, citizen action groups, and local non-profits. If you need a map or data, just give Chris a shout at 508-693-3453 ext. 120.

To readily provide information in a visually intuitive fashion, Chris first focuses on listening to your needs and goals. Depending upon the end-goal, some maps are made for an online interactive

Cartography Department mapping technology



Desktop Mapping Software

- ArcMap
- AcrGIS Pro

Online Mapping

- ArcGIS Online

GPS Technology

- Trimble Geo 7x (sub-foot accuracy)
- Trimble Positions (for post-processing)
- Collector for ArcGIS (GPS/field data collection on your device)

Aerial Imagery Acquisition

- Phantom 4 (Pro) sUAS/ Drone
- Video
- Still Photography
- Drone Pilot App
- Georeferenced Aerial Photos

Printing/Scanning Services

- HP DesignJet T2530 36" Large Format Plotter/Scanner
- HP5500DN Color Laser Printer

experience, some for on-screen presentations or reports, and some for marking up hard copies during planning discussions. The MVC's Cartography Department has the latest mapping technology at its disposal.

New this year, the mapping department has incorporated several web-based ESRI technologies including Survey123, StoryMaps, and ArcHub. These items all work seamlessly with ArcGIS OnLine and provide a user-friendly experience for inputting data and reviewing information alongside informative maps to provide a comprehensive picture.

- **Hazard Mitigation Plan:** This county-wide plan requires a town-wide analysis of the impact of various natural hazards on the existing built environment as well as the potential impact to possible future structures. Use this **interactive map** to view the existing structures that are at risk from wildfire, tsunami, flooding, hurricane, and sea-level rise.

- **Emergency Responders Online Mapping Portal (EROMP):** As part of the on-going development of the Portal, the MVC has worked with the Town of Aquinnah to develop the CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) online survey and dashboard data viewer. While initiated by Aquinnah, other towns are interested in utilizing this tool and the system is setup to incorporate Island-wide data.

- **Tactical Operations Planner (TOP):** The Edgartown Police Department sought out the MVC's assistance to use the ArcGIS On-Line Tactical Operations Planner, a mapping interface that allows the EPD to formulate plans for the positioning of police personnel and vehicles for such public events as the 4th of July Parade & Fireworks, and Christmas in Edgartown. The TOP is being customized to fit the needs of our local police departments and will be available for all the Island's police departments.

- **SLAMM Story Map:** The cartography department is compiling a story map website to provide a user-friendly, intuitive explanation of the Vineyard's data results from the SLAMM (Sea Level Affecting Marshes Migration) analysis completed by the Massachusetts Office

of Coastal Zone Management. The website will incorporate maps, videos, photos, and text to explain the potential migration of wetlands with predicted impending sea level rise around Martha's Vineyard.

- **Pond Water Quality Story Map:** A second story map project will walk a reader through descriptive pond overviews, complete with mapped locations, photos and links to important documents. Also included are pond sampling station data and charts of data results. This website will be publicly available by the end of December.

Coastal & Climate Change Planning

The MVC Climate Action Task Force (CATF), made up of MV Commissioners and staff, along with Island leaders and professionals, continued laying a foundation for long-term climate change adaptation and mitigation on the Island. The MVC said goodbye to Jo-Ann Taylor, the MVC's Coastal Planner, who retired on May 31, 2020 after 29 years of hard work. We wish Jo-Ann all the best! The MVC also hired Liz Durkee (former longtime Conservation Agent in Oak Bluffs and Chair of the CATF Climate Resilience Committee) to a new full-time Climate Change Planner position. Liz will work closely with MV Commissioners and staff, Island towns, and the public to advance climate-related projects and initiatives in the years ahead. We welcome Liz to the team and are excited about what she brings to the table!

- **Energy Working Papers and Presentations:** The CATF Energy Working Group, including members of the Vineyard Sustainable Energy Committee (VSEC), developed a series of working papers that establish a baseline for energy demand and supply across the four key sectors of electricity, transportation, buildings/HVAC, and energy efficiency. The next step is to develop a comprehensive master plan for eliminating fossil fuel use on the Island by 2040.

- **Adaptation Context Booklets:** MVC staff worked with Meghan Gombos of Sea Change Consulting to develop a series of booklets for each Island town that contain the latest data, information, and re-

sources to support adaptation planning. Staff had previously worked with intern Tony Lima to develop a database of local and state resources that informed the booklets. Meghan and staff presented the booklets to each town Board of Selectmen in the fall.

- **Adaptation Listening Sessions:** Members of the MVC Climate Resilience Committee hosted listening sessions with 12 stakeholder groups in 2020 to introduce regional climate change planning efforts currently underway. The listening sessions will continue in 2021.
- **Coastal Adaptation Study:** With funding through the MA Office of Coastal Zone Management, the Center for Coastal Studies in Provincetown will work with the CATF, MVC staff, and Island Emergency Managers to develop an application that allows responders to remotely assess flooding conditions during storms. The study will include recommendations on how to mitigate storm-surge flooding on the Island.
- **Collaboration with Woodwell Climate Research Center:** CATF members began working with Woodwell (formerly the Woods Hole Climate Research Center) to develop a baseline for the carbon sequestration value of land types on the Vineyard, and assess land uses and practices that could increase carbon sequestration over time. Woodwell is also conducting a pilot study for Dukes County that will provide detailed climate change modeling on a decadal scale.
- **Collaboration with Eversource Energy:** The CATF initiated an ongoing dialogue with a team of engineers the electric company Eversource and planners to discuss existing data, assumptions, expectations and opportunities in regard to decarbonizing the Island energy sector.
- **Other Regional Collaboration:** The CATF partnered with Nantucket to submit a joint MVP Action Grant proposal to examine supply chain issues relevant to both Islands. The proposal was not funded in this round but will likely be revisited in 2021.
- **Wetlands Vulnerability and Adaptation:** 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 Tribe Natural Resource staff continue to assist with and fund the data collection effort in Aquinnah.

- **Wildfire Protection Plan:** MVC secured a grant from Federal Emergency Management Association (FEMA) to secure the expertise of a wildfire consultant who will work with a range of Island stakeholders to develop a comprehensive plan that assesses our land network for risk and identifies measures that can be taken to mitigate that vulnerability. It will also inventory existing fire suppression capacity and issue recommendations to combat wildfires should one take place. The Commission is in the process of negotiating a contract with SWCA Environmental Consultants for this project. The stakeholder, assessment, and prioritization work will take place in 2021.

Developments of Regional Impact (DRIs)

In 2020, 35 projects were reviewed in some manner by the MVC through the DRI process. Ten projects reviewed this year were referred as full DRIs and reviewed with public hearings. Of those, four were approved with conditions, one was denied, one is on hold, and four remain under review at the end of the year. Seven projects were referred as Concurrence Reviews. Of those, six were remanded back to their towns without a DRI public hearing, and one was accepted as a DRI and approved with conditions after a public hearing. Thirteen projects were referred as modifications to previously approved DRIs. Of those, six were determined to be minor modifications not requiring a public hearing and were remanded back to their towns for approval, one was determined to have significant impact and was approved with conditions after public hearing review, one is on hold, and five remain under review at the end of the year. Two projects were previously approved DRIs returning to the Land Use Planning Committee (LUPC) for landscape and lighting plans. Three projects were granted extensions this year. A total of nine projects remain under review at the end of the year, and several large projects that were referred in 2020 are slated for public hearings in 2021.

In October 2020, MVC General Planner Alex Elvin was named DRI Coordinator, filling a position that had been vacant since May 2019.

• **Review of DRI Standards and Criteria (DRI Checklist):** The biennial review of the standards and criteria the Commission uses to determine what types or developments require referral to the Commission for review as Developments of Regional Impact (DRI) began in 2019 and was completed and adopted by the Commission on October 15, 2020. Early in 2020, the Checklist Review Committee met with each town planning board to discuss DRIs in the broader context of town and Island-wide issues, as well as meet with the MV Builders Association. The adopted checklist was forwarded to the Secretary of the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, who approved the changes on December 23, 2020. The effective date of the new checklist will be determined in January 2021. Among other things, the revised checklist includes lower thresholds for subdivisions and multi-unit developments and changes the threshold for historic demolition review from pre-1900 to structures older than 100 years.

• **DRI Energy Policy:** MV Commissioners and staff drafted a new DRI Energy Policy, which provides guidance on how applicants can meet the goals of 1) reducing or eliminating the consumption of fossil fuels associated with DRIs, 2) maximizing the energy efficiency of DRI projects, and 3) improving energy resilience on the Island. At the year's end, the MVC Energy Policy Committee was in the process of presenting the draft policy to town boards and other stakeholders to gather feedback. The MVC is expected to vote on a final version in 2021.

Districts of Critical Planning Concern (DCPCs)

The Commission designates DCPCs to afford additional protection to sensitive areas, in support of special town regulations. In 2020, MVC staff provided responses to many queries from town boards, attorneys, and property owners. After designating the creation of a Special Ways Zone in Tisbury's Island Road DCPC for Shubael Weeks Path and Red Coat Hill Road at the end of 2019, in 2020 the Commission accepted the town's proposed regulations for the Special Ways to

be in conformance with the Commission's development guidelines for the district.

Economic Development

MVC staff continues to work with *Arts MV*

MVC staff continues to participate in weekly meetings with Stakeholders to create *Vineyard Community Development Corporation* (CDC)

• **Covid-19 Related Outreach:** Starting in March 2020, the MVC provided Covid-19 updates to a variety of groups, including: town managers, town boards, the Chamber of Commerce, boards of trade, the Vineyard Builders Association, MV Shellfish Group, the Commercial Fishermen's Association, local non-profits, arts and cultural organizations, and businesses regarding state protocols, funding and relief programs. On March 26, staff launched a Covid-19 resource web page that included federal, state and local resources and links. In May, the MVC worked with the Small Business Administration and four Island banks to encourage Vineyard businesses and non-profits to apply for federal CARES Act Funding, such as the Payroll Protection Program. In June, the MVC worked with the MV Shellfish Group and MV Commercial Fishermen's Association regarding state relief funding and assisted the Dukes County Regional Housing Authority (DCRHA) with rental and mortgage assistance from state and local housing programs.

Over the summer and fall, MVC staff continued to work with the boards of health on monthly seasonal population estimates for Covid-19 contract tracing. Throughout the fall, staff provided town administrators information on the economic impacts due to Covid-19, specifically highlighting local meals and rooms/short-term rental tax revenue comparisons between 2020 and 2019, as well as unemployment rates, real estate sales, and other economic indicators. In December, the MVC worked with towns and business associations on the state's new Local Rapid Recovery Plan (LRRP) Program. The MVC will assist Oak Bluffs and Edgartown with their LRRP Applications.

• **Covid-19 Impact Survey Results:** On June 8, the MVC published the Covid-19 Business Survey report. The survey assessed Covid-19's economic impact to our local business community. With the passing of the federal CARES Act, the survey asked whether businesses had access to the stimulus information and if the stimulus package was adequately meeting the needs of Island businesses. A total of 179 responses were received. Generally, the survey respondents were dispersed among industry categories such as retail, construction, restaurants, and accommodations. The following are a few highlights from the executive summary:

71% of responses indicated that Covid-19 will have a significant to severely negative financial impact on their business.

38% indicated that they would lose over 50% of their projected revenue for 2020.

67% indicated that they were aware of the federal CARES Act and had already consulted with a financial advisor.

• **Community Development Block Grant CARES Act Funding:** In June, the MVC worked with Alice Boyd regarding CARES Act funding through the state's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) to create a micro-loan program for income qualified small business owners. In July, the Vineyard was awarded \$377,196 in CDBG-CARES Act funding for Vineyard businesses. The MVC worked with Melissa Vincent, the program director for The Resource Incorporated, to administer the funding throughout the rest of the year. As of December, 37 micro-loans were distributed.

• **Statewide Workforce Development Strategic Plan:** Since 2017, the MVC has also participated in the state's WorkSmart Blueprint Initiative, under Masshire Cape and Island's Workforce Investment Board, with an eye to increase career opportunities for our youth, enhance entrepreneurship, and support local businesses.

• **Promoting the Blue Economy:** Over five years, the Martha's Vineyard Commission (MVC) has partner in the Cape's Blue Economy Project. The MVC has collaborated with the Cape on implement-

ing several workforce development initiatives involving the Island Schools. In 2020, MVC Staff worked with Wendy Northcross, CEO, Cape Cod Chamber of Commerce to support changes to the Cape's state's REDO Application to better address economic impacts of Covid-19 to businesses within Dukes, Barnstable, Nantucket, and Plymouth counties.

Historic Preservation

The MVC continues the process of surveying historic structures to include in a searchable database and application that will be comprised of all historic structures on the Island. The main objective of this project is to create a one-stop-shop that will provide pertinent information for the MVC, building inspectors, historic district commissions, and the public. The MVC also began a collaborative project with the Martha's Vineyard Museum to create an Archive of the historic structures including the records of those involved as Developments of Regional Impact.

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 \$324,085 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) 2020.

• **Joint Transportation Committee (JTC):** The MVC facilitates meetings of the JTC, made up of appointees from each town, the Tribe, and 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 2020, \$739,365 in federal funds were obligated for Martha’s Vineyard. 2020 TIP projects included the following:

Beach Road Shared-Use Path—#607411: Construction/total project cost for the extension of the shared-use path from Winds Up to 5-Corners is approximately \$4,388,393.

• **Bicycle-Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC):** The MVC staffs the BPAC, an advisory committee to the Joint Transportation Corporation and the wider community on bicycling and pedestrian matters. The BPAC members continued efforts and support toward improved facilitation of bicycle and pedestrian facility improvements in their respective towns.

• **Up-Island Shared-Use Path Feasibility:** As an MVC initiative to extend improved bicycle/pedestrian accommodations, staff has presented the concept for a shared-use path along North Road to the two host towns of Chilmark and West Tisbury. Bicycle and pedestrian counts were completed in the summer, and GPS data collection has begun to determine where the roadway presently runs within the 50-foot right of way. With this data, MVC will be able to determine what types of safety improvements are most plausible given existing constraints. GPS field work will continue into 2021.

• **Trails Planning:** The Martha’s Vineyard Land Bank continues to contract with the MVC to assist with trail planning across the Vineyard. A decade-long project in Edgartown of assembling easements from multiple landowners in Edgartown was ready for the trail to be created but was postponed to arrange a relocation of the original proposed trail route that increased privacy for landowners and reduced the extent of needed boardwalk. This trail is slated for construction in 2021. Another project involving several landowners in West Tisbury has progressed substantially in little over a year, despite being stymied by pandemic travel restrictions for some seasonal residents. In addition to pursuing other trail easements in all towns, staff is work-

ing with the Tisbury Open Space and Recreation Committee to create a trail on the capped landfill, provided consultations to an Oak Bluffs homeowners association responsible for maintaining public trails, and continued participation with an all-Island group of public and non-profit entities that provide and manage trails for public use.

• **Transportation Mangers Group (TMG):** The MVC is a member of the Transportation Managers Group. 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 Community Compact-funded Island engineering services pilot was completed in 2020, with Edgartown using the remaining award to model a one-way closure for a popular bypass road off of Upper Main Street. A total of nine projects were assigned to Howard Stein Hudson (HSH), following a concerted effort between the MVC and town staff to identify projects where clear goals could be achieved. These work products came in all forms. They ranged from formal designs and cost estimates, book jobs, concept schematics and projects in shovel-ready position. In sum, the Island partnership afforded the towns a great deal of flexibility for services at a reduced, negotiated rate by the MVC with Boston-based Howard Stein Hudson. A final report can be found online. With input from the towns, the MVC has structured a cost-sharing arrangement where Towns could secure these engineering services once again for FY2022.

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 Massachusetts Estuaries Project, which prepares detailed models of water quality problems in coastal ponds and helps identify the most cost-effective solutions. 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 Committees to devise plans to address excess nitrogen, and assist with Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plans (CWMPs).

- **Water Testing:** MVC staff collected water samples from Farm Pond, Sengekontacket Pond, Lagoon Pond, Lake Tashmoo, Edgartown Great Pond, Chilmark Pond, Katama Bay, Cape Pogue, Pocha Pond, Tisbury Great Pond, James Pond, Menemsha Pond Squibnocket Pond, 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 water bodies.

- **Water Alliance and Associations:** The Water Alliance took a hiatus during the Covid-19 pandemic. The MVC Water Resource Planner attended and presented at the meetings of all Island pond advisory committees. In 2020, staff presented their findings via Zoom at pond association 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.

- **SNEP (Southeast New England Program) Grant:** The MVC received a \$250,000 grant for an innovative project to reduce ground-water pollution into Lagoon Pond, through the installation and testing of a Permeable Reactive Barrier (PRB). Throughout 2020, testing and monitoring continued for the micro-siting of the PRB. Engineering was completed and installation was accomplished November 2-6, 2020.

- **Marine Invader Monitoring & Information Collaborative (MIM-IC):** 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. 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 Island board of health agents and an Island-wide Monitoring Plan is underway. The plan will identify and document locations of cyanobacteria to establish a baseline and monitor for blooms. This monitoring program, in conjunction with the boards of health, will create a mechanism to locate, monitor, and predict blooms. The MVC will partner with Island pond groups, the EPA cyanobacteria BloomWatch, and UNH in 2021.

INTER-REGIONAL COLLABORATION

- **Education and Training:** For more than two decades, the Commission has hosted workshops from the Citizen Planner Training Collaborative (CPTC) targeted to "citizen planners" on planning boards and zoning board of appeals, but also open to other town officials

and to the public. For the past several years, the Commission has underwritten the cost to bring instructors to the Island so there is no charge to attendees. With the pandemic the Commission helped the CPTC transition to the Zoom platform and hosted three workshops over the year. The topics were Writing Zoning Amendments, Roles and Responsibilities of Planning and Zoning Boards, and Zoning Exemptions. The Commission invites requests for specific topics town boards would like to have presented.

- **Massachusetts Association of Regional Planning Agencies (MARPA):** The Commission is one of the 13 regional planning agencies that are advisory bodies to member communities, private business groups, and state and federal governments. MARPA meets monthly to discuss legislation, programs, and funding with senior Commonwealth officials and other interest groups.

- **Governor’s Rural Policy Advisory Commission (RPAC):** The MVC is one of nine regional planning agencies represented on a 15-member Governor’s Commission within the Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development. RPAC is charged with making recommendations to enhance the economic vitality of the Commonwealth’s rural communities and advance the health and well-being of its rural residents. (The state has defined “rural” as having populations of no more than 500 per square mile — which excludes Oak Bluffs and Tisbury). Since the 2019 release of its Rural Policy Plan, RPAC has targeted the creation of an Office of Rural Policy to sustain focus on rural issues at the state level and has advocated for rural interests in the evaluation and response of food supply networks and public health protocols during the pandemic.

- **Island Plan Recap:** MVC refined their 10-year Island Plan recap with additional data collection, mapping and analysis. Staff plans to present their findings and solicit town feedback in 2021.

SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES FOR AQUINNAH

Coastal Management

Saltmarsh Elevation Monitoring: MVC staff took measurements at an elevation monitoring station installed two years ago on Tribal lands at Lobsterville, hosted and funded by the Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah). MVC staff continued a program of sophisticated wetland elevation monitoring to assess wetlands’ abilities to grow in height as sea level rises. This will help plan for sea level rise impacts to Aquinnah’s marshes.

Developments of Regional Impact

No projects in Aquinnah were reviewed as DRIs in 2020.

Geographic Information Systems

In addition to working with the town’s **CERT (Community Emergency Response Team)** to design an online survey and custom dashboard for viewing the survey results, the MVC’s GIS department supported the town’s:

- Completion of the *Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) Summary of Findings Report*
- Hazard Mitigation Plan* impact analysis
- Completion of the *Open Space and Recreation Plan*

Hazard Mitigation/Climate Change

- **Municipal Vulnerability Project (MVP) Certification:** The MVC completed Aquinnah’s Summary of Findings report, following their Community Resilience Building at the end of 2019. With this report, the town became an MVP certified community, and became eligible to submit an MVP Action grant.

- **Aquinnah Division of Ecological Restoration (DER) Culvert Replacement Program Grant:** Staff worked with DPW Director

Jay Smalley and the Island engineer from Howard Stein Hudson to assemble application materials and draft a proposal for funding to assess needs for a culvert upgrade beneath Moshup Trail. The culvert links Black Brook up and down stream of the town-owned road. The Town submitted the application in April 2020. Funding was not awarded, but review committee staff at DER have indicated the proposal has significant merit and has indicated the town should consider resubmitting in 2021. MVC is currently working with the MV Land Bank Ecologist Julie Russell to better understand the ecological benefits of improving aquatic connectivity at this key passage.

Planning

- **Open Space & Recreation Plan:** The MVC completed the town's Open Space & Recreation Plan in the summer of 2020. With that, the town is now eligible to submit for Division of Conservation Services grant award reimbursement. The document establishes a seven-year action plan, with goals ranging from improved trail connectivity to additional active recreation opportunities and protected wetland resources. The extensive work between Aquinnah's volunteers, land conservation groups and the MVC was key to the completion of the plan, and has resulted in an extensive conservation land database.

- **Town Center Master Plan:** MVC staff worked with the Food Forest Committee and Conway Graduate School of Landscape Architecture students to provide input on site design, report content, and data collection following final release of the Master Plan. Spatial data was also provided to the graduate students.

Transportation

- **Data Collection:** In March 2020, MassDOT gave the directive to the 13 regional planning agencies in the Commonwealth to immediately halt all traffic counting programs and data collection efforts for the remainder of the year due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

- **Local Technical Assistance:** The MVC continued to work with different stakeholders to create a short- and long-term concept plan for the Aquinnah Circle that would improve bicycle and pedestrian circulation and improve vehicular use of the existing paved areas — both parking and departing.

- **Support of the 3C Process:** Staff met with the Board of Selectmen who then nominated and appointed Jeffrey Madison to the MVC's Joint Transportation Committee (JTC).

- **Inter-Regional Transportation Activities:** Staff has been appointed to the Steamship Authority Noise and Traffic Mitigation Working Group.

Water Quality

- **Menemsha, Squibnocket, and Nashaquitsa Ponds:** MVC staff conducted water sampling and on-station field data collection in Mememsha, Squibnocket and Nashaquitsa Ponds to assess changes in nutrient concentration and salinity. Sampling was done in cooperation with the shellfish warden, the Aquinnah Wampanoag Water Resource Department and the Buzzards Bay Coalition. Staff sampled and helped identify algal blooms that occurred in Squibnocket Pond over the course of the year.

Report of the Martha's Vineyard Land Bank

3,882 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

The whole of the 19th-century Hebron Wamsley Homestead is now conserved. George Brush and Jeffrey Madison sold their 33.3% interest to the Land Bank for \$1,450,000, complementing the Land Bank's 2017 purchase, from others, of the 66.6% interest. Aggregate expense for this 46.5-acre property, which was added to the **Toad Rock Preserve**, was \$2,750,000.

All of the subdivided lots on the Caleb's Pond, a tidal embayment off the Katama Bay, were long ago developed save one. In 2020 the Land Bank purchased it, from Barbara Lott for \$1,210,000, and created the 3.0-acre **Caleb's Pond Preserve**.

Arrowhead Farm, the scenic and storied 33.6-acre farm at the curve of the Indian Hill Road, was purchased for \$4,435,186. The price arose from a special device of particular use to conservation organizations like the Land Bank: the life-estate. When a property is sold subject to a life-estate it is discounted for the buyer, as the sellers retain the right to reside there for the rest of their lives. Charlene and Robert Douglas, the sellers, will do so — and at the end of the life-estate the Land Bank will lease the property to a farm family to raise crops and livestock. In the meantime hikers will enjoy a standout circumferential path around the pastures.

Collaboration between the Land Bank and the Island Autism Group resulted in the purchase — 10 acres for the Land Bank, 7.5 for Island Autism — of the old Child family farm on the Lambert's Cove Road. In 1998 Barbara and Edward Child sold to the Land Bank an agricultural preservation restriction here. In 2020 their sons con-

veyed fee-simple ownership of the fields and their environs to Island Autism for use as a working farm, and the wooded balance to the Land Bank. The Land Bank paid \$400,000. Hikers will appreciate the interesting topography at the **Eachpoquassit Hill Preserve**.

Neighbors transformed a lower priority to a higher one: two retail building lots abutting the **Waskosim's Rock Reservation**, although valuable for conservation, were unaffordable until nearby residents pledged \$500,000 of the \$1,300,000 purchase price. The sellers of the 6.3 acres were George Sourati and Ronald Monterosso.

330 feet of Vineyard Sound beach on the exquisite Lambert's Cove came into Land Bank ownership in 2020. Sandhurst MV LLC sold 6.8 acres, which also includes 390 feet of tidal pond shorefront, for \$3,885,000. The land is now the **James Pond Preserve**.

A record was set: the largest single property — 303.9 acres — ever purchased by the Land Bank was acquired jointly with its private-sector counterpart, the Sheriff's Meadow Foundation. Outstanding in its aesthetics and its habitat, the **Squibnocket Pond Reservation** conserves nearly three-quarters of a mile of remote ocean beach. The price was \$27,000,000, split by the buyers according to each's percentage interest (Land Bank, 56%; SMF, 44%); the sellers were Caroline Kennedy and Edwin Schlossberg.

Such an unusual place: the Tashmoo peninsula: the sole overland access is the Herring Creek Road, which in stretches is just one notch higher than a jeep trail; a handful of beach-cottages are perched atop the dune. The Land Bank renaturalized the western end of this dune in 2019 by removing two cottages there and in 2020 purchased an additional peninsula cottage and its lot — plus its 180 feet of sound beach. **Tashmoo Preserve** was enlarged by 0.8 acres as a result of this \$1,680,000 acquisition from Bruce and Gayle Kissell.

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

Land management

Ecological inventories and studies continued at many Land Bank properties: Aquinnah Headlands Preserve, Caleb's Pond Preserve,

Christiantown Woods Preserve, Eachpoquassit Hill Preserve, Edgartown Great Pond Beach, Great Rock Bight Preserve, Manaquayak Preserve, Paint Mill Brook Preserve, Pecoy Point Preserve, Poucha Pond Reservation, Quammox Preserve, Squibnocket Pond Reservation, Tashmoo Preserve, Three Ponds Reservation, Tisbury Great Pond Beach, Tisbury Meadow Preserve, Waskosim's Rock Reservation and Wilfrid's Pond Preserve.

The Land Bank's livestock herd — comprising some 140 goats — systematically grazed 45 acres, as part of the agency's grassland restoration program. To expand the initiative's reach and effectiveness, the Land Bank, at the end of the year, hired a year-round goatherd.

Per an agreement with the town of Tisbury, the Land Bank managed all of the public beach lands at the end of the Herring Creek Road at the Tashmoo Inlet. This was occasioned by the Land Bank's 2018 purchase of land abutting the existing town/county beach. It made sense for one entity to oversee all of the properties. The parking area was redesigned; a mobi-mat was installed to connect it and the surf-line; rangers were posted to coordinate the activities of users; and some 2000 culms of American beach-grass were planted.

Erosion was targeted: the Land Bank staff upgraded sloped trails at the Gay Head Moraine (which also underwent a property-wide upgrade, including culvert repair and the installation of boardwalks), Great Rock Bight Preserve, North Neck Highlands Preserve, Ocean View Farm Preserve, Peaked Hill Reservation, Tea Lane Farm and Waskosim's Rock Reservation.

Per a request from the West Tisbury board of health, to avoid contagion, the Land Bank implemented a software-helmed reservation system for swimming access to the Ice House Pond at the Manaquayak Preserve. The Land Bank expects such a system to prove helpful elsewhere in the future, for space allocation rather than public health reasons.

Fields were attractively expanded at the Fulling Mill Brook Preserve and North Neck Highlands Preserve but the year's greatest impact occurred at the south head of the Aquinnah Highlands Preserve, where a view-shed restoration opened high and long ocean views. As

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

Budget and related matters

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

	fiscal year 2020 budgeted	fiscal year 2020 actual	fiscal year 2021 budgeted
	cash amount and percentage of total	cash amount and percentage of total	cash amount and percentage of total
revenues	\$10,000,000	\$14,919,656	\$10,900,000 *
administrative expenses	(\$ 589,441) 6%	(\$ 558,227) 4%	(\$ 603,122) 6%
land management expenses	(\$ 1,510,936) 15%	(\$ 1,222,953) 8%	(\$ 2,126,683) 20%
debt service expenses	(\$ 4,466,907) 44%	(\$ 4,466,907) 30%	(\$ 4,470,848) 41%
reserve expenses	(\$ 75,000) 1%	(\$ 75,000) 1%	
unencumbered new receipts	\$ 3,432,716 34%	\$ 8,671,569 58%	\$ 3,624,347 33%

As of December 1, 2020 the Land Bank treasury contained some \$20.4 million in cash, to fund all expenses including new acquisitions and the payment of debt service for existing properties.

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

Per statute, first-time homebuyers paid no Land Bank fee on purchase prices at or below \$565,000; in 2021 the threshold will be \$595,000. This is called the “m” exemption and 79 transactions qualified for it in 2020.

Gifts

The Land Bank gratefully accepted the following gifts:

- 1) Chappy point-to-point race, \$13,172.75;
- 2) Tammy Kallman, \$100; and
- 3) donations made to assist in expanding the Waskosim’s Rock

Reservation:

- [a] Andrew Frackman and Emily Braun, \$25,000;
- [b] Robert and Paula Evans, \$50,001;
- [c] Timothy and Patricia Jaroch, \$365,000;
- [d] John and Christie Kelly, \$20,000;
- [e] Martin Gold and Jacqueline Meyer, \$25,000; and
- [f] Douglas West and Irene Ziebarth, \$10,000.

Transfer fee revenues

Fiscal Year 2020 transfer fee revenues were:

	transfer fee revenues received	
	July 1, 2019	
	through	percent
	June 30, 2020	of total
Aquinnah Fund	\$ 122,480	1 %
Chilmark Fund	\$ 903,866	6 %
Edgartown Fund	\$ 3,806,248	26 %
Oak Bluffs Fund	\$ 1,033,443	7 %
Tisbury Fund	\$ 960,565	6 %
West Tisbury Fund	\$ 633,225	4 %
Central Fund	\$ 7,459,829	50%
	\$14,919,656	100%

This represented a 11% increase over the previous year.

XI (Cross-Island Hike)

The Land Bank’s annual cross-Island hike, occurring each first Saturday in June since 1993, was, regrettably, canceled.

Commissioners and staff

Commissioner Richard Knight, Jr., who represented Edgartown 1987-1996 and then since 2019, died unexpectedly; his many contributions to the Land Bank over the years were greatly appreciated. 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:

- Jean-Marc Dupon, *conservation land assistant*;
- Maureen Hill, *administrative assistant*;
- Zachary Jessee, *goatherd*;
- Harrison Kisiel, *crew manager*;
- Antone Lima, *conservation land assistant*;
- Jeffrey Komarinetz, *conservation land assistant*;
- Cynthia Krauss, *fiscal officer*;
- James Lengyel, *executive director*;
- Ian Peach, *land superintendent*;
- and Julie Russell, *ecologist*.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES LENGYEL
Executive Director

Report of the Martha's Vineyard Shellfish Group

To the Honorable Select Board
and Residents of Aquinnah:

In 2020, the Martha's Vineyard Shellfish Group, Inc. continued programs to fulfill its mission of enhancing shellfish resources for the well-being of the entire Island community. MVSG received funding from all six Island towns, the MA Division of Marine Fisheries, the Wampanoag Tribe of Aquinnah, Edey Foundation, Lagoon Pond Association, Martha's Vineyard Community Foundation, Proud Pour, Cardinal Brook Trust, The Boston Foundation, Pacific Life Foundation, MA Society for Promoting Agriculture, the Southeastern Massachusetts Aquaculture Center and many private donors. Town funding ensures each member town an equal portion of the shellfish seed we grow.

Seed Shellfish Production for Municipal Enhancement

MVSG 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 Chappaquidick. Although the Solar Hatchery is "home base," each site has its strengths and each is important to maximize the quantity and quality of seed we grow. In 2020 we used these three facilities to produce 6.3 million quahogs, 17.5 million scallops and 10 million oyster seed for the shellfish departments of our six Island towns. We released over 150 million scallop eggs and larvae and 150 million oyster eggs to help supplement the wild populations.

We spawn local shellfish and grow the seed in our hatcheries to an average of 1 mm. At that point we distribute them evenly to the shellfish departments. West Tisbury receives only oyster seed because there is no quahog or scallop habitat in West Tisbury. The remaining five towns receive quahog and scallop seed only. Edgartown Great

Pond hosts an oyster restoration project which is funded by a private grant, and therefore receives a fraction of the oyster seed. 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 they are released to good shellfish habitat where they will improve water clarity and ecosystem functioning and be harvested by recreational and commercial fisherpeople.

Oyster Restoration and the Shell Recovery Partnership

MVSG has managed oyster restoration projects in Tisbury Great Pond (funded largely by the Town of West Tisbury) and Edgartown Great Pond (funded by a private grant) for 30+ and 13 years, respectively. The primary restoration strategies are production of spat-on-shell and planting of loose shell. Spat-on-shell yields clumps of oysters that are better protected from predators and creates habitat for many other estuarine creatures. The addition of shell to the ponds helps to harden the bottom of the pond, so that oysters do not perish into soft mud; provides calcium-based substrate for wild oyster larvae to set on; and acts like a natural TUMS® by buffering against increasingly acidic conditions. Both of these tools depend on shell. In the past, we have purchased clam shell from off-Island; only as of recently we are able to rely solely on scallop shell and shells that have been saved from the trash by our Shell Recovery Partnership.

Since 2011 the Shell Recovery Partnership has committed to rescuing this valuable resource from the waste stream by collecting it from Island restaurants, letting it age, then returning it to the Great Ponds. The Covid-19 pandemic did negatively affect shell collection this year. Some restaurants did not open, did not serve shellfish or needed to keep operations as streamlined as possible this summer. Thankfully, l'etoile, The Port Hunter, and the Edgartown Yacht Club partnered with us to recover a good quantity of shell for our programs. In the fall we started collecting shells from Larsen's and Menemsha Fish Markets and look forward to the shell bounty next summer. We are always looking for new Shell Recovery Partners who want to reduce their waste and help restore oyster populations! We have also established new public shell depositories, including a barrel

at the Hughes Hatchery on Shirley Ave in Oak Bluffs. We accept any kind of shell (mussel, oyster, scallop, cooked, broken) and will update our website as new sites become available. Learn more by visiting <http://www.mvshellfishgroup.org/shell-recovery-partnership>

In 2020 we set 1.3 million oyster larvae onto shell at the Hughes Hatchery for an ongoing, pilot-scale project in Sengekontacket Pond. The spat on shell will be kept in bags and cages, safe from predators, until September of 2021, at which point it will be planted onto small beds of shells and oysters which were established in 2018. The goal is to increase microbial denitrification in Sengekontacket by promoting on-bottom oyster beds. This project is funded by the Friends of Sengekontacket.

Pilot Eelgrass Propagation Project

Eelgrass, *Zostera marina*, is an important nursery habitat for many species, especially bay scallops. It is sensitive to summer heat and poor water quality. On a global scale, seagrass meadows contain 10-40 times more carbon than forests, and are an effective carbon sink. On an ecosystem scale, eelgrass buffers acidic water which helps shellfish produce shell. With generous help from Tisbury Shellfish Constable Danielle Ewart, we planted over 600 dislodged plants, which otherwise would have eventually perished, into a floating raft in Lagoon Pond. In the fall, we allowed it to sink to the bottom at a site that has recently had eelgrass. The goal is for the wooden raft to disintegrate and allow the eelgrass to grow into the bottom. We also planted biodegradable pots of rehabilitated eelgrass into Menemsha Pond, and we are learning to grow eelgrass from seed in the hatchery. Email us or visit the website for more information.

Surf clams, *Spisula solidissima similis*, for aquaculture research

One of the pillars of MVSG is aquaculture research, including the culture of new shellfish species. We support shellfish aquaculture because it helps to preserve fishing traditions of the Vineyard. However, when too many shellfish farms grow only one species, such as oysters, they are less resilient to disease, climate change and market fluctuations. This is why we are interested in alternative species, such



Oyster spat are grown on recycled shells.



Dislodged eelgrass was planted into a raft, suspended off the bottom of Lagoon Pond.



Under the microscope you can see the juvenile scallops' gills and "foot," which they use to crawl.

Shellfish Seed Produced in 2020

Quahog Seed				
	Edgartown	1,275,000		
	Oak Bluffs	1,275,000		
	Aquinnah	1,244,000		
	Tisbury	1,275,000		
	Chilmark	1,250,000		
	Total	6,319,000		
Oysters				
		Edgartown Great Pond***	Sengekontacket Pond*	Total
Eggs Released	140,600,000			140.6 million
Larvae Released	3,050,000	6,680,000		9.73 million
Remote Set	6,600,000	1,810,000	1,300,000	9.71 million
Singles	234,615	129,400		364,015
Scallop Seed				
	Edgartown	3,470,000		
	Oak Bluffs	3,470,000		
	Tisbury	3,470,000		
	Chilmark	3,470,000		
	Aquinnah	3,470,000		
	Tribe*	170,000		
	Gosnold**	30,000		
	Total	17,490,000		
Eggs Released	123.55 million			
Larvae Released	27.99 million			
Spisula				
Surf clam seed	SEMAC*	100,000		
	Vision Fellowship***	14,000		
	Total	114,000		

Provided under: *Contract; **County Propagation, ***Private Funding

as surf clams. When young surf clams reach two inches, they make perfectly sweet, tender clams for pasta and raw bars; thus the affectionate name of *butter clams*. There are several hatcheries and institutions experimenting with the large species of surf clam which grows offshore, in colder water. This summer, we grew surf clams of the inshore species, which are tolerant to higher water temperatures. We grew 100,000 seed for the Southeastern Massachusetts Aquaculture Center, which are now on eight shellfish farms on Cape Cod, and two on the Vineyard. Several thousand seed were also grown in Quitsa Pond by Vineyard Vision Fellow, Matteus Scheffer.

Lastly, we urge the entire Island community to seek-out and support projects, programs and initiatives that will reduce our dependency on plastics while also reducing nitrogen inputs to our estuaries. Eutrophication caused by excess nitrogen degrades shellfish habitats and reduces shellfish survival. It is perhaps the greatest challenge we face in the pursuit of shellfish restoration, and it will require many varied efforts to save our ponds from irreversible impairment.

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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Report of the Cape Light Compact

To the Honorable Select Board
and Residents of Aquinnah:

Cape Light Compact JPE (Joint Power Entity) 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 the year 2020, 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 2020 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, meaning 100% of Compact's power supply customers' annual electricity usage is met with renewable energy certificates (RECs). Each REC represents the generation of 1 megawatt hour (1,000 kilowatt hours) of electricity produced by a renewable resource, such as wind or solar. By retiring RECs to match the Compact's customers' usage,

Compact customers are financially supporting renewable energy resources, including resources located on Cape Cod and southeastern Massachusetts. In addition, NextEra pledged to deposit all premiums paid for voluntary RECs, plus their supplier and retail fees (expected to total over \$3 million per year), into a trust fund to be used solely for the development of new renewable energy resources. Now, by purchasing electricity through the Compact, all Compact power supply customers are supporting renewable energy and acting locally to combat climate change.

In March 2019, the Compact launched two new power supply options, CLC Local Green 50 and CLC Local Green 100. The CLC Local Green program gives customers the ability to support local renewable energy development by opting to pay a small premium on their monthly electric bill. The Compact uses this premium to purchase and retire Massachusetts Class 1 RECs to match either 50% or 100% of customers' annual electricity usage, in addition to the RECs retired as part of the Compact's standard power supply product. These RECs are sourced from renewable energy projects in New England, including several solar installations on Cape Cod. By participating in CLC Local Green, customers are driving the market to bring new renewable energy resources online at home in New England.

At a regional level, New England continues to face electricity pricing spikes during the winter months. Over the last 15 years, New England has greatly increased its reliance on natural gas for electricity production, and now over 50 percent of New England's electricity is generated with natural gas. However, natural gas pipeline capacity has not substantially increased during that same period. As a result, during winter cold snaps, demand for natural gas to generate electricity competes with natural gas demand for heating purposes. Allocation of natural gas for heating has priority over natural gas for generating electricity. This creates a supply shortage of natural gas for electricity production, and therefore increases prices for electric generators, which is passed on to all New England power supply customers. 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. 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 2020, the Compact had approximately 395 electric accounts in the Town of Aquinnah 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 2020, the Compact's primary consumer advocacy focus was on redesigning its Cape & Vineyard Electrification Offering (CVEO). The Compact expanded its coordination with Massachusetts stakeholders to redesign CVEO. The redesigned CVEO focuses on the following: Consistency with the 2018 amendments to the Green Communities Act and will advance the goals and objectives of these amendments while providing cost-effective energy savings and reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

- Serving low-and-moderate income members of the Cape and Vineyard community, a population that faces economic barriers to installing the three technologies proposed under CVEO.
- Address the economic barriers such as the high up-front costs and inability to qualify for a loan.
- Through the installation of cold climate air source heat pumps ("ccASHP" or "heat pump") CVEO advances the Commonwealth's goal of beneficial strategic electrification and the greening of the building sector.

The Compact also participated in regulatory proceedings at the DPU related to the retail electric market, pushing for policies that promote a competitive power supply market while ensuring common-sense protections for consumers.

Energy Efficiency

Jan – Dec 2020	# of Participants	Customer Savings	kWh Saved	Rebates/Incentives Paid to Customers
Low Income	0	\$0	0	\$0
Residential	28	\$2,087.20	10,436	\$46,487.64
Commercial	0	\$0	0	\$0
Total	28	\$2,087.20	10,436	\$46,487.64

Note: In the Residential Retail Initiative, several measures may reduce energy use from one fuel source but may increase use of another fuel resulting in negative kWh savings. Strategic electrification for example is primarily focused on the adoption of heat pump technology which may reduce the use of oil or propane but increase the use of electricity and increase peak demand. The program administrators have determined that these measures are still cost effective, and provide benefits to customers in a more holistic, integrated approach that helps customers address their energy use and associated costs based on their individual needs and goals, while aligning with the broader Commonwealth energy and greenhouse gas emissions reduction goals.

Funding for the energy-efficiency programs (i.e. energy audits for homes and businesses, rebates on the purchase of energy efficient appliances and energy education in our schools) comes from the monthly customer “energy conservation” charge on each customers’ electric bill, which is multiplied by the number of kilowatt hours used during the month (\$0.02162 for residential customers and \$0.01210 for commercial and industrial customers).

Respectfully submitted,

FORREST FILLER
Aquinnah Representative

Report of the Up-Island Council on Aging

To the Honorable Select Board and Residents of Aquinnah:

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

Service Indicators January 1 – December 31, 2020

Unduplicated Count: Approximately 936 Up-Island residents (seasonal & year-round) 60 years of age and older and 55 individuals under the age of 60 received services and/or participated in our programs in 2020.

Direct Service Programs

- 465 seniors received direct services in the following areas:
- Surplus Food Distribution
 - File of Life (medical info. cards)
 - Housing Assistance
 - Transportation
 - Case Management
 - Legal Assistance
 - Parkinson’s Support Group: Zoom
 - Lifeline
 - FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Association)
 - Fuel Assistance
 - Notary Public Services
 - Health Insurance Counseling
 - Home Repair Program
 - Telephone Reassurance Calls
 - Food Shopping
 - Food Stamps
 - Client Support

In-Kind Services and Goods

Durable Medical Equipment
Fish (Bluefish Derby)
Shopping Bags (Cronig's Market)
Fresh Vegetables (Island Gleaners)

Nutrition Programs

60 individuals participated in the following nutrition programs:
Congregate Lunch (suspended in March)
Home Delivered Meals (holiday meals included)
Host the Mobile Food Market

Health & Fitness Programs

86 individuals received and /or participated in the following:
Strength Training Class (Zoom)
Parkinson's Support Group (Zoom)
Yoga Class (Zoom)
Smile Program (Free dental checks & cleanings)

Outreach Program

The Outreach Program provides for individual case management. The Outreach Worker's primary role is to ensure that basic needs for housing, food mobility, socialization and access to health care are being met. Emphasis is placed on those who are isolated and/or homebound by assisting them in defining their needs, and to facilitate access to meet those needs. The Outreach Worker assists elders in navigating through the seemingly endless amount of paperwork required to participate in state and federal service programs. Outreach services range from reassurance calls to crisis intervention. These services are especially helpful to families of elders who are acting as caregivers for at-risk family members. The Outreach Program served 138 elders in 2020.

COA Staff

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

• **Volunteers:** 12 volunteers contributed approximately 140 hours in 2020.

Meals on Wheel Drivers
General Office Assistance
Tax Preparers

Formula Grants

Formula Grant funding is provided by the Massachusetts Executive Office of Elder Affairs. The Up-Island Council on Aging applied for and received \$20,000 for the following:

Sound Mitigation (Basement)
Defray Utility Costs
Defray Transportation Costs (staff & client transportation)
General Office Supplies

Friends of the Up-Island Council on Aging

Friends of the Up-Island Council on Aging (FOUICOA) is a non-profit support agency formed in 1987 to raise funds for the benefit of the Up-Island Council on Aging and Senior Center. The Friends enable the COA to provide services and programs beyond those that can be afforded through tax and grant income. The Friends generously contributed over \$22,000 in 2020, for the following:

Durable Medical Equipment
(transport wheelchairs and rollators for loan)
Grounds Maintenance
Special Programs Support
Monthly Cell Phone Service



Friends' Gift Fund

Many of our seniors are especially vulnerable and are struggling to put food on the table, pay for heating bills, purchase prescription drugs, along with other everyday expenses. The Friends, concerned about the welfare of our elderly population on fixed incomes, established a Gift Fund to provide assistance paying for heating costs and food. Fifty households received a total of \$11,950 to pay for utilities (\$5,600) and food (\$6,350) The Gift Fund is administered by the COA Director and Outreach Worker.

2020! Covid-19 Pandemic! It's has never been so important for us to stay together while spending so much time apart. Despite our current limitations, we encourage you, friends, and loved ones to take advantage of some of our offerings.

Stay informed! Join our e-mail blast and check us out of Facebook for our latest calendar and newsletter. Documents and a full list of services on the Town of West Tisbury website.

Respectfully submitted,

JOYCE ALBERTINE,
Director

Report of Elder Services of Cape Cod & the Islands Inc.

To the Honorable Select Board
and Residents of Aquinnah:

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 22 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 assist them to maintain maximum independence and dignity. We are the federally designated Area Agency on Aging (AAA), the state designated Aging Services Access Point (ASAP), and the Aging Disability Resource Consortium (ADRC).

In FY 20 Elder Services Nutrition program (Meals on Wheels, Senior Dining) served 43,643 meals on MV. There were 172 seniors served at Elder Services Dining sites, and 288 seniors received meals delivered to their homes by a corps of over 103 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 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 20, The Home Care Program served 267 elders on MV. There were 24,209 hours provided through; per-

sonal care assistance, medication management, light cleaning, meal prep, shopping, chore, and laundry services. In addition, 106 elders were enrolled with the Personal Emergency Response System (PERS) and the cost for our consumers to attend the Martha's Vineyard Center for Living Supportive Day Program was covered by our Home Care Program.

Senior Corps RSVP volunteers are providing transportation services for Vineyard Village at Home. A volunteer Nursing Home Ombudsman regularly visits residents of Windemere Nursing and Rehabilitation Center 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 Board of Directors 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 \$9,333. 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 \$9,833.

*Since Covid-19 we have continued to run our programs with the exception of the Senior Dining program which has been closed since March. We have had to change the structure of Meals on Wheels (contactless delivery, still receiving wellness check), and Home Care (hybrid telephonic in-home visits being done when able to adhere to

safety guidelines) to keep our elders and staff safe. We have implemented all safety/sanitation protocols as directed by Gov. Charlie Baker.

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.

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 60 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 55 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.

Respectfully submitted,

MEGAN PANEK,
MV Director

Report of the Dukes County Regional Housing Authority

To the Honorable Select Board
and Residents of Aquinnah

As of this writing in January 2021, the full effects of the Covid-19 pandemic on Island housing of all types are only partially understood while they are sure to be felt for many years to come. In 2020, the decades long steady, incremental loss of year-round rentals and ownership opportunities within reach of working Island households was replaced with a surge to new levels of unattainability. A record setting number of property purchases coupled with year-round use of summer homes by their owners has removed rentals of all types from the market and helped force remaining prices up past the ability of most wage earners on the Island.

These new factors underscore the importance of efforts by the towns and their partners to develop and secure rentals at all levels of financial need and ability for the members of our community and service economy.

Back when the six towns of Martha's Vineyard established the Dukes County Regional Housing Authority through state public charter in 1986, it was in response to the Island's much slower but growing need for stable year-round affordable and community housing. The Island-wide Housing Forum of 2000 resulted in several significant housing efforts including the six-town agreement to proportionately share the administrative costs of the Housing Authority.

Fully funded by the towns since 2005, the staff of the Housing Authority works daily with households in search of affordable rentals and home ownership while collaborating with town, state, and

Island-wide efforts to provide year-round rentals, rental assistance and homelessness prevention; homebuyer training, lottery support and affordability monitoring; and advocacy and planning for future housing program development, management and support.

2020 saw the Housing Authority managing 101 affordable rentals on 17 properties in five Island towns. Each apartment requires initial and annual income and tenant certification and apartment inspection, attention to service requests throughout the year, work on household and apartment turnovers, and compliance with multiple funding source requirements including program and household income audits and Fair Housing policy strictures.

During this past year, the Housing Authority has supported needed development of new rentals by completing rent-up of seven new units at the Perlman House including a year-long vetting of Housing Authority policies and materials by Mass Housing, and initial review of materials related to the rent-up of Kuehn's Way being developed by the Island Housing Trust in Tisbury; Meshacket Road by the Town of Edgartown; the Town of Chilmark's planned housing development at Peaked Hill; the Town of West Tisbury's effort on two new rentals at Old Courthouse Road as well as on a new parcel currently up for vote at town meeting; the Town of Oak Bluff's planned addition of new rental units at the Noyes Building; and the Town of Aquinnah's comprehensive plan for the town center inclusive of the first affordable rental units in the town.

Daily, the Housing Authority housing answers the questions and assists in the searches for housing by many Islanders households of all types while maintaining a rental waitlist currently numbering over 260 households.

The Housing Authority is appreciative of town voters who support the efforts of their Community Preservation Committees to dedicate annual funding to the Rental Assistance Program which helps stabilize an annual average of 65 working Island households.

Since 2002, the Housing Authority has administered these funds

to work with over 325 tenant households and 270 landlords who have utilized Rental Assistance for an average of 3.5 years. Each rental assistance situation requires initial and annual income certifications and apartment inspections, support contracts, and lease addendums. Beginning each fall, the Housing Authority provides town Affordable Housing and Community Preservation Committees the figures of usage, need, cost and landlord availability necessary for thorough deliberation before annual town meeting funding votes.

Housing Authority work on homeownership in 2020 included:

- the marketing and lottery of one resale of an Edgartown resident homesite and home;
- the opening of a second resale process and the completion of two transfers related to expiration of 30-year affordability restrictions;
- completion of lottery processes for a total of nine homes developed by the Island Housing Trust on Greenwood Ave and Daggett Ave in Tisbury as well assistance with one refinance and preliminary discussions towards two additional resales;
- assistance to the West Tisbury Affordable Housing Committee on one resale and two extended resale efforts;
- service to towns and owners as affordability monitor for properties in six towns;
- 38 referrals through Edgartown's Demolition Delay by-law; and maintenance of the Homebuyer Clearinghouse used to publicize homebuyer opportunities and currently numbering over 400 Island households.

Island-wide, the Housing Authority provides income certifications and administrative assistance for town programs such as accessory apartments, homesite subdivisions and multi-family density allowances. The Housing Authority actively partners with Harbor Homes, the Housing Assistance Corporation, The Resource Inc, the County Manager's office, the Tower Foundation and other organizations that assist with rent, utilities, emergency support and apartment rehabilitation for Island tenants and their landlords.

During the pandemic, the staff of the Housing Authority continues its work on individual and community housing needs and opportunities at its office at 21 Mechanic St. off State Road in Vineyard Haven and through remote efforts via email and phone. For more information please call (508) 693-4419 or check our website at <https://housingauthoritymarthasvineyard.org/> where staff emails are also available.

The DCRHA Board of Directors and Staff:

Harvey Beth: *Oak Bluffs*
 Ann Wallace: *Chilmark*
 Dan Seidman: *Tisbury*
 Nancy Tripner: *Edgartown*
 Richard Skidmore: *Aquinnah*
 Rise Tierney: *West Tisbury*
 Linda Mott-Smith: *Governor's Appointee*
 Lucy Morrison: *At-Large*

David Vigneault: *Executive Director*
 Terri Keech: *Finance Manager*
 Barbara Hoffman: *Operations Coordinator*
 Karin Kugel: *Administrative Assistant*

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID VIGNEAULT,
 Executive Director

Martha's Vineyard Transit Authority (VTA) Annual Report

Agency Overview

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 Law, Chapter 161B, and is funded through fares, 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:

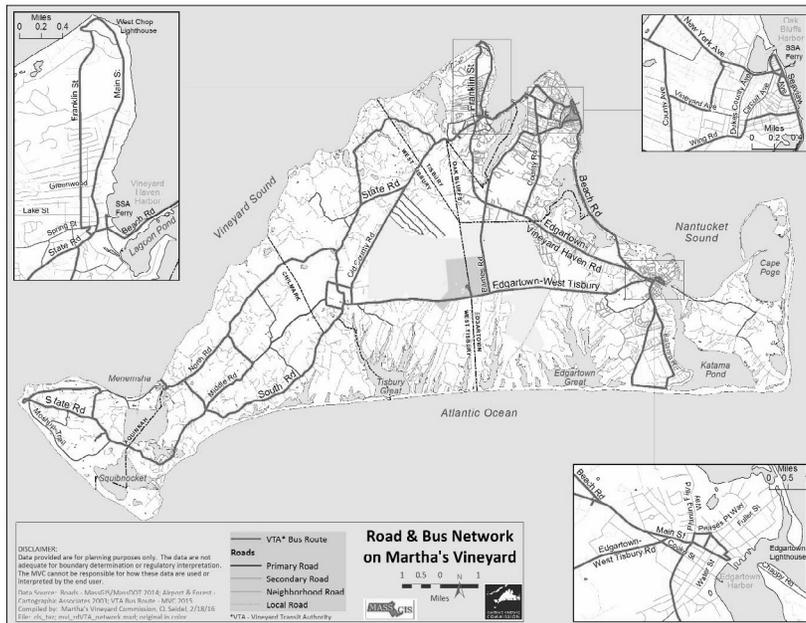
Oak Bluffs	Alice Butler, Chairman
West Tisbury	Susanna Sturgis
Aquinnah	June Manning
Tisbury	Elaine Miller
Chilmark	Leonard Jason
Edgartown	Mark Snider
Rider Community Representative	Carlton Crocker (Chilmark)
Disabled Community Representative	Sarah Nevin (Edgartown)
Administrator	Angela E. Gompert

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 a 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 2020, the VTA operated eight year-round routes, plus four additional summer peak season routes and paratransit service in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities 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 FY20 was \$6.02 million, plus \$2.175 million in capital funds. This investment supported 890,783 riders and 936,989 miles of service. FY20 was a year like no other; beginning with a labor strike that resolved in August 2019, to operating through a global pandemic the last four months of the year. The VTA will continue to navigate these challenges to provide the best transit services possible for their community.



Funding Updates

CARES Act Funding

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the VTA was awarded \$1,462,310 in Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act funding. As of 6/30/2020, the VTA had used \$654,626.28 of CARES funding to provide employees with Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), sanitizing supplies, labor and enhanced vehicle and facility filtration for HVAC systems and cleaning, driver protection barriers, and lost wages. From March 21, 2020 through June 30, 2020, the VTA implemented rear-door boarding and fare forgiveness to protect both our drivers and passengers. CARES funding was used for the months of March – June to supplement lost fares.

MassDOT Discretionary Funding Program

Section 74 of the Fiscal Year 2019 Massachusetts Budget created an additional \$4 million of funding for Regional Transit Authorities that (1) provide best practice services and/or (2) seek to initiate, maintain, or expand service to a priority population. The VTA applied for this competitive grant and was awarded \$83,500 to restore fixed route service on Routes 1 and 13 during the In-Season, which often exceed capacity during peak periods. For FY20 the VTA used \$41,633.51 of this grant for additional service provided on Routes 1 and 13 primarily from August 2019 – October 2019. The remaining balance will be used in FY21 for Route 13 service provided in September 2020.

Volkswagen (VW) Mitigation Funds

The Volkswagen Diesel Emissions Environmental Mitigation Trust was developed for the purpose of implementing an Eligible Mitigation Action under the VW Trust to offset excess NO_x (nitrogen oxide gases) emissions resulting from the VW violations, and to help electrify the Massachusetts transportation network. In accordance with the Massachusetts VW Beneficiary Mitigation Plan, the VTA applied for and received \$3,900,000 of the VW Funds for the procurement and deployment of zero emission electric transit buses. In October of 2019 the VTA took delivery of four all-electric battery 35' BYD buses, and in January of 2020 took delivery of two all-electric battery 30' BYD buses. With the addition of these 6 buses, the VTA's fixed route fleet now has 12 all-electric buses.

Service Modifications

The VTA planned some service modifications for FY 2020. Due to circumstances, those service modifications were much more extensive than anticipated over the course of the year.

Changes to In-Season 2019 as Compared to In-Season 2018 (starting in July)

Planning for In-Season 2019 included some trimming of late-night trips after midnight on Routes 1 and 13. These decisions were made as cost-saving measures due to low ridership performance on these trips. End of service day trips were also eliminated on Routes 2 and 10A. Similarly, end of service day trips that operated on Fridays and Saturdays during the In-Season shoulder periods were eliminated on Routes 3, 4 and 5. Changes were also planned for the Route 11 service.

The VTA experienced a labor strike at the outset of the In-Season in June 2019, which continued through the end of July. The VTA provided a reduced level of transit service with vehicle operators who did not choose to strike, other staff, and seasonal operators. Resources were applied to the routes with the highest travel demand, and during the peak periods of travel during the day. Evening service was reduced throughout July. Certain routes like Routes 2, 10A, 11, and 12, were not operated at all or on significantly reduced schedules. The impacts of labor shortages continued through the peak month of August as well, affecting how much of the originally planned and published timetable service the VTA was able to offer. These modifications were temporary on the VTA's usual transit operations and service.

Changes to Off-Season 2019-2020 as Compared to Off-Season 2018-2019

The plan for the Off-Season continued to comprise three schedule periods – Fall, Winter, and Spring. The Off-Season Fall schedule continued the trend of paring down later evening trips that had low ridership performance in the previous year for the same time period. As anticipated, to fund the new collective bargaining agreement with labor and an increase in insurance premiums, more substantial service cuts were required. Routes 2, 4, 8, and 10A were eliminated from the Off-Season schedule. The Winter period was also started a full month earlier – at the beginning instead of the end of December. Sunday service was also reduced to only service on Routes 1, 10, and 13. Routes 1 and 13 Sunday service had a separate schedule served by one vehicle, and Route 13 service was limited to the Vineyard Haven – Oak Bluffs link only.

The COVID-19 pandemic and the resulting dramatic decrease in travel demand in March 2020 changed VTA transit planning for the rest of the fiscal year. The Winter season was extended until April 30, 2020. For comparison, the VTA In-Season historically began at the end of April. With travel demand reduced and slowly increasing with the summer season approaching, the VTA operated two schedule periods to close out the fiscal year – one from May 1 – June 18, and another starting June 19, 2020 that would operate into the next fiscal year. This schedule included routes that had not operated during the Off-Season, including Routes 2, 4, 8, and 10A. The In-Season schedule was reduced for all routes due to pandemic conditions. Route 1 maintained its typical 30 minute frequency, while ending service earlier in the evenings. Up-Island routes were mostly reduced to two hour frequency instead of one hour frequency, as were Routes 7 and 9 in Oak Bluffs. Route 8 to South Beach was served by one bus instead of the usual two. Route 13 along the Beach Roads serving Edgartown, Oak Bluffs and Tisbury operated with 30 minute headways, less than the usual 15-20 minute headways. Following social distance guidelines aboard the buses, the VTA operated a similar number of buses during peak periods on Route 13 to carry roughly half the peak season travel demand. It was very difficult to predict travel demand during the pandemic. These schedules were considered temporary measures for unusual conditions, and additional headways were added as we entered FY 21.

Fare Adjustments

Effective July 1, 2019 the VTA zone fare went from \$1.25 per town to \$2.00 per town for the In-Season. Effective September 29, 2019, zone fares went back to \$1.25 per town for the Off-Season.

Effective August 4, 2019, the One Day Pass increased from \$8.00 to \$10.00; the reduced fare One Day Pass remained at \$5.00.

Effective October 1, 2109, the Boston Medivan rate increased from \$15.00 to \$20.00 one way. From March 22, 2020 through June 30, 2020, the VTA implemented rear-door boarding due to the COVID-19 pandemic - fares were not collected during this time period.

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.

To date, the VTA has made great strides in its electrification project. The VTA has 12 electric buses in service, with over 400,000 fleet miles and 4 more electric buses scheduled to be delivered in April/May of 2021. With these additional 4 buses, half of the VTA's fleet will be all electric battery buses. The electric buses have been well received by the community and the VTA is pleased with how well this new technology is working.

Complementing these efforts, 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) has been completed and additional work is underway to install solar canopies and inductive charging for its electric transit buses. The design also includes a central control system that will manage vehicle charging, reduce peak demand by ESS discharge, and supply emergency power through an island-able micro grid.

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 16 years, the VTA has maintained the Island's school bus fleet, saving the school district money and the complications of getting vehicles to the mainland for repair services, as viable and affordable alternatives do not exist in the private sector on the Island.

The VTA leases office space within their building to the Registry of Motor Vehicles (RMV) to

operate a local branch for the Island. Every two years, the VTA hosts a boat and recreational vehicle registration event, a joint event sponsored by the RMV and Mass Energy and Environmental Affairs. This event is designed so members of the community can easily obtain proper registration for recreational boats and vehicles without having to travel to the mainland.

The VTA maintains its own fuel island on the property, with above-ground diesel and unleaded fuel tanks. We are the largest consumer of fuel on the Island. We allow other public agencies to fuel at our facility which, with the pooling of our fuel purchases saves tens of thousands of dollars annually for these public agencies: the Martha's Vineyard School District, 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 Mass Casualty Incident Drills, as required by the 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 20	FY 19
Annual Ridership	894,055	1,305,195
Annual Farebox & Other Revenue	\$1,239,605	\$1,666,065
Annual Cost of Operations	\$4,820,037	\$4,695,938
% of Fare Box Recovery of Operating Costs	25.72%	35.48%
Fleet Size	32	32

Fixed Route:

	FY 20	FY 19
Number of Fixed Routes	14	14
Annual Passenger Trips	894,055	1,305,195
Annual Revenue Hours	52,249	67,047
Annual Revenue Miles	804,254	1,097,108
Annual Vehicle Hours	55,584	71,025
Annual Vehicle Miles	855,590	1,162,191

Performance Measures:

	FY 20	FY 19
Operating Expense Per Passenger Trip	\$5.39	\$3.60
Operating Expense Per Revenue Hour	\$92.25	\$70.04
Operating Expense Per Revenue Mile	\$5.99	\$4.28
Passenger Trips Per Revenue Hour	17.11	19.47
Passenger Trips Per Revenue Mile	1.11	1.19
Required Subsidy Per Passenger Trip	\$4.00	\$2.32

Fare Information:

Fixed Routes Fares:

	FY 20	FY 19
Adult Base	\$2 / \$1.25 zone	\$2 / \$1.25 zone
Elderly Fare	\$1 / \$0.75 zone	\$1 / \$0.75 zone
Disabled Fare	\$1 / \$0.75 zone	\$1 / \$0.75 zone
Under 12	\$2 / \$1.25 zone	\$2 / \$1.25 zone
Under 6	Free	Free
Student Pass	Reduced Fare	Reduced Fare

Operational Facts and Figures

ADA - Demand Response

Facts:

	FY 20	FY 19
Annual Ridership	8,006	12,298
Annual Farebox & Other Revenue	\$20,312	\$32,384
Annual Cost of Operations	\$510,926	\$549,408
% of Fare Box Recovery of Operating Costs	4.00%	5.89%
Fleet Size	6	6

Demand Response Statistics:

	FY 20	FY 19
Annual Passenger Trips	8,006	12,298
Annual Revenue Hours	5,213	7,321
Annual Revenue Miles	72,811	106,696
Annual Vehicle Hours	5,546	7,788
Annual Vehicle Miles	77,459	118,551

Performance measures:

	FY 20	FY 19
Operating Expense Per Passenger Trip	\$63.82	\$44.67
Operating Expense Per Revenue Hour	\$98.01	\$75.05
Operating Expense Per Revenue Mile	\$7.02	\$5.15
Passenger Trips Per Revenue Hour	1.54	1.68
Passenger Trips Per Revenue Mile	0.11	0.12
Required Subsidy Per Passenger Trip	\$61.28	\$42.04

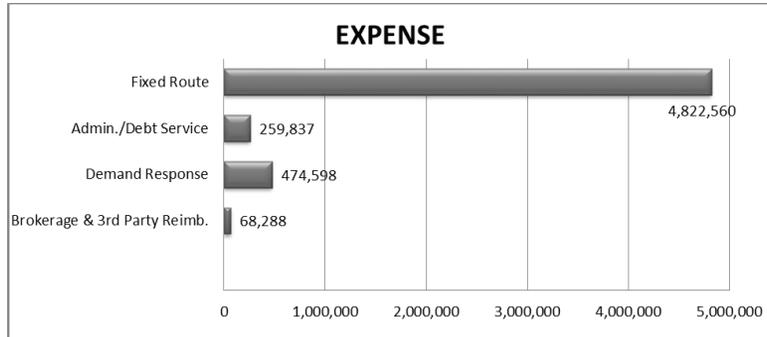
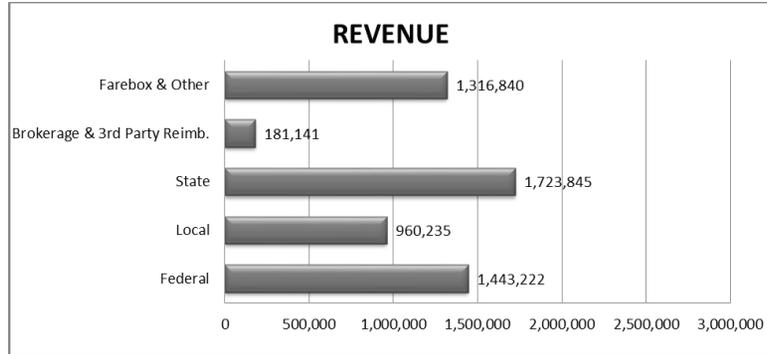
Fare Information:

Paratransit:

	FY 20	FY 19
Elderly	\$2.00/town	\$2.00/town
Disabled	\$2.00/town	\$2.00/town
Pass Program	N/A	N/A
Ticket Program	N/A	N/A

Finance

Revenue and Expenses



Statement of Net Position

ASSETS	2020	2019
Current Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 349,529	\$ 986,967
Receivable for operating assistance	\$ 2,625,447	\$ 2,020,467
Other current assets	\$ 433,758	\$ 452,436
Prepaid fuel hedge	\$ 108,158	\$ -
Total current assets	\$ 3,516,892	\$ 3,459,870
Restricted & Noncurrent Assets		
Restricted assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 249,240	\$ 221,136
Receivable for capital assistance	\$ 1,841,319	\$ 1,442,525
Total restricted assets	\$ 2,090,559	\$ 1,663,661
Receivable for operating assistance	\$ 509,010	\$ 464,195
Capital assets, net	\$ 19,706,095	\$ 15,763,867
Net OPEB asset	\$ 293,016	\$ 326,777
Total restricted assets & noncurrent assets	\$ 22,598,680	\$ 18,218,500
Total assets	\$ 26,115,572	\$ 21,678,370
Deferred Outflows of Resources		
Deferred outflows of resources related to pension	\$ 128,414	\$ 174,473
Deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB	\$ 78,149	\$ 15,562
Total assets & deferred outflows of resources	\$ 26,322,135	\$ 21,868,405
LIABILITIES		
Current liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued expense	\$ 237,150	\$ 279,868
Total current liabilities	\$ 237,150	\$ 279,868
Restricted and noncurrent liabilities		
Liabilities payable from restricted assets		
Accounts payable and accrued expense	\$ 1,689,032	\$ 1,437,623
Total liabilities payable from restricted assets	\$ 1,689,032	\$ 1,437,623
Other post-employment benefits	\$ -	\$ -
Net pension liability	\$ 422,790	\$ 421,760
Revenue Anticipation Notes	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 1,762,820
Total restricted and noncurrent liabilities	\$ 4,111,822	\$ 3,622,203
Total liabilities	\$ 4,348,972	\$ 3,902,071
Deferred Inflows of Resources		
Deferred inflows of resources related to pension	\$ 16,906	\$ 21,132
Deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB	\$ 57,059	\$ -
Total liabilities & deferred inflows of resources	\$ 4,422,937	\$ 3,923,203
NET POSITION		
Invested in capital assets	\$ 19,706,095	\$ 15,763,867
Restricted	\$ 401,527	\$ 226,038
Other current assets	\$ 1,791,576	\$ 1,955,297
Total net position	\$ 21,899,198	\$ 17,945,202

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

4 Pine Street
Vineyard Haven, MA 02568

January 21, 2021

To the Citizens of Aquinnah:

In compliance with Section VIII of the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School District Agreement under which the District was formed and according to the recommendations of the Office of the Directors of Accounts, we submit the following financial reports of the District for fiscal year ending June 30, 2020.

FY2020 Assessment
Expenditures – Budget vs Actual

Respectfully submitted,

MARYLEE SCHROEDER
Treasurer

Martha's Vineyard Regional High School District — FY20 Assessment

DESCRIPTION	FY20 AMOUNT					
Operating & Capital Budget	\$ 22,003,178.41					
Charter School/School Choice Tuition	672,143.00	22,675,321.41				
Less						
Chapter 70 State Aid	2,835,120.00					
Chapter 71 Regional Transportation Aid	304,946.00					
Other Revenues	236,262.59					
E&D Offset	0.00	3,376,328.59				
FY18 Net Amount for Assessments	\$	19,298,992.82				
Town Apportionments						
(i) Required Minimum Local Contribution	127,841.00	371,902.00	2,103,572.00	2,013,140.00	2,150,060.00	7,812,490.00
(ii) Excess of NSS over Required Minimum	192,814.05	482,051.01	2,795,861.97	2,860,136.85	2,908,348.31	1,349,730.12
(iii) Transportation	6,455.92	16,140.33	93,612.78	95,764.87	97,379.11	45,192.50
(iii) Capital	9,842.24	24,606.40	142,715.42	145,996.34	148,457.31	68,897.28
(iii) Other Costs	45.52	113.81	660.09	675.27	686.65	318.67
Gross Assessments	336,998.73	894,813.55	5,136,422.26	5,115,713.33	5,304,931.38	2,510,113.57
Less E&D Offset	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
FY19 Assessments Per Statutory Assmt Method	\$ 336,998.73	894,813.55	5,136,422.26	5,115,713.33	5,304,931.38	2,510,113.57
	2.14%	5.42%	25.11%	27.96%	27.53%	11.84%
	15	38	176	196	193	83
	100.00%					100.00%

This schedule presents the town apportionments consistent with DESE's Statutory Assessment Methodology format. Member Town % Based on Statutory Assessment Method (voted by School Committee)

Numbers may be off due to rounding.

Martha's Vineyard Regional High School District — Budget and Actual Expenditures, June 30, 2019

<u>Expenditure</u>	<u>Original Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Supt/Shared Services: Administration			
Administration: Salaries	\$ 177,532.05	\$ 175,702.13	\$ 1,829.92
Administration: Expenses	12,805.00	15,708.60	(2,903.60)
Administration Subtotal	<u>190,337.05</u>	<u>191,410.73</u>	<u>(1,073.68)</u>
Supt/Shared Services: Instruction			
Instruction: Salaries	292,225.49	274,302.13	17,923.36
Instruction: Expenses	30,400.00	28,684.15	1,715.85
Instruction Subtotal	<u>322,625.49</u>	<u>302,986.28</u>	<u>19,639.21</u>
Supt/Shared Services: Operation and Maintenance of Plant			
Operation and Maint. Of Plant: Salaries	-	1,109.64	(1,109.64)
Operation and Maint. Of Plant: Expenses	24,268.80	26,225.79	(1,956.99)
Operation and Maint of Plant Subtotal	<u>24,268.80</u>	<u>27,335.43</u>	<u>(3,066.63)</u>
Supt/Shared Services: Fixed Costs			
Fixed Costs: Salaries	39,261.00	40,046.18	(785.18)
Fixed Costs: Expenses	49,586.33	82,930.59	(33,344.26)
Fixed Costs Subtotal	<u>88,847.33</u>	<u>122,976.77</u>	<u>(33,344.26)</u>
TOTAL Supt/Shared Services	<u>626,078.67</u>	<u>644,709.21</u>	<u>(17,845.36)</u>
High School Programs: Administration			
Administration: Salaries	144,252.00	120,389.65	23,862.35
Administration: Expenses	113,657.28	114,748.13	(1,090.85)
Administration Subtotal	<u>257,909.28</u>	<u>235,137.78</u>	<u>22,771.50</u>
High School Programs: Instruction			
Instruction: Salaries	10,666,159.63	10,149,235.55	516,924.08
Instruction: Expenses	533,642.15	542,292.86	(8,650.71)
Instruction Subtotal	<u>11,199,801.78</u>	<u>10,691,528.41</u>	<u>508,273.37</u>
High School Programs: Other School & Community Services			
Other School & Community Services: Salaries	1,956,063.97	1,852,389.00	103,674.97
Other School & Community Services: Expenses	693,766.64	625,880.23	67,886.41
Elementary Transportation Reimbursement	(1,132,630.00)	(818,233.79)	(314,396.21)
Other School & Community Services Subtotal	<u>1,517,200.61</u>	<u>1,660,035.44</u>	<u>(142,834.83)</u>
High School Programs: Operation and Maintenance of Plant			
Operation and Maint. Of Plant: Salaries	668,506.91	631,388.72	37,118.19
Operation and Maint. Of Plant: Expenses	1,174,380.15	1,097,323.25	77,056.90
Operation and Maint of Plant Subtotal	<u>1,842,887.06</u>	<u>1,728,711.97</u>	<u>114,175.09</u>
High School Programs: Fixed Costs			
Employee Retirement	338,889.47	366,844.00	(27,954.53)
Retired Municipal Teachers	615,638.41	644,895.73	(29,257.32)
Other Post Employment Benefits	1,091,314.00	1,091,314.00	-
Employee Separation Costs	13,000.00	62,040.90	(49,040.90)
Insurance - Employee Related	2,711,180.80	2,519,424.32	191,756.48
Insurance - School Related	335,518.32	348,610.28	(13,091.96)
Miscellaneous Fixed Charges	2,500.00	2,000.00	500.00
Bus/Vehicle Capital Purchase	336,215.00	313,910.08	22,304.92
Roof Project Principal	180,000.00	180,000.00	-
Roof Project Interest	24,300.00	24,300.00	-
Residential Care Tuitions	910,745.01	1,110,865.51	(200,120.50)
Fixed Costs Subtotal	<u>6,559,301.01</u>	<u>6,664,204.82</u>	<u>(104,903.81)</u>
TOTAL High School Programs	<u>21,377,099.74</u>	<u>20,979,618.42</u>	<u>397,481.32</u>
TOTAL Operating Expenses	<u>\$22,003,178.41</u>	<u>\$21,624,327.63</u>	<u>\$ 379,635.96</u>

Up-Island Regional School District of Martha's Vineyard

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January 21, 2021

To the Citizens of Aquinnah:

In compliance with Section VIII of the Up-Island Regional School District Agreement under which the District was formed and according to the recommendations of the Office of the Directors of Accounts, we submit the following financial reports of the District for fiscal year ending June 30, 2020.

FY2020 Assessment & Calculation
Expenditures – Budget vs Actual

Respectfully submitted,

MARYLEE SCHROEDER
Treasurer

Up-Island Regional School District — FY2020 Assessment

	TOTAL	AQUINNAH	CHILMARK	WEST TISBURY	TOTAL
ASSESSMENT PART A (SHARED)					
\$	1,629,872.36	221,010.69	313,098.48	1,095,763.19	1,629,872.36
ASSESSMENT PART B (SCH COMM)					
School Committee Medicaid Offset	2,076,520.67	281,576.20	398,899.62	1,396,044.85	2,076,520.67
	(10,600.00)	(1,437.36)	(2,036.26)	(7,126.38)	(10,600.00)
TOTAL PART A & B	\$3,695,793.04	\$501,149.54	\$709,961.84	\$2,484,681.66	\$3,695,793.04
ASSESSMENT PART C					
Chilmark Operating Budget	1,351,673.62	415,909.97	571,893.11	363,870.54	1,351,673.62
Chilmark School Choice Offset	(45,485.72)	(13,995.96)	(19,245.01)	(12,244.76)	(45,485.72)
W. Tisbury Operating Budget	7,261,086.55	769,675.17	1,105,863.48	5,385,547.89	7,261,086.55
W. Tisbury Circuit Breaker Offset	(12,500.00)	(1,325.00)	(1,903.75)	(9,271.25)	(12,500.00)
W. Tisbury School Choice Offset	(279,412.28)	(29,617.70)	(42,554.49)	(207,240.09)	(279,412.28)
TOTAL PART C	\$8,275,362.17	\$1,140,646.49	\$1,614,053.34	\$5,520,662.34	\$8,275,362.17
ASSESSMENT PART D					
Chilmark Principal & Interest	-	-	-	-	-
W. Tisbury Exterior Renovations	159,375.00	13,084.69	18,790.31	127,500.00	159,375.00
Short-Term Borrowing - WT	79,920.00	6,561.43	9,422.57	63,936.00	79,920.00
Short-Term Borrowing - CH	31,080.00	3,316.24	24,864.00	2,899.76	31,080.00
TOTAL PART D	\$270,375.00	\$22,962.36	\$53,076.88	\$194,335.76	\$270,375.00
TOTAL PART A, B, C & D	\$12,241,530.21	\$1,664,758.38	\$2,377,092.07	\$8,199,679.76	\$12,241,530.21

	GENERAL FUND	SCHOOL CHOICE	CIRCUIT BREAKER	MEDICAID
ANTICIPATED REIMBURSEMENT				
Chapter 70 - State Aid	866,452.00	(\$324,898 to be used to offset FY20 Budget; see above)	(\$12,500 to be used to offset FY20 Budget; see above)	(\$10,600 to be used to offset FY20 Budget; see above)
Chapter 71 - Regl Transportation	167,608.00			
Charter School Sending Tuition	(1,140,900.00)			
Charter School Tuition Reimbursements	61,091.00		112,500.00	10,600.00
SPED Circuit Breaker	112,500.00			
Medicaid Reimbursements	95,000.00			
School Choice Sending Tuition	(67,000.00)			
School Choice Receiving Tuition	-	324,898.00		
Total Reimbursements	94,751.00	324,898.00	112,500.00	10,600.00

ANTICIPATED REVENUES			
E&D Offset	-		
Interest Income	9,500.00		
Misc. Revenue	4,000.00		
Total Anticipated Revenues	13,500.00		
TOTAL GENERAL FUND REVENUE	\$108,251.00	\$14,678.84	\$20,795.02
TOTAL ASSESSMENTS	\$12,133,279.21	\$1,660,079.55	\$2,356,297.05
			\$8,126,902.62
			\$12,133,279.21

UIRSD FY 2020 FORMULAS

Town of Residence	School Attended		Total	Does Not Include Students Tuitioned Out-of-District
	Chilmark	West Tisbury		
Aquinnaah	16	32	48	Charter School 50
Chilmark	22	46	68	School Choice 13
West Tisbury	14	224	238	Shared Services 4
District Enrollment	52	302	354	Residential 1
School Choice	7	44	51	
Total Enrollment	59	346	405	FY19 Foundation Enrollment = 422

Cost Share For Part "A" & "B"	Based on the total enrollment per town divided by the total district enrollment.	
Supt & Sch. Comm.:	Aquinnaah = 13.56%	Chilmark = 19.21%
Cost Share For Part "C" Sites	Based on the enrollment per town in each school divided by the district enrollment of each school.	
Chilmark School:	Aquinnaah = 30.77%	Chilmark = 42.31%
W. Tisbury School:	Aquinnaah = 10.66%	Chilmark = 15.23%
Cost Share For Part "D" Debt	Owning Town pays at least 80%; non-owning Towns pay remaining 20% based on enrollment per Town.	
Chilmark School:	Aquinnaah = 10.67%	Chilmark = 80.00%
W. Tisbury School:	Aquinnaah = 8.21%	Chilmark = 11.79%
	Aquinnaah = 67.23%	W. Tisbury = 26.92%
		W. Tisbury = 74.17%
		W. Tisbury = 9.33%
		W. Tisbury = 80.00%

Up-Island Regional School District — Budget and Actual Expenditures, June 30, 2020

Expenditure	Original Budget	Actual	Variance
SUPT/SHARED SERVICES	\$ 1,629,872.37	\$ 1,861,429.19	\$ (231,556.82)
WT PRINCIPALS OFFICE SALARIES & EXPENSES	425,895.04	428,192.80	(2,297.76)
WT TEACHERS/STAFF SALARIES	3,059,612.62	2,985,494.15	74,118.47
WT UNDISTRIBUTED SUPPLIES, TEXTBOOKS, MISC	122,562.00	107,957.56	14,604.44
WT FIELD TRIPS/PROGRAMS	14,140.00	6,843.28	7,296.72
WT CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS	30,950.00	27,014.96	3,935.04
WT INSTRUCTIONAL COMPUTERS/COPIERS/AUDIO VI	207,189.34	190,950.55	16,238.79
WT FURNITURE EXPENSE	10,000.00	9,236.01	763.99
WT SPECIAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT	912,030.53	775,271.87	136,758.66
WT LIBRARY SERVICES	130,426.34	143,637.16	(13,210.82)
WT GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT	215,059.00	214,989.81	69.19
WT HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	98,240.00	105,333.10	(7,093.10)
WT CUSTODIAL SERVICES	267,789.00	265,161.88	2,627.12
WT UTILITIES	92,600.00	70,983.66	21,616.34
WT GENERAL MAINTENANCE	178,280.00	176,140.48	2,139.52
WT EMPLOYEE INSURANCE	1,099,460.40	1,092,397.40	7,063.00
WT INSURANCE	104,940.00	124,578.23	(19,638.23)
TOTAL WEST TISBURY SCHOOL	6,969,174.27	6,724,182.90	244,991.37

CH PRINCIPALS OFFICE SALARIES & EXPENSES	166,464.20	167,581.80	(1,117.60)
CH TEACHERS/STAFF SALARIES	546,680.36	477,239.99	69,440.37
CH UNDISTRIBUTED SUPPLIES, TEXTBOOKS, MISC	29,350.00	27,885.35	1,464.65
CH ENRICHMENT/FIELD TRIPS/PROGRAMS	19,402.00	16,454.58	2,947.42
CH CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS	3,200.00	2,244.00	956.00
CH INSTRUCTIONAL COMPUTERS/COPIERS	73,590.00	73,651.41	(61.41)
CH FURNITURE	300.00	474.63	(174.63)
CH SPECIAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT	73,813.00	91,300.43	(17,487.43)
CH LIBRARY SERVICES	2,000.00	1,997.59	2.41
CH GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT	41,436.00	42,265.20	(829.20)
CH HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	12,034.80	7,796.82	4,237.98
CH CUSTODIAL SERVICES	84,286.00	89,726.51	(5,440.51)
CH UTILITIES	29,000.00	24,283.87	4,716.13
CH GENERAL MAINTENANCE	62,925.00	63,111.95	(186.95)
CH EMPLOYEE INSURANCE	138,368.54	115,375.35	22,993.19
CH INSURANCE	23,338.00	19,910.20	3,427.80
TOTAL CHILMARK SCHOOL	1,306,187.90	1,221,299.68	84,888.22
SCHOOL COMMITTEE/DISTRICT	1,806,567.67	1,720,603.14	85,964.53
DEBT	270,375.00	273,974.35	(3,599.35)
TRANSPORTATION	259,353.00	168,590.10	90,762.90
TRANSFERS TO REVOLVING SCHOOL LUNCH	-	9,698.52	(9,698.52)
TOTAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE	2,336,295.67	2,172,866.11	163,429.56
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 12,241,530.21	\$ 11,979,777.88	\$ 261,752.33

Warrant for Aquinnah Annual Town Meeting

JUNE 19, 2021
TOWN OF AQUINNAH
THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

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

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Aquinnah who are qualified to vote in the election and town affairs to meet on the tarmac in front of the Fire Station **in said Town on the Nineteenth day of June, 2021 at 3:00 P.M.** then and there to act upon the articles of this Warrant, with the exception of Article One. And to meet **again at the Aquinnah Town Office Building on the Twenty-fourth day of June, 2021 at twelve noon**, then and there to act on Article One of the Warrant by the election of offices, ballot questions and any required override found on the Official Ballot.

The polls for voting on the Official Ballot will open at 12:00 P.M. and close at 8:00 P.M. on Thursday, June 24, 2021.

ARTICLE ONE: To elect the following officers on the Official Ballot

One member of the Board of Selectmen for three years
One member of the Planning Board for three years
One member of the Board of Health for three years
One School Committee Member for three years
One Land Bank Commissioner for three years
One Library Trustee for three years
One Constable for three years

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

ARTICLE THREE: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sums of money required to defray the general expenses of the Town as itemized in the FY 2022 operating budget and fix the salaries and compensation of all elected officers and employees of the Town as itemized therein, and to fund said appropriations through the tax levy. (Recommended by FinCom)

ARTICLE FOUR: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Thousand Four Hundred Seventy-Two Dollars and Ninety-Three Cents (\$6,472.93) for the purpose of further reducing the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School District's Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) liability, such sum to be paid to the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School District as the Town's share of the total cost of this supplemental OPEB liability payment; if approved, these funds will be placed in, and result in an increase to, the budget line item Education--Martha's Vineyard Regional High School District Six Thousand Four Hundred Seventy-Two Dollars and Ninety-Three Cents of the District's fiscal year 2022 budget for this purpose; provided, however, that this appropriation shall not be effective unless each of the other member Towns of the District approve a corresponding appropriation for their respective share of the total supplemental OPEB liability payment of \$302,501.72; or to take any other action relative thereto. (Recommended by FinCom)

ARTICLE FIVE: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Hundred Forty-One Dollars and Ninety-Four Cents (\$641.94) as the Town's share of the costs of a capital project for the purchase and installation of services, supplies, and materials related to replacing exterior shingling at the Superintendent's Office Building located at 4 Pine Street, Vineyard Haven, MA 02568, and any other costs incidental and relative thereto, such sum to be paid to and used by the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School District for such purpose; provided, however, that this appropriation shall not

be effective unless each of the other member Towns of the District approve a corresponding appropriation for their respective share of the total project costs; or to take any other action relative thereto. (Recommended by FinCom)

ARTICLE SIX: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Five Hundred Ninety-Six Dollars and Fifty-eight Cents (\$5,596.58) to be paid to the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School District as the Town's share of the costs of the District's capital project for the purchase of two electric school buses and any other costs incidental and relative thereto, including, if costs and funding permit, associated equipment and fueling infrastructure costs, provided, however, that this appropriation shall not be effective unless each of the other member Towns of the District approve a corresponding appropriation for their respective share of the total project costs; or to take any other action relative thereto. (Recommended by FinCom)

ARTICLE SEVEN: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds the sum of Fourteen Thousand Forty-Eight Dollars and Ninety-Two Cents (\$14,048.92) to be paid to the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School District as the Town's share of the costs of the District's capital project for the purchase and installation of services, supplies, machinery, equipment and materials related to upgrading and replacing the technology infrastructure in or on the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School buildings, including without limitation, network, wiring and wireless infrastructure, voice infrastructure, physical security infrastructure, server and backup infrastructure, data cabling infrastructure, design, engineering, and installation, and any other costs incidental and relative thereto; provided, however, that this appropriation shall not be effective unless each of the other member Towns of the District approve a corresponding appropriation for their respective share of the total project costs; or to take any other action relative thereto. (Recommended by FinCom)

ARTICLE EIGHT: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds the sum of Two Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety Dollars (\$2,990.00) to fund the Town of Aquinnah share of the expenses of the All-Island School Committee's contract for adult and community education in Fiscal Year 2022. (Recommended by FinCom)

ARTICLE NINE: To see if the Town will vote to rescind votes taken on Article 6 of the Special Town Meeting held on May 11, 2004; Article 15 of the Special Town Meeting held on May 13, 2008; and Article 11; Article Eleven of the Special Town Meeting held on June 19, 2008; and further to declare that the property shown as Parcel 59 on Aquinnah Assessor's map 5 is available for disposition as required under G.L. c. 30B, sec. 16(a) and to sell said property for not less than Four Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$450,000.00), on such terms and conditions as the Select Board determine are in the best interest of the Town, or take any other action relative thereto. (Requires a 2/3 vote). (Approved by FinCom)

ARTICLE TEN: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds the sum of Thirteen Thousand Four Hundred Seventy-Four Dollars and Ten Cents (\$13,474.10) for the first year of a four (4) year lease for a hybrid vehicle to be used by the police department, or take any other action relative thereto. (Recommended by FinCom)

ARTICLE ELEVEN: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Three Thousand Two Hundred Forty-Eight Dollars and Forty Cents (\$23,248.40) to be paid to the Up-Island Regional School District as the Town's share of costs of the District's capital project for the installation of a roof at the West Tisbury School, including any other costs incidental and relative thereto; provided, however that this appropriation shall not be effective unless each of the other member Towns of the District approve a corresponding appropriation for the respective share of the total project costs, or take any other action relative thereto. (Recommended by FinCom)

ARTICLE TWELVE: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Thousand Eight Hundred Five Dollars and Eighty-Five Cents (\$6,805.85) to be paid to the Up Island Regional School District as the Town's share of the costs of the District's capital project for the purchase and installation of services, supplies, equipment and materials related to replacing doors in or on the Chilmark School building, including any other costs incidental and relative thereto; provided, however, that this appropriation shall not be effective unless each of the other member Towns of the District approve a corresponding appropriation for their respective share of the total project costs; or to take any other action relative thereto. (Recommended by FinCom)

ARTICLE THIRTEEN: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,393.63 to be paid to the Up Island Regional School District as the Town's share of the costs of the District's capital project for the purchase and installation of services, supplies, equipment, machinery and materials related to replacing a Walk-In Cafeteria Refrigerator/Freezer in or on the West Tisbury School facility, including any other costs incidental and relative thereto; provided, however, that this appropriation shall not be effective unless each of the other member Towns of the District approve a corresponding appropriation for their respective share of the total project costs; or to take any other action relative thereto. (Recommended by FinCom)

ARTICLE FOURTEEN: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$19,996.41 to be paid to the Up Island Regional School District as the Town's share of the costs of the District's capital project for the purchase and installation of services, supplies, equipment and materials related to replacing Windows in or on the Chilmark School building, including any other costs incidental and relative thereto; provided, however, that this appropriation shall not be effective unless each of the other member Towns of the District approve a corresponding appropriation for their respective share of the total project costs; or to take any other action relative thereto. (Recommended by FinCom)

ARTICLE FIFTEEN: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,265.28 to be paid to the Up Island Regional School District as the Town's share of the costs of the District's capital project for the purchase and installation of services, supplies, equipment and materials related to replacing the elevator in the West Tisbury School building, including any other costs incidental and relative thereto; provided, however, that this appropriation shall not be effective unless each of the other member Towns of the District approve a corresponding appropriation for their respective share of the total project costs; or to take any other action relative thereto. (Recommended by FinCom)

ARTICLE SIXTEEN: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds the sum of Five Hundred Six Dollars and Twenty-Five Cents (\$506.25) to pay expenses of Film Truth Productions for Fiscal Year 2020 expenses relate to maintenance on the Town website, or take any other action thereto. (Requires 4/5 vote). (Recommended by FinCom)

ARTICLE SEVENTEEN: To see if the Town will vote transfer from available funds the sum of Eleven Thousand Dollars (\$11,200.00) to purchase a new mower and trailer for the Highway Department, or take any other action relative thereto. (Approved by FinCom)

ARTICLE EIGHTEEN: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) as the Town share of salary and expenses to hire an Island-wide Emergency Management Coordinator, or take any other action relative thereto. This appropriation is contingent upon approval of all other towns in Dukes County. (Recommended by FinCom)

ARTICLE NINETEEN: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00) for restroom maintenance during the FY 2022 season, or take any other action relative thereto. (Recommended by FinCom)

ARTICLE TWENTY: To see if the Town will vote to transfer Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) from Buildings and Grounds Stabilization Fund and Sixty Five Thousand Dollars (\$65,000.00) from the Capital Improvements Stabilization Fund for a total of Eighty Five Thousand Dollars (\$85,000.00) to be used for planning and design of new restrooms at Aquinnah Circle and repair, renovations and addition to the Town Hall/Office, or take any other action relative thereto. (Requires 2/3 vote) (Recommended by FinCom)

ARTICLE TWENTY-ONE: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) from Article Eight at the Special Town Meeting on December 19, 2010 that called for parking improvements at the Town Hall and Library to an account for repair, renovations and addition to the Town Hall/Office, or take any other action relative thereto. (Recommended by FinCom)

ARTICLE TWENTY-TWO: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate, or reserve, monies for the administrative expenses of the Community Preservation Committee, the payment of debt service, the undertaking of Community Preservation projects and all other necessary and proper expenses for the year, from projected Fiscal Year 2022 Community Preservation revenues of **Two Hundred and Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$270,000)**. Thirty percent of those funds shall be allotted in the following amounts as required by Community Preservation legislation:

*\$27,000 to the Community Preservation Open Space Reserve; and,
\$27,000 to the Community Preservation Historic Reserve; and,
\$27,000 to the Community Preservation Housing Reserve.*

In addition, the remaining seventy percent of funds raised during the Fiscal Year 2022 shall be reserved for appropriation in the following manner as recommended by the Aquinnah Community Preservation Committee:

\$75,000 to the Community Preservation Community Housing Reserve; and,

*\$114,000 to the Community Preservation Open Space and Recreation Reserve; or take any other action relative thereto.
(No action by FinCom)*

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

\$21,300 (twenty-one thousand three hundred dollars) from the Community Preservation Historic Preservation Reserve for the re-roofing of the MV Campgrounds Tabernacle, or take any other action relative thereto. (No action by FinCom).

ARTICLE TWENTY-FOUR: To see if the Town will vote to approve the use of land behind the Town Hall shown on Assessor's Map 5, Parcels 170.1 and 170.2 for development of four units of Affordable Rental Housing, a food forest, and playground as envisioned by the Conway School, or take any other action relative thereto. (Requires 2/3 vote.) (No action by FinCom.)

ARTICLE TWENTY-FIVE: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate monies, from currently reserved Community Preservation revenues, for the undertaking of the following **Community Housing** efforts, as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee:

\$24,000 (twenty-four thousand dollars) from the Community Preservation Community Housing Reserve for the first payment on mortgage costs related to the borrowing of \$200,000 for pre-development and development costs of 4 apartments behind the Town Center, and **\$17,000 (seventeen thousand dollars)** from the Community Preservation Community Housing Reserve for costs related to the development of affordable housing as proposed by Harbor Homes, and

\$15,000 (fifteen thousand dollars) from the Community Preservation Community Housing Reserve for costs related to the development of affordable housing as proposed by the Island Autism Group, and

\$22,000 (twenty-two thousand dollars) from the Community Preservation Housing Reserve for the subsidy of affordable rents in Aquinnah through the DCRHA's Rental Assistance program, and

\$24,000 (twenty-four thousand dollars) from the Community Preservation Housing Reserve for the subsidy of affordable rents in Aquinnah through the emergency Covid-19 Rental Subsidy program, or take any other action relative thereto. (No action by FinCom)

ARTICLE TWENTY-SIX: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate monies, from currently reserved Community Preservation revenues, for the undertaking of the following **Open Space and Recreation and Administrative** efforts, as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee:

\$25,000 (twenty-five thousand dollars) from the Community Preservation Open Space and Recreation Reserve for the Fencing of the perimeter for the Food Forest effort behind Aquinnah Town Hall, and

\$55,000 (fifty-five thousand dollars) from the Community Preservation Open Space and Recreation Reserve, \$50,000 of which for work related to the Manning Property, and \$5,000 of which for the construction of a pedestrian pathway to the Vanderhoop Homestead, and

\$61,560 (sixty-one thousand five hundred and sixty dollars) for ongoing mortgage costs related to capital improvements at the Aquinnah Circle and the Acquisition of #13 Aquinnah Circle; with \$49,000 of revenue to come from the Community Preservation Open Space and Recreation Reserve, and \$12,560 to come from the Community Preservation Undesignated Reserve, and

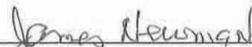
\$4,000 (four thousand dollars) from the Community Preservation undesignated Reserve for FY '22 CPA administrative expenses, or take any other action relative thereto. (No action by FinCom)

ARTICLE TWENTY-SEVEN: To see if the Town will vote to Raise and Appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) toward Transportation Engineering services for design work and/or technical analyses on Town projects, with funds administered by the Martha's Vineyard Commission, for Fiscal Year 2022. Each town contributes the same amount to participate in the program. The Transportation Engineering Services program builds on a similar pilot project the Island towns participated in FY20. (Recommended by FinCom)

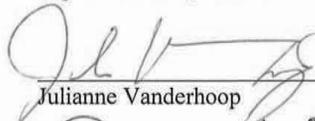
ARTICLE TWENTY-EIGHT: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty-Five Thousand Three Hundred Fifty-Four Dollars (\$35,354.00) or any other amount as determined by the State Departments of Transportation or State Legislature for highway construction or improvements from the 2020 Chapter 90 Local Transportation apportionment, said sum to be subject to state enactment of the bind bill and of new revenues to support that bill, and to allow the Treasurer to borrow against all expenditures in anticipation of reimbursement by the state, or take any other action relative thereto. (No action by FinCom)

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting up at-tested copies at the School House and Town Hall in said Town, at least seven days prior to said meeting. Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the town Clerk at the time and place of said meeting.

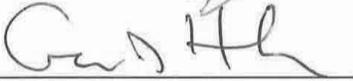
Given under our hands this 29 day of April, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Twenty-One.



 James Newman, Chairman



 Julianne Vanderhoop



 Gary Haley



 Heidi Vanderhoop, Constable

Posted: April 29, 2021

Town Hall Telephone List

DEPARTMENT	TELEPHONE NUMBER
Town Administrator & Select Board	508-955-9181
Administrative Assistant	508-645-2300
Treasurer	508-645-2301
Tax Collector	508-645-2303
Town Clerk	508-645-2304
Accountant	508-645-2305
Assessors	508-646-2306
Building Inspector	508-645-2307
Harbormaster	508-645-2307
DPW	508-645-9006
Board of Health	508-645-2309
Planning Board	508-645-2300
Animal Control	Robin Robinson 727-366-1905
Gas & Plumbing Inspector	Ron Ferreira 781-844-4153
Electrical / Wiring Inspector	Gary Haley 617-281-4684
Fax Town Hall	508-645-7884
Beach Information	508-645-2310
Police Main Line	508-645-2313
Police On-Call	508-645-2302
Police Fax	508-645-2316
Dispatch Center	508-693-1212
Fire Station	508-645-2311
Library	508-645-2314
Library Fax	508-645-2188
LDO (Dump)	508-645-2319
Town Parking Lot	508-645-3549
Philbin Beach	508-645-9555

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