

**ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT
of the
TOWN OF
CHILMARK**



For The Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023

**With which is included the
Annual School
&
Departmental Reports
2023**

MARTHA'S VINEYARD PRINTING CO.



Pamela S. Goff

**This Annual Town Report is
DEDICATED in Honor of
Pamela S. Goff
for**

Representing Chilmark, an original member of the county commission's land bank study committee, chartered in 1984 to examine the Nantucket land bank law; determine whether and how to tailor it to the Vineyard's needs and circumstances; and prepare a proposal for voters' consideration;

Serving as Chilmark's elected land bank commissioner from the inception in 1986 to present, a total of 13 terms;

Serving as the conservation commission's appointee to the Chilmark land bank town advisory board from 2012 to 2022;

Serving in all land bank commission leadership positions and a member of the land bank's budget; hunting; personnel; and universal access committees;

With a nearly perfect attendance record, over the course of 40 years;

Pam advocated for all of the various types of conservation uses but had a special affinity for agriculture, and had the very rare talent of being both practical and visionary.

Serving as a Select Board member, Conservation Commissioner, and Community Preservation Committee member, Pam was thoughtful on issues and respectful of everyone that came before her boards. She has a clear and common sense approach to issues before the boards she served on. She held strong views on zoning being about density and conservation also involving thrift and preservation. Pam also has been an active member of the Chilmark community through her many NGO activities. She has served as a role model for everyone entering local government for many years.

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General Government

2022 – 2023

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS for the 9th District
Honorable Bill Keating

SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT
for the Cape and Islands Senatorial District
Honorable Julian Andre Cyr

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT
for the Barnstable, Dukes and Nantucket District
Honorable Dylan Fernandes

Special Regional Government

Chilmark Elected Member of
THE MARTHA'S VINEYARD COMMISSION
Jay M. Grossman - Expires 2024

Chilmark Selectmen's Appointed Member of
THE MARTHA'S VINEYARD COMMISSION
Joan A. Malkin

Chilmark Elected Member of
THE MARTHA'S VINEYARD LAND BANK COMMISSION
Pamela S. Goff - Expires 2024

Chilmark Appointed Member of
DUKES COUNTY REGIONAL HOUSING AUTHORITY
Ann Wallace

Chilmark Appointed Member of
MARTHA'S VINEYARD REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY
Leonard Jason, Jr.

Chilmark Appointed Members of
**MARTHA'S VINEYARD REFUSE DISPOSAL
&
RESOURCE RECOVERY DISTRICT**

Frank M. Fenner, Jr.
Richard A. Osnoss

UP-ISLAND REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Katherine DeVane, West Tisbury Member
Robert F. Lionette, Chilmark Member
Jeffery S. Manter, West Tisbury Member
Roxanne Ackerman, Aquinnah
James Newman, Aquinnah
Alexander Salop, West Tisbury

Elected Town Officers

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

William N. Rossi	Term expires 2024
James M. Malkin	Term expires 2025
Marie K. Larsen	Term expires 2026

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Leonard Jason, Jr.	Term expires 2024
Clarissa Allen	Term expires 2025
Elizabeth B. Oliver	Term expires 2026

BOARD OF HEALTH

Janet Buhrman	Term expires 2024
Katherine Lees Carroll	Term expires 2025
Matthew Emerson Poole	Term expires 2026

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Jane D. Kaplan	Term expires 2024
Carol Shweder	Term expires 2025
Janet L. Weidner	Term expires 2026

CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

Laurisa D. Rich	Term expires 2024
Matt Tobin	Term expires 2025
Judith Y. Flanders	Term expires 2026

CONSTABLE

Marshall E. Carroll, III Term expires 2024

FINANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Bruce E. Golden Term expires 2024
Vicki J. Divoll Term expires 2024
Donald Leopold Term expires 2024
Linda Coutinho Term expires 2024*
Susan B. Murphy Term expires 2025
Eric N. Glasgow Term expires 2025 (R)
Marshall E. Carroll, III Term expires 2026
Deborah Hancock Term expires 2026

MODERATOR

Janet L. Weidner Term expires 2025

PLANNING BOARD

Richard A. Osnoss Term expires 2024
Ann Wallace Term expires 2025
Peter B. Cook Term expires 2026
Mitchell Posin Term expires 2026
Hugh Stix Weisman Term expires 2026
Catherine A. Thompson* Term expires 2027
Janet L. Weidner Term expires 2028

ELECTED MEMBER OF THE SITE REVIEW COMMITTEE

Clarissa M. Allen Term expires 2025

FENCE VIEWERS

Julianna M. Flanders Term expires 2024
Keith L. Emin Term expires 2025
Vacancy Term expires 2026

SURVEYORS OF WOOD, LUMBER AND BARK

Julianna M. Flanders Term expires 2024
Keith L. Emin Term expires 2025
Vacancy Term expires 2026

ELECTED FOR ONE YEAR TERMS

TREE WARDEN

Keith L. Emin Term expires 2024

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS

ACCOUNTANT Sarah W. Smith
TREASURER Dawn Barnes

ASSISTANT ASSESSOR	Pamela F. Bunker
ADMINISTRATOR/INSPECTOR TO BOARD OF HEALTH	Anna McCaffrey
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO PLANNING BOARD & BOARD ADMIN./HUMAN RESOURCE BOARD	Jennifer L. Christy Alison Kisselgof
ASSISTANT TO THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN & RECEPTIONIST	Diana L. DeBlase
COLLECTOR OF TAXES	Jessica A. Bradlee
TOWN CLERK	Jennifer L. Christy
ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK	Timothy R. Carroll Diana L. DeBlase
BOARD OF APPEALS	Allison Burger 2025 Christopher W. Murphy 2025 Russell J. Maloney 2025* Joan A. Malkin 2026 Joseph Chapman 2025 Wendy J. Weldon 2026* Frank LoRusso 2026
ALTERNATES TO BOARD OF APPEALS	Emily Josephs Fred Kehedouri
BUILDING INSPECTOR/ZONING OFFICER LOCAL INSPECTOR	Adam Petkus Billy Dillon (R)
BURIAL AGENT	Anna McCaffrey Jennifer L. Christy, Alternate Burial Agent
DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DEPUTY DIRECTOR	Timothy R. Carroll Jeremy Bradshaw
CEMETERY SUPERINTENDENT	Susan B. Murphy
COMMUNITY CENTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE	William N. Rossi Timothy R. Carroll (R) Linda M. Coutinho Michael O'Connor Miles Bracculeri, CTAC Liason
CONSERVATION COMMISSION	Alexandra N. Broyard 2024 Joan A. Malkin 2025 Carol Shweder 2025 Christopher W. Murphy 2026 Gary Mottau* 2024

Sarah Khedouri*	2025
Stephen Kass*	2026

ASSOCIATE MEMBER TO CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Associate Members - Jane Rabe

CONSERVATION AGENT Carolyn Stoeber

ASSISTANT CONSTABLE Timothy S. Rich 2025

CHILMARK COUNCIL ON AGING

Barbara Murphy	(R)
Betty Farrow	2024
Marie K. Larsen*	2025
Peter Cook*	2026

UP-ISLAND COUNCIL ON AGING

Director Joyce A. Albertine

FACILITIES MANAGER Patty Egan

JANITOR Marjorie Hayes

PERC TEST INSPECTOR Anna McCaffrey

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER Christopher W. Murphy

ASSISTANT ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICERS Allen A. Healy

ELECTION OFFICERS

Holly T. Norton (Rep)
Joan Jenkinson (Rep)
Jane Greene (Dem) (D)
Catherine Thompson (Dem)
Ann Wallace (U)
Deborah Sillimanwass (U)
Michele Leonardi (Dem)

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR Timothy R. Carroll

FIRE CHIEF Jeremy Bradshaw

DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF Timothy R. Carroll

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT to FIRE CHIEF Katie Carroll

FOREST WARDEN Jeremy Bradshaw

GAS INSPECTOR Ron Ferreira

ASSISTANT GAS INSPECTOR Michael Ciancio

HARBOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Jeffery Maida	Andrew A. Goldman	Wes Brighton
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SPECIAL LEGAL COUNSELS	Jack Collins, Esq.
LEGAL COUNSEL - PLANNING BOARD	Ronald H. Rappaport, Esq.
LIBRARY DIRECTOR	Ebba Hierta
YOUTH SERVICES LIBRARIAN / Assistant Library Director	Andrew Dubno
ASSISTANT LIBRARIAN	Irene Tewksbury
LIBRARY ASSISTANT	Barbara Bassett Ann Dewitt
ADULT PROGRAMMING COORDINATOR	Tracy Thorpe
MOTH SUPERINTENDENT	Keith L. Emin
PARK AND RECREATION COMMITTEE	Timothy R. Carroll Andrew Goldman Julianna M. Flanders Jane N. Slater Jim Malkin
HUMAN RESOURCE BOARD	Irene Ziebarth 2024 Robert Rosenbaum 2024 Bruce E. Golden 2025 Jane Greene 2026 (D) Donald Leopold 2026 Ben Retmier - Employee Rep.
POLICE OFFICERS	
Chief	Sean Slavin
Sergeant	Garrison Vieira
Patrolman Detective	Jesse Burton
Patrolman	William Fielder
Patrolman	Elizabeth Rogers
Patrolman	Michael Dullea
Special Police Officer	Timothy S. Rich
	Timothy R. Carroll
	Bret P. Stearns
	Jack Collins
	Matthew Bradley, Medic
	Randhi Belain Chief APD
	Paul Manning, Sergeant APD
	David Murphy, APD
	Steven Mathias, APD
	Matthew Mincone, Chief WTPD

Matthew Gebo, Lieutenant WTPD
Sgt. Bradley Cortez, WTPD
Nic Wojtkielo, WTPD
Sgt. Jeremy Rogers, WTPD
Traffic Officers Brian Kennedy

REGISTRARS Susan M. Heilbron (Dem) 2021
Town Clerk - Jennifer L. Christy (Dem)
Kimberly Manter (U) 2026

SHELLFISH CONSTABLE/PROPAGATION AGENT
Isaiah Scheffer

ASST. SHELLFISH CONSTABLE Will Reich

SHELLFISH ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Dennis M. Jason
Wayne V. Iacono
Elizabeth Lewenberg
Matthew F. Mayhew
Scott Larsen
Jim Malkin, Select Board

SITE REVIEW COMMITTEE
Board of Health's Rep. Katherine Lees Carroll/Janet Buhman
Select Board's Rep Marie K. Larsen
Conservation Commission's Rep Alexandra N. Broyard
Planning Board's Representative Janet L. Weidner
Advisory Member - Zoning Officer Adam Petkus
ELECTED MEMBER Chairman - Clarissa M. Allen 2025

VETERAN'S GRAVES OFFICER
Maj. Albert Stan Mercer, (USAF Retired) (R)
Leonard Jason, Jr.

SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS Keith L. Emin

DISASTER PLANNING COMMITTEE
Keith L. Emin, Superintendent of Streets
Ryan Rossi, Harbormaster
Timothy R. Carroll, Town Administrator & E.M.D.
Jeremy Bradshaw, Fire Chief
Sean Slavin - Chief of Police
Martina Mastromonaco, Beach
Anna McCaffrey, Health Department

TRI-TOWN AMBULANCE COMMITTEE
Chilmark Select Board Marie K. Larsen
Aquinnah Rep. Jim Newman

West Tisbury Selectman EMS Chief	Cynthia Mitchell Ben Retmier
DUKES COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD	William N. Rossi
MARTHA'S VINEYARD SHELLFISH GROUP	Dennis M. Jason
MVC JOINT TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE NON-VOTING ALTERNATES	Keith L. Emin Leonard Jason, Jr.
CABLE TELEVISION ADVISORY COMMITTEE	Timothy R. Carroll
HOUSING COMMITTEE	
Select Board	William N. Rossi
Select Board	Peter Cook
Planning Board	James Feiner
Planning Board	Nettie Kent-Ruel
Planning Board	Allison Cameron-Parry
DCRHA	Ann Wallace
BOARD ADMINISTRATOR TO THE HOUSING COMMITTEE	Alison Kisselgof
COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE	
Historical Commission	Jane N. Slater
Park & Recreation Committee	Julianna Flanders
Planning Board	Catherine Thompson
Housing	Allison Cameron-Parry
At-Large	Stephen Lewenberg
Select Board	William Rossi
At-Large	Adam Sloan
BEACH COMMITTEE	Clarissa M. Allen Margaret Maida Wayne Iacono Jennifer A. Jamgochian Allison Cameron-Parry Anne Rudner
MVTV BOARD OF DIRECTORS	—
PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING COMMITTEE	William N. Rossi Tim Rich Fire Chief Jeremy Bradshaw EMS Chief Ben Retmier
SQUIBNOCKET POND DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEE	Leanne Cowley

Janet Buhman
Richard Osnos
Carol Shweder
Luiza Vickers

MOLLY FLENDER AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST

Select Board	William N. Rossi
Housing Committee	Alison Cameron-Parry
Planning Board	Janet Weidner
Finance Committee	Vicki Divoll
At Large Member	Andrew Goldman

CHILMARK ENERGY COMMITTEE

Robert Hannemann
Jerald Katch
Stephen Lewenberg
Michael Jacobs
Hugh S. Weisman

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE

Dawn Barines, Treasurer
Sarah Smith, Accountant
Tim Carroll, Town Administrator
Bruce Golden, Finance Committee Member
Susan Murphy, Finance Committee Member
Vicki Divoll, Finance Committee Member
James Malkin, Select Board Member

(R) = resigned
* = Filling an Unexpired Term
(V) = vacant

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Select Board's Report

This past year has been a busy one for Chilmark. In Menemsha the harbor department assumed responsibility for traffic control and overseeing maintenance of the public restrooms and maintenance of the roads that seemed to go very well in keeping order during the summer months. The harbor rules and regulations were updated and the town will be going through the process of having the bulkhead rebuilt or repaired. There will be several public forums held to choose whether to repair or completely rebuild that portion of the harbor.

After almost 25 years of meetings and many volunteers, we got our new fire station and ambulance building completed. They have been designed and built in a campus style setting and seems to be working out well for our public safety workers and residents in town.

The Chilmark School got a newly installed HVAC system that was sorely needed and plans are underway for a new pre-school on town property.

We all wished long term select board member, Warren Doty, good luck after 24 years of service with many accomplishments that are too numerous to mention here. Pam Goff has decided to step away from public service work after almost 40 years as a Land Bank Commissioner, with stints as a Selectman and a member of the Conservation Commission.

Sadly, we lost three members of our community that passed away who were very involve in town affairs. Riggs Parker served on the Planning Board and Board of Selectman. Jeanie Green served on the Martha's Vineyard Commission and Human Resource Board for many years. Will Parry served as a volunteer fire fighter for many years and was very active.

Finally, I decided to not run for re-election this year and want to say that it has been an honor to serve as a Select Board member for twelve years in a town that I have lived in over 50 years. I wish the two candidates who are vying for the job the best of luck. It's a lot of work but very much worth it.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM ROSSI, Chairman
Select Board

State Representative Barnstable, Dukes & Nantucket



Dylan Fernandes
State Representative
Barnstable, Dukes & Nantucket

District Liaison
Kaylea Moore
kaylea.moore@mahouse.gov

Dear Chilmark Friends,

It is an honor to serve the people of Chilmark in the state legislature. This is an exceptional community, and I remain committed to ensuring your unique needs are heard and met at the State House.

In 2023, the state legislature addressed several pressing issues. My office began the year by filing 45 bills addressing climate change, the housing crisis, and the opioid epidemic. As one of the legislature's first acts, we also extended the option for local governments to hold remote meetings. This expansion helps broaden democracy and improve accessibility for residents to participate in the democratic process.

During the FY2024 budget process, I secured over \$1.2 million for Cape and Islanders. These funds will help expand access to care for seniors, boost our local blue economy, and support local businesses and nonprofits. \$75,000 in funding will be used to expand social services on Martha's Vineyard, with additional funding dedicated to facilitating off-island medical transportation. A further \$50,000 was allocated for MVY Radio to procure new equipment. We also secured \$300,000 for protecting clean water and healthy oceans in our region.

In the fall, the MA House of Representatives took significant strides in addressing gun violence by passing a bill regulating untraceable firearms, protecting sensitive public places like schools and polling places, and expanding red flag laws. We also passed legislation I co-sponsored to close the gender and racial pay gap by requiring businesses to disclose expected salary ranges in job postings.

Thank you to the residents of Chilmark for your continued advocacy and civic engagement. Please do not hesitate to reach out if our office can be helpful: My email is Dylan.Fernandes@mahouse.gov and our phone number is 617-722-2230. We are here to serve you.

Respectfully yours,

DYLAN FERNANDES

Town Clerk's Report 2023

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and
Citizens of the Town of Chilmark:

Licenses & Permits Sold:

Notice of Intention to Marry - **18**

Marriage Licenses - **17**

Town 'Doing Business As' (dba) Certificates - **18**

Certificate of Registration related to the keeping, storage, manufacture, or sale
of flammables, combustibles or explosives - **1**

Dog Licenses: **162**

VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS 2023
Total of four (4) births

Date	Name	Parent's Name
1/27/2023	Sadie Abigail Coutinho	Jenna Catherine Coutinho Cody Alexander Coutinho
5/26/2023	Luma Mackenzie Peach Mayhew	Molly Elizabeth Peach Mayhew Matthew Francis Mayhew
6/18/2023	Isaiah Reeve Moreau	Christa Rose Moreau Reeve Musica Moreau
12/4/2023	Hannah Helena Rodrigues da Silva	Clarice Siqueira da Silva Rodrigues Alef Rodrigues

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN CHILMARK 2023

Total of seventeen (17) marriages registered

Date	Name	Age	Residence
4/14/2023	Jennifer Waters Creamer	26	Newton, MA
	Matthew Mitchell Rosencranz	30	Newton, MA
6/24/2023	Phoebe Vaughan Kahn	33	Philadelphia, PA
	Jeremy Joseph Roach	32	Philadelphia, PA
6/10/2023	Marguerite Susan Smith	32	West Tisbury, MA
	Maximilian Stephen Bradshaw	31	West Tisbury, MA
6/3/2023	Austin Blake Boral	28	Nashville, TN
	Nina Cornelia Dewees	29	Nashville, TN
6/10/2023	Amy Marie Mattucci	33	Darien, CT
	Taylor Briggs Gould	32	Darien, CT
7/29/2023	Michelle Renee Arkuski	33	Los Angeles, CA
	Edward James Yablans	57	Los Angeles, CA
8/3/2023	Adrienne Lloyd	43	New York, NY
	Susanna Dora Lewis Cole	45	New York, NY
8/5/2023	Anna Elizabeth Morton	29	Brooklyn, NY
	Tyler James Stacey	29	Brooklyn, NY
8/12/2023	Marissa Analiese Reichel	33	Miami, FL
	Matthew Maria DellaBetta	38	Miami, FL

MARRIAGES- Continued

Date	Name	Age	Residence
9/3/2023	Cassie Parr Bradley	37	Chilmark, MA
	Patrick Mode Courtney	41	Chilmark, MA
9/16/2023	Anna Josephine Gallegos	26	Denver, CO
	Alexander Thomas Uman	25	Norwalk, CT
9/23/2023	Jessica Yates Campbell	28	Chilmark, MA
	Michael Kinsale Dullea	29	Chilmark, MA
9/9/2023	Rachel Petersen Markey	38	Washington, DC
	Zachary Ben London	34	Washington, DC
9/16/2023	Kristin Anne Grabarz	28	Brooklyn, NY
	Jack Lucas Carlson	28	Brooklyn, NY
9/16/2023	Janna Mary Kramer	31	Chilmark, MA
	Mallory Elizabeth Watts	31	Chilmark, MA
9/30/2023	Meredith Anne Fennessy	35	Silver Spring, MD
	Garrett Morley Witts	33	Silver Spring, MD
11/4/2023	Lily Rose Morgan	30	Edgartown, MA
	Drew Michael Belsky	30	Edgartown, MA

DEATHS

2023

Total of twelve (12) deaths

Date	Name	Age	Residence
2/15/2023	Henry Miles Jaffe	82	Chilmark
3/6/2023	Bertrand Paul Joseph Chouinard	79	Chilmark
3/21/2023	Howard Francis Taylor	83	Chilmark
4/9/2023	Robert Norton Ganz, Jr.	97	Chilmark
4/20/2023	Elsie L. Baer	92	Chilmark
5/21/2023	Barbara B. Pesch	92	Chilmark
6/5/2023	Wesley E. Cottle	82	Chilmark
6/28/2023	Edward Elliot Mayhew, Jr.	82	Chilmark
7/1/2023	Jacqueline H. Renear	97	Chilmark
6/29/2023	Robert Horace Chidsey	93	Chilmark
9/15/2023	Robert Samuel Carroll	63	Chilmark
11/12/2023	Carol Marie Golub	81	Chilmark

**Number of Registered Chilmark Voters
As of December 31, 2023**

DEMOCRAT PARTY	496
REPUBLICAN PARTY	39
GREEN RAINBOW PARTY.....	2
MA INDEPENDENT PARTY	2
SOCIALIST PARTY.....	1
UNENROLLED VOTERS	606
TOTAL VOTERS	1146
YEAR-ROUND POPULATION (count of residents)....	1356

Number of Cities (49) & Towns (302)
in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts – Total 351
and 14 Counties. The state is 190 miles, east – west and
110 miles, north – south
(Source: Massachusetts facts August 1, 2005)

Question 3. Shall the Town of Chilmark be allowed to assess an additional **\$297,988** in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of operating the **Up Island Regional Schools** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023?
Yes No

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

ARTICLE 3. To see if the town will vote to raise such sums of money as will be necessary to defray town charges and to make the appropriations for the ensuing year, as printed under Departmental Budgets - Salaries and Expenses totals, and that the amount set forth under the Community Preservation Committee (Dept. 179) shall be funded from the Community Preservation FY2024 Budgeted Reserve Fund Balance, further provided that the amount of **\$297,998** set forth under the Up Island Regional School District (Department 300 Education), shall be raised and appropriated only if a majority of voters casting ballots at the Annual Town Election to be held on April 26th 2023 vote in the affirmative to override proposition 2½.

Recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee - 6 Ayes - 0 Nays – 1 Absent

ARTICLE 4. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$5,000.00** and further appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 to be received from the Chilmark Town Affairs Council, subject to receipt, which amounts are to be added to the maintenance account of the Chilmark Community Center.

Recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee - 6 Ayes - 0 Nays – 1 Absent

ARTICLE 5. To see if the town will vote to transfer from available funds in the treasury the sum of **\$50,000** and further **\$25,000** from the Overlay Surplus Account for a Reserve Fund to be administered by the Finance Advisory Committee, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023.

Recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee - 6 Ayes - 0 Nays – 1 Absent

ARTICLE 6. To see if the town will vote to transfer from available funds in the treasury, and appropriate the sum of **\$15,000** to fund the Reserve Fund for the Future Payment of Accrued Liabilities for Compensated Absences.

Recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee - 6 Ayes - 0 Nays – 1 Absent

ARTICLE 7. To see if the town will vote to transfer from available funds in the treasury, and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 to the town's stabilizations funds as follows:

\$5,000 to be placed in the General Stabilization Fund,

\$5,000 to be placed in the Fire Department Stabilization Fund, with the intent that it be put towards the replacement costs for fire apparatus which is over twenty-five (25) years in age,

\$5,000 to be placed in the Police Vehicle Stabilization Fund,

\$5,000 to be placed in the Highway Stabilization Fund.

Recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee - 6 Ayes - 0 Nays – 1 Absent

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will appropriate **\$2,251,047** to pay the costs of procuring and installing a cold-climate heat-pump system and additional insulation at the Chilmark School, and for the payment of all other costs

incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to G.L. c. 44, §7(1), or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor; provided, however, that this appropriation shall only take effect if the Up Island Regional School District Committee, the Town of Aquinnah, and the Town of West Tisbury approve and join in an Inter Municipal Agreement authorizing this HVAC project and providing for the apportionment of the costs of this project. The \$950,000 previously appropriated for this project under Article 1 of the Warrant at the Special Town Meeting held on November 6, 2021 is hereby rescinded.

Recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee - 5 Ayes - 1 Nay – 1 Absent

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Fire Stabilization Fund the sum of **\$315,000** for the purchase of a fire apparatus as a replacement for the 1986 Class A fire engine, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee - 6 Ayes - 0 Nays – 1 Absent

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to approve the **\$2,000,000** borrowing authorized by the Regional District School Committee of the Martha’s Vineyard Regional School District, for the purpose of paying costs of a **feasibility study** relating to the possible **replacement or reconstruction of the District High School**, located at 100 Edgartown-Vineyard Haven Road, in Oak Bluffs, Massachusetts, including all costs incidental and related thereto, and for which the District may be eligible for a school construction grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority (“MSBA”), said amount to be expended under the direction of the School Building Committee, or to take any other action relative thereto. The MSBA’s grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any Study costs the District incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the District and its member towns. Any grant that the District may receive from the MSBA for the Study shall be as set forth in the Feasibility Study Agreement that may be executed between the District and the MSBA. This approval of the District’s borrowing is conditioned upon and subject to an affirmative vote of the Town to exclude the amounts needed to repay the Town’s allocable share of this borrowing from the limitation on local property taxes contained in G.L. c. 59, §21C (*also known as Proposition 2½*).

Recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee - 6 Ayes - 0 Nays – 1 Absent

ARTICLE 11. To determine whether the Town will vote to accept and approve the **amendment and restatement** of the **Regional Agreement** for the Martha’s Vineyard Regional School District which was initiated and approved by a vote of the School Committee for the **Martha’s Vineyard Regional School District** on September 1, 2022, and which has been submitted as an amended and restated “Regional Agreement for Martha’s Vineyard Regional School District” to the Town Clerks of each Member Town, consistent with Section XIII of the existing Regional Agreement, titled “REGIONAL AGREEMENT Martha’s Vineyard Regional High School”; or take any action relative thereto.

Recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee - 6 Ayes - 0 Nays – 1 Absent

ARTICLE 12. To see if the town will vote to transfer from available funds in the treasury, and appropriate the sum of **\$10,780** to fund the Town’s share of the administrative expenses of the All Island School Committee’s contract for adult and community education programs in Fiscal Year 2024.

Recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee - 6 Ayes - 0 Nays – 1 Absent

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds in the treasury,, and appropriate the sum of **\$ 27,852.32** to support the maintenance costs of the Martha’s Vineyard Public Safety Communication System (Regional Emergency Communications Center) in accordance with the Cooperative Agreement for Emergency Communications and Dispatch Services. The funding is contingent on all Island Towns paying for such costs in Fiscal Year 2024 according to the agreed upon dispatch and fixed cost formula.

Submitted by the Dukes County Sheriff

Recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee - 6 Ayes - 0 Nays – 1 Absent

ARTICLE 14. To see if the town will vote to transfer from available funds in the treasury, and appropriate the sum of **\$67,349** to pay the FY2024 operating costs of regional services provided through Dukes County:

- **\$4,915**, as the Town’s proportionate share of the Fiscal Year 2024 cost to fund the **Dukes County Social Services**, based on the “50/50” formula.
- **\$10,795** to fund the **CORE** program under the supervision of the Up Island Council on Aging.
- **\$12,707**, as the Town’s proportionate share of the Fiscal Year 2024 cost to fund the **Healthy Aging Martha’s Vineyard** for planning, community building and advocacy work for all Island elders, based on the “50/50” formula.
- **\$5,155**, as the Town’s proportionate share of the Fiscal Year 2024 cost to fund the **Dukes County Substance Use Disorder** prevention programs, based on the “50/50” formula.
- **\$6,320**, as the Town’s proportionate share of the Fiscal 2024 cost to fund the **Homelessness** initiative, based on the “50/50” formula.
- **\$21,220** as the apportioned share of the necessary improvements of the Dukes County Health Care Access building.
- **\$6,237** as the apportioned share of the county budget supplemental income.

Submitted by the Dukes County Commissioners

Recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee - 6 Ayes - 0 Nays – 1 Absent

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds in the treasury, and appropriate the sum of **\$70,000** to pay to replace the telephone systems at town buildings, including the payment of costs incidental and relative thereto.

Recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee - 6 Ayes - 0 Nays – 1 Absent

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds in the treasury, and appropriate the sum of **\$20,000** for bills of a previous fiscal year.

Recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee - 6 Ayes - 0 Nays – 1 Absent

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds in the treasury, and appropriate the sum of **\$85,000** to have an engineering company prepare **plans** and obtain **permits** for the **dredging** of both Chocker's Creek and including the payment of costs incidental and relative thereto.

Recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee - 6 Ayes - 0 Nays – 1 Absent

ARTICLE 18. To see if the town will vote to transfer from available funds in the treasury, and appropriate the sum of **\$25,000** to, provide the town's matching share of a grant to install an **Electric Vehicle Fast Charger** at the Chilmark School, including the payment of costs incidental and relative thereto.

Recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee - 6 Ayes - 0 Nays – 1 Absent

ARTICLE 19. To see if the town will vote to transfer from available funds in the treasury, and appropriate the sum of **\$20,000** to complete annual maintenance dredging of less than 1,000 cubic yards within Menemsha Harbor for the purposes of navigation, including the payment of costs incidental and relative thereto.

Recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee - 6 Ayes - 0 Nays – 1 Absent

ARTICLE 20. To see if the town will vote to transfer from available funds in the treasury, and appropriate the sum of **\$55,000** to repair the west facing timber bulkhead of the Filled Dock, including the payment of costs incidental and relative thereto.

Recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee - 6 Ayes - 0 Nays – 1 Absent

ARTICLE 21. To see if the town will vote to transfer from available funds in the treasury, and appropriate the sum of **\$20,000** to complete necessary annual dock repair and pile driving, including the payment of costs incidental and relative thereto.

Recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee - 6 Ayes - 0 Nays – 1 Absent

ARTICLE 22. To see if the town will vote to transfer from available funds in the treasury, and appropriate the sum of **\$10,000** to purchase a forestry fire fighting slip-in unit for the Fire Department UTV, including the payment of costs incidental and relative thereto.

Recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee - 6 Ayes - 0 Nays – 1 Absent

ARTICLE 23. To see if the town will vote to transfer from available funds in the treasury the sum of **\$212,900** to reduce the tax rate for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023.

Recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee - 6 Ayes - 0 Nays – 1 Absent

ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will vote to approve the following requests of the Community Preservation Committee:

- (1) To see if the Town will vote to reserve from the Community Preservation Fund FY 2024 estimated annual revenues up to the following amounts for community preservation projects: **\$55,784** for the Community Preservation Reserve for Open Space; **\$55,784** for the Community Preservation Reserve for Historic Resources; **\$55,784** for the Community Preservation Reserve for Community Housing; and **\$390,486** for the Community Preservation Budget Reserve.

- (2) To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the FY 2024 Community Preservation Reserve for Community **Housing** the sum of **\$15,000** to assist with the purchase of an existing building and the creation of 5 – 6 additional units of affordable housing. This is a regional project. CPC funds from all towns will be used to help finance the property. The home will be purchased by **Harbor Homes of Martha’s Vineyard**, Inc. for its exclusive use to serve homeless individuals. If the property is sold or its use changes, 100 percent of the funds shall be reimbursed to the Town of Chilmark Community Preservation Reserve for Community Housing. If the Town has repealed the CPA the funds shall be reimbursed to the Town’s Molly Flender Affordable Housing Trust. The funds shall not be distributed until the property has been identified.
- (3) To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the FY 2024 Community Preservation Reserve for Community **Housing** the sum of **\$25,000** for Phase 2 of a mixed use of housing and park & recreation to the Island Autism Group. *The request is Chilmark’s share of CPA funds being raised to partially fund the acquisition of 7.5-acres and construction costs for residential units at 515 Lambert’s Cove Rd. in West Tisbury. Three of the 7.5-acres is dedicated to housing eligible people with autism needs preferably from the island and earning less than 100% AMI. If the property is sold or its use changes, 100 percent of the funds shall be reimbursed to the Town of Chilmark Community Preservation Reserve for Community Housing. If the Town has repealed the CPA the funds shall be reimbursed to the Town’s Molly Flender Affordable Housing Trust.*
- (4) To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the FY 2024 Community Preservation Reserve for **Historic** Resources the sum of **\$15,000** to the Martha’s Vineyard Camp Meeting Association. *The request is Chilmark’s share of CPA funds being raised to restore the roof on the historic Tabernacle in Oak Bluffs. This structure is listed in the National Registry of historic places.*
- (5) To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the FY 2024 Community Preservation Reserve for **Open Space & Recreation** the sum of **\$15,000** for Aquinnah Parks & Recreation Committee to help fund a community designed playground that will be the center of the Community Hub. *The playground will be located on Aquinnah town property, behind the Aquinnah Town Hall and will be a safe, accessible place for Island families to gather.*
- (6) To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the FY24 Community Preservation Reserve for **Historic** Resources the sum of **\$10,000** to the Chilmark Cemetery Commission for the restoration of historic headstones in Abel’s Hill Cemetery by a qualified party.
- (7) To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of **\$150,000** from the Community Preservation Reserve for Community **Housing** for

Peaked Hill Pastures affordable housing to be used for planning, design, permitting and construction layout.

No Action Taken by the Finance Advisory Committee - 6 Ayes - 0 Nays - 1 Absent

ARTICLE 25. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to issue a Request for Proposals (“RFP”) to lease an area of land adjacent to the Chilmark Elementary School for the construction of a building, approximately 24’ x 60’ in size, which would contain two classrooms for up to thirty-two (32) preschoolers and toddlers (with priority enrollment to be offered to residents of Chilmark and Aquinnah), and which space could also be utilized by the Chilmark Community Center during the summer months; provided, however, that the permitting, design and construction of the building and the operation of the preschool would be managed and funded by a not-for-profit entity at no cost to the Town. The specific location of the building and the specific terms of any lease shall be authorized by a vote of a subsequent Town Meeting, and approved by the Up-Island Regional School Committee. It is the intent of this Article that title to the building will revert to the Town at the end of the lease term, or at such earlier time as the lease shall provide, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee - 6 Ayes - 0 Nays – 1 Absent

ARTICLE 26. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board Members to petition the State Legislature to allow the Town of Chilmark to issue not more than four annual or seasonal licenses under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 138, section 12 for the sale of all liquors to be drunk on the premises of restaurants with seating capacities of not less than 30 persons, and to be consumed with meals only, notwithstanding any limitations imposed by Sections 11, 11A, and 17 of Chapter 138 of the General Laws or any other special or general law to the contrary.

Submitted by petition of: Jenna Petersiel, Roger Cook, Russell Maloney, Jan Buhrman, Richard Osness, Judith LoRusso, Frank LoRusso, Edward Gavin, Joel Glickman, Jennifer LoRusso, William Rossi, Joseph Rossi, Stephanie daRosa, James Bohan, Matthew Littlefield, Patricia Bacon, Jeffrey Zack, Loren Ghiglione, Alex Koren, Robert Rosenbaum, Quinn Littlefield, Steve McQuiggan, Ellen Biskis, Aaron Barbatti, Helen Delilah Meegan, Steve Bernier, Eric Glasgow, Molly Glasgow, Nancy Grundman, Jay Grossman, Ann DeWitt, Sarah Flanders, Lindsay Morgan, Jesse Jason, Dennis Jason, Julie Sennott, Charles Sennott, Ariana Binney, Anne Rudner, Carol Shweder, Richard Shweder, Elisa Cohen, & Richard Gilberg.

No Action Taken by the Finance Advisory Committee - 5 Ayes - 0 Nays – 1 Abstain -1 Absent

ARTICLE 27. To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 4.2A of the Zoning Bylaws by replacing paragraph 3 Swimming Pool and/or Tennis Court, and inserting the following:

3. Swimming Pool and/or Tennis Court.

Swimming pools and tennis courts are considered accessory to the use of a principal dwelling. The Town will adhere to the following process:

- a. **Permitting and Enforcement:** Applicants are required to demonstrate compliance with all requirements set out in the International Swimming Pool and Spa Code, as adopted by and incorporated in the Massachusetts Building Code. In addition, a Special Permit is required for a swimming pool or a tennis court from the Zoning Board of Appeals which, in its discretion, will determine whether the applicant/owner's plan meets the purposes and requirements of this section. Special Permits granted under this section will be enforced by the Building Inspector.
- b. **Application:** The applicant/owner must own the principal dwelling for two (2) years before applying for a Special Permit for a swimming pool or a tennis court. Principal dwelling ownership begins when an occupancy permit for the principal dwelling is issued by the Building Inspector or from the date of transfer of property with an existing dwelling for which an occupancy permit has been granted. Special Permits for new swimming pools and tennis courts may not be transferred to new owners.
- c. **Use:** A swimming pool or tennis court permitted under this Section may only be used by the residents or tenants of the principal dwelling and their guests.
- d. **Setbacks:** No portion of the swimming pool or tennis court or any related fencing or pool-related equipment may be located within 50 feet of any boundary line of said lot. Setback relief may be available under Section 6.6.
- e. **Access and Enclosure:** As noted in Section 3(a), applicants are required to demonstrate compliance with the barrier requirements set out in the International Swimming Pool and Spa Code, as adopted by and incorporated into the Massachusetts Building Code.
- f. **Line of Sight Observation:** A pool must be situated so as to provide a clear and direct line of sight to the entire pool area (not dependent upon a closed circuit camera or other equipment enabling remote observation) from a highly used room or place within the principal dwelling or an area attached to the principal dwelling such as a deck. The Zoning Board of Appeals may approve another room or place from which the line-of-sight is established. No portion of any swimming pool barrier, pool mechanicals, pool heating equipment or vegetative screening may be installed so as to interfere with the required line-of-sight. Vegetative screening must be maintained to preserve the line of sight.
- g. **Covers:** All swimming pools will be equipped with a winter safety cover for off-season use.
- h. **Energy Use:** If a swimming pool is heated, applicants are strongly encouraged to use:
 - a. an energy efficient heating system, including on-site solar thermal or a heat pump system; and
 - b. a powered pool cover to conserve energy and provide additional safety.

- i. **Light:** The swimming pool or tennis court must comply with sections 5.5, 5.6 and 5.7 of these Zoning Bylaws. Submerged in-pool lights and path lights are permissible. Tennis courts must not be lighted.
- j. **Noise:** The Zoning Board of Appeals may require all pool-related mechanical equipment to be located in an enclosed, sound-insulated shed or in an underground vault to reduce noise. The location of such shed or vault must be approved by the Zoning Board of Appeals. Any such equipment which the Zoning Board of Appeals does not require to be so located must comply with the provisions of Article 5, Section 5.9 of these Zoning Bylaws.
- k. **Landscaping and Visibility:** A detailed landscaping plan may be required by the Zoning Board of Appeals and, if so, it must be approved prior to construction of the pool or tennis court. All vegetative screening, whether in a plan or not, must consist of native, non-invasive species. No portion of the swimming pool or tennis court, the pool/court barriers/enclosures, the pool mechanicals and any vegetative screening may be sited so as to interfere with the view of the natural surroundings from a way used by the public or from public land, as determined by the Zoning Board of Appeals. Vegetative screening must be planted at least 4 feet outside the pool barrier and maintained at a height not to exceed 4 feet.
- l. **Fire Protection:** A standpipe for Fire Department access is required for all pools containing over 10,000 gallons of water. The Fire Chief must approve the standpipe design and placement before an applicant may obtain a building permit.
- m. **Initial Filling:** The initial filling of the pool shall come from an off-site source and shall not occur until the pool is in compliance with this Section.
- n. **Drainage:** The concentration of potentially hazardous chemicals in the water must be significantly reduced and properly tested before any necessary draining of the pool water directly into the ground of the property. Pool water must not be drained into any 'buffer zone' (as that term is defined in the Wetlands Protection Act).
- o. **Maintenance/Compliance with Laws:** Swimming Pools, barriers, pool-related mechanicals and covers must be maintained in good working order and in compliance with state building codes and these Zoning Bylaws.

No Action Taken by the Finance Advisory Committee - 6 Ayes - 0 Nays – 1 Absent

You are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies in three public places in said Town of Chilmark at least seven days before the time of said meeting, and to publish said warrant in one newspaper having general circulation in the Town of Chilmark during the week before said meeting.

Given under our hands this 23rd day of March, A.D. 2023.

Chilmark Select Board
JAMES M. MALKIN
WILLIAM N. ROSSI, Chairman
WARREN M. DOTY

I have notified the inhabitants of the Town of Chilmark qualified to vote in town affairs, by posting three (3) attested copies of this warrant in three (3) public places and by publishing said warrant in one newspaper having general circulation in said Town of Chilmark and made due return of this warrant at the time and place of said meeting. God save the Commonwealth.

Town of Chilmark
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
Minutes
April 24, 2023

MODERATOR: Janet L. Weidner
TOWN CLERK: Jennifer L. Christy
REGISTRARS: Susan Heilbron, Kimberly Manter
CONSTABLE: Marshall E. Carroll, III
TELLERS: Bradley Carroll, Kevin Oliver, Genc Brinja, Linda Coutinho

At the close of voter registration on April 14, 2023 there were one thousand one hundred and thirty-one (1131) registered voters in the Town of Chilmark. The Moderator selected four tellers and notified the Town Clerk. With two hundred seventeen (217) voters present at the Annual Town Meeting, 19% of the total number of registered voters, the Moderator called the meeting to order at 7:13PM at the Chilmark Community Center at 520 South Road. The Moderator declared a quorum (25 voters) was met and Constable Marshall E. Carroll, III attested to the posting of the warrant. The Moderator stated that all registered voters must be seated in the main room and non-voters, other than members of the press who are in their assigned places, must be seated in the smaller room in the back of the Center and those voters standing between the two rooms need to find a seat. The Moderator requested that all voters who are recognized to speak to please use the microphone and to please identify themselves before they speak. The Moderator recognized Select Board member Bill Rossi who stood to recognize longtime Selectman and Select Board member, Warren M. Doty. There was loud and sustained applause for Select Board member Warren M. Doty in recognition of his many years of service to the Town.

Article 1. The Moderator stated Article 1 is postponed until Wednesday, April 26, 2023 when the Town will meet again to cast ballots at the Annual Town Election.

Article 2. The Moderator read Article 2 and asked if there were any Town Reports to be given and also noted there are reports from various groups in paper form at the entrance to the Community Center. No one stood to give a report.

Article 3. The Moderator read Article 3. The Article was moved and seconded. The Moderator declared that she would read aloud the totals for each department, for both expenses and salaries. The Moderator noted that there is an error in the printed budget in the Town Report and said that the header refers to FY23 and should say FY24. The Moderator stated that if any voter has a question or requests discussion for any department to please call out “check” and the Moderator will return to that section at the completion of the reading of all of the totals. The Moderator read the totals for each of the departments. A call of “check” was heard for 295 Dept. and 300 Dept. The Moderator announced the total proposed operating budget to be voted was **\$13,507,622**. The Moderator requested the person who called out “check” for dept. 295 to please come to the microphone. Jeffrey Maida came to the microphone and requested an explanation for the increase in the Harbor Dept. salary line noting that the increase over FY23 is 42.82%. Jeffrey Maida further noted the specific increases in each of the positions. Select Board member, James Malkin, requested the Moderator to recognize Harbormaster (West Tisbury resident) Ryan Rossi. The Moderator asked voters if there was any objection to hearing from the Harbormaster. There was none. Ryan Rossi came to the microphone and explained the salary line as budgeted for FY24. Harbormaster Rossi noted that the majority of the salary increases are a result of the traffic harbor supervisor, and the other increases are due to an increase in grade for the Asst. Harbormasters from 6 to 8 and hours from 35 to 40 per week, with approval of the Human Resource Board and the Select Board. Harbormaster Rossi noted that additional responsibilities have necessitated the increase in hours for the Asst. Harbormaster and the Wharfinger positions. Discussion occurred regarding whether the increases in the Harbor Dept. salary line is due to the increased traffic work done by Harbor Dept. staff. This was confirmed by James Malkin. Jeffrey Maida asked for the total number of salary increase for traffic work by the Harbor employees as compared with the expense for the same work by the Police dept. when it was that department’s responsibility. Select Board James Malkin addressed this question and explained the public safety issues that precipitated the increase in costs for the traffic work. Susan Murphy, Finance Committee chairperson, was recognized and stated that it is a \$19,000 increase for the traffic supervisor and also confirmed that the increases in the salary line were due primarily to the traffic duties of Harbor staff. Jeffrey Maida asked for the total Harbor staff traffic work increase. Harbormaster Rossi was recognized and further explained the grade and step rises for all Harbor staff. Police Chief Sean Slavin was recognized and shared details of decreases in the Police dept. budget for special and traffic officers and noted that summer police officers were budgeted, in FY22, at \$50,000 and this number

is decreased to \$20,000 for FY23 and the traffic officer budget is also decreased from last year. The Moderator asked the voters if there was any more discussion on FY24 Budget Dept. Line 295. There was no more discussion on FY24 Budget Dept. Line 295.

The Moderator requested that the person who called “check” on FY24 Budget Dept. Line 300 to stand to be recognized. The Moderator recognized Town of Chilmark Representative to the School Committee member, Robert Lionette. Robert Lionette made a motion to vote no on budget line item 5694 for Chilmark’s Assessment for the Martha’s Vineyard Regional High School (MVRHS) FY24 Budget. Robert Lionette explained that by voting yes on this motion this would reject the MVRHS budget and it would be zeroed out. The motion was seconded. Robert Lionette explained that three weeks ago, the school committee voted to lift the previously defined spending limit and cap on legal expenses related to the high school’s law suit against the Oak Bluffs Planning Board. Robert Lionette further explained the process of school committee budget approval each year and noted that the issue of additional legal costs was raised after the Town’s had reviewed the FY24 school budget. Robert Lionette urged voters to reject the MVRHS budget. Robert Lionette requested that both the Superintendent and the High School Principal be recognized during the discussion on this motion. Select Board member James Malkin was recognized and requested clarification that the Chilmark Finance Committee and the Select Board reviewed the budget during the winter budget hearings and at that time there was no information provided in the legal line about known legal costs. Robert Lionette stood to say that potential legal costs were not revealed during the budget hearings. Select Board member Warren Doty was recognized and stated that the motion is a drastic proposal due to a dispute and he noted that it is a mistake for one public body to sue another and it is not a good idea for the high school to sue the Town of Oak Bluffs. He stated he is a champion of the High School and he praised the staff and administration. He mentioned that if three towns turn down the MVRHS budget then it will create difficulty for the school and staff. He urged the voters to fund the MVRHS line and also send the message that they must resolve this issue. Voters were recognized who spoke in favor of the motion and who spoke against the motion. Susan Murphy, Finance Committee chairperson, was recognized and noted that the Finance Committee may not do a line item veto on a submitted budget, but must reject an entire budget if they do not recommend. She further noted that the vote on the regional school budget overall was unanimously voted to be recommended by the Finance Committee when it was presented in February. Susan Murphy explained that the Finance Committee met after being notified of the increased legal costs, reminded the voters that the town previously voted no on the spending on the playing fields, and noted that the Finance Committee met last week and now does not recommend, by a vote of 5-1, the line item for the High School budget. Matt Poole was recognized and asked if school officials could be recognized and he stated that he felt this is an internal matter among the school committee. Sara Dingley, Principal of the MVRHS, was recognized and stated the budget,

as presented during the budget hearing season was not misrepresented. Sara Dingley read from a prepared statement, urged support for the MVRHS budget and noted that the vote of the School Committee on the legal funding issue was 5-4 and that the argument needs to be completed at the school committee level. Don Leopold, member of the Finance Committee, stood and stated that he was the one dissenting vote at the recent Finance Committee meeting when there was a vote to reject the MVRHS budget and urged support for the MVRHS budget as presented. Other voters stood to voice opposition and support for the MVRHS Budget. Vicki Divoll, another member of the Finance Committee, was recognized and urged voters to reject the MVRHS budget. Richie Smith, the Superintendent of Schools, was recognized and stated that a motion that would reject the MVRHS budget would negatively impact school staff and programs. Mary Breslauer was recognized and suggested an amendment that does not impact the budgeted amount, but instead directs the School Committee to resolve the issue of legal funding. Discussion occurred about what options there were for the Town and Select Board member, James Malkin stated that Counsel has advised that the Town may only accept or reject the MVRHS budget in its entirety and may not amend the assessment. Brief further discussion occurred. The Moderator asked if there was any more discussion on the motion to amend Article 3. The Moderator restated the motion to amend and stated that it has been moved that we change the line item for budget item 5694, the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School Assessment, from \$993,112 dollars to zero. The Moderator explained that a yes vote would bring that to zero and a no vote would leave the budget, that line item, as it is printed in the book. The Moderator stated again that if you vote yes that means that the MVRHS assessment line item will be changed to zero and a no vote will leave that number as printed and a no vote leaves it as \$993,112. The Moderator also clarified that the vote on this motion impacts just this line item, 5694.

The Moderator brought the amendment to Article 3 to a vote. The Moderator called for all those in favor of the motion to amend to say aye. Many voters said aye. The Moderator called for all those who are opposed to the motion to amend to say nay. Many voters said nay. The Moderator stated she must call for a standing vote and asked the tellers to come forward. The Moderator called for all voters who vote yes to please stand and reminded voters again that a yes vote is a vote to make the MVRHS assessment line zero. The tellers counted all those standing and reported the vote to the Moderator. The tellers counted 114 yes votes. The Moderator asked those voters to be seated. The Moderator called for all voters who are opposed and vote no to stand. The tellers counted those standing. The tellers counted 71 no votes. The Moderator asked those voters to please be seated. The Moderator declared that a motion was made to change budget line item 5694, the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School District Assessment, from \$993,112 down to zero and

The Moderator declared the motion to amend ARTICLE 3 CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 114 TO 71.

The Moderator stated that the budget is amended accordingly. The Moderator brought Article 3 to a vote and noted the budget is amended to reflect the line

item 5694 is now zero and the total budget is now less by the amount of \$993,112. The Article 3, as amended, was moved and seconded. There was no more discussion and Article 3, as amended, was brought to a vote.

The Moderator declared ARTICLE 3, as amended, is carried and Article 3, as amended is passed.

Article 4. The Moderator read Article 4. The Article was moved and seconded. There was no discussion. The Moderator brought the Article to a vote.

The Moderator declared Article 4 passed unanimously.

Article 5. The Moderator read Article 5. The Article was moved and seconded. There was no discussion. The Moderator brought the Article to a vote.

The Moderator declared Article 5 carried unanimously.

Article 6. The Moderator read Article 6. The Article was moved and seconded. There was no discussion. The Moderator brought the Article to a vote.

The Moderator declared Article 6 carried unanimously.

Article 7. The Moderator read Article 7. The Article was moved and seconded. Former Fire Chief David Norton was recognized and asked for clarification on the amount to be voted. Susan Murphy of the Finance Committee stood to explain. There was no more discussion. The Moderator brought the Article to a vote.

The Moderator declared Article 7 carried unanimously.

Article 8. The Moderator read Article 8. The Article was moved and seconded. The Moderator stated the Article requires a 2/3rds votes to pass. Rob Hannemann, Finance Committee member, was recognized and explained the basis for the increased amount needed. It was noted that 10% each of the cost would be borne by West Tisbury and Aquinnah. It was also noted that the Finance Committee is working on developing a capital improvement plan. There was no discussion. The Moderator brought the Article to a vote.

The Moderator declared Article 8 passed unanimously.

Article 9. The Moderator read Article 9. The Article was moved and seconded. The Moderator stated the Article requires a 2/3rds vote to pass. There was no discussion. The Moderator brought the Article to a vote.

The Moderator declared Article 9 passed unanimously.

Article 10. The Moderator read Article 10. The Article was moved and seconded. The Moderator recognized School Committee member Robert Lionette and he asked the Moderator if the Town would recognize Sam Hart (Aquinnah resident), a member of the Regional High School Administration. The Moderator asked the voters if there was any objection to hearing from Sam Hart. There was no objection. Sam Hart came to the microphone and described the work of the last seven years and to urge the voters to support the Article to fund a feasibility study. There was no discussion. The Moderator brought the Article to a vote.

The Moderator declared Article 10 carried unanimously.

Article 11. The Moderator read Article 11. The Article was moved and seconded. The Moderator recognized School Committee member Robert Lionette and he asked the Moderator if the Town would recognize Richie Smith, Martha's Vineyard School Superintendent. The Moderator asked the voters if there was any objection to hearing from Richie Smith. There was no objection. Richie Smith came to the microphone and thanked the group that worked last year to develop the new Regional Agreement and urged the voters to support the Article to accept and approve the amendment and restatement of the Regional Agreement. There was no more discussion. The Moderator brought the Article to a vote.

The Moderator declared Article 11 carried unanimously.

Article 12. The Moderator read Article 12. The Article was moved and seconded. There was no discussion. The Moderator brought the Article to a vote.

The Moderator declared Article 12 carried unanimously.

Article 13. The Moderator read Article 13. The Article was moved and seconded. There was no discussion. The Moderator brought the Article to a vote.

The Moderator declared Article 13 carried unanimously.

Article 14. The Moderator read Article 14. The Article was moved and seconded. There was no discussion. The Moderator brought the Article to a vote.

The Moderator declared Article 14 passed unanimously.

Article 15. The Moderator read Article 15. The Article was moved and seconded. There was no discussion. The Moderator brought the Article to a vote.

The Moderator declared Article 15 carried unanimously.

Article 16. The Moderator read Article 16. The Article was moved and seconded. The Moderator stated the Article requires a 4/5ths vote to pass. There was no discussion. The Moderator brought the Article to a vote.

The Moderator declared Article 16 carried unanimously.

Article 17. The Moderator read Article 17. The Article was moved and seconded. A vote requested how the money would be spent. The Moderator asked the voters if there was any objection to hearing from the Shellfish Constable, Isaiah Scheffer. There was no objection. The Shellfish Constable addressed the voters with clarification of where the dredging would occur. There was no more discussion. The Moderator brought the Article to a vote.

The Moderator declared Article 17 passed unanimously.

Article 18. The Moderator read Article 18. The Article was moved and seconded. Tim Rich inquired about the funding of the station and if there was a member of the Energy Committee to speak. Robert Hannemann, Finance Committee member, stood and explained that a \$42,900 grant is expected from the State and a grant from Eversource that will, together with the \$25,000, make it possible to install the Fast Charger. Tim Carroll briefly explained the funding formula and noted that electricity will be obtained at a charge to consumers. Ann DeWitt was recognized and inquired about when the project would be completed. Robert Hannemann stated the plan is to have the charger installed

and operational at summer. Brief discussion occurred regarding the planned location of the charger. There was no more discussion. The Moderator brought the Article to a vote.

The Moderator declared Article 18 carried.

Article 19. The Moderator read Article 19. The Article was moved and seconded. There was no discussion. The Moderator brought the Article to a vote.

The Moderator declared Article 19 carried unanimously.

Article 20. The Moderator read Article 20. The Article was moved and seconded. Rodney Bunker was recognized and inquired about a capital improvement plan for the Harbor. Select Board member James Malkin requested that the Moderator recognize Ryan Rossi, Harbormaster. The Harbormaster came to the microphone and noted that the Town is currently in phase 2 of a four phase project. He further noted that plans will come before the Town to approve. Deborah Hancock, member of the Harbor Advisory Committee, noted the need for improvement of the docks and there is a report completed by Childs Engineering and she read the summary of the findings. Ryan Rossi clarified that the Childs Engineering report, in Phase 1, refers to a timber bulkhead on the east side of harbor and the discussion here is regarding the repair of the west side of the west dock. There was no more discussion. The Moderator brought the Article to a vote.

The Moderator declared Article 20 carried unanimously.

Article 21. The Moderator read Article 21. The Article was moved and seconded. Jeffrey Maida was recognized and inquired about a pile expense in the Harbor Dept. FY24 budget. The Harbormaster came to the microphone and noted that he recommended removing this from the budget for FY24. Ryan Rossi continued to explain the reasoning and planning involved in planning the replacement of pilings. There was no more discussion. The Moderator brought the Article to a vote.

The Moderator declared Article 21 carried unanimously.

Article 22. The Moderator read Article 22. The Article was moved and seconded. There was no discussion. The Moderator brought the Article to a vote.

The Moderator declared Article 22 carried unanimously.

Article 23. The Moderator read Article 23. The Article was moved and seconded. There was no discussion. The Moderator brought the Article to a vote.

The Moderator declared Article 23 carried unanimously.

Article 24. The Moderator stated that Article 24 is very long and stated her plan to read the introduction only. The Moderator asked the voters if anyone desired the Moderator to read the entire Article. No voter requested this. The Article was moved and seconded. The Moderator stated the topic of each of the 7 paragraphs and asked if there was any discussion. There was no discussion on paragraphs 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6. Lindsey Scott was recognized and made a motion, on behalf of the Peaked Hill Pastures Committee, to amend Article 24 by removing paragraph 7. The motion to amend Article 24 was seconded. Lindsey Scott alerted voters to the availability of an update from the Peaked Hill Pastures

Committee printed and at the front of the Community Center. She noted that a comprehensive report will be provided to the Town at a future town meeting. Select Board members William Rossi responded to a financial question from voter Sarah Kuh about availability of funds. There was no more discussion. The Moderator brought the motion to amend Article 24 to a vote.

The Moderator declared the motion to amend Article 24 carried unanimously.

There was no more discussion on the amended Article. The Moderator reminded voters that the Article 24 that now comes before the Town for a vote is amended to remove paragraph 7 and remove \$150,000 from the total. The Moderator brought the Article, as amended, to a vote.

The Moderator declared Article 24, as amended, carried unanimously.

Article 25. The Moderator read Article 25. The Article was moved and seconded. Alicia Knight, member of the Chilmark Preschool Board of Directors, was recognized, gave a short description of the history of the preschool, and made a motion to amend Article 25 as proposed on a yellow paper provided to the Moderator and the Town Clerk:

“To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to issue a Request for Proposals (“RFP”) to lease an area of land adjacent to the Chilmark Elementary School for the construction of a building, which would contain two classrooms for up to thirty-six (36) preschoolers and/or toddlers (with priority enrollment to be offered to up island children, particularly those from Chilmark and Aquinnah including Chilmark School families and staff children); provided, however, that the permitting, design and construction of the building and the operation of the preschool would be managed and funded by a not-for-profit entity at no cost to the Town. The specific location of the building and the specific terms of any lease shall be authorized by a vote of a subsequent Town Meeting, and approved by the Up-Island Regional School Committee. It is the intent of this Article that title to the building will revert to the Town at the end of the lease term, or at such earlier time as the lease shall provide, or to take any other action relative thereto.”

The motion to amend was seconded. Brief discussion occurred regarding the need for a new preschool and Alicia Knight provided data to support this Article 25 that is providing a concept for the voters. The Moderator summarized the proposed amendments. There was no more discussion. The Moderator brought the motion to amend Article 25 to a vote.

The Moderator declared the motion to amend Article 25 carried unanimously.

Brief discussion occurred regarding the proposed location of a possible new preschool and the specific procedure required to proceed towards new preschool. The Moderator asked if there was any more discussion. There was no more discussion. The Moderator brought Article 25, as amended, to a vote.

The Moderator declared the Article 25, as amended, carried unanimously.

Article 26. The Moderator read Article 26. The Article was moved and seconded. Jenna Petersiel was recognized and made a motion to indefinitely postpone the Article. The motion to indefinitely postpone was seconded. Jenna Petersiel delivered a brief statement. There was no more discussion. The Moderator brought the Article to a vote.

The Moderator declared the motion to indefinitely postpone Article 26 carried, but not unanimously.

Article 27. The Moderator stated that she would not read Article 27 in its entirety unless a voter asked for this. No voter asked for the Article to be read. The Article was moved and seconded. Rich Osnoss, Planning Board chairperson, was recognized and urged support for the Article amending the swimming pool section of the Town's zoning bylaw. Rich Osnoss described the history of the bylaw amendment process, the lengthy period of input on the proposed amendment during the previous year in public hearings and addressed a question from a voter regarding the apparent increase in discretion provided to the Zoning Board of Appeals in this amendment. There was no more discussion. The Moderator alerted voters that the Article requires a 2/3rds vote to pass. The Moderator called all those in favor of Article 27 to say aye. Many voters said aye. The Moderator then called on those opposed to say nay. A voter said nay. The Moderator stated the vote was not unanimous and asked those opposed to please stand. One voter stood. The Moderator asked all those in favor to please stand. Many voters stood in favor. The Moderator counted fifty-five (55) voters in favor and one (1) voter opposed.

The Moderator declared the Article 27 carried by a 2/3rds vote.

The Moderator asked the voters if there was any more business to come before the meeting. There was no more business that came before the Town. The Moderator asked for a motion to adjourn. A motion was made to adjourn. The motion was seconded. The Moderator declared the meeting adjourned at 10:25PM.

Respectfully submitted,

JENNIFER L. CHRISTY
Town Clerk
May 3, 2023

Town of Chilmark
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
April 26, 2023

TOWN CLERK/WARDEN: Jennifer L. Christy

DEPUTY WARDEN: Ann Wallac

CONSTABLE: Tim Rich, Asst. Constable

ELECTION OFFICERS: Jennie Greene, Dona Flamme, Jeff McDonald, Deborah Silliman Wass, Amy Cody, , Michele Leonardi, Margaret Hannemann, Paul Bailey, Vicki Divoll, alternates Laurisa Rich and Stephen Lewenberg

TELLERS: Linda Coutinho, Jessica Roddy, Emily Broderick, Ann Noyes, Jeff McDonald, Julianna Flanders, Lauren Lynch, Mollie & Cindy Doyle, Nancy Grundman, Sadie & Ruby Dix, Genc Brinja, Emily Bramhall, Stephen Lewenberg, Candy Shweder, Jane Rabe, Irene Ziebarth, Betty Savage, alternates Margaret Hannemann and Dona Flamme

The polls were opened at twelve o'clock in the afternoon (12:00 NOON) by the Moderator, Janet L. Weidner, the weather was cloudy and seasonably cool. The Moderator declared the meeting dissolved and the polls closed at eight o'clock (8:00 PM). Of the One Thousand One Hundred Thirty-One (**1131**) registered voters eligible to vote in the Annual Town Election as of the last day to register to vote on April 14, 2023, Four Hundred and Fifty-Six (**456**) voters cast ballots, representing 40% of the registered voters. A total of One Hundred Four (**104**) early/absentee ballots were provided to voters. Eighty-Three (**83**) Vote Early By Mail Ballots were requested before the deadline of Wednesday, April 19, 2023, 5PM. One (1) mailed Absentee Ballot was requested before the deadline of Wednesday, April 19, 2023, 5PM. Eighteen (**18**) In-Person Absentee Ballots were requested and voted in-office before the deadline of Tuesday, April 25, 2023, 12NOON. One (1) hand-delivered Absentee Ballot was requested by a voter permitted under Chap. 92 of the Acts of 2022, section 25B, 5. No ballots were requested by overseas citizens and no voter utilized the electronic OmniBallot ballot permitted by the Accessible Vote By Mail (AVBM) regulation within Chap. 92 of the Acts of 2022, section 25B, 4 and section 91c, c. Sixty-eight (**68**) Vote Early By Mail Ballots were received and cast before the close of polls at 8PM. One (1) Early Voter voted in person at the polls on April 26, 2023. One (1) mailed Absentee Ballot(s) was received and cast before the close of polls at 8PM. One (1) hand-delivered Absentee Ballot was received, and cast before the close of polls at 8PM, as permitted under Chap. 92 of the Acts of 2022, section 25B, 5. Four (**4**) Vote Early By Mail Ballots were rejected due to being received after the close of polls, at 8PM on April 26, 2023. One (**1**) Vote Early By Mail Ballot was rejected due to no signature on the affidavit envelope and a replacement ballot was mailed to this voter. The replacement was not received before 8PM on April 26, 2023. Nine (**9**) Vote Early By Mail Ballots were not returned. Zero (**0**) provisional ballots were processed at the polls. Zero (**0**) AV/EV Ballots were spoiled at the Town Hall during Early or Absentee Voting. Zero (0) Ballots were spoiled at the polling place on Wednesday, April 26, 2023. The results were tallied as follows:

OFFICE	TERM	CANDIDATE	VOTES
<u>Select Board</u>	3 Years	Marie K. Larsen	327
		Russell J. Maloney	124
		Blank	2
		<u>Write-In</u>	
		William Meegan	1
		Vicki Divoll	1
<u>Board of Assessors</u>	3 Years	Elizabeth B. Oliver	383
		Blank	73
<u>Board of Health</u>	3 Years	Matthew E. Poole	369
		Blank	86
		<u>Write-In</u>	
		Katie Carroll	1
<u>Library Trustees</u>	3 Years	Kaila Allen-Posin	388
		Blank	67
		<u>Write-In</u>	
		Zoe Thompson	1
<u>Finance Committee</u> <u>Vote for not more than</u> <u>Two 2)</u>	3 Years	Marshall E. Carroll, III	371
		Deborah Hancock	331
		Blank	210
<u>Planning Board</u> <u>Vote for not more than</u> <u>Three (1)</u>	5 Years	Janet L. Weidner	377
		Blank	79
<u>Cemetery Commissioner</u>	3 Years	Judith Y. Flanders	392
		Blank	62
		<u>Write-In</u>	
		Calder Martin	1
		Matt Tobin	1
<u>Tree Warden</u>	1 Year	Blank	404
		<u>Write-In</u>	
		Rodney Bunker	1
		Keith Emin	19
		Brian Cioffi	1
		Judith Flanders	1
		Joey Tobin	1

OFFICE	TERM	CANDIDATE	VOTES
		Randal Milch	1
		Josh Scott	6
		Brooks Carroll	1
		Everett Healy	1
		Carl	1
		Elisha Wiesner	2
		Peter Cook	1
		Ben Robinson	1
		Robert Rosenbaum	2
		Caitlin C. Jones	1
		Adam Moore	2
		Chronister	1
		Cameron Parry	1
		Matt Tobin	4
		Jessica Mason	1
		Simon Thompson	1
		Harison Kisiel	1
		Thomas Ruimerman	1
<u>Surveyor of Wood, Lumber & Bark</u>			
	3 Years	Blank	39
		<u>Write-In</u>	
		Rodney Bunker	1
		Keith Emin	14
		Elisha Wiesner	6
		Judith Flanders	1
		Joey Tobin	1
		Randal Milch	3
		Vinny Iacono	1
		Josh Scott	4
		Richard Shweder	1
		Nathaniel Allen-Posin	1
		Mary Breslauer	2
		Tim Rich	1
		James Morgan	1
		Brooks Carroll	1
		Everett Healy	2
		Bill Meaghan	1
		Carl	1
		Matt Tobin	3
		Mitchell Posin	2
		Caitlin C. Jones	1
		Adam Moore	2
		Chronister	1

OFFICE	TERM	CANDIDATE	VOTES
		Cameron Parry	1
		William Meegan	1
		Alison Simon	1
		Julie Flanders	1
		Ross Seavey	1
		Thomas Ruimerman	1
<u>Fence Viewer</u>	3 Years	Blank	388
		<u>Write-In</u>	
		Rodney Bunker	1
		Keith Emin	10
		Judith Flanders	1
		Joey Tobin	1
		Randal Milch	1
		Vicki Divoll	1
		Fred Khedouri	2
		Julie Flanders	14
		Miles Bruccleri	1
		Calder Martin	1
		Otto Osmers	1
		Allen Healy	2
		Adam Sloan	1
		Tim Rich	1
		James Morgan	1
		Brooks Carroll	1
		Everett Healy	1
		Dan Larsen	1
		Mitchell Posin	2
		Norman Birnbach	2
		William Meegan	1
		Katie Carroll	1
		Gary Mottau	2
		Elisha Wiesner	2
		Steve McGhee	1
		Jay Lagemann	1
		Mariah Campbell	3
		Ned Posin	1
		Jeremy Norton	1
		Russell Maloney	1
		Melissa Moore	1
		Frank LoRusso	1
		John Diamond	1
		Rich Osnoos	1
		Tom Ruimerman	1

<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>TERM</u>	<u>CANDIDATE</u>	<u>VOTES</u>
		Sue Ellen Lazarus	1
		Matt Tobin	2
 <u>Question 1: Chilmark School HVAC Systems Upgrade: Proposition 2.5</u>			
		Yes	355
		No	73
		Blank	28
 <u>Question 2: MVRHS District High School Building Feasibility Study: Proposition 2.5</u>			
		Yes	337
		No	90
		Blank	29
 <u>Question 3: UIRSD Operating Costs:</u>			
		Yes	354
		No	83
		Blank	19

A true record. Attest:

JENNIFER L. CHRISTY
Chilmark Town Clerk
May 12, 2023

Town of Chilmark
WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
JUNE 5, 2023 A.D.

County of Dukes County, ss.
To the Constables of the Town of Chilmark,

Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to warn and notify the inhabitants of the Town of Chilmark, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to assemble at the Chilmark Community Center at 520 South Road in said Town of Chilmark on Monday, the fifth day of June in the year Two thousand and Twenty-three AD at 7:00 o'clock in the afternoon, there and then to act on the Articles in this Warrant.

Article 1. To see if the Town will vote to allow for the delivery of marijuana, marijuana products, marijuana accessories, and marijuana establishment branded goods to consumers within the Town's borders, and to direct the Select Board to notify the Cannabis Control Commission that delivery of marijuana or marijuana products to consumers is permitted in Chilmark under 935 CMR 500.145(1); or take any action relative thereto.

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$40,000** to be added to FY2024 Department 241 Building Inspections Budget Line 510-5127, for the purpose of creating a full-time Building Inspector position, or to take any action relative thereto.

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$32,000** to be added to FY2024 Department 122 Select Board Budget line 5100-5108, for the purpose of adding 15 hours a week to the Board Administrator B (Conservation, Cemetery, CPC, Historical, Parks & Rec) to perform Human Resource management functions for the Town, or to take any action relative thereto.

Article 4. To see Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$25,000** to hire an outside consultant to conduct a Compensation & Classification Study using an objective position evaluation process, that promotes equity, and ensures compliance with federal and state laws, or to take any action relative thereto.

Article 5. To see Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$16,000** to fund upgrades to the town meeting sound system at the Chilmark Community Center, including costs incidental and relative thereto.

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$993,112** to fund the FY2024 Martha's Vineyard Regional High School District assessment for Chilmark.

Article 7. To see if the Town will transfer the sum of **\$225,000** from the Ambulance Receipts Reserved for Appropriation Fund (G.L. c. 40, § 5F) to purchase a new ambulance, including costs incidental and relative thereto.

Article 8. To see if the Town will transfer the sum of **\$57,000** from the Ambulance Receipts Reserved for Appropriation Fund (G.L. c. 40, § 5F) or an Oxygen Generating System for the New Ambulance Facility at 399 Middle Road, including costs incidental and relative thereto.

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to approve a non-binding resolution as follows: “The Town of Chilmark asks that the Martha’s Vineyard Regional High School commits to an all grass campus with no plastic fields.”

By Petition of 100 registered voters on file with the Town Clerk.

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to approve a non-binding resolution as follows: “The Town of Chilmark asks that the Martha’s Vineyard Regional High School commits to NO anonymous donations above \$5,000 dollars for legal action, experts, project design and permitting related to any and all plastic fields on the Martha’s Vineyard Regional High School campus.”

By Petition of 100 registered voters on file with the Town Clerk.

You are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies in three public places in said Town of Chilmark at least fourteen days before the time of said meeting, and to publish said warrant in one newspaper having general circulation in the Town of Chilmark during the two weeks before said meeting.

Given under our hands this 16th day of May 2023 A.D.

WILLIAM N. ROSSI Chair Person
JAMES MALKIN
MARIE LARSEN
Chilmark Select Board

I have notified the inhabitants of the Town of Chilmark qualified to vote in town affairs by posting three attested copies of this warrant in three public places and by publishing said warrant in one newspaper having general circulation in said Town of Chilmark and made due return of this warrant at the time and place of said meeting. Posted: May 19, 2023
By: Marshall E. Carroll, III, Constable

Town of Chilmark
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
June 5, 2023.

MODERATOR: Janet L. Weidner
TOWN CLERK: Jennifer L. Christy
REGISTRARS: Susan M. Heilbron, Kimberly Manter
CONSTABLE: Marshall E. Carroll, III
TELLERS: Linda Coutinho, Steve Bernier, Catherine Thompson, Stanley Startzell

At the close of voter registration on May 26, 2023 there were one thousand one hundred and thirty four (1134) registered voters in the Town of Chilmark. With one hundred twenty five (125) voters present at the Special Town Meeting, 11% of the total number of registered voters, the Moderator noted that there was a quorum of voters present. The Moderator called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Chilmark Community Center at 520 South Road. Constable Marshall E. Carroll, III attested to the posting of the warrant. The Moderator directed all those present who are not voters to please be seated in the back area of the Community Center in the designated seats. The Moderator also directed voters to please approach and stand at the microphones when recognized to speak and to state their names before speaking.

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Town Meeting Action on Article 1:

The Moderator read the Article. The Article was moved and seconded. The Moderator alerted voters to the request from a non-voter, Geoff Rose of Patient Centric, to speak in favor of the Article

and asked the voters if there were any objections to Mr. Rose speaking. There were no objections. Geoff Rose was recognized and spoke in favor of the Article. Robert Doyle was recognized and inquired about diversion. Geoff Rose addressed the issue of diversion and noted the procedure employed that ensures control of the product. There was no more discussion. The Moderator brought the Article to a vote. The Moderator called for all those in favor to say aye. Those in favor said aye. The Moderator called for all those opposed to say nay. Those voters opposed said nay. The Moderator declared:

Article 1 is carried.

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$40,000** to be added to FY2024 Department 241 Building Inspections Budget Line 510-5127, for the purpose of creating a full-time Building Inspector position, or to take any action relative thereto.

Town Meeting Action on Article 2:

The Moderator read the Article. The Article was moved and seconded. The Moderator called for any discussion. There was no discussion. The Moderator brought the Article to a vote. The Moderator declared:

Article 2 is carried.

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$32,000** to be added to FY2024 Department 122 Select Board Budget line 5100-5108, for the purpose of adding 15 hours a week to the Board Administrator B (Conservation, Cemetery, CPC, Historical, Parks & Rec) to perform Human Resource management functions for the Town, or to take any action relative thereto.

Town Meeting Action on Article 3:

The Moderator read the Article. The Article was moved and seconded. The Moderator called for any discussion. There was no discussion. The Moderator brought the Article to a vote. The Moderator declared:

Article 3 is carried unanimously.

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$25,000** to hire an outside consultant to conduct a Compensation & Classification Study using an objective position evaluation process, that promotes equity, and ensures compliance with federal and state laws, or to take any action relative thereto.

Town Meeting Action on Article 4:

The Moderator read the Article. The Article was moved and seconded. The Moderator called for any discussion. There was no discussion. The Moderator brought the Article to a vote. The Moderator declared:

Article 4 is carried unanimously.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$16,000** to fund upgrades to the town meeting sound system at the Chilmark Community Center, including costs incidental and relative thereto.

Town Meeting Action on Article 5:

The Moderator read the Article. The Article was moved and seconded. The Moderator called for any discussion. There was no discussion. The Moderator brought the Article to a vote. The Moderator declared:

Article 5 is carried unanimously.

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$993,112** to fund the FY2024 Martha's Vineyard Regional High School District assessment for Chilmark.

Town Meeting Action on Article 6:

The Moderator read the Article. The Article was moved and seconded. The Moderator called for any discussion. Robert Lionette, School Committee Board Member, was recognized and urged voters to vote yes on the Article. Robert Lionette described the events that have taken place at the school committee meetings since April 24, 2023 when the MVRHS School Assessment was voted down. Warren Doty was recognized and stated the vote to eliminate the MVRHS School Assessment from the budget on April 24, 2023 was a mistake and urged

voters to approve this warrant article. Other voters were recognized and inquired about how a yes vote may impact the turf field legal dispute funding. Robert Lionette responded that a yes vote does not eliminate all possibilities of legal funding for turf fields in the future. The Moderator asked if there was any more discussion. There was no more discussion. The Moderator brought the Article to a vote. The Moderator called for all those in favor to say aye. Those in favor said aye. The Moderator called for all those opposed to say nay. Those voters opposed said nay. The Moderator declared:

Article 6 is carried.

Article 7. To see if the Town will transfer the sum of **\$225,000** from the Ambulance Receipts Reserved for Appropriation Fund (G.L. c. 40, § 5F) to purchase a new ambulance, including costs incidental and relative thereto.

Town Meeting Action on Article 7:

The Moderator read the Article. The Article was moved and seconded. The Moderator called for any discussion. Laurie David was recognized and requested an explanation. The Moderator asked the voters if there were any objections to allowing Ben Retmier, TriTown Ambulance Chief and nonvoter, to speak. There were no objections. Ben Retmier was recognized and explained that the current ambulance is 20 years old. There was no more discussion. The Moderator brought the Article to a vote. The Moderator declared:

Article 7 is carried unanimously.

Article 8. To see if the Town will transfer the sum of **\$57,000** from the Ambulance Receipts Reserved for Appropriation Fund (G.L. c. 40, § 5F) or an Oxygen Generating System for the New Ambulance Facility at 399 Middle Road, including costs incidental and relative thereto.

Town Meeting Action on Article 8:

The Moderator read the Article. The Article was moved and seconded. The Moderator called for any discussion. Candy Shweder was recognized and requested an explanation for an Oxygen Generating System. Ben Retmier was recognized and described the system. There was no more discussion. The Moderator brought the Article to a vote. The Moderator declared:

Article 8 is carried unanimously.

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to approve a non-binding resolution as follows: “The Town of Chilmark asks that the Martha’s Vineyard Regional High School commits to an all grass campus with no plastic fields.”

By Petition of 100 registered voters on file with the Town Clerk.

Town Meeting Action on Article 9:

The Moderator read the Article. The Article was moved and seconded. The Moderator called for any discussion. Sheila Muldaur was recognized and explained why she initiated the petition and described her opposition to any plastics fields, highlighting the problems found with “forever chemicals” such as PFAS. Sheila Muldaur asked for the voters to support the Article. Dardy Slavin was recognized and advocated for an all-grass campus and asked for voters to vote yes. The Moderator asked if there was any more discussion. There was no more discussion. The Moderator brought the Article to a vote. The

Moderator called for all those in favor to say aye. Those in favor said aye. The Moderator called for all those opposed to say nay. Those voters opposed said nay. The Moderator declared:

Article 9 is carried.

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to approve a non-binding resolution as follows: “The Town of Chilmark asks that the Martha’s Vineyard Regional High School commits to NO anonymous donations above \$5,000 dollars for legal action, experts, project design and permitting related to any and all plastic fields on the Martha’s Vineyard Regional High School campus.”

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Town Meeting Action on Article 10:

The Moderator read the Article. The Article was moved and seconded. The Moderator called for any discussion. Mollie Doyle was recognized and read a statement in support of the Article. Jonathan Mayhew was recognized and inquired why restrict anonymous donations for certain initiatives. Mollie Doyle was recognized again and responded that it is not good business to accept large anonymous donations that make a difference in policy and to our environment. Jessica Mason was recognized and spoke in favor of the Article. Jacob Davis was recognized and made a motion to amend the Article. Jacob Davis made a motion to strike the word “plastic” from the Article. The motion to amend was seconded. Gary Mottau was recognized and warned voters of the dangers that are inherent to grass fields that require fertilizers and water-soluble nitrates. The Moderator asked if there was any more discussion. There was no more discussion on the motion to amend Article 10 to strike the word “plastic” from the Article. The Moderator read the Article, as amended. The Moderator brought the motion to amend to a vote. The Moderator declared:

The motion to amend Article 10 is carried.

The Moderator asked if there was discussion on Article 10, as amended. There was no more discussion. The Moderator brought the Article, as amended, to a vote. The Moderator declared:

Article 10, as amended, carried unanimously.

The Moderator called for a motion to adjourn. The motion to adjourn was moved and seconded. The Moderator brought the motion to a vote and the motion was passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:00PM.

Certified: _____

JENNIFER L. CHRISTY

Town Clerk

June 6, 2023

Human Resource Board of Chilmark (HRBC) 2023

To the Honorable Select Board
and the Residents of the Town of Chilmark:

The mission of the HRBC is to help ensure that the town is in compliance with all applicable employment statutes, that its employees are treated fairly and uniformly in a transparent, merit-based human resources system, and that the service delivery to Town residents and taxpayers is enhanced through a performance-driven, efficient and motivated work force.

The town hall saw several personnel changes in 2023 – we said goodbye to longtime Building Commissioner Lenny Jason, Accountant Ellen Biskis and Board Administrator Kara Shemeth and welcomed Building Inspector Adam Petkus, Accountant Sarah Smith, Facilities Manager Patty Egan and Board Administrator Carolyn Stoeber. The HRBC assisted with interviews for both exiting and entering employees.

The HRBC was pleased to welcome new member Bob Rosenbaum this year.

The Board was busy with updating policies and procedures in 2023 including the addition of the Pregnant Workers Act and Alcohol/Drug Policy to the Procedures Manual as well as reviews of compensation, classification and organization. As a result, an outside study was initiated with the Edward J. Collins, Jr. Center for Public Management to evaluate and make recommendations to update the Town's employee remuneration system.

In the fall, the Board recommended that the established Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) policy be reviewed due to the inflation index once again being higher than the maximum in the policy of 3%. The Board expects in the coming year to work with the Select Board to establish an updated policy.

The HRBC meets every month and encourages town employees and town residents to attend. Please visit www.chilmarkma.gov for more information about the Board.

Respectfully submitted,

JENNIE GREENE, Chairman
DONALD LEOPOLD
BRUCE E. GOLDEN
IRENE ZIEBARTH
BOB ROSENBAUM

Conservation Commission

To the Honorable Select Board and
the Residents of Chilmark:

The Commission's goals are to protect the Town's wetlands and surrounding buffer areas. These wetland resources include coastal ponds & dunes, salt marshes, streams, bordering vegetated wetlands and fresh water ponds; to name a few. These resources are important in protecting our water quality, fisheries, and wildlife habitat, as well as protecting against flood and storm damage. The Commission welcomes the opportunity to work with homeowners to ensure that we can all protect what helps make Chilmark a special place to call home.

The Commission rotates the chair position every two years. Candy Shweder is in her second year as Chair, with Sandy Broyard as Vice-Chair. In 2023, Kara Shemeth left the role of Conservation Agent, replaced by Carolyn Stoeber. We would like to thank Kara for her time of service and all of the expertise and good nature she brought to the role, especially serving during the challenging Covid years. We said goodbye to long-time commission member, Pam Goff, who served expertly over her tenure as commissioner. Pam helped to write the current bylaws which have stood in good stead. We thank her for her service of over 40 years. We also welcomed several new commissioners, Gary Mottau and Stephen Kass as commissioners and Jane Rabe as an associate member.

We continue to meet twice a month to review and act on applications and to conduct site inspections. The Commission visits each site to understand exactly what's being proposed before an application is heard. The Conservation Commission public hearings are conducted remotely. This year the Conservation Commission received 18 Notice of Intent applications and 16 Orders of Conditions were issued (one withdrew and one is continued into 2024) conditioning work in the buffer zones of protected resource areas. Projects ranged from tree work to building construction.

We would like to remind property owners that if you have an open Order of Conditions for a project that is complete, please request a Certificate of Compliance. Failure to receive a Certificate of Compliance and to properly file it at the Dukes County Registry of Deeds could lead to delays in real estate transactions regarding the property in question.

We are now beginning to address the impacts of climate change.

As always it's a pleasure serving you and protecting Chilmark's natural features which help make it such a special place in which to live.

Respectfully submitted,

JOAN MALKIN
RUSSELL MALONEY (resigned 2023)
GARY MOTTAU
CHRIS MURPHY
JANE RABE, Associate

CANDY SHWEDER, Chair
SANDY BROYARD, Vice Chair
PAMELA GOFF (retired 2023)
STEPHEN KASS
SARAH KHEDOURI

Chilmark Historical Commission

To the Honorable Select Board and
the Residents of Chilmark:

The Historical Commission held five hybrid meetings in 2023 to allow members of the Commission and the public to attend in person at the town hall or remotely via Zoom.

After 20 years serving on the Commission, long-time member Stephen McGhee stepped down in the spring. The Commission welcomed new member Katie Carroll, who is an active volunteer in the town, serves on town boards and writes the Chilmark Town column for the Vineyard Gazette.

The Historical Commission spent some time this year creating an inventory of historical items in the Town's collection. Historical items are already placed in several of the Town's buildings and more displays are planned in the coming year, including items received from Rasmus Klimm's family last year. The Commission plans to hire an archival assistant to keep the Historical inventory up-to-date.

The Cemetery Commission joined the Historical Commission for a few of its meetings to discuss a variety of topics including graves on Nomans Island and Abel's Hill Cemetery maintenance. The Historical Commission supported the Cemetery Commission's request for CPA funds for gravestones restoration at Abel's Hill Cemetery.

In recognition of her significant role in preserving the history of the Town, the Historical Commission voted to award long-time member, and past chair, Jane Slater with the Historical Commission Award. Mrs. Slater has served 25 years on the board, 20 of which were as chairperson. A presentation of the award will be held in 2024.

The Historical Commission appreciates donations of pictures and relics from the Town's history. Please contact the town hall if you have any items you would like to be included in the historical collection.

The board welcomes town residents, who are interested in serving on the commission, to please contact Alison Kisselgof at the town hall.

Respectfully submitted,

BARBARA ARMSTRONG, Chair
JOHN FLENDER
JANE SLATER
LEONARD JASON
STEPHEN MCGHEE
JIM MALKIN

Martha's Vineyard Commission

To the Honorable Select Board
and Citizens of Chilmark:

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 each from the Dukes County Commission, each Island Select Board, and the Governor of Massachusetts. Commission officers in 2023 were Joan Malkin of Chilmark, Chair; Brian Smith of Oak Bluffs, Vice-Chair; and Ernie Thomas of West Tisbury, Clerk-Treasurer. The Commission is supported by a professional staff of fourteen, two of whom are vision fellows. More detail is provided below and is available on the Commission's website, www.mvcommission.org.

COMMISSION FOCUS 2023

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 2023, Commission staff completed the eighth year of extensive testing. Since 2016, multiple samplings have been conducted in 16 Island ponds. Water samples are used to measure nutrient and chlorophyll content, pond visibility, temperature, salinity, and other factors. The testing was conducted using the same locations and methods as those used in the Massachusetts Estuaries Project, which ensures comparable results. Comprehensive reports between 2016 and 2018 detail the results of the testing and evaluate the current trends for each pond. A similar report will be completed for the data obtained over the summer of 2023. A trends analysis report evaluating the changes observed over the prior period of study will also be completed for 2023. The MVC continues to update the website to make pond data and reports more accessible to the public.

The Commission was heavily involved in the development and testing of various alternative technologies. Two years of monthly monitoring and testing for efficacy of the permeable reactive barrier (PRB) along the coast of Lagoon Pond in Tisbury has been completed. Results from the testing have shown almost complete removal of nitrogen through the barrier. Another site for a PRB in the Lagoon Pond system is being explored with hopes for implementation in 2024.

The MVC also funded and participated in the development and monitoring of innovative wastewater systems that have the potential to radically reduce the amount of nitrogen leeching into ponds from Title 5 septic systems. In order to

demonstrate their effectiveness to State and Federal regulators, these systems require extensive and meticulous testing. The systems have functioned well and are expected to make large impacts in addressing the nitrogen degradation in Island ponds. MVC staff continues to assist with the testing of the pilot systems. Results have been promising and several of the installations were conditioned in MVC DRIs. Mass DEP has implemented amendments to the Title 5; these implementations are not currently required on Martha’s Vineyard but will be put in place within the next several years. The MVC will work with Towns to meet these new proposed regulations.

Martha’s Vineyard Statistical Profile

In December 2023, the MVC updated the Martha’s Vineyard Statistical Profile, which includes hundreds of datasets and highlights trends in demographics, land use, the economy, health and education, housing and real estate, transportation, energy and the environment, and taxes and town services in Dukes County. This update covers several important developments since the previous version in 2019, including the Covid-19 pandemic, the 2020 Census, the 2022 Vineyard Climate Action Plan, and the 2024-2044 Regional Transportation Plan. A PDF version of the report is available on the MVC’s website and print copies are available at the Town Halls, libraries and the MVC building.

MVC Quarterly

In June, the MVC released the first issue of the MVC Quarterly, a newsletter covering the MVC’s planning activities. The MVC has periodically issued newsletters on various topics since 1974, including early publications on fisheries and water quality. MVC Quarterly revives this tradition with a focus on general planning. Each issue is posted on the MVC’s website and distributed via email. To join the email list, please contact Alex Elvin elvin@mvcommission.org.

Finances

The Commission’s FY2023 income was \$2,130,998 and expenses totaled \$2,448,126 comprised of the following components

Fiscal Year 2023

Total Revenues	\$2,130,998	100%	Total Expenses	\$2,448,126	100%
Total Assessments	\$1,365,389	64.07%	Salaries	\$1,203,645	49.17%
Grants and			Salary Related		
Contracts	\$615,356	28.88%	Costs	\$428,902	17.52%
DRI Fees	\$30,074	1.41%	Legal Fees	\$209,534	8.56%
Other Income	\$120,179	5.64%	Other Expenses	\$563,234	23.00%
			Mortgage Interest		
			payments for two		
			MVC-owned		
			properties	\$42,811	1.75%

The annual audit by Anstiss Certified Public Accountants showed fiscal soundness. The FY2024 budget and FY2022 audited financial statements are available on the website.

MVC Biochar Vision Fellowship 2023

- ❖ Demonstrated how to use a flame cap kiln at IGI using brush from John Keene Excavation. The biochar produced went to the IGI fruit tree orchard.
- ❖ In October, hosted a team of scientists to collect data at John Keene Excavation on flame cap kiln emissions and efficiency, to quantify the amount of carbon sequestered and the emissions produced by this technology. The data will be presented in a formal report and inform an instruction manual of best practices tailored to island climate and feedstock. The approximately 1.5 tons of biochar created will be “charged” over winter by nutrients from composting, urine, manure, and animal bedding, in preparation for spring plantings. The charred logs were used in a “Chargulkultur” berm to help capture run off from the IGI compost facility.
- ❖ Presented to the public at the MV Agricultural Society Harvest Festival and a potluck in the Ag. Hall.
- ❖ Presented to the Water Alliance and Mill Brook Watershed Committee about how biochar can help restore pond ecosystems by capturing nutrient-rich run off.
- ❖ Sourced feedstock for winter kiln demonstrations, diverting woody debris from the waste stream with help from island partners: invasive plant material from Biodiversity Works, scrap wood from South Mountain Company, tree prunings from Hagerty Tree and brush from the Oak Bluffs Transfer Station. (Kiln demonstrations were postponed due to rain and high winds.)
- ❖ Sourced free materials to build a brick kiln at Native Earth Teaching Farm.

ALL-ISLAND EFFORTS

Affordable Housing

Launch of the **MVC Housing Action Task Force**: The MVC coordinated bi-monthly workshops bringing Island governmental officials, boards, committees and agencies together with regional and State resources and our legislative delegation for the pursuit of comprehensive Island housing solutions. Meetings were either hybrid or virtual and were widely publicized and open to the public. All meetings were recorded and posted to the MVC YouTube channel and housing playlist. Some of the topics included:

- **The State of Housing Workshop** provided easy-to-access data baseline, outlined depth and scale of the housing crisis, and began to set actionable goals for the community.
- **Provincetown’s All of the Above Housing Strategy**: Hybrid workshop with Provincetown’s Town Manager Alex Morse and Select Board member Leslie Sandberg on Provincetown’s two-year multi-pronged approach to scaling up year-round housing inventory and related programs at all income levels.
- **Zoning for Year-Round and Affordable Housing**: Virtual workshop with Christine Madore of Mass Housing Partnership.
- **Incentivizing Year-Round Rentals**: Virtual workshop with Kai Frolich of Placemate.com
- **Complete Neighborhoods Initiative**: An in-depth presentation on Mass Housing Partnership’s regional grant program for housing solutions through a climate-forward lens geared for Town governments.

Joint Affordable Housing Group (JAHG): The MVC has restructured and relaunched the JAHG as a think tank/planning platform for the Town's affordable housing committees and trusts and Island housing groups to share resources and progress.

Fractional Ownership/Interval Use/Timeshare (FOITs) Ordinances: The MVC supported the Towns and regional partners with research and resources on emerging investment platforms targeting residential housing stock in resort communities. In Spring 2023, Tisbury passed the first FOITs bylaw in the Commonwealth. Edgartown and Chilmark and at work on bylaws expected at the next Annual Town Meeting.

Municipal Employee Workforce Housing Initiative: At the request of all six towns, MVC staff has initiated a partnership with Nantucket's Housing Director, regional legislators, and the Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities to forge a new legal pathway for the use of public funds for municipal employee workforce housing, including preferences in state-funded projects for town hall, emergency services, and school district staff.

Affordable Housing Inventory Analysis: The MVC has begun to work with all six towns to create an inventory of all deed-restricted housing across the Island at all income levels, and to update the Towns' subsidized housing inventories.

Housing to Protect Cape Cod: MVC staff established a strong Island presence, in partnership with Nantucket, in this regional policy development coalition. The group is working with the Governor's office and regional legislative delegation to elevate regional housing policy priorities.

Grants: The MVC secured a grant for a consultant to support the update of the 2014 Affordable and Community Housing Zoning Analysis and filed a joint grant application on behalf of all six towns for Mass Housing Partnership's Complete Neighborhoods Initiative.

Community Outreach and Education Efforts: The MVC's housing planner attends community meetings as an invited speaker to educate community groups and the public about the Island housing crisis and potential courses of action to address it.

Climate Change Planning

Climate Action Task Force: MVC staff has provided support to the political working group and convened a series of meetings with Senator Markey's office. The MVC hosted separate meetings with Tisbury and Oak Bluffs partners, along with Senator Markey, to coordinate formal Water Resources Development Act authorization requests through the US Army Corps. MVC staff also facilitated several sessions for high school students to participate in a Day of Dialogue focused on climate issues and their intersection with local, State and Federal policies.

Climate Action Plan (CAP) Implementation www.thevineyardway.org

The MVC works with towns, the Commonwealth, and Federal agencies on planning coastal areas, ocean conservation and development, and mitigating natural hazards. Coastal planning in 2019 focused on hazard mitigation and especially climate change adaptation. There is very little doubt that climate change has begun to produce significant effects on the Vineyard, and that it is

accelerating. However, there are many ways that the impacts can be mitigated. Adaptation to sea-level rise, in particular, involves a choice of retreat, abandonment, or elevation of buildings and infrastructure—all necessary and costly options. There are difficult choices ahead for Island leaders, homeowners, and business owners. As planning professionals, it is the responsibility of MVC staff to provide material for thoughtful solutions and to encourage responsible and clear-headed decision making.

Ecosystem Resilience Grant: The MVC was awarded an MA Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Program grant to address ecosystem resilience. This collaborative project includes updating the Island’s vegetation maps, eelgrass delineation maps to identify potential aquaculture sites, a campaign aimed at promoting resilient landscaping, and planning for the 2024 Climate Action Fair.

The Climate Action Plan Community Coordinating Committee meets on the second Friday of the month with representatives from the Town Climate Committees to coordinate climate change actions.

Climate Action Fair 2023: Held on May 7, 2023 at the Ag Hall, the Climate Action Fair had a general focus on waste management, and was a huge success. There were workshops on mending clothes, composting, and there were onsite energy consultants, raffles and giveaways, food and dancing.

WMVY Series: In the spring of 2023 WMVY Radio held a series of zoom panel discussions called Walking Through the Vineyard Climate Action Plan. The discussions can be viewed on WMVY’s website, Community Outreach page. The topics include: Managed Retreat from the Coast, Consumption and Waste, Public Health, Climate Change and the Local Economy, and Renewable Energy. A special thank you to the former WMVY community outreach director Laurel Reddington for organizing and moderating the series.

New MV Times Climate Connections Column: Launched in June 2023, a new monthly MV Times column called Climate Connections looks at what is being done on the Island to address climate change and highlight what everyone can do to help make a positive difference. The column is written by retired educator Doris Ward, with Liz Durkee providing guidance and background.

Energy Planning

In 2022, the Martha’s Vineyard Vision Fellowship awarded a two-year fellowship to the MVC for an Energy Planner. Kate Warner was chosen to develop this new role. The Energy Planner’s job is focused on the regional level on the Island’s transition away from fossil fuel use and towards 100% electricity from renewable sources to address the climate crisis and increase our Island’s energy resilience. The Energy Planner works to influence major Island players, such as Eversource and the Steamship Authority, and support resilience projects to encourage the necessary transition.

Eversource: Quarterly meetings with Eversource, with representation from each of the Towns, the County, the MVC and Vineyard Power, have focused on strategies to increase and modernize our electrical infrastructure as demand for electricity rises. Additionally, to increase our energy resilience, discussion has included how to work with Eversource to interconnect microgrid - with solar and batteries - for Town and Island critical facilities that would allow them to

continue to operate during times of power failure. Eversource will be installing one new cable and one replacement cable by 2025 which will provide adequate power for our summer peak demand and our projected power needs at least through 2050. The new cables will also allow for the end of the use of five diesel generators and the Tisbury temporary generators.

Steamship Authority: The Energy Planner held an event in March called “Ferries Now” to raise awareness about the transition of ferries away from fossil-fuel propulsion. Speakers from Denmark, Maine and Washington State spoke about their electrification plans. The goal was to support the Steamship in moving towards electrification. The Steamship is beginning to address how they will meet the State’s mandated climate goals for 2050 using alternative propulsion methods. Emissions reductions will also provide health benefits to residents of the port towns, in particular. Letters of support to the Steamship to encourage this work would be appreciated.

Energy Resilience: A technical assistance grant from the National Renewable Energy Lab (NREL)/US Department of Energy called the Energy Transition Initiative Partnership Project (ETIPP) has been obtained to look at strengthening the resilience of the down-island water departments in times of prolonged power failure. Having adequate water- for the public and for wildfire prevention- and energy supply continue to be a challenge in other places after major weather events.

Getting to Net Zero: The Energy Planner has developed a Getting to Net Zero document to provide information about our island’s energy use and address the non-binding resolution passed at each town meeting with a goal of 100% electric from renewable sources by 2040 and the State’s mandated decarbonization goals by 2050. This report is available on the MVC website and in other public places.

GIS (Geographic Information System) Department

The MVC’s mapping department continued to support primarily regional projects in 2023. Projects were either lead by the MVC or Town Departments working with their respective cohorts across the Island.

What we do: The MVC’s mapping department provides the following to all Town Departments, Boards, and Committees within Dukes County.

1. ***We make maps.*** Either delivered as static JPEG or PDF images or as interactive online maps.
2. ***We create digital spatial data, deliver data, and disseminate data.***
 - a. Spatial data is compiled through either GPS or extracted from authoritative basemaps and subsequent GIS analysis.
 - b. Deliver spatial/GIS data to Town’s hired consultants via our ArcGIS OnLine data hub and direct delivery for custom requests.
 - c. Dissemination of our GIS spatial data is done through our Gateway. The links on the Gateway lead one directly to the GIS data for download but also to our Online Gallery of interactive dashboards and story maps that engage and inform.
 - d. Curated Gallery of online interactive maps created by *other* organizations that provide useful information to Town employees and residents on a wide range of topics.

3. ***We provide GIS software technical support*** and guidance/mentorship to all the entities who participate in our Regional GIS software contract with ESRI.

How to get mapping assistance: Any Town Department, Board, or Committee may contact the MVC's mapping department at any time. For most projects, our work is considered pre-paid through the Town's annual assessment to the MVC. Email Chris Seidel (she/her): seidel@mvcommission.org

Mapping Contribution to Regional Projects, Grant Applications, Reports & Miscellaneous Town Request:

Vegetation Delineation, Potential Aquaculture Sites, and Wildlife Corridors - MVP Grant FY24 "Eco-Resilience" There are several projects within this grant that the MVC's GIS Department is involved in. First, vegetation mapping/delineation. The MVC GIS staff spent the first half of 2023 garnering project support & input from local conservation groups and MassWildlife/Natural Heritage Endangered Species Program (NHESP) and key research groups like Harvard Forest and Woodwell Climate Research Center to identify the project's scope and approach. The second half of 2023 included hiring the consultant and providing baseline datasets to Thomson Environmental Consultants to map the Vineyard's vegetation habitats per the NHESP Natural Communities classification scheme. Vegetation on MV was last mapped in circa 2000 by The Nature Conservancy and UMass Amherst. This update of vegetation communities is critical to habitat management and climate change/resiliency planning. A draft dataset is anticipated by the end of 2023 and the final version in the Spring of 2024.

The second project within this grant is Potential Aquaculture Siting within Tashmoo, Lagoon, and Sengekontacket Ponds. The GIS department has created a series of datasets which detail areas where aquaculture is excluded. Eelgrass surveys will be conducted outside the exclusion areas to further pinpoint where future aquaculture could be sited.

The third project within the MVP Grant is to map wildlife corridors. This is a collaboration of the MVC with BiodiversityWorks. Knowing the location of the critical wildlife corridors will inform the final delineation of Ecosystem Resilience Prioritization Areas, which will be done in collaboration with all the local conservation groups. The MVC and BiodiversityWorks have met several times this fall to discuss the methods for mapping the wildlife corridors.

All work within the MVP24 Eco-Resilience grant supports the implementation of the Climate Action Plan of 2022.

Fire Hydrants: Continuing to support the fire departments of Edgartown, Oak Bluffs, Tisbury, & West Tisbury with their First Due planning & responding software, the MVC GIS Department digitized the hydrant locations for Edgartown and Tisbury. For both towns, the hydrant locations existed on paper maps but not as digital GIS data. These data have now been created and submitted to the FirstDue company for inclusion in the Town's FirstDue software program. Per the Edgartown Fire Department's request, the MVC created an online interactive map showing the hydrants and parcel boundaries. This map

is not shared with the public, per the Edgartown Water Department's request, and so no URL link to the map is provided here.

Storm Tide Pathways: The MVC GIS staff continue to educate and promote the Storm Tide Pathways data and its applicability to impending storm preparation and future sea level rise impacts. See [this document](#) for links to Storm Tide Pathways resources and a town-wide map for each Island town showing the potential inundation based on the National Weather Service Flood Stage Categories.

Statistical Profile Maps: Every so many years the MVC updates the County-wide Statistical Profile report and 2023 was one of those years. This a great go-to resource for baseline info covering many fronts – transportation, census, economy, etc. The MVC GIS staff created several [maps for the statistical profile](#). Check them out!

Miscellaneous: Supporting the MVC GIS Department's motto of "New Day – New Map" there are a multitude of requests for maps from MVC staff and Town employees throughout the year. Here are some notables from 2023:

- Community Neighborhoods Initiative
- Regional Transportation Plan - Percent Racial Minority Block Group 2020
- Zoning Maps requested by Town Boards
- State of Housing on MV Presentation
- West Tisbury Visionary Map requested by Town Planning Board. Includes:
 - o Building Ownership by Seasonal or Year-Round resident
 - o Building Use - Residential or Other
 - o Affordable Housing Sites - Complete inventory as of 2019

Ongoing Data Updates: The MVC continually maintains a **trails and open space/conservation land database** for Dukes County with input from the Island Conservation Partnership. This data changes frequently as new properties are acquired into conservation and new trails are constructed. These data are shared with the public in our ArcGIS OnLine cloud space ([open space, trails](#)). From that portal, the data are pushed into the Sheriff's Meadow Foundation's [TrailsMV App](#) as well as the [Martha's Vineyard Land Bank's online map](#). These resources allow the public to appreciate this work and the beauty of the Island. Maintaining these datasets also benefits the Towns for completion of their Open Space Plans (required by the State) and planning of special ways, scenic ways, and expansion of the Island's Shared Use Paths and signed bike routes.

In collaboration with the Dukes County Registry of Deeds, the MVC's mapping department maintains an online interactive data dashboard with the monthly real estate sales that have occurred in Dukes County. The registry supplies the MVC with the monthly sales spreadsheet. [Visit the dashboard](#).

Transportation Planning

The MVC performs transportation planning for the Vineyard, in association with the Towns, VTA, Martha's Vineyard Airport, the Steamship Authority, MassDOT, and the public.

Support of the 3C Process: 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. MVC staff also participates in weekly Land Use Planning Committee Meetings (LUPC), weekly Commission public hearings (MVC), staff applicant meetings for Developments of Regional Impact (DRI), municipal Board of Selectmen, Planning Board, Zoning Board, and Conservation Commission meetings.

Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP): The Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) describes and provides budgetary information for the transportation planning tasks and activities, which are to be conducted in the region during the coming year. The Unified Planning Work Program is a federally required certification document, which must be prepared and endorsed annually by the Martha's Vineyard MPO, prior to the start of the planning program. The Martha's Vineyard Commission has the responsibility of preparing the Unified Planning Work Program. The planning activities are organized first by work element in a format that will allow efficient administration, management, and reporting. The transportation planning activities are described as a procedure under specific work tasks. For each procedure, the anticipated accomplishment or product and the estimated manpower resources needed are also given. For each work task the total staffing requirements, task budget, and sources of funding are given. MassDOT contracts for planning in the region and provided approximately **\$373,966** to the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2023 MVC budget for transportation planning and related services, such as mapping, DRI project reviews, Regional Traffic Counting, Bicycle and Pedestrian activities, and an update to the Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). In addition to these activities, the MVC provides support to the municipalities with local planning technical assistance.

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 Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2023, **\$930,352** in Federal funds were obligated for Martha's Vineyard. 2023 TIP projects included the following:

- ❖ **Steamship Authority Amendment:** Two new vehicle transfer bridges and gallows - #S12843
- ❖ **VTA Amendment:** Re-allocation of state monies to cover the costs for operating assistance, facility and system modernization, facility and vehicle maintenance, fleet upgrades, vehicle replacement, and technical assistance.
- ❖ **Tisbury Drainage Improvements #609459:** Advanced to 25% design stage.

Martha's Vineyard Regional Transportation Plan 2024-2044: The MVC Joint Transportation Committee (JTC) adopted its Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) for 2024-2044, setting the stage for more targeted transportation planning in the years ahead. The RTP is updated every four years and includes detailed analysis of the transportation network, specific objectives and actions related to each transportation mode (ferry, bike, automobile, etc.) and proposed funding

allocations over the next 20 years. Some highlights include discussion of the impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic, and expanded sections on the environment, demographics, and the Steamship Authority. A PDF version of the plan is available on the MVC's website, and a limited number of paper copies are available at the MVC building.

Title VI and Environmental Justice: Staff completed the 2023 Title VI report as well as the 2023 Title VI update. The MVC continues to work with the Communication Ambassador Partnership (CAP) for its translation services.

Public Participation: Long-Range Transportation Plan Update, Edge Lane Road Community Forums, Tisbury Master Plan, Climate Action Plan "The Vineyard Way", TIP Amendments, release of the UPWP, and permanent traffic counter locations are all activities that included heavy public participation. Online surveys were distributed. Articles and flyers in the newspaper, social media postings were all methods of getting information to include public participation.

Permanent Traffic Counters: The MVC coordinated siting with MassDOT, its designer, along with the manufacturer for the Island's first automated permanent bicycle/pedestrian counter along the newly installed Oak Bluffs shared use path along Eastville Ave.

Bicycle-Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC): The MVC staffs the BPAC, an advisory committee to the JTC and the wider community on bicycling and pedestrian matters. The BPAC interacted with town boards from Aquinnah, Chilmark, Edgartown, Oak Bluffs, Tisbury, and West Tisbury in identifying common initiatives. BPAC is focusing on updating information for inclusion on maps and websites concerning getting around by bicycle. The group is also focusing on connecting the missing links and pavement conditions throughout the entire SUP network. Staff assisted municipalities through the vulnerable road user sign process.

- ❖ For the second year, the BPAC ran a full-page public service announcement of SMART tips for bicyclists. This year, with the Dukes County support of specialty license plate revenues, the PSA was published in the Vineyard Visitor Guide from spring through the fall.
- ❖ The BPAC filmed a PSA illustrating the new Massachusetts law stipulating a 4-foot distance between motorists and cyclists or pedestrians. The PSA was shared across Facebook pages and other digital platforms.
- ❖ Given the frenetic evolution of e-bikes and other personal e-devices, BPAC and town police chiefs agreed to focus on getting operators to not exceed 20 mph when on Share Use Paths (a.k.a. Bike Paths), with emphasis on moderating speeds for traffic conditions.
- ❖ BPAC suggested to the Town of Oak Bluffs signs at the roundabout to guide bicyclists headed downtown to use the County Road SUP. The Town supported the idea and asked BPAC to seek input and support from the other towns to develop a consistent design for such bike signs.

Up-Island Shared-Use Path Feasibility: Along with BPAC representation, MVC staff has met with the West Tisbury Complete Streets Committee and Chilmark Planning Board to present findings from an assessment of North Road

hazard areas, for instance where multiple user types are sharing the Right of Way. Conceptual recommendations have been identified as well. This is an ongoing project.

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 assembling easements from multiple landowners and coordinating with three town boards culminated in the creation of a new trail linking the Edgartown School and recreation center to Clevelandtown Road. Agreements with the Tisbury and Oak Bluffs selectboards were created or expanded for the land bank to manage trails over specific ancient ways on behalf of the towns. Staff also work closely with open space committees on establishing new networks and connections.

Transportation Mangers Group (TMG): The MVC is a member of the Transportation Managers Group (TMG). As with the Massachusetts Association of Regional Planning Agencies (MARPA), the 13 regional planning agencies across the State that form the TMG are advisory bodies to member communities, private business groups, and State and Federal governments. The MVC Transportation Program Manager meets monthly with other members of TMG, along with senior Commonwealth officials, to discuss legislation and funding programs related to transportation, and to collaborate on many fronts.

Island Transportation Engineer: The MVC offered all Towns the opportunity to opt into the Island Transportation Engineering resource, managed by MVC staff. Oak Bluffs, West Tisbury and Aquinnah advanced projects during 2023. With input from the Towns, the MVC has structured a cost-sharing agreement where towns could secure these engineering services once again in FY2025.

Data Collection/Permanent Traffic Counters: The MVC analyzed and presented data on the island's six permanent traffic counting stations. Data on traffic volumes, speeds, and vehicle classes can be found on the [MS2 portal](#) on the MVC website. The MVC conducted a total of 107 automated traffic recorder counts in 2023. A total of 80 counts were conducted along Island roadways, 27 counts were conducted along the shared-use paths. Staff also conducted 7 turning movement counts by hand. The MVC also assisted the Town of Edgartown in counting volumes on the Dike Bridge from July-October. Staff began data collection efforts along the Edgartown-West Tisbury Road Corridor for a future corridor study.

Geographic Information Systems: Staff continued to create maps for trails, soil types, bike path data, development of historic trends and future predictions, modeling location and quantity of potential development, environmental justice map, maps for climate action plan and long-range regional transportation plan, road maps for the statistical profile, special ways maps, and hazard impact maps.

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. MVC is working with the Town's Highway Superintendent, Town Administrator, and Planning

Board on a scope of work that focuses on traffic and bicycle and pedestrian improvements along the Edgartown-West Tisbury Road corridor, specifically the intersection of Barnes Road and Edgartown- West Tisbury Road and Airport Road and Edgartown-West Tisbury Road. Staff are currently evaluating the crash history as well as existing conditions to set up future meetings with all stakeholders. Staff are working with Oak Bluffs roads and byways committee identifying safety deficiencies in and around the network of crosswalks throughout the Seaview Avenue area. Staff are working with Chilmark on evaluating removable speed bumps on Basin Road.

Project Reviews/Developments of Regional Impact: The Transportation Program Manager provided traffic impact analysis and local technical assistance for the following project reviews/DRIs: Scrubby Neck Road, West Chop Club, Big Sky Tents, Outermost Inn, Old Stone Bank, Tisbury Marine Terminal, Southern Tier, Refuse District, Kuehn’s Way, Four Sisters Inn, Airport Hanger Lot, Meshacket Commons, Safe Harbor, Navigator Homes, North Bluff round-about, The Yard, Stillpoint Meadows, YMCA, Boys and Girls Club, Edgartown Gardens, Black Dog, Sea Bags, Beecher Park, Arlington Avenue, Lagoon Pond Road, Surke Meadow, Crackatuxet Cove, Northern Pines, Dukes County Avenue, Island Food Pantry, Island Grown Initiative, Nina’s dine and dash, MVRHS Athletic Fields, Bangs Subdivision, 3 Uncas Avenue, Caleb Prouty House, and Red Arrow Road. The program manager also works with the applicant’s consultants throughout the DRI process. For some projects the DRI process can last over a year.

Inter-Regional Transportation Activities: Staff continued to work with groups such as Healthy Aging MV to address elderly transportation concerns. Staff assisted a fellow who is on island conducting bio-char presentations. The MVC is coordinating with Nantucket and FRCOG on a Safe Streets 4 All grant that was just awarded.

Water Quality Resources Management

The Commission continued its scientific and community work helping to protect the Vineyard’s water quality, especially our threatened coastal ponds.

Massachusetts Estuaries Project (MEP): For more than a decade, the MVC provided extensive water-quality testing and land-use data analysis as a basis for the Commonwealth’s Mass Estuaries Project, which prepares detailed models of water quality problems in coastal ponds and helps identify the most cost-effective solutions. In 2023, samples were taken for analysis four times in each system over the summer season, and where applicable, this included a sample prior and after the opening of the ponds. MVC staff worked with the Friends of Sengekontacket, Tisbury Waterways, the Lagoon Pond Association, 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).

208 Equivalency Planning for the Up-Island Towns: The MVC received a grant from the DEP to develop a 208-management plan for the towns of West Tisbury, Chilmark and Aquinnah. The up-island towns are more rural in nature

and face different water resource protection planning challenges that the down-island towns, each of which have their own wastewater collection and treatment facilities. The MVC has compiled available data and created a summary of pond conditions. A list of traditional and non-traditional nitrogen management options were created, and these methods will be considered for use in evaluating a management plan. The MVC is working with Pond working groups, Boards of Health and Conservation Commissions to develop the best plan for each Town and Pond.

Water Testing: In 2023, MVC staff again collected water samples from Farm, Sengekontacket, Lagoon, Tashmoo, Edgartown Great, Chilmark, Katama, Cape Pogue, Pocha, Tisbury Great, James, Menemsha, and Squibnocket ponds, and the Oak Bluffs Harbor, for analysis at the UMass Dartmouth School of Marine Science and Technology (SMAST). Results will be compared with data used for the MEP, to determine the status of the coastal ponds. Staff also collaborated with the Buzzards Bay Coalition and the Wampanoag Natural Resources Department for the sampling of Vineyard Sound-facing waterbodies.

Water Alliance and Associations: The Water Alliance continues to meet over zoom. The MVC Water Resource Planner is an active participant in the Martha's Vineyard Water Alliance, which meets monthly in the MVC building. Staff also attend and present at meetings of all Island pond advisory committees, and in 2019 staff presented their findings 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 groundwater pollution into Lagoon Pond, through the installation and testing of a Permeable Reactive Barrier (PRB). Two years of testing and monitoring the PRB installation was completed in 2023. Preliminary results are excellent.

Marine Invader Monitoring & Information Collaborative (MIMIC): MVC staff monitors and collaborates with MIMIC, which is coordinated by the Massachusetts Office of Coastal Zone Management, and is a network of trained volunteers, scientists, and state and federal workers who monitor marine invasive species. The collaborative provides an opportunity for the public to actively participate in an invasive species early detection network, identify new invaders before they spread out of control, and help improve our understanding of the behavior of established invaders.

Inter-Regional Collaboration

Massachusetts Association of Regional Planning Agencies (MARPA): The Commission is one of thirteen regional planning agencies across the Commonwealth that are advisory bodies to local municipalities, 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.

Citizen Planning Education and Training: The MVC hosted courses and information sessions on topics of interest to town officials, the business community, and members of the public. Each year the Commission offers Citizen Planner Training Collaborative (CPTC) workshops at no cost to attendees. These sessions aid planning and zoning board members in fulfilling their duties. The Zoning with Overlay Districts workshop originally set for November was rescheduled to early January 2024.

Translation Services: Considering the growing number of Dukes County residents with limited English proficiency, the MVC has begun exploring options for increased translation services related to its planning and regulatory activities. This may include automated translated captions for hybrid and zoom meetings, and various outreach methods for the non-English speaking community. According to the American Community Survey, about 6.4% of Dukes County residents aged five years and over speak English “less than very well,” which has almost doubled since 2016. The figure for residents aged 18 years and over is about 2.8%. At the same time, school enrollment data shows that 30% of Island students do not speak English as a first language.

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 Economic Development. RPAC is charged with making recommendations to enhance the economic vitality of the Commonwealth’s rural communities and advance the well-being of residents. Much of its focus is on the limited local capacity of smaller communities to meet mandated standards or to apply for or manage existing assistance programs. 2023 saw the state’s creation and appointment of a Director of Rural Affairs to sustain focus on rural issues at the State level – the top priority of RPAC since it was established in 2016.

Transportation Safety Action Plan: The Martha’s Vineyard, Nantucket, and Franklin County regional planning agencies were awarded a Federal Highway Administration grant of \$575,000 to create Comprehensive Safety Action Plans for each region. This project is an opportunity for the geographically distinct communities to work collaboratively to discuss and develop solutions to rural roadway safety issues. A consultant has been engaged to assist with the development of the plans. Outreach to towns and the public will begin by Spring 2024 and plans completed by mid-2025.

Commonwealth Socio-economic Projections: MVC staff joined other regional planning agencies in reviewing and commenting on Mass Department of Transportation’s completion of a multi-year effort to update population, employment, and housing forecasts for use in long-range transportation planning. As these projections are required to be for typical (Spring and Fall) periods, at the request of the Cape and Islands and the Berkshires RPAs, a separate task had the UMass Donahue Institute examine various ways to quantify seasonal populations. After sampling methods locally and from across the nation, it recommended a framework for conducting population estimates and projections in seasonal regions.

REGULATORY ACTIVITIES

Developments of Regional Impact (DRIs)

In 2023, 45 projects were reviewed in some manner by the MVC through the DRI process. 16 projects were referred as full DRIs and reviewed with public hearings; of those, seven were approved with conditions, two are on hold at the request of the applicants, and seven remain under review at the end of the year. 11 projects were referred as Concurrence Reviews; of those, eight were remanded back to their Towns without a DRI public hearing, one was determined by MVC staff to be a premature referral and the project will come back to the MVC when it is ready, two were reviewed as full DRIs with public hearings at the request of the applicants, and of those, one was approved with conditions and the other remains under review at the end of the year. 12 projects were referred as Modifications to previously approved DRIs; of those, three were determined to be minor modifications not requiring a public hearing and were remanded back to their respective Towns for approval, one was partially approved and partially denied, one was granted an extension, five modifications were reviewed as full DRIs with public hearings at the request of the applicants, and three remain under review at the end of the year. Five projects were reviewed by the Land Use Planning Committee (LUPC) for post-approval plans such as landscape and lighting plans. A total of 11 projects remain under review at the end of the year.

In January 2023, the MVC welcomed Rich Saltzberg as the new DRI Coordinator replacing Alex Elvin who has since become the MVC's Research & Communications Manager.

DRI Checklist Review: In 2023, the MVC formed a committee to review the DRI Checklist for its biennial review of the DRI Checklist.

New Policies for DRI Review: The MVC is currently working on two new policies to assist Commissioners in the review of DRIs. A new **Flood Risk Policy** for projects within flood risk areas is intended to prevent or minimize environmental, health, and property damage resulting from climate change impacts. The MVC is also working on a new **Materials Policy** to address the environmental and human health impacts of construction materials. Public input on these new policies will be gathered in the new year.

Districts of Critical Planning Concern

The Commission designates DCPCs to afford additional protection to sensitive areas, in support of special town regulations. In 2023, MVC staff provided responses to many queries from Town boards, attorneys, and property owners. In an otherwise quiet year for DCPCs, MVC staff assisted with the smooth functioning of the Districts in many ways.

ACTIVITIES FOR CHILMARK

Transportation

Data Collection: The MVC conducted Automated Traffic Recorder (ATR) counts at 8 locations in Chilmark and a Turning Movement Count (TMC) at the Basin Road/North Road intersection. The current 2024 Unified Planning Work

Program (UPWP) includes continued data collection efforts throughout the municipality.

Local Technical Assistance: The MVC aided with the discussion to install temporary speed bumps on Basin Road. The effort will continue into the New Year.

Water Quality

Chilmark Pond: MVC staff conducted water sampling and on-station field data collection in Chilmark Pond to assess changes in nutrient concentration and salinity. In 2023, samples were taken for analysis four times over the summer season, including a sample prior to and after the Pond was opened. Staff sampled and helped identify algal blooms that occurred in the Pond over the course of the year.

Menemsha, Squibnocket, and Nashaquitsa Ponds: Staff conducted water sampling and on-station field data collection in Menemsha, Squibnocket and Nashaquitsa Pond to assess changes in nutrient concentration and salinity in cooperation with the Shellfish Warden and the Aquinnah Wampanoag Water Resource Department. In 2023, samples were taken for analysis four times over the summer season. Staff assisted the Shellfish Warden with collection for bacteria, testing, and eDNA sampling. Results will be available in a concise one-page summary.

Cyanobacteria Monitoring: MVC staff identified and documented locations of cyanobacteria to establish baseline conditions and monitor for blooms in Chilmark Pond.

Community Assistance: The MVC Water Resource Planner serves as technical advisor to the Chilmark Pond Owners and assists the Squibnocket Pond Advisory Group as needed. Staff assisted visiting researchers in sample collection and site review. Staff met with the Conservation Commission and other interested individuals to discuss the results of water quality testing and an update on the 208 process. Water samples were taken and processed for testing for source bacteria testing and for eDNA identification.

Developments of Regional Impact

No developments in Chilmark were reviewed as DRIs in 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

COMMISSIONERS

Jeff Agnoli	Edgartown, elected at-large
Trip Barnes	Tisbury, elected at-large
Christina Brown	Edgartown, elected at-large
Jay Grossman	Chilmark, elected at-large
Fred Hancock	Oak Bluffs, elected at-large
Michael Kim	Governor's Appointee
Joan Malkin	Chair, Chilmark appointed by the Select Board
Greg Martino	Tisbury, appointed by the Select Board
Kathy Newman	Aquinnah, appointed by the Select Board
Kate Putnam	Edgartown, appointed by the Select Board
Ben Robinson	Tisbury, elected at-large
Doug Sederholm	West Tisbury, elected at-large
Linda Sibley	West Tisbury, elected at-large
Brian Smith	Oak Bluffs, appointed by the Select Board
Ernie Thomas	Clerk-Treasurer, West Tisbury appointed by the Select Board
Carole Vandal	Aquinnah elected at-large
Peter Wharton	County Appointee

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Maggie Craig	Biochar Specialist - Vision Fellow
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Laura Silber	Housing Planner
Bill Veno	Senior Planner
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Commissioner Attendance 2023

AGNOLI, Jeff	Edg	E	22	88%
BARNES, Trip	Tis	E	21	84%
BROWN, Christina	Edg	E	20	80%
CONNELL, Peter	Gov NV	A	0	0%
GROSSMAN, Jay	CH	E	23	92%
HANCOCK, Fred J.	OB	E	24	96%
KIM, Michael	Gov V	A	19	76%
MALKIN, Joan Chair	CH	A	23	92%
MARTINO, Greg	Tis	A	18	72%
NEWMAN, Kathy	AQ	A	19	76%
PUTNAM, Kate	Edg	A	24	96%
ROBINSON, Ben	Tis	E	25	100%
SEDERHOLM, Doug E.	WT	E	25	100%
SIBLEY, Linda	WT	E	15	60%
SMITH, Brian Vice-Chair	OB	A	25	100%
THOMAS, Ernest R. Treasurer	WT	A	25	100%
VANDAL, Carole	AQ	E	23	92%
WHARTON, Peter	County	A	25	100%

E = Elected

A = Appointed

Gov V = Governor's Voting Appointee

Gov NV = Governor's Non-Voting Appointee

Martha's Vineyard Land Bank Commission

To the Honorable Select Board and
Citizens of the Town of Chilmark:

4102 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

A septempartite arrangement, perfectly complicated, was concluded. It resulted in the conservation of 4.9 acres of backdune, stream and pond, as the **Elder Jeffers' Pond Preserve**. The seller was the Moshup Trail Limited Partnership and the price was \$185,000. The tangles to be resolved in advance included pre-existing encroachments, boundary-line juggling and the disposition of overdue taxes. The seven parties included the Land Bank and its private-sector counterpart, the Sheriff's Meadow Foundation, as well as the town and the tribe, the latter two of which received donations of off-site property interests as a result of the Land Bank's efforts. The town's lot is slated to be used for affordable housing.

Affordable housing also figured in a second up-island transaction. The Land Bank expanded its **Gay Head Moraine** property by purchasing, for \$90,400, a 4.5-acre shrub swamp owned by the Island Housing Trust Corporation.

And it figured in a down-island transaction. The Land Bank and the town of Oak Bluffs exchanged fungible 24-acre properties at the **Southern Woodlands Reservation**, so that the town's would now have access back to a public road. The Land Bank had sought to effect the exchange in 2004, when the reservation was being assembled, but the town wasn't ready. The commonwealth legislature and governor had to approve the trade.

Islanders knew their priorities when they established the Land Bank thirty-seven years ago. One was the protection of old family farms — and in 2023 the Land Bank completed one of its goals-since-inception when it conserved the 34.9-acre northerly field and environs at the venerable Flat Point Farm. This complimented the 2013 conservation of its 38.4-acre southerly pasture. The price was \$2,533,875 and the sellers were siblings Arnold Fischer, Jr., Eleanor Neubert and Jean O'Reilly. It is integrated into the Land Bank's **Short Cove Preserve**.

Land management

Ecological inventories and studies continued at many Land Bank properties: Aquinnah Headlands Preserve, Black Brook Preserve, Cove Meadow Preserve, Edgartown Great Pond Beach, Elder Jeffers Pond Preserve, Great Rock Bight Preserve, Manaquayak Preserve, Ocean View Farm, Paint Mill Brook Preserve,

Peaked Hill Reservation, Pecoy Point Preserve, Poucha Pond Reservation, Priestester's Pond Preserve, Quenomica Preserve, Squibnocket Pond Reservation, Tisbury Great Pond Beach, Tisbury Meadow Preserve, Waskosim's Rock Reservation and Wilfrid's Pond Preserve.

The commonwealth is reviewing the Quenomica Preserve draft management plan. Staff is preparing applications — under the various town bylaws, the wetlands protection act and the endangered species act — necessary to the opening of the Squibnocket Pond Reservation.

General public access to a stretch of Lambert's Cove was achieved with the opening of the James Pond Preserve. But the preserve is more than its beach: the loop trail capitalizes on the prismatic nature of the property, as hikers on the path will observe the pond, the dune, the sound and Naushon Island shifting in and out of view. A reservation system, first used at the Manaquayak Preserve, will be used to allocate parking in the summer.

Upgrades included the installation of aluminum beach-access stairs at the Great Rock Bight Preserve escarpment, as well as replacement of the fishing pier and causeway boardwalk at the Blackwater Pond Reservation. Deteriorated decking on the walkways spanning the Fulling Mill Brook was targeted; the work is expected to be completed before the summer.

Habitat was improved. A cluster of old sheds was removed at the John Presbury Norton Farm — but two of the concrete basements were retained, one for snakes and the other for bats. Staff uprooted pines that were encroaching into the sandplain grassland at the Trade Wind Fields Preserve, buckthorn that was colonizing the Farm Pond Preserve and japanese stiltgrass that overran a portion of the Great Rock Bight Preserve.

Aspiring, more or less hopelessly, to thwart the ravaging southern pine-beetle, the Land Bank felled infested pitch pine at the Ripley's Field Preserve.

Thickening vegetation along both the North Road and Menemsha Crossroad sides of the beautiful Bliss Pond Farm was cut down. The vista is expansive. Likewise the vista at the Toms Neck Preserve, across Pease's Pond, and the Sepiessa Point savanna.

Trailheads were installed or expanded at the Caleb's Pond Preserve, Waskosim's Rock Reservation and Whippoorwill Farm. New trails were created — at the Ripley's Field Preserve, per a request from neighbors to supplement the Red Coat Hill Path ancient way, and at the Wilfrid's Pond Preserve. Staff addressed erosion along the steep trails at the Great Rock Bight Preserve and Tisbury Meadow Preserve.

The Land Bank's livestock herd — comprising some 173 goats, including 36 kids born in the spring — systematically grazed 72 acres island-wide, as part of the agency's grassland restoration protocol. The Land Bank goatherd bred 20 does, using the institution's own arapawa buck plus an alpine buck borrowed from Flat Point Farm.

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

40-44 Meetinghouse Way, Edgartown

After 32 years at 167 Main Street in Edgartown center, the Land Bank office moved to 40 Meetinghouse Way ... and after 17 years at the Southern Woodlands Reservation, the Land Bank land management workshop moved to 44 Meetinghouse Way. Purchase of the conjoined properties allowed the Land Bank for the first time to conjoin in one location all of its activities and functions — administration, property management, staff housing and, as needed, pasturing of livestock, as 40-44 Meetinghouse Way abuts the Land Bank’s Quenomica Preserve North and its fields. The Edgartown town meeting will decide in 2024 whether to purchase 167 Main Street, at the discounted price of \$1,550,000.

XIH

The 31st annual XIH ranged 17.3 miles from the Long Point Wildlife Refuge in West Tisbury to the Tashmoo inlet in Vineyard Haven. Approximately ninety people participated in the cross-island trek. Some 75 started; 43 — the most ever — completed the entire hike. The route passed along 12 conservation properties and 8 named ancient ways.

Budget and related matters

The following chart synthesizes the Land Bank’s annual finances. Anyone wishing to review the budget in its entirety, which includes a narrative describing the purpose of each line item expenditure, is encouraged to read it on the Land Bank website:

	fiscal year 2023 budgeted	fiscal year 2023 actual	fiscal year 2024 budgeted
	cash amount and percentage of total	cash amount and percentage of total	cash amount and percentage of total
revenues	\$17,000,000	\$16,338,172	\$13,000,000*
administrative expenses	(\$ 736,988) 4%	(\$ 656,157) 4%	(\$ 754,698) 6%
land management expenses	(\$ 3,302,764) 19%	(\$ 1,949,647) 12%	(\$ 2,771,535) 21%
debt service expenses	(\$ 7,857,137) 46%	(\$ 7,879,942) 48%	(\$ 8,190,837) 62%
reserve expenses	(\$ 100,000) 1%	(\$ 50,000) 50%	(\$ 500,000) 1%
unencumbered new receipts	\$ 5,003,081 29%	\$5,802,426 36%	\$ 1,232,930 10%

As of December 1, 2023 the Land Bank treasury contained some \$12,365,000 in cash, to fund all expenses including new acquisitions and the payment of debt service for existing properties.

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

Per statute, first-time homebuyers paid no Land Bank fee on purchase prices at or below \$800,000; in 2024 the threshold will be \$900,000. This is called the “m” exemption and 34 transactions qualified for it in 2023.

Gifts

The Land Bank gratefully accepted the following gifts: (1.) Robert and Patricia Ivry, \$72, in honor of Richard Kazis; and (2.) Tammy Kallman, \$100, in memory of Wayne Kallman.

Transfer fee revenues

Fiscal Year 2023 transfer fee revenues were:

	transfer fee revenues received July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023	percent of total
Aquinnah Fund	\$ 176,120	1%
Chilmark Fund	\$ 612,720	4%
Edgartown Fund	\$ 3,603,504	22%
Oak Bluffs Fund	\$ 1,659,147	10%
Tisbury Fund	\$ 1,165,586	7%
West Tisbury Fund	\$ 958,450	6%
<i>Central fund</i>	\$ 8,175,527	50%
	\$16,338,172	100%

This represented a 27% decrease over the previous year.

Commissioners and staff

The Land Bank commission currently comprises the following members: Steven Ewing, Edgartown; Pamela Goff, Chilmark; Wesley Mott, commonwealth; Kristen Reimann, Oak Bluffs; Sarah Thulin, Aquinnah; Nancy Weaver, Tisbury; and Peter Wells, West Tisbury. The year-round Land Bank staff comprises the following individuals: Janette Andrews, fiscal officer; Jean-Marc Dupon, conservation land assistant; Maureen Hill, office manager; Zachary Jessee, goatherd; Harrison Kisiel, land superintendent; Jeffrey Komarinetz, conservation land assistant; James Lengyel, executive director; Antone Lima, crew manager; Julie Russell, ecologist; Timothy Sheran, conservation land assistant; Blake Wasson, conservation land assistant; and Bryn Willingham, ecology assistant.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES LENGYEL
Executive Director

Planning Board

To the Honorable Select Board
and Residents of the Town of Chilmark:

In January 2023, the Planning Board finalized the proposal to amend section 4.2A, 3. Swimming Pool and/or Tennis Court in the Zoning Bylaws. This amendment proposal was voted by the Town at the April 24, 2023 Annual Town Meeting. The Attorney General partially approved the amendment on November 6, 2023. The Planning Board also worked to prepare proposals to amend the Guest House (4.2A, 1.) and Accessory Apartment (6.12, A.) sections of the Zoning Bylaws, to amend the Exception for Affordable Rental Housing section (6.10) and to amend the Zoning Bylaws to address fractional ownership, interval and timeshare issues. This work is in progress.

In November 2023, the Planning Board held public hearings to gather input on a proposed amendment to the Zoning Bylaws to address Pickle Ball Court Use. The public hearings have been continued into 2024.

The Planning Board deliberated on the topic of zoning bylaws that would address the commercial and public activities of farms in Chilmark at the fall 2023 meetings of the Board. This discussion continues into 2024.

The Planning Board intermittently met with members of the Peaked Hill Pastures RFP Committee to discuss the ongoing planning for the affordable housing initiative.

In September 2023, the Planning Board was requested by the Select Board to research and recommend solutions to the speed of traffic on Basin Road in Menemsha. The Planning Board Subcommittee took on the task, with the assistance of Dan Doyle of the MV Commission, and prepared a recommendation that was submitted to the Select Board on December 18, 2023.

On May 22, 2023, the Planning Board reorganized the Subcommittee for the purpose of developing an update to the Town's Master Plan. The Subcommittee meets twice per month, generally on the same 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month at 3PM, just prior to the Board meeting at 4:30PM. The Subcommittee has engaged with professionals at the MV Commission and has completed issuing a Master Plan Survey to Town Boards, Committees and Departments. As of December 31, 2023, the Subcommittee was receiving survey responses, assessing the responses and determining where the responses may fit into a chart of leading Town topics and concerns. The Planning Board Subcommittee, with the approval of the Board, plans to issue a survey in 2024 to the wider Townspeople to gather additional data.

In 2023, the Planning Board reviewed four (4) Approval Not Required (ANR) plans and three were endorsed and one was withdrawn. In addition, the Board approved two (2) additional dwellings in previously approved subdivisions. One (1) Form C Definitive Subdivision application and plan was

submitted to the Planning Board in 2023. The plan is under review as of December 31, 2023.

The Planning Board oversees two subcommittees: the Trails and Byways Committee and the Squibnocket Pond District Advisory Committee.

The Chilmark Trails and Byways committee is committed to connecting and preserving the scenic ways and trails of Chilmark. Any private landowner who would like to discuss a trail easement on or through their property or who has an interest in being a member of the Committee is encouraged to contact the Planning Board.

The Squibnocket Pond District Advisory Committee, temporarily chaired by Leanne Cowley, serves as an advisory committee to the Chilmark Planning Board. The committee's purpose is to help monitor the condition and health of the pond and its watershed, and to recommend actions to the Town of Chilmark that would mitigate problems such as excess nitrogen levels; the impact of invasive species; and issues with water quality and water usage arising from development. SPDAC members attend Site Review meetings that examine project applications that are within the Squibnocket Overlay District and subject to Article 12 of the Zoning Bylaws. For the past two years, members of the committee have attended meetings of the Squibnocket Pond Working Group of the MVC's Up-Island Watershed Management Plan Committee, which seeks to secure 208 funding for mitigation projects. The committee's website page contains more detail on Squibnocket Pond and SPDAC's history and purpose: <https://www.chilmarkma.gov/squibnocket-pond-district-advisory-committee>. Residents who have an interest in being a member of the Committee are encouraged to contact the Planning Board.

The Planning Board also assists with the annual meeting of the North Tabor Farm Committee. This Committee held their annual meeting on October 2, 2023.

Everyone is welcome to attend the Planning Board's meetings, which are normally held on the second and fourth Mondays of each month at 4:30 p.m. in the Selectmen's Meeting Room, but are currently held via a remote connection. If you are unable to attend, please visit the town website at www.chilmarkma.gov for the latest meeting minutes and calendar of events.

Respectfully submitted,

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Community Preservation Committee

To the Honorable Select Board
and the Citizens of Chilmark:

Chilmark was an early adopter of the Community Preservation Act which, through a surcharge on local property taxes combined with matching state funding, is used to support projects aimed at recreation and open space protection, affordable housing development, and historic preservation. We were pleased to receive almost \$143,000 from the Commonwealth in matching funds for fiscal year 2024 which represents a 45.5% state match of the town's 2023 CPA tax-collected revenue.

A public informational hearing was held in November to get feedback from the community on the needs, possibilities, and resources of the town regarding community preservation possibilities. We extend our sincere gratitude to all who participated and encourage continued engagement in shaping the future of CPA-funded projects at these annual public hearings.

The committee received twelve applications for funding, each carefully reviewed during our meetings conducted via remote participation. We reaffirm our support for the Chilmark Housing Committee Rental Assistance Program, recognizing the critical need for affordable housing in our community. Additionally, efforts to preserve our town's rich history continue, with ongoing projects at Abel's Hill Cemetery and the preservation of the Brickyard history under the stewardship of the Trustees. Regional projects aimed at enhancing community spaces and addressing housing needs on Martha's Vineyard include improvements at the Old Mill and Grange Hall in West Tisbury and community housing projects for Island Autism Group, Harbor Homes, and Island Housing Trust.

We look forward to supporting the Peaked Hill Pastures project, which will further our affordable housing goals. We remain committed to enhancing the quality of life for all residents and preserving the unique character of our beloved town.

Respectfully submitted,

BILL ROSSI, Chair, Select Board
JULIANNA FLANDERS, Park & Recreation
STEPHEN KASS, Conservation Commission
STEVE LEWENBERG, Member-at-Large
ALLISON CAMERON PARRY, Housing Committee
JANE SLATER, Historical Commission
ADAM SLOAN, Member-at-Large
CATHERINE THOMPSON, Planning Board

Park & Recreation Committee

To the Honorable Select Board and
the Residents of Chilmark:

The summer season in Menemsha was once again bustling with activity, and we are grateful for the collaborative efforts that contributed to its success.

One significant improvement was the management of traffic and parking, which greatly benefited from the coordinated efforts of Menemsha Stakeholders. Their diligent work ensured smoother traffic flow and enhanced safety for residents and visitors alike. Additionally, the availability of VTA service to the Town Lot provided convenient transportation options, further alleviating congestion in the area.

We are pleased to report that all of the lessees renewed their leases on the bulkhead in Menemsha. We extend our gratitude to these lessees for their continued dedication to Menemsha's economy, history, and culture. Their contributions play a vital role in maintaining Menemsha's identity as a vibrant and healthy commercial fishing port.

It has been our privilege to contribute to the preservation and prosperity of Menemsha.

Respectfully submitted,

JULIANNA FLANDERS, Chair
TIM CARROLL
ANDY GOLDMAN
JIM MALKIN
JANE SLATER

Zoning Board of Appeals

To the Honorable Select Board
and the Residents of Chilmark:

In 2023, the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) bid farewell to Russell Maloney and welcomed new alternate member Emily Josephs and new Building Inspector/Zoning Enforcement Officer Adam Petkus.

The ZBA meetings continued to be held remotely for the year. In July, Chris Murphy became Chair, taking over from Frank Lo Russo.

The pool by-law was successfully amended this year, a process that started in 2018 but was delayed by the pandemic.

A total of 35 applications were received by the ZBA in 2023. The Board diligently reviews every application to make sure all projects meet the Zoning By-Law specifications that have been approved by Chilmark voters. Many times before a Special Permit is voted by the Board, the applicants continue their hearing while they revise their plans to meet the by-law specifications, a process that can span several months. The types of petitions and the decisions made in 2023 are shown below. The total is greater than 35 because several of the applications were filed under multiple by-laws.

The high number of approvals is an indication that applicants were aware of the by-law requirements and either proposed their project in accordance with the by-law or amended their project to comply with the by-law requirements following the ZBA's explanation of those requirements and relevant considerations.

Type of Petition	Approved	Denied	Continued	Withdrawn
Guesthouses	7	1	0	0
Built-in pools	13	0	0	0
Tennis Courts	1	0	0	0
Pickle Ball Courts	0	0	0	1
Setback Exceptions	5	0	0	0
Accessory Apartments	2	0	0	0
Residential Building Size	7	0	0	0
Non-conforming Uses	4	0	0	0
Designated Areas	3	0	0	0
Squibnocket Pond District	0	0	1	0

Respectfully submitted,

CHRIS MURPHY – Chairman
 JOAN MALKIN – Vice Chairman
 ALLISON BURGER
 FRANK LORUSSO
 JOE CHAPMAN
 FRED KHEDOURI – Alternate
 EMILY JOSEPHS – Alternate

Site Review Committee

To the Honorable Select Board of
and the Citizens of Chilmark:

The Site Review Committee is established by Article 11 of the Town's Zoning Bylaws. Its purpose is to review all proposed development activity that takes place within the Town's Districts of Critical Planning Concern (DCPC) and supplemental zoning overlay districts. The DCPC's were created by the Martha's Vineyard Commission for the entire island to preserve the natural character and beauty of Martha's Vineyard and to protect the unique natural, historical, ecological, scientific, cultural and other "values" from developments which might impair them, while contributing to the maintenance of sound local economies and property values. The DCPC's include the roadside districts along the Town's and State's major roadways and the coastal districts of the ocean, sound and coastal salt ponds. The Committee usually meets twice each month to review each project and make determinations that evaluate the benefits or detriments of a proposed project to the specific DCPC. It issues reports to the Board of Appeals, Building Inspector and other relevant town boards with its recommendations. The Building Inspector and each board take the Committee's assessments into consideration while evaluating permit applications.

The Site Review Committee rendered recommendations on 37 applications in 2023 (please note properties may be located in more than one overlay districts):

25 applications were in a roadside district including 4 additions, 13 new structures and 7 other projects.

14 applications were in a coastal district including 2 alterations, 2 additions, 6 new structures and 4 other projects.

4 applications were received in the Squibnocket Pond District (as defined in By-law 12): 2 additions and 2 new structures. The Squibnocket Pond District Advisory Committee joined the Site Review Committee for these reviews.

2 applications were received in the Meetinghouse Road and Tiasquam River District: 1 alteration and 1 new structure.

NEW STRUCTURES

House	M 33 L 17	Pool	M 30 L 67
House	M 32 L 41	Pool	M 18 L 58
House	M 35 L 132+135	Pool	M 33 L 49
House	M 4 L 22.2	Pool	M 35 L 2
Guesthouse	M 25 L 1.1	Detached BD	M 18 L 32
Garage	M 33 L 16	Pickle Ball Ct	M 33 L 30
Garage	M 23 L 7		
Garage	M 35 L 2	Pergola	M 27.1 L 85
Garage	M 11 L 1.3		

ALTERATIONS/ADDITIONS/OTHER

Additions:	Alterations:	Other:
M 33 L 16	M 27.1 L 57	M 9 L 8
M 33 L 161	M 33 L 26-28	M 32 L 41
M 35 L 6		M 12 L 39
M 23 L 7		M 37 L 4
M 34 L 1.3		M 33 L 49
M 30 L 3		M 12 L 39
M 18 L 27		M 33 L 122
M 19 L 59.4		M 21 L 36
		M 25 L 20.1

Respectfully submitted,

CLARISSA ALLEN, Chair
BILL ROSSI, Select Board
SANDY BROYARD, Conservation Commission
JAN BUHRMAN, Board of Health
KATIE CARROLL, Board of Health alternate
PETER COOK, Planning Board
JANET WEIDNER, Planning Board alternate
RICH OSNOSS, Planning Board alternate

Building Inspector

To the Citizens of Chilmark:

The Following reflects the types and numbers of building permits issued for calendar year 2023.

New Single Family Residence	10
*includes 3 Guest Houses/Apartments	
Single Family Residence:	
Additions/Alterations/Renovations	36
*includes 21 major & 15 minor	
New Garage/Barn	17
*includes 3 Detached Bedrooms & 4 Pool Houses	
Shed/Deck/Porch/Generator	17
New Commercial	0
Commercial:	
Addition/Alterations/Renovations	1
Swimming Pool	11
Miscellaneous:	
Solar Array	28
Shingle	19
Insulation/Weatherization	18
Foundation	17
Demolition/Move	19
Total:	193

This year was a year of change for the Chilmark Building Department. We said goodbye to longtime Building Inspector and local legend, Leonard “Lenny” Jason. I would like to personally acknowledge your 30+ years of excellent service to our community and celebrating the legacy of hard work and commitment you leave behind. I wish you good health, and success as you move forward in life. In the years you've been Building inspector, you have made a tremendous difference. Congratulations on your retirement, Town Hall will not be the same without you. With Lenny leaving, Billy Dillon took the helm and did a tremendous job keeping the ship a float and the wheels moving until I was able to take over as a full time Building Inspector. Billy has brought a wealth of experience and fairness to this position. I am profoundly lucky to have his guidance and support settling into this new position. Coming into this position I could feel the full support of the Select Board and the entirety of the Town Hall. The community is very lucky to have such a dedicated, capable and friendly roster of employees.

It was my goal to hit the ground running. This year we re-structured the permit application process as well as all building permit applications. We hope to add online permitting in the near future, making applying and paying for a permit an ease. After 30 plus years we have adjusted the permit fee schedule, finally taking the cost off of tax payers and allowing the optional process of applying for a building permit to pay for the essential public safety service we provide. We are projecting the department to not only pay for itself but to be able to afford more hours for an administrative assistant, an electric vehicle to perform inspections as well as the service cost of online permitting, eliminating the need for paper filing. We are grateful for the continued support, coordination and care given by the Board of Health Agent, Anna McCaffrey, ZBA Administrator, Alison Kisselgof, Planning Board Admin, Jennifer Christy and Conservation Agent, Carolyn Stoeber. There is a lot of work which goes into building permit review, taking the expertise of many different groups. Without the professionalism of these dedicated town employees, it would be a long and arduous task. Of course, I would like to specifically thank the extremely efficient, gracious and professional Akeyah Lucas. I am lucky to have your continued help steering this department in the right direction. The constant and continued professionalism of Gas Inspector, Ron Ferreira, Wiring Inspectors, Robert Young and Cole Powers are always appreciated and respected. In short, the Building department is operating at full speed, ready to take on the new building code slated to be adopted this upcoming July and any other new Laws or ordinances which might come into effect before then. We remain dedicated to serve the citizens of Chilmark by providing competency and professionalism in all aspects of public service. Thank you for the opportunity to fill this role and to serve the community I care so much about. Until next year, look for the rock on the freshly poured foundation wall.

	2020	2021	2022	2023
New Single Family Residence	11	13	16	10
Single Family Residence Additions/Alterations	40	48	49	36
Garage/Barn	14	20	15	17
Shed/Deck/Porch/Fence	16	16	24	17
New Commercial	0	1	2	0
Commercial Additions/Alterations	2	11	1	1
Swimming Pools	9	9	9	11
Miscellaneous	41	43	76	101
TOTALS	133	161	192	193

Respectfully submitted,

ADAM PETKUS
Inspector of Buildings

6/29/23	2023/30	MEGAN KATHERINE E & WANAMAKER EDWARD R	15 HIGH MEADOW	007-021-043	10X14' Shed	Homeowner	\$6,000.00	\$50.00
6/14/23	2023/31	ARIF ALI & KAVI MATSCHULLAT	34 FLOWERS LN	026-028-00	14 KW Solar roof array	James Mahoney for Constal Solar NY	\$73,789.00	\$150.00
6/14/23	2023/31	LEVITAN SHAMA TRUSTEE	4 FULLING MILL HILL	019-039-00	Insulation/weatherization	Matthew J. Russell for 5C Energy	\$3,014.80	\$150.00
6/27/23	2023/37	KRIS DAVID S & JOEY A TRS	3 BLUE STEIN LN	035-009-00	Roofing	Holmes Hole Builders, LLC	\$295,000.00	\$150.00
6/27/23	2023/37	KRIS DAVID S & JOEY A TRS	4 NORTH RIDGE RD	016-032-00	Roofing, siding & trim	Holmes Hole Builders, LLC	\$80,000.00	\$150.00
6/27/23	2023/37	SHEDD'S MEADOW FOUNDATION	64 STATE RD	039-025-00	17.5 KW Solar roof array	Herd Construction	\$1,278.42	\$150.00
6/29/23	2023/38	FAUTEUX HENRY R JR	141 QUANSSO RD	022-085-03	Insulation/weatherization	Steven P. Hebert for Elite Energy Services	\$15,000.00	\$150.00
6/29/23	2023/38	DOHERTY BRIGID & PAOLO MORANTE	3 BASSETT PLACE RD	007-066-00	Repair/restore existing shed	Homeowner	\$1,000.00	\$150.00
6/29/23	2023/38	DOHERTY BRIGID & PAOLO MORANTE	7 HICKORY LN	007-066-00	Main House screened porch	Homeowner	\$28,000.00	\$150.00
6/29/23	2023/38	DOHERTY BRIGID & PAOLO MORANTE	7 HICKORY LN	007-066-00	Remo 337 sq. ft. add 479 sq. ft. to SFR	Homeowner	\$1,100,000.00	\$1,024.50
6/29/23	2023/38	DOHERTY BRIGID & PAOLO MORANTE	7 HICKORY LN	007-066-00	13X16' Detached Office (no sleeping space) *annexed from shed on 15 August 2022	D. Andrew Dickson for Dickson Development	\$10,000.00	\$50.00
7/02/23	2023/43	BECKER MONTE & MELANIE	18 TIASQUAM RIDGE LN	008-023-00	Add 10'X20' kitchen bumpout/mudroom; 144 sq. ft. second floor dormer addition	Virgil Beckins	\$210,000.00	\$258.00
7/08/23	2023/45	FARRON RODNEY D TRUSTEE	11 LOOKOUT PLACE	016-009-00	Insulation/weatherization	Matthew J. Russell for 5C Energy	\$4,728.94	\$150.00
7/18/23	2023/48	PATTISON MARGARET S	77 MIDDLE RD	011-009-00	Insulation/weatherization	Matthew J. Russell for 5C Energy	\$5,097.15	\$150.00
7/27/23	2023/57	KRIS DAVID S & JOEY A TRS	45 TILTON RD	004-016-00	Demolish 2412 sq. ft. SFR 3025 sq. ft. above grade)	Bamborfer Estes, Inc.	\$2,900,000.00	\$31,550.00
8/02/23	2023/59	CHILMARK TOWN OFFSCHOOL	85 STATE RD	039-095-00	Replace thirty (30) windows	Peter Ferraro	\$149,000.00	\$0.00
8/23/23	2023/59	HAAR JONATHAN	26 OLD RIDGE HILL	011-002-04	Weatherization/air-sealing	Efficient Buildings Inc.	\$3,000.00	\$150.00
8/23/23	2023/59	WILLARD NORMAN L & ANN K	6 ABELS NECK RD	039-066-00	Weatherization/air-sealing	Apex Corporation	\$2,386.00	\$0.00
8/30/23	2023/59	443 SOUTH RD LLC	443 SOUTH RD	025-001-01	bedroom to pass-through to SFR (ZBA SP & CmtCom)	Calheta Carveland & Construction, Inc.	\$178,000.00	\$280.00
8/10/23	2023/59	ANDRUSSEN EDWARD F & SARAH D	7 TROG ALLEY	012-064-04	Remove existing garage	Calheta Carveland & Construction, Inc.	\$0.00	\$100.00
8/15/23	2023/59	QUIRK STEPHEN W & ZAHEDI SORAYAM	26 KENASOOME WAY	011-055-05	9.24 KW Solar roof array	James Mahoney for Constal Solar NY	\$15,651.00	\$150.00
8/15/23	2023/58	EDDY SUSAN	12 WELLES WAY	025-007-06	Demolish shed	Homeowner	\$1,500.00	\$25.00
8/17/23	2023/60	ROSENBERG SCOTT TRUSTEE	16 SHEPHERDS PATH	035-002-00	Demolish SFR	Homeowner	\$20,000.00	\$250.00
8/24/23	2023/60	CHRISTY JENNIFER & MICHAEL T	12 LAGEMANN LN	039-043-00	Insulation/weatherization	Martha's Vineyard Construction Co., Inc.	\$0.00	\$100.00
8/24/23	2023/60	BAILEY PAUL & KENNETH J PETERS	26 WHIPPOORWILL RD	019-014-00	Demolish damaged framing on rear of SFR for window replacement	Robert Courcier	\$3,948.82	\$150.00
8/29/23	2023/60	TATKOW MARK A & TATKOW HELENE H TRS	99 HANWETT RD	008-009-00	Interior demo for proposed renovation	Robert Courcier	\$628,000.00	\$675.00
8/29/23	2023/60	KAMBERNATHYS R & WARREN S KIMBER III	443 SOUTH RD	025-001-01	705 sq. ft. Guest House (ZBA SP & CmtCom)	Walter Gold for Gold Standard Construction	\$19,975.00	\$50.00
9/7/23	2023/61	MAGIC VINEYARD LLC	100 BEACH PLUM LN	025-001-01	20'X40' Pool (ZBA SP)	Walter Gold for Gold Standard Construction	\$80,000.00	\$250.00
9/7/23	2023/61	10 GREENWAY RD LLC	31 GREENWAY RD	011-008-03	1309 KW Solar roof array	James Mahoney for Constal Solar NY	\$54,000.00	\$150.00
9/12/23	2023/61	ASHBARI & HEINZLINGER ZACHARY	29 WELLES WAY	035-006-00	Demolish portion of SFR (kitchen, bath & porch)	James Mahoney for Constal Solar NY	\$72,159.00	\$100.00
9/12/23	2023/61	LEVITAN SHAMA TRUSTEE	33 LAKE RD	035-006-00	Demolish portion of SFR (kitchen, bath & porch)	James Mahoney for Constal Solar NY	\$72,159.00	\$100.00
9/21/23	2023/65	LEIBO LUCAS FARMS LLC	31 ROCKROSE PATH	025-002-02	Demolish SFR	James Mahoney for Constal Solar NY	\$20,000.00	\$250.00
9/26/23	2023/67	CETRULO CURTIS & THERESA C	5 OLD RIDGE HILL	011-002-01	Roofing	Peter Avramovich	\$27,000.00	\$250.00
9/26/23	2023/68	FAGELL JANE	2 ROCKROSE PATH	018-121-00	Add 96 sq. ft. SFR (2975 sq. ft. above grade) (CmtCom & VHESP)	B&B Home Improvement	\$30,625.00	\$50.00
9/26/23	2023/69	ZAGER ADAM M TRS	18 AUSTIN PASTURE	039-076-01	15.2 KW Solar roof array w/energy storage system	B&B Home Improvement	\$82,859,916.49	\$1,709.25
9/28/23	2023/71	WARNER STEVEN D & JENNIFER	5 QUENAMES RD	007-090-00	Add 96 sq. ft. mudroom to SFR (ZBA SP); replace exterior doors & windows	Peter Ferraro	\$12,000.00	\$150.00
10/3/23	2023/73	KIRWAN JAVEN PYPE	34 OLD FARM RD	011-071-02	Insulation/weatherization	Homeowner	\$2,700.00	\$150.00
10/3/23	2023/73	FRANK WELSH III	22 OCEAN VIEW FARM RD	025-098-00	Replace roof & add deck	Homeowner	\$20,000.00	\$150.00
10/5/23	2023/76	PAUL LESTER D & DEBBIE C	20 PINKLETNK RD	029-070-00	1347 sq. ft. addition to SFR	Homeowner	\$30,000.00	\$1,010.25
10/02/23	2023/17	CASA VARONA LLC	50 BEACH RD	008-002-00	Removal 2752 sq. ft. SFR (CmtCom)	Walter Gold for Gold Standard Construction	\$1,595,000.00	\$2,064.00
10/02/23	2023/19	FLANDERS NATHANIEL & KAILA	421 SOUTH RD	025-020-01	Replace twenty (20) windows & siding	Homeowner	\$30,000.00	\$50.00
10/02/23	2023/19	FLANDERS DAVID M & FRANCES C	20 RUMPS RIDGE RD	039-108-00	8.0 KW Solar roof array	Homeowner	\$38,560.00	\$50.00
10/02/23	2023/31	WESCORP INC TRUSTEE	19 PUTNAM RD	008-065-00	Add 10'X22' carport to existing garage	Homeowner	\$7,000.00	\$150.00
10/17/23	2023/13	WARNER STEVEN D & JENNIFER	34 OLD FARM RD	007-090-00	600 sq. ft. Pool House (ZBA SP)	Peter Ferraro	\$495,000.00	\$500.00
10/17/23	2023/14	CORREIA MICHAEL F & JEAN M	2 KENASOOME WAY	011-055-01	26'X38' Two-Bay Garage	James Mahoney for JMC Construction Services	\$275,000.00	\$150.00
10/17/23	2023/15		8 SMITH LN	039-018-00	9.58 KW Solar roof array	Sean Buckley	\$52,876.80	\$150.00

10/17/23	2023-126	BARB NANCY & BAER DONALD	51 NORTH ARLS & HILL RD	016-878-00	Foundation for Garage/DBR	Gregory McCarron	\$50.00
10/17/23	2023-131	BARB NANCY & BAER DONALD	3 WEST FAIRM RD	021-658-00	10.78 KW Solar roof array	Efficient Buildings Inc.	\$4,000.00
10/19/23	2023-138	ASHLE THOMAS J & JOANNE S TRUSTEES	2 SHEEPS CROSSING	025-620-07	Renovate approx. 2000 sq. ft. of SFR	James Mahoney for Coastal Solar MV	\$46,354.00
10/25/23	2023-139	STOREY FAMILY PARTNERSHIP	4 SMITH LN	030-626-00	Replace roof	Bryan Cormack	\$71,000.00
10/25/23	2023-140	WALTERS DANA & JENNIFER TRUSTEES	40 OAKHURST RD	007-609-00	Replace roof	Walter's Solar	\$50,000.00
10/25/23	2023-141	WALTERS DANA & JENNIFER TRUSTEES	40 OAKHURST RD	007-609-00	Replace roof	Walter's Solar	\$50,000.00
10/25/23	2023-142	HANCOCK DEBORAH TRUSTEE	18 CROOK HILL RD	271-128-00	Replace shingles	Patrick Eshlin	\$50,000.00
10/25/23	2023-143	PERCHER ROBERT T & ANNE	33 HAMMETT RD	008-006-00	8'X8' Shed	Homesaver	\$5,700.00
10/25/23	2023-144	LEVIN SHARLA TRUSTEE	14 LAKE RD	003-075-00	12.5'x7' addition: kitchen, bath, entry porch & screened porch (ZBA SP)	Danama DePino	\$34,000.00
10/26/23	2023-146	MILLER LAURENCE G & ELLEN WILL	7 GEORGIAN WAY NORTH	017-623-02	Garage: add 240 sq. ft. sqm	Michael Lynch	\$10,000.00
10/26/23	2023-147	STIRNE LEO E JR & CARRIE E	39 PROSPECT HILL RD	020-862-00	Add porch, deck landing & stairs, egress french doors from basement	Nicholas Vaglio for Eastville Construction	\$18,000.00
10/26/23	2023-148	HERGETT MAKEBA TRISTE	75 QUEENAMES RD	017-651-00	10'X5' Pool w/7'X3' Spa (ZBA SP)	Easton Pool & Spa, Inc.	\$25,000.00
10/26/23	2023-149	REBERCA	10 WILSON GREEN WAY	017-484-00	1318 sq. ft. SFR w/attached 245 sq. ft. Pool House (ZBA SP, PR, NHPSP)	Manasse de Oliveira for Southwest Construction	\$117,225
10/26/23	2023-150	STEIN MARK J & CHAMBERLAIN LAURA	27 OSTER LN	011-654-05	Sliding (Cont'com)	Patrick Eshlin	\$30,000.00
10/26/23	2023-151	HANCOCK DEBORAH	37 LARSEN LN	271-071-00	10.44 KW Solar roof array	My Generation Energy	\$51,975.00
10/26/23	2023-152	MASON JESSICAN & GREGORY M	20 HENRY HIGHLIN	025-623-00	10.44 KW Solar roof array	My Generation Energy	\$51,975.00
10/26/23	2023-153	WALTERS DANA & JENNIFER TRUSTEES	10 OVERVIEW RD	018-088-00	5670 sq. ft. SFR (TLA: 2667 sq. ft.)	Michael Lynch	\$1,252,847.00
10/26/23	2023-154	10 OVERVIEW DR LLC	10 OVERVIEW RD	018-088-00	5670 sq. ft. SFR (TLA: 2667 sq. ft.)	Michael Lynch	\$1,252,847.00
10/26/23	2023-155	TAYLOR HOWARD F & PATRICIA E	34 BLACK POINT RD	017-626-00	Replace eight (8) windows	Murphy's Vineyard Construction Co., Inc.	\$5,546,830.00
10/26/23	2023-164	2 GOSNOLDS WAY LLC	014-001-00	512 sq. ft. Prefabricated Guest House (ZBA SP)	Brian Demmons for Southern New England Windows	\$37,380.00	
10/26/23	2023-165	2 GOSNOLDS WAY LLC	014-001-00	512 sq. ft. Prefabricated Guest House (ZBA SP)	Brian Demmons for Southern New England Windows	\$37,380.00	
10/26/23	2023-166	SEVEN GATES FARM & SWEET PEPPER BUSH LLC	52 BEACH RD	002-902-01	8.725 KW Solar roof array	Danama DePino	\$270,000.00
10/26/23	2023-167	SEVEN GATES FARM & SWEET PEPPER BUSH LLC	52 BEACH RD	002-902-01	8.725 KW Solar roof array	Danama DePino	\$270,000.00
10/26/23	2023-168	SEVEN GATES FARM & SWEET PEPPER BUSH LLC	52 BEACH RD	002-902-01	8.725 KW Solar roof array	Danama DePino	\$270,000.00
10/26/23	2023-169	SEVEN GATES FARM & SWEET PEPPER BUSH LLC	52 BEACH RD	002-902-01	8.725 KW Solar roof array	Danama DePino	\$270,000.00
10/26/23	2023-170	SEVEN GATES FARM & SWEET PEPPER BUSH LLC	52 BEACH RD	002-902-01	8.725 KW Solar roof array	Danama DePino	\$270,000.00
10/26/23	2023-171	SEVEN GATES FARM & SWEET PEPPER BUSH LLC	52 BEACH RD	002-902-01	8.725 KW Solar roof array	Danama DePino	\$270,000.00
10/26/23	2023-172	SEVEN GATES FARM & SWEET PEPPER BUSH LLC	52 BEACH RD	002-902-01	8.725 KW Solar roof array	Danama DePino	\$270,000.00
10/26/23	2023-173	SEVEN GATES FARM & SWEET PEPPER BUSH LLC	52 BEACH RD	002-902-01	8.725 KW Solar roof array	Danama DePino	\$270,000.00
10/26/23	2023-174	SEVEN GATES FARM & SWEET PEPPER BUSH LLC	52 BEACH RD	002-902-01	8.725 KW Solar roof array	Danama DePino	\$270,000.00
10/26/23	2023-175	SEVEN GATES FARM & SWEET PEPPER BUSH LLC	52 BEACH RD	002-902-01	8.725 KW Solar roof array	Danama DePino	\$270,000.00
10/26/23	2023-176	SEVEN GATES FARM & SWEET PEPPER BUSH LLC	52 BEACH RD	002-902-01	8.725 KW Solar roof array	Danama DePino	\$270,000.00
10/26/23	2023-177	SEVEN GATES FARM & SWEET PEPPER BUSH LLC	52 BEACH RD	002-902-01	8.725 KW Solar roof array	Danama DePino	\$270,000.00
10/26/23	2023-178	SEVEN GATES FARM & SWEET PEPPER BUSH LLC	52 BEACH RD	002-902-01	8.725 KW Solar roof array	Danama DePino	\$270,000.00
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Facilities Manager

To the Honorable Select Board
and the good citizens of Chilmark,

It has been a rewarding and challenging year of maintaining the Town of Chilmark's seven year round buildings.

We have solved some age old plumbing issues at the town hall. Power flush toilets, and proper pitch waste lines have eliminated repeated repair bills and major inconveniences.

Tree work has been done at Town Hall, the Police Station, and Community Center, and Cross Roads Fire Station. Keeping trees away from town building is extremely important for longevity of roofs.

We are on the cusp of executing projects for the Community Center and Police Station. Now that sidewall shingles are available again, we can move are shingling parts of west side of Police Station, and re-roof the entrance to station on west side. We are working with the Rise Engineering, hoping to insulate the chair room and storage space at Community Center, eventually saving money on heating and cooling expenses. We also have new LED lights on the horizon for the Community Center.

The library has had some challenges with the current HVAC chiller system, and caste iron waste system. We are working closely with our experts, and will continue to improve on our present situation.

The new Fire Station and TTA buildings are done and occupied. Great to have two new buildings and we are diligently working out final details.

It is my goal to keep buildings maintained in appearances and mechanics. I look forward to seeing how much we can get accomplished in the year to come.

Respectfully submitted,

PATTY EGAN

Martha's Vineyard Refuse Disposal & Resource Recovery District

To the Select Board:

The Refuse District processed, and shipped over 11,356 tons in 2023 of waste and light construction material. All waste was delivered to SEMAS/ Covanta Waste to Energy Facility in Rochester Ma. With construction materials delivered to J.R. Vinagro in Johnston RI. Our recycling efforts also removed over 900 tons of single stream, 630 tons of various metals, over 200 batteries, 20 tons of tires, and 700 tons of leaves/brush, 925 Mattresses.

With new processing efforts, the District has reduced an average seven trailer loads of waste going off Island per month in since July 2022.

Our food waste drop-off program has redirected over 80 tons (Double from prior year) from all four of the District town's collections sites in 2023.

We are proud to announce that over 600 households participated in the District's Hazardous Household Waste Collection program during 2023. After 34 years, the program continues to grow and provide Island residents the opportunity to dispose of hazardous material in an environmentally correct and safe way.

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

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

2024 Schedule

Each event hours are 9am – 12pm

May 18, 2024 July 20, 2024 Oct 19, 2024

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

The collection location is held at the Refuse District located @ 750 West Tisbury Rd. Edgartown, 508-627-4501, mvrefuse@comcast.net

Contact for info:

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PUBLIC SAFETY

Police Department

To the Honorable Select Board
and the Residents of Chilmark:

Mission Statement: The Chilmark Police Department is committed to providing quality police to our community with the highest level of professionalism and integrity. We dedicate ourselves to proactively solving problems, preventing and fighting crime, and promoting a higher quality of life by working in partnership with the Island community.

At the time of Chilmark's 2024 Annual Town Meeting, I will have just completed my first year as your Chief of Police. I am very encouraged with the dedication, professionalism and compassion our officers display on a daily basis. I am humbled and excited by the opportunity to lead these extraordinary police officers.

2023 was a busy year for the Police Department, we responded to 1653 calls for service covering a wide range issues from the very minor to the most dire. These calls included: 145 medical emergencies, 397 alarms, 88 accidents, 94 Emergency 911 calls, 12 hunting complaints, 107 assist citizen/agency, 8 trespassing, 36 lockouts, 4 breaking and entering and 8 civil complaints. This is just a sample of the calls that we are constantly training for to better serve our community.

I would be remiss if I didn't acknowledge the extraordinary losses the Up-Island community suffered with the passing of Waylon Sauer and Yossi Monahan. Our department felt the collective heartbreak and we responded by stepping up our community engagement with our most cherished commodity, our children. We set up our police cruiser in Menemsha on Halloween to hand out glow sticks and candy while providing traffic and pedestrian safety. We took part in ongoing training with the school administration on school safety and worked with Fire Chief Bradshaw to upgrade and implement new school security measures. Officers shared a delicious meal with students at the Chilmark School Community lunch. We played games to raise money for the devastating Lahaina wildfires at the Island to Island games day fundraiser. Chief Slavin ran with the children for the annual Turkey Trot while other officers made the road safe. We hosted the K-1 classes to our police station for a field trip to show the kids what the police department does and answer any questions. Finally, we were in attendance for the 5th grade graduation and reception to send off our students to the next step in their Island education journey.

The Chilmark Police are continually trying to expand our community outreach. We are working with the Martha's Vineyard Diversity Coalition on

their Police Liaison Project where the Chief of Police is paired up with a trusted community partner to develop mechanisms of communication in each town. In Chilmark we are lucky to have Dana Nunes as our community liaison and look forward to working with her in the future. We also teamed up with the other Up-Island police departments to cook a lunch at the Howe's House for our elderly community members. This is the second year we have done this and the response has been beyond positive. This lunch gives us a chance to not only prepare and serve a delicious meal but also sit down to eat and talk with our elderly community.

Of course, the summer is our busiest season with annual events taking center stage. We enjoyed beautiful weather for the Chilmark Road Race, Chilmark Fire Department Backyard Bash and an epic Meet the Fleet in Menemsha to name a few. The Chilmark Police was involved in the largest drug seizure in the history of Martha's Vineyard when a large package of cocaine weighing 24 kilos washed up on Lucy Vincent Beach in July. The contraband was handed over to the DEA and the investigation is still open.

I would like to say thank you for the continued support of the Select Board, and other various departments including the Fire Department, Tri-Town Ambulance and Chilmark Harbor Department who we have the privilege to work with on a daily basis. I want to recognize the important and professional services that the emergency dispatchers and other staff at the Dukes County Sheriff's Department provide to the Island. The Chilmark Police Department appreciates the mutual aid support from the Aquinnah Police Department and West Tisbury Police Department, as well as all the other agencies that assisted us over the past year.

Lastly, I can't close out 2023 without recognizing the selfless hard work and dedication of the men and women of the Chilmark Police Department. Their professionalism and dedication to the Town of Chilmark makes me proud to be their Chief. I sincerely hope that you all feel the same.

Thank You,

Sergeant Garrison Vieira
Detective Jesse Burton
Officer Bill Fielder
Officer Liz Rogers
Officer Michael Dullea

Special Officer Tim Carroll
Special Officer Bret Stearns
Special Officer Matt Bradley
Special Officer Jack Collins
Traffic Officer Brian Kennedy

Respectfully submitted,

Chief SEAN SLAVIN

Tri-Town Ambulance

To the Honorable Select Board
and Residents of the Town of Chilmark:

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 Yuliya Bilzerian (Tisbury) and Jim Davin (Tisbury) to our squad. They have been a great addition to the team.
- This year construction finished on our new headquarters, in Chilmark. We are moved in and operating out of the new station, and are very happy with it.
- During October, Breast Cancer Awareness Month, the Tri-Town Ambulance Benevolent Association supported the fight for breast cancer by modifying our uniforms to include the breast cancer ribbon.

This year was a more traditional year for our call volume, below are the reported runs for the year ending December 31, 2022:

Total Ambulance Runs: 421

- West Tisbury: **233** Ambulance Runs (55.35% of total ambulance runs)
 - Medical Emergencies: **208**
 - Motor Vehicle Accidents: **22**
 - Fire Standby: **3**
- Chilmark: **127** Ambulance Runs (30.16% of total ambulance runs)
 - Medical Emergencies: **119**
 - Motor Vehicle Accidents: **7**
 - Fire Standby: **1**
- Aquinnah: **46** Ambulance runs (8.12% of the total ambulance runs)
 - Medical Emergencies: **46**
 - Motor Vehicle Accidents: **0**
 - Fire Standby: **0**
- Mutual Aid and Non Emergent Transport calls: **14** Ambulance Runs (3.32% of the total ambulance runs)

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 MVH.

The committee members are as follows:

- West Tisbury- Selectman Cynthia E. Mitchell
- Chilmark- Selectman Marie Larsen
- Aquinnah- Selectman James Newman, (Chairperson)
- 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
- The Dukes County Sheriff's Department:
Communication Center Dispatchers
- Tisbury, Oak Bluffs and Edgartown Ambulance Services
- Martha's Vineyard Hospital –
Emergency Department Personnel, Pharmacy Personnel
- The Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah)

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
Trulayna Rose
Eamon Solway
Belinda Booker
Allison Grazykowski

EMT-Paramedics:

Tracey Jones
Haley Krauss
Heather McElhinney
Bradley Carroll
Nisa Webster
Traci Cooney

EMT-Basics:

Meg Athearn
Randhi Belain
Robyn Maciel
Simon Bollin
Jonathan Brudnick
Adele Anderson
Jim Davin
Diane Demoe
Jason Davey
Dawn Gompert
Amanda Gonsalves
Bruce Haynes
Jennifer Haynes
Phil Hollinger
Jeffrey "Skipper" Manter
Paul Manning
David Marinelli
Emma Mayhew
Yuliya Bilzerian
Jim Osmundsen
Farley Pedler
Katherine Smith
Samantha Smith
Garrison Vieira
Ashley Wood
Ashley Moreis

Respectfully submitted,

BENJAMIN RETMIER
Ambulance Chief

Fire Department

Dear Chilmark Neighbor,

The members of the Chilmark Volunteer Fire Department are bursting with joy, over the moon and walking on cloud nine and have been since July 12, 2023. That was the day the new Menemsha Crossroad station opened after nearly three decades of contemplating how, where and when to replace the iconic 1930s station that sat at 3 Menemsha Crossroad. After exhaustive efforts, the decision was made that it would be constructed in exactly the same spot. Keenan + Kenny Architects of Falmouth worked up the plans while DelbrookJKS based in Quincy and Falmouth acted as general contractor making the vision come to life. As your fire chief, I was lucky enough to be at the forefront of this project from start to finish and am thankful to have had the opportunity to work so closely with everyone involved. I would like to extend a heartfelt thanks to the team, each of whom played an integral role in the project coming together, including Ben Retmier, Tim Rich, Bill Dillon, Tim Carroll, John Keene, Reid Silva, Will Parry, Skipper Manter, Chuck Hodgkinson, Jim Newman, and more. We are appreciative of the townspeople who have been supportive of this momentous project and look forward to selflessly serving you from this remarkable building we now call “home base.”

We are grateful to have received a generous donation for the purchase of a TurboDraft Fire Eductor. This piece of equipment allows us to overcome water access issues by making water sources 100 feet from the pumper accessible and, therefore, giving us an opportunity to tap into bodies of water that were once considered inaccessible.

We also had the opportunity to upgrade our pumper (121) to a Ford F-550 dually first due pumper with a 1500 gallon per minute pump. The smaller wheelbase on this vehicle allows for easier access into tight spots around town. Tied together with the TurboDraft, our efficiency increases incrementally.

As a department we continue to do our best to meet current NFPA standards related to equipment certification, training, and staffing. We are attempting to do as many things as possible “in house” to reduce cost and still meet the standards to improve safety and reduce liability to the Town. Outside sources of grant funding played a pivotal role this past year in helping us replace or upgrade our equipment to meet the ever-increasing needs of the department and the community.

Alongside the excitement of a new fire house, an online training program has been implemented for department members. Continuing education is at the forefront of the Chilmark Volunteer Fire Department and are we are pleased so many members are eager to both further their knowledge and achieve certifications.

As in previous years, the Department continues to work with both town road associations and private owners addressing the need to keep local byways

accessible and maintained for emergency services. Although progress continues to be made, we urge you to do the following if you have yet to do so:

Clear fifteen feet wide and fifteen feet high along your driveway and roads. Post clear signage for roads and houses. better access and better directions lead to a quicker response for emergency services- every second counts. In addition to aiding in access these opened up roadways and trails offer natural fire breaks. Freshen up the paint and trim back branches annually. Make your address clear and visible.

With the rising number of false alarm calls, 2023 put us through the final stages of researching the effectiveness of implementing an annual fee for homeowners who are tied into an automatic alarm system. By enrolling, you will continue to received the same rapid response from our department should your alarm be triggered, but it will eliminate our need to bill you for false alarms. You will also receive a complimentary yard and house survey along with your choice of an extinguisher or fire blanket. Additionally, the proceeds from your enrollment will both offset the cost for our department to respond AND it will “pay it forward” by providing new smoke/CO detectors to the elderly and community members who may be income challenged.

The Chilmark Fire Department is called upon day and night and rain or shine. In 2023 we performed 28 smoke/carbon monoxide alarm inspections, 41 propane tank inspections, restaurants and inns annual inspections and issued 4 oil burner permits. We responded to numerous calls including; 5 fires, 2 motor vehicle crashes, 1 swim/beach rescues, 2 medical assist and 3 hazardous condition. We were also requested to respond with our department drone to assist with 3 instances of search and rescue. We are grateful to the Island fire departments who, without hesitation offer and respond as mutual aid.

We are always looking for new recruits and hope that you will consider donating some of your time to our department. Radio check takes place weekly on each Sunday at 10:00am. This is a perfect opportunity to stop by and catch a glimpse of what the Chilmark Volunteer Fire Department is all about.

As always, whether it’s a fire, traffic accident or just training, the ability of the Island's fire departments to provide quality service to the community is dependent on its volunteers. We are grateful to have our members who serve selflessly and are also grateful for neighboring town departments support and camaraderie.

Our 2023 roster included the following:

Chief-

Jeremy Bradshaw

Deputy Chief-

Tim Carroll

Manny Rose

Assistant Chiefs-

Robert Coutinho

Gary Robinson

Captains-

Vincent Maciel

David Norton

Vitor Silva

Chris Smith

Jon Mayhew

Alan Porter

Cody Coutinho

Lieutenants-
Forrest Filler
Jonah Maidoff
Christina Colarusso
Billy Johnson
Fire Police-
Kristi Mayhew
Rafaella Silva
Safety Officer-
Janice Brown
Training/Safety Officer-
Bob Maciel, Jr.
Administrator-
Katie Carroll
Technology-
Anthony Gould
Drone-
Max Bradshaw
Jon Mayhew
Anthony Gould
Jet Ski Crew-
Vitor Silva
Aidan Coombs
Emma Mayhew

Firefighters-
Thomas Wilkins
Tauras Biskis
Matt Bradley
Max Bradshaw
John Cabral
Keona Chung
Mark Clements
Aidan Coombs
Nathan Cuthbert
Ben Davey
Nathaniel Hall
Emma Mayhew
Andy Micu
Solon Oliver
Jacob Paige
Frank Perez
Nancy Polucci
Gerald Caton
Travis Tack

Respectfully submitted,

JEREMY BRADSHAW, Chief

Shellfish Department

To the Honorable Select Board:

The year 2023 presented both successes and challenges for the Chilmark Shellfish Department, reflecting the dynamic nature of our marine ecosystems.

Bay scallops (*Argopecten irradians*) are susceptible to various parasites that can significantly affect their health and populations. Parasites, including protozoans, can infect different tissues and organs of scallops, leading to adverse effects on their growth, reproduction, and overall vitality.

Marosporida is a class of parasites that includes microsporidian pathogens. Microsporidia are microscopic, spore-forming organisms that can infect a wide range of aquatic animals, including bivalve mollusks like bay scallops. These parasites are known for their ability to cause various diseases in their hosts, impacting their physiological functions.

In the case of bay scallops, a microsporidian infection like Marosporida could potentially affect the digestive and reproductive systems, leading to reduced feeding efficiency, weakened condition, and impaired reproductive success. These infections may result in lesions and other pathological changes, ultimately influencing the overall health and survival of bay scallop populations.

After hearing about the collapse of the bay scallop fishery in Peconic Bay, on Long Island, New York, I wondered whether similar issues might be impacting the scallop population in Menemsha Pond. It appears that the aforementioned parasite stands as the primary culprit behind the decline in adult scallops surviving for harvest. Just like in our locality, scallop seed sets occur regularly in that area, yet this doesn't consistently translate into a bountiful harvest the following year.

Partnering with the Martha's Vineyard Shellfish Group, we reached out to Dr. Bassem Allam, a geneticist and pathologist from Stony Brook University, to analyze samples for the parasite. This endeavor evolved into participation in a scientific study aimed at determining not only the presence of the parasite and its potential impacts on physiological functions but also collecting data on the disparities between our local broodstock and that of Long Island. The primary objective of this endeavor was to ascertain whether any local adaptations could enhance survivability post-infection.

In Chilmark, a noticeable difference has been observed in adult scallop loss following the mid-summer spawning period. Not only are mortality rates noticeable, but the surviving scallops also exhibit diminished appearance, smaller adductor muscles and overall reduced tissue size. All samples forwarded to Stony Brook during the trials exhibited a high prevalence of the parasite within scallop tissues, an alarming revelation that corroborated our on-ground observations.

During the trials comparing our locally hatched scallops with those from Long Island, another intriguing revelation surfaced. Our local broodstock demonstrated significantly superior growth and survival rates compared to the

Long Island scallops, suggesting a potential level of natural resistance to the parasite. Further analysis from Stony Brook is required to fully comprehend the implications of this finding.

To grasp why a parasite like *Marosporida*, despite its longstanding presence in our population, is suddenly impacting our scallop population, we can make educated conjectures. Research conducted by Cornell Cooperative Extension on Long Island and Stony Brook University has revealed a specific temperature range within which *Marosporida* seems to thrive. When the water temperature becomes too warm or too cold, the parasite subsides. This phenomenon has been observed in trials of scallops cultivated on Long Island. It's plausible that through climate change and the warming of the Atlantic Ocean, we've entered a temperature sweet spot that facilitates the proliferation of the parasite within our local bay scallop population.

The 2023/24 bay scallop season encountered significant challenges. Factors such as low adult scallop counts, the presence of slimy algae, and dense eelgrass on the flats of Menemsha Pond made fishing difficult, prompting an early conclusion to the commercial season. However, there's hope on the horizon for 2024/25, as there's been a notable increase in seed scallops observed both on the flats and in areas outside of Chocker's Creek. Despite this positive trend, Nashaquitsa Pond continues to show a shortage of scallop seed, underscoring the crucial role of eelgrass in sustaining a productive pond ecosystem.



As we approach the 2024/25 harvest, it will be interesting to see the productivity despite the presence of **Largest Bay Scallop seed that the Shellfish Department has produced.**

Marosporida infection in our scallops. There's still much to uncover about how this infection influences the outcome of a successful seed set. This upcoming season will serve as a litmus test to determine if there's a significant loss of adult scallops post-spawning. Presently, the observed seed appears robust and healthy, fostering optimism for a better harvest next year.

COMMERCIAL SHELLFISH HARVEST 2023

Bay Scallops.....	39 bushels
Oysters	15 bushels
Quahogs	65 bushels
Steamers (Soft-Shell Clams).....	85 bushels

RECREATIONAL SHELLFISH HARVEST 2023

Bay Scallops.....	8 bushels
Oysters	12 bushels
Quahogs	72 bushels
Steamers (Soft-Shell Clams).....	19 bushels
Mussels	1 bushels

Note: Shellfish harvests listed in this report are from January thru December, 2024. Seasonal harvests (especially bay scallop and oysters) are different then the yearly harvests listed above.

PREDATOR CONTROL PROGRAM

Estimated # crabs harvested.....	31,000
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SEED PRODUCTION 2023

Bay Scallops (Propagation 1st batch MVSG).....	38,000
Bay Scallops (Propagation 2nd batch MVSG)	1,860,000
Bay Scallops (Natural Collection Nashaquitsa).....	16,500
Bay Scallops (Natural Collection Menemsha).....	12,500
Quahog Seed	1,850,000
Oysters (Remote Set MVSG).....	450,000
Oysters (Single Seed MVSG).....	125,500

Respectfully submitted,

ISAIAH L. SCHEFFER
Shellfish Constable

Martha's Vineyard Shellfish Group

To the Honorable Select Board:

The Martha's Vineyard Shellfish Group, Inc. (MVSG) is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization that was formed in 1976 to preserve, enhance and restore shellfish resources on Martha's Vineyard. The Board of Directors is comprised of a resident and the Shellfish Constable from each member town for a total of 12 board seats. Each town receives an equal share of shellfish seed from the MVSG hatcheries for a flat membership fee. In the 2023 fiscal year, the fee was \$39,000.



Additional funding was received through contracts, grants or donations from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah), Friends of Sengekontacket (FOS), Edey Foundation, MV Community Foundation, Vineyard Vision Fellowship, The Nature Conservancy (TNC), New York City Department of Environmental Protection, the Town of Chatham, about 300 private donors, and annual spring fundraiser at the Chilmark Community Center—the Bivalve Ball. The work of MVSG can be seen in our seed production, habitat restoration and shell recovery projects and programs, educational outreach, and contribution to seminal research in shellfish biology and hatchery science.

MVSG operates three distinct facilities in order to fulfil our mission. This year they all received significant maintenance,



including a new roof on the The Chappy Point Nursery, seen from the beach. Chappy Point Nursery on Chappaquiddick, an expanded stone gabion at the Richard C. Karney Solar Shellfish Hatchery in Vineyard Haven, and a new roof on the John T. Hughes Hatchery and Research Station in Oak Bluffs.

We spawn local shellfish to produce seed for the town propagation programs. Completed outside of the growing season, the construction projects did not impede our operations and we produced over 30 million quahogs, bay scallops and oysters to distribute to the towns at about 1mm in size. West Tisbury, lacking quahog and scallop habitat, receives only oyster seed. The remaining 5 towns received quahog and scallop seed only. With seed-in-hand, the towns' shellfish departments use nursery systems to grow the tiny shellfish and protect them from predators, boats, and curious onlookers. In the fall, juvenile shellfish are released to good shellfish habitat where they will improve water clarity and ecosystem functions before being fished by recreational and commercial harvesters. MVSG strongly believes that the ability to harvest food from the ponds helps to connect islanders and visitors to the natural resources



Shellfish larvae and post-sets are cleaned and fed seven days a week. It takes about 8 weeks from spawning for a quahog to reach 1mm.

Hatchery through our Shell Recovery Partnership. We are committed to removing shell from the waste stream, and aging it for a year to kill pathogens, before returning it to the ponds. In 2023, nearly 9,000 gallons of local shell was collected and over 120 cubic yards was returned to the Great Ponds. Slough Cove in Edgartown Great Pond is now home to a highly focused oyster restoration effort funded by The Nature Conservancy and the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, through a project called SOAR- Sustaining Oyster Aquaculture and Res-toration. Working with local oyster farmers and the Edgartown Shellfish Department, oversized oysters are purchased by TNC and planted by MVSG to improve water filtration and ecosystem services. In Sengekontacket, the Friends of Sengekontacket have funded annual planting of spat-on-shell since 2018, to ensure a healthy ecosystem in the pond.

and natural beauty which makes the Vineyard special. Personal connection and firsthand knowledge inspires us to protect the water quality and habitat which it all hinges on. All of the projects and initiatives we take on are focused on that end.

We restore habitat to support shellfish populations and improve resiliency. MVSG has managed oyster restoration projects in Tisbury Great Pond for 30+ years, in Edgartown Great Pond for 14 years, and in Sengekontacket for five years. We add aged shell to the Great Ponds to harden the bottoms, provide a calcium-rich substrate that acts like an antacid against acidic mud, and provide a hard surface for wild oyster larvae to cement to and grow. Restoration is possible with shell we collect from restaurants and a public collection bin in front of the Hughes



Aged, recycled shells are added back to Tisbury and Edgartown Great Ponds to improve pH of the bottom and oyster habitat, with the help of the Shellfish Departments and volunteers.

In March 2023, MVSG celebrated the unprecedented success of growing mature, flowering eelgrass shoots from seed in a greenhouse environment – a first in the scientific community. In early fall, volunteers from the Lagoon Pond Association and local Boy Scouts helped to collect eelgrass shoots and seed pods, and prepare them to be planted onto eelgrass restoration sites with the

Tisbury and Oak Bluffs Shellfish Departments. As of December 2023, eelgrass seedlings are emerging in the unheated greenhouse at the Hughes Hatchery, for the third consecutive winter.



MVSG increased our focus on education and outreach in 2023, through school visits, afterschool clubs, community programs

and increased collaboration with local agencies. MVSG staff engaged over 2,938 individuals with the history, culture, and biology of shellfish on Martha's Vineyard. For the first time in over 20 years, school busses pulled up to the Hughes Hatchery (old Lobster Hatchery) for students to view hatchery growing systems in the greenhouse, take guided walks in Brush Pond and build shore-side aquariums.



Above, children handled and observed marine invertebrates at the MV Agricultural Society's Harvest Festival, one of several public events which MVSG provided learning opportunities.

In 2024, we look forward to continuing community programming and school visits, working alongside the M.V. Commission and the Great Pond Foundation to continue mapping eelgrass beds in Lake Tashmoo, Lagoon Pond and Sengekontacket, while also monitoring an eelgrass restoration project with Oak Bluffs Shellfish Department. We will continue participating in the Ribbed Mussel Aquaculture Consortium, studying the emerging bay scallop parasite with Stonybrook University and the Chilmark Shellfish Department. We will continue necessary capital maintenance projects at each of our hatcheries to serve the shellfish needs of the Island for decades to come. We invite you to learn more about what we do by visiting our facilities in the Spring and Summer. In the meantime, visit our website, check out our newsletters and join our mailing list and stay involved! Visit www.mvshellfish-group.org, call (508) 693-0391 or email mvshellfishgroup@gmail.com.

Shellfish Seed Produced and Distributed in 2023

	Bay Scallops	Quahog s	Oysters Remote set	Oyster single s
Edgartown, Tisbury, Oak Bluffs, Aquinnah, Chilmark	2,650,000	2,426,000	-	-
Chatham ²	-	300,000	-	-
Gosnold ¹	100,000	-	-	-
Wampanoag Tribe NRD ²	150,000	-	-	-
Local growers ²	70,000	-	-	5,000
Stony Brook University ³	2,000	-	-	-
				529,00
Tisbury Great Pond	-	-	5,000,000	0
Edgartown Great Pond ³	-	-	200,000	61,000
Sengekontacket ³	-	-	1,000,000	-
Univ. of Rhode Island ³	-	-	-	5,000
Total Seed	13,572,000	12,430,000	6,200,000	600,000
Eggs released	12,000,000	14,600,000	243,500,000	-
	0	0	0	-
larvae released	24,400,000	1,000,000	63,500,000	-
	0	0	0	-

Provided under: ¹State funding; ²contract; ³grant funding

Thank you for bivalvifying* the Vineyard with us.

Respectfully submitted,



EMMA GREEN-BEACH
Executive Director and Biologist
emma.greenbeach@mvshellfishgroup.org



Visit our website
for more pictures
and information

*Bivalvify: to add bivalves to a body of water
to improve water quality and biodiversity

Harbor Master/Wharfinger

To the Honorable Select Board
and Citizens of the Town of Chilmark:

During the off-season of 2023, The Harbor Department accepted a grant from the Seaport Economic Council to complete Phase two of the Menemsha Commercial Dock Repair or Replacement Project. Childs Engineering of Bellingham, MA was hired to complete multiple design options for repair or replacement. This project is still underway and we hope to move into phase three as soon as possible once a repair or replacement option is decided upon.

The Comfort Station in Menemsha underwent significant repairs and upgrades before opening in the spring. With the help of Menemsha Buildings and Maintenance Superintendent Seth Karlinsky, and multiple independent contractors, we were able to replace the roof, trim, electrical systems and plumbing to create a more inviting and sanitary facility for the public.

The issue of sink holes along the west side of the filled dock was remedied by digging a trench and pouring a concrete wall along the last standing timber bulkhead of the filled structure. This repair was completed before the start of the summer boating season and has successfully ended the sink hole issue.

During the spring and summer months, with the combined help of the Parks and Recreation Committee, the Harbor Advisory Committee, the Police Department and local business owners, we were able to successfully implement a traffic and parking program in an effort to minimize the amount of traffic congestion within our small fishing village. Our dedicated staff worked tirelessly to maintain the flow of traffic, enforce local parking laws, and maintain public safety throughout Menemsha. Between Memorial Day and the end of the fishing derby, our Traffic Officers issued 276 parking tickets totaling \$8,670.00 in fines. This was a significant increase from the 97 parking tickets issued in 2022.

On the water, our staff was busy controlling vessel traffic, responding to public inquiries and safety issues, maintaining the harbor infrastructure, effectively conducting search and rescue missions and enforcing State boating regulations. Our staff has grown over the last five seasons and our once young and inexperienced employees have become responsible seasoned veterans with the skills necessary to carry out daily operations at a high standard.

I would like to personally thank our Assistant Harbormasters Aidan Coombs and Adam Knight, and our Traffic Control Supervisor Jacob Maccaferri. All three of these capable watermen were essential in maintaining our waterways wharves and roadways in a safe and welcoming condition. I would also like to thank Assistant Wharfingers, Noah Stobie, Spider Andresen, Lathrop Keene, Jesse Yacubian, Sam Ebby and Wyatt Zoia for their efforts in maintaining our wharves and actively participating in traffic control throughout the busy summer season.

Lastly, I would like to thank all of our commercial fishermen and women, as well as our local fish buyers along the dock. I am encouraged by our young commercial fishing fleet as they start their new endeavors and I thank them for keeping the tradition of commercial fishing alive in Menemsha. I look forward to what the future holds for our harbor and waterways, and I will remain committed to keeping Menemsha a commercial fishing port above all else.

Respectfully submitted,

RYAN D. ROSSI, Harbormaster



Animal Control Inspector

To the Honorable Select Board and
the Residents of the Town of Chilmark:

As your animal control officer during 2023 I dealt with 73 dog related calls, 14 that were cat related and 5 about farm animals. There were 25 calls about wild animals and 3 about various other animals. The town issued 162 dog licenses.

Respectfully submitted,

CHRIS MURPHY

LIBRARY

Chilmark Free Public Library

It's hard to believe that it will be 20 years since Chilmark opened this beautiful library facility under the direction of Cathy Thompson. We're grateful for the opportunities we've had to serve our community and watch it grow over the decades. Library trends and technology change at a rapid pace and we love sharing new ideas with our patrons.

Library use has continued to grow by double digits. Circulation in 2023 was up 20% over 2022 and patron visits in the Library were up 27%. By the end of 2023 our circulation had topped pre-pandemic levels. We are delighted to welcome new patrons and residents and see all of our existing patrons again.

We welcomed a couple new staff members last year. Aquinnah resident Andrew Dubno joined us last spring as Assistant Director/Youth Services Librarian. He brings many years experience as an educator in early childhood and elementary classrooms. Drew, as we know him, has revamped our youth programming and the Children's Library is more vibrant and active than ever.

Adult Programming Coordinator Tracy Thorpe decided to move off island at the end of the year. Tracy did a fabulous job reinventing programming during the pandemic and then using the best of what we learned in that experience moving forward with a lively mix of online, in person and hybrid activities. So we begin 2024 with Vineyard Haven resident Emily Davis in the position. Emily has a wealth of new ideas so stay tuned. Sign up for the monthly newsletter and keep up with all we'll be offering.

If you haven't met Drew and Emily yet, please stop in to introduce yourself.

The Friends of the Chilmark Library, led by President Susan Murphy, continued their incredible support for the library collections, gardens and programs. To the delight of all, the Friends revived our December holiday party in 2023 and capped the year with their annual December book sale.

The 20-year-old library is showing its age and we've begun talking with town residents about how best to address the building itself—roofing, HVAC, plumbing, computers, telephone systems and the like are top of mind these days.

Meanwhile, your library staff looks forward to continuing to serve our wonderful community. Director Ebba Hierta is in her 18th year of service, Assistant Director/Youth Services Librarian Drew Dubno is in his 1st year, Circulation Supervisor Irene Tewksbury is in her 16th year, Adult Programming Coordinator Emily Davis is in her 1st year, Circulation Assistant Barbara Bassett is in her 10th year. Circulation Assistants Ann DeWitt and Chloe Manzoni are both in their 2nd year.

Respectfully submitted,
The Library Trustees
JANE KAPLAN, Chairman
CANDY SHWEDER, Vice Chairman
KAILA BINNEY, Secretary

HEALTH & SANITATION

Board of Health

Dear Chilmark Residents:

The Board of Health respectfully submits the following calendar year 2023 report to the voters and taxpayers of the Town of Chilmark.

Public Nursing Program

Island Health Care continues furnishing Public Health Nursing to the residents of Chilmark through a contract relationship, providing such services as recommended and occasionally amended as mutually agreed by the Town in consultation with the Agency. These services included:

Family and Child Health Services: Visits to newborns and parental caregivers on referral with follow-up home visits according to adjudged need; ongoing referral to any other available island services as appropriate; social work assessment visits to families with identified needs. Six Well Baby visits were made in 2023. These visits give new families confidence and information about nutrition, breastfeeding support and other referrals as needed.

Home Visits for General Health Supervision: The PHN provides health care to homebound residents, elders, disabled persons and individuals at risk for abuse or neglect ensuring access to care regardless of ability to pay. Visits assess health and safety needs, provide rehabilitative assessment and/or teaching for the purpose of improving the environment for independent function; health and wellness teaching in relation to both physical and mental illness; fall risk assessments and coordination of resources; referrals to social work and/or substance misuse counseling to individuals with identified needs; and other island services as needed. Seven visits were made in 2023 to support residents experiencing concerns with blood pressure and stability/balance issues. These visits include evaluation for adaptive equipment, home modifications and recommendations to improve home safety in general.

Coordination and Reporting of Services: Consist of occasional meetings with Council on Aging, Martha's Vineyard Hospital discharge/nursing, School Nurses, MV Community Services, Elder Services and other relevant agencies as needed. These communications keep information flowing about resources and activities that benefit the population of the towns even if they are not referred immediately to the service.

Case management: Provide support to clients and family members in the form of case management, medication adherence and referrals to additional services including substance use and psychosocial counseling. The PHN coordinates with discharge planning at the hospital, nursing homes and at-home care with family members and networks as appropriate.

Health Counseling / Town Nurse Clinics: Offer health screenings and services appropriate to setting and event type. Typical options for services could include blood pressure monitoring, general health screening, health education, counseling, and referral. The PHN attends the Parkinson's Support group at the UI COA, and the Diabetes Support group at the Tisbury COA to provide solid clinical information and practical strategies for participants who are managing at home. Seniors from any town who are interested in this support can attend. There were 5 Diabetes groups and 6 Parkinson's support groups in 2023.

Other services included Health Promotion Efforts, Infectious Disease Follow up and Immunization efforts.

Residents interested in receiving Public Nursing Program services should contact the Board of Health office at (508)645-2105.

Dukes County Case Investigation Team

Working under a grant from the State, the Dukes County Case Investigation Team, with coordination of Marina Lent continues to provide to provide disease analysis information and guidance to Health Agents on steps we can take to address health threats in our communities.

Case Investigator Betsy VanLandingham, RN is familiar to many islanders as a longtime ER nurse. Betsy is now working with public health in the wake of her significant contributions to our efforts during the pandemic. The case investigator individually deals with the 95+ reportable diseases that the epidemiologist analyzes. Betsy works with State disease investigators to ensure that all cases are clearly informed and that, where necessary, people are informed and supported for isolation or quarantine.

Epidemiologist Lea Hamner joined the team in July of 2023 and is responsible for analyzing over 95 different infectious diseases that are required to be reported to, and investigated by, local public health in Massachusetts and associated quarantine and work restrictions. Lea works with the Department of Public Health, community public health partners, schools to improve infectious disease and vaccine education and outbreak response protocols. Lea has also been building relationships with academic, state, and federal epidemiologists to better understand the burden of tick-borne diseases on Martha's Vineyard, Nantucket, and Cape Cod with their tourism and seasonal population changes. For more information on infectious diseases go to

<https://www.mass.gov/fact-sheets-on-infectious-diseases> .

Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Title 5 proposed amendments

In June, the state officials finalized revisions to the septic system code of regulations, "Title 5", 310 CMR 15.000, for Cape Cod only. The new regulations were originally proposed for the Cape, South Coast and the Islands. The Island and South Coast were ultimately left out of this change, for the time being due, to extensive public comment from coastal communities. The Cape towns now will be required to develop plans to mitigate nitrogen in certain sensitive watersheds and as part of those plans to upgrade thousands of private septic systems

with enhanced treatment nitrogen removal technology or extend municipal sewer service where feasible.

While the changes did not apply to the island at the initial implementation of the Title 5 revision, the Martha’s Vineyard Commission (MVC) began working on the nitrogen issue with an eye toward the anticipated regulation change, on behalf of the three up-island towns two years ago. First, an existing conditions report was produced. The next report completed was a potential solutions report detailing all the ways to reduce or mitigate Chilmark’s nitrogen levels down to acceptable levels. The implementation will be the last step in the planning process, which we are moving towards. The Board of Health, Conservation Commission and MVC are planning to work on the nitrogen issue more closely in the upcoming year.

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Wastewater Grant Funding Availability

In July of 2023, Dukes County has allocated \$135,000 for the Town of Chilmark’s portion of the ARPA nitrogen-reducing septic system grant program. The funds can be used to upgrade both functioning or failing systems, but need to be used to-wards advanced treatment technology that treats nitrogen in wastewater down to 10 mg/L or less. As of this publication, ARPA funds are still available in Chilmark. Grant funding under this program is available in two segments: for enhanced I/A system design costs and enhanced I/A system installation costs. Grant funding will only be awarded for system designs with no increase in the number of bedrooms/wastewater flow volume. Eligible properties must be in a watershed (within 3 miles of mean high water) that has been classified as impaired. For more information, please visit <https://www.chilmarkma.gov/board-health> or contact the office.

MV CYANO Cyanobacteria Monitoring in 2023 – Great Pond Foundation

The 2023 season was the busiest on record for MV CYANO, with over 700 samples collected or received (islandwide) and analyzed by Great Pond Foundation (GPF) staff, community volunteers, and Boards of Health staff.

MV CYANO 2023 Overview				
Town	Pond	# of Observed Blooms*	# of MV CYANO Samples	# of Toxin Samples
Chilmark				
	Chilmark Pond	3	186	5
	Menemsha Bay	0	5	0
	Squibnocket Pond	1	32	1
Chilmark & WT				
	Tisbury Great Pond	1	154	4
Edgartown				
	Crackatuxet Pond	1	48	0
	Edgartown Great Pond	0	213	6
Tisbury				
	Mink Meadows Pond	1	20	2
	Wilfred’s Pond	1	4	0
West Tisbury				
	James Pond	1	13	1
	Seth’s Pond	0	7	0
	Watcha Pond	0	42	0

These sampling efforts extended across 11 ponds, of which 8 experienced elevated concentrations of cyanobacteria and 7 ponds experienced bloom conditions with varying levels of toxicity. Funding for these efforts

were provided by the Edey Foundation, Town Boards of Health, pond associations, and through GPF’s donor support. Note, the first four ponds in the table are all or partially within Chilmark.

*A bloom is defined as having a measured cyanobacteria concentration at or above 50 ug/L.

Looking ahead to the 2024 season, GPF hopes to continue its regular and situational monitoring efforts across Martha's Vineyard in partnership with the Island Boards of Health. Community members and visitors alike are encouraged to report potential blooms to their Town Board of Health and the Great Pond Foundation. Information about the MV CYANO program, monitoring results, past data, contact information, and educational materials regarding cyanobacteria can be found on GPF's website: <https://greatpondfoundation.org/mvcyano/>.

State Action for Public Health Excellence (SAPHE) Program

On July 1, 2023, The Public Health Excellence Collaborative changed the lead fiduciary from Island Health Care to Dukes County Commission. Three following programs below are funded by the SAPHE grant.

- **Martha's Vineyard Tick-borne Illness Reduction Initiative (aka the Tick Program)**

Patrick Roden-Reynolds, the public health biologist, completed approximately 115 residential yard surveys island wide during May-July and continued regular monitoring of six public hiking trails, March-October. Patrick reported that he observed continued spread of lone star ticks island wide. For the first time, 4 individual Asian Longhorn ticks, were collected from private properties in Chilmark and Aquinnah. At the moment, they are not considered a major threat to human health but do have potential to carry and transmit the agents of certain livestock and human diseases in other countries. Much more re-search is needed to see what risk they present in the United States and what diseases they can potentially transmit. Longhorn ticks also seem to be less aggressive human biters and more readily infest livestock, dogs, and wildlife.

One notable observation from trail surveys was collecting sporadic clusters of Lone star larvae in May, June, and July. Lone star larvae are regularly documented emerging in late August and dwindling late October. In 2019, Sam Telford PHD documented the unusual early questing behavior of lone star larvae in May, and this year Patrick collected <5 smaller clusters of larvae in June and July as well. Therefore, although uncommon it is very possible for folks to encounter "tick bombs" and get bites from lone star larvae during spring/summer months when we do not expect to see larvae active. Chilmark and the other five island towns also had no positive West Nile Virus samples in 2023 compared with 4 in 2022.

Patrick also organized and participated in 12 public presentations across the island focused on raising awareness of the tick borne diseases. It is important to mention that in the past three years clinicians have seen a surge in new tick related illnesses, most notably the "Alpha-Gal Syndrome", the red meat allergy. The tick-borne illness is transmitted through a carbohydrate molecule called alpha-gal that gets secreted in Lone Star tick bites, the allergy triggers an immune response in humans that can produce mild to severe allergic reactions to red meat, pork, gelatin and sometimes dairy products. The symptoms for those

who incur the allergy range from mild aches and digestive issues to hives, and even anaphylactic shock.

Additional information on tick-borne diseases can be found at <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/tick-borne-disease-prevention> and <https://www.mvboh.com/tickborneillness>

Homeowners interested in having their yard surveyed for ticks, or opening their property to hunters, please contact Patrick at: mvticks@gmail.com or call (540)-216-9618.

- **Island Wide Food Inspector**

Drew Belsky was hired in March of 2023. Coming from a restaurant background, Drew quickly found his footing as a food inspector, assisting with pre-opening and routine inspections for Chilmark's food establishments. Aside from the food inspections, Drew became a Certified Pool Operator, attended Soil Evaluator class, and more. His assistance to Chilmark included cyanobacteria water sampling, camp inspections, and temporary food event inspections. Drew took over as the new Health Agent in Tisbury in December of 2023, but Chilmark is very grateful and greatly benefitted from Drew's presence and expertise in his time as Health Inspector.

- **Public Health Educator**

Fernando Lana was hired as a Public Health Educator in July of 2023. Fernando assisted with contract tracing during the Covid pandemic and provided trilingual translation skills as well as helping communicate public health's role while performing contract tracing. It became very clear to the local public health departments that we need far greater involvement with the Brazilian and Hispanic communities in all areas of public health. Since Fernando started working under the grant, he has engaged in direct outreach and communication with landscaping companies about tick borne illness and local fertilizer regulations, conducted food establishment inspections of Brazilian-owned Businesses Island wide and became very engaged with Emergency Management on disaster preparedness. He also assists Health Agents as needed with any communication needs and is currently working on putting together a Portuguese-speaking ServSafe class for Brazilian food service employees.

COVID-19 Summary

2023 marked another year further from the Covid pandemic of 2020, yet was a year where Covid's presence was still largely felt. The Board of Health office continued distributing free rapid test kits and N-95 masks to the public throughout the year. In December, a vaccine clinic organized by Boards of Health from all towns was conducted at the Regional High School. Offering both Covid and Flu vaccines, the clinic was a success, with hundreds of islanders arriving to receive updated vaccines.

The early fall into winter saw an increase in Covid cases with test kits continued to be used by the public. The Board of Health urges the public to continue to exercise caution, and isolate while Covid symptoms persist and tests

return positive. For information on COVID-19 Isolation and Precautions go to <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/isolation.html> or call the Board of Health office if you have any questions.

Acknowledgements

It has been a little over a year since Anna McCaffrey took the “helm” of the Chilmark Board of Health office. Anna successfully completed both the New England Interstate Water Pollution Control Commission’s Massachusetts Title 5 System Inspector and Soil Evaluator certification classes in addition to the ServSafe Manager course. She plans to continue her coursework and become both a Certified Health Officer and a Registered Sanitarian within next two years. The Board is not only proud of Anna’s accomplishments, but we are grateful she is someone who consistently demonstrates dedication, honesty, reliability, and integrity in both her actions and words.

The Board would like to thank Rich Osnoss and Frank Fenner for their Board of Health representation on the Martha’s Vineyard Refuse District Committee and Elizabeth Randall for her representation on the Martha’s Vineyard Land Bank Town Advisory Board. We appreciate having them as part of our team.

The Board is appreciative of the residents and community of Chilmark, as well as colleagues from our neighbors in the other island towns who continue to support the work of the Board of Health, working together to keep the health of both the island and its residents well informed and safe

Statistics: In 2023, the Board of Health issued the following permits: 136 Septic Pump-out; 47 Sewage Treatment and Disposal System Construction; 16 Septic Installer; 4 Septage Hauler; 18 Food Establishment; 15 Drinking Water Well; 6 Tent; 3 Bathing Beach; 7 Burial; 2 Tobacco; 2 Milk Pasteurization, 2 Recreational Camp for Children; and 1 Frozen Dessert.

For further information, please call Anna McCaffrey at (508)645-2105 between the hours of 8:30am and 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday.

Respectfully submitted,

KATHERINE CARROLL, Chair
MATTHEW POOLE
JAN BUHRMAN

PUBLIC SERVICE

Martha's Vineyard Cultural Council

To the Honorable Select Board:

The mission of the Martha's Vineyard Cultural Council (MVCC) is to promote excellence, access, education, and diversity in the arts, humanities, and interpretive sciences to improve the quality of life for all Island residents. Our grants may be modest, but their effects resound mightily through the Vineyard community.

Each year, the MVCC receives and evaluates grant applications for projects that help support our mission. Instructions, program guidelines, and application forms are available at massculturalcouncil.org. The MVCC gives priority to projects originating on the Island and benefiting the year-round Island community.

In 2023 the MVCC held several meetings virtually from October-December to evaluate applications. For FY24, the Commonwealth allocated the MVCC \$33,000 for local re-granting. The six Island Towns also contributed generously: Aquinnah (\$1,500), Chilmark (\$3,500), Edgartown (\$3,500), Oak Bluffs (\$2,000), Tisbury (\$3,500), and West Tisbury (\$3,500). A number of prior year grantees were unable to follow through with their projects, and so those funds were rolled over to be distributed this year. Together, the total amount available for grants was \$63,283. This year the MVCC received 48 applications requesting a total of \$174,000.

As always, the members of the MVCC wish to thank West Tisbury Town Accountant Bruce Stone and Town Treasurer/Collector Katherine Logue, who have processed the financial transactions of the Council since it became a regional entity in 2003. Given that the Council has not asked for an increase in the town's contributions since 2020, combined with the marked increase in the amount of funds requested, the Council would like to request \$5000 from Chilmark this year so that it may continue to fulfill its mission.

Respectfully submitted,

RIZWAN MALIK, Chair

Project	Funding Given
Built on Stilts	\$3,100
Islanders Write	\$2,500
A Positive Magic at the Faery Way Station	\$1,330
Cinema Circus	\$2,250
2024 Martha's Vineyard Film Festival	\$2,250
19th Annual Martha's Vineyard International Film Festival	\$1,650
Drive-In at the YMCA	\$2,250

Martha's Vineyard Fossil Day	\$2,775
Music & Memory Community Place	\$3,525
Sankofa Festival	\$1,875
6th Annual Women In Film Festival	\$1,500
Quartets, Duos and Trios, Oh my	\$1,500
17th Annual Native Artisan Market & Festival	\$4,725
Winter Concert and Community Sings	\$3,653
Sounds Like Summer: Music on the Lawn	\$3,413
Capstone Concert: Focus on Jazz	\$350
Art of Conservation	\$1,250
Black Brook Singers at the Circle	\$2,500
Honoraria for guest musicians accompanying concerts	\$1,500
Saving Rebecca	\$3,500
LGBTQ+ Pride Weekend	\$2,500
Tales of Now & Zen: An Evening of Stories for Adults	\$250
Local Music & Dancing — Off-Season	\$2,500
Species in Focus: Martha's Vineyard's Biodiversity in 4K	\$3,750
Billy Baloo	\$1,250
Memorial Day Picnic Traditional Music	\$188
Aquinnah Artisans Holiday Fair and Childrens Art Show	\$625
Blue Minds Ocean Education Series	\$1,500
Black Children's Reading Corner	\$1,000

Martha's Vineyard Cultural Council Members

West Tisbury

Irene Tewksbury - Treasurer
Paul Doherty
Hal Garneau - Secretary

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Abby Remer
Rizwan Malik - Chair



Up-Island Council on Aging

To the Board of Select Board:

Councils on Aging in Massachusetts were first created in 1956. **The Up-Island Council on Aging (UPICOA) and Senior Center aka Howes House** 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 folks who are 55 years of age and over. Further, the COA promotes the well-being of all Up-Island residents. Funding sources include local tax dollars, grants from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Elder Affairs and the Friends of the Up-Island Council on Aging. The Senior Center is open for both 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.

Demographics

**State of Massachusetts: 22.9% of the population is 60 years of age & older
Year-round & seasonal population:**

West Tisbury: 42 % (1,393 people) of the population is 60 years of age & older

Chilmark: 53% (628 people) of the population is 60 years of age & older

Aquinnah: 48% (247 people) of the population is 60 years of age & older

Service Indicators January 1 – December 31, 2023

(West Tisbury -WT), (Chilmark- C), Aquinnah- A)

Approximately 810 up-island residents (seasonal & year-round) sixty years of age and older received direct service and/or participated in our programs in 2023.

DIRECT SERVICE PROGRAMS

Information and referral (WT- 440, C- 110, A- 21)

Nutrition Programs

Surplus Food Distribution/Meals on Wheels/congregate lunch, Holiday meal delivery, holiday luncheons, Island Grown Initiative (frozen meals and soups to-go) (WT- 27, C- 16, A- 7)

SHINE Program (Serving Health Insurance Needs of Everyone) The **SHINE Program** provides free unbiased health insurance counseling information and assistance to MA residents with Medicare, their caregivers and those approaching Medicare eligibility.

(WT- 98, C- 44, A- 13) The COA Director & Assistant Director are certified SHINE counselors.

File of Life (medical info. cards) (WT- 8, C- 10, A- 6)

Housing Assistance (WT-5, C- 3, A-1)

Transportation – Go Go Grandparent/COA staff assisted transport, Regional Transit Authority VTA Passes) (WT-11, C-10, A -6)

Durable Medical Equipment Loans (WT- 29, C- 14, A- 7)
Case Management (WT- 35, C- 18, A- 6)
Legal Assistance (WT- 30, C- 2, A- 2)
Client Support (assistance with errands, companionship & socialization) (WT- 9, C- 7, A- 5)
Fuel Assistance (WT- 10, C- 5, A-6)
Notary Public Services (WT- 37, C- 13 A- 5)
Telephone Reassurance Calls (WT- 13, C- 7, A- 7)
Food Stamps (WT- 9, C- 6, A- 5)
Fish (M.V. Bluefish Derby) (WT- 25, C- 13, A- 7)
Fresh Vegetables (Island Gleaners) (WT-18, C-8, A- 7)
AARP Tax Preparer Assistance (WT- 11, C- 5, A- 3)
TRI (The Resource Inc.) presentation (WT- 3), (C-1) (A- 3)
Home Safety Modification Program (WT- 8, C- 2, A- 1)

Wellness Programs

Strength Training Class (remote), fitness class, Yoga Class (remote) (WT- 29, C- 17, A- 3)
Parkinson’s Support Group (WT- 4 , C- 2)
Pedi-Care Clinic (WT- 1, C- 4, A- 2)

Outreach Program

The Outreach Program provides for individual case management. The Outreach Coordinator’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 62 (WT- 42, C- 15, A- 7) up-island seniors in 2023.

UPICOA Board of Directors

The Board of Directors is appointed by the Select Boards representing the Towns of West Tisbury, Chilmark and Aquinnah. The Board consists of nine voting members, three each from the participating towns.

Formula Grants

Formula Grant funding is provided by the Massachusetts Executive Office of Elder Affairs. The Up-Island Council on Aging was awarded \$32,718.00 for FY ’24 for the following:

Program development/support
Defray utility costs
Defray transportation costs (staff & client transportation)
Office supplies, equipment & furnishings
Professional Development

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 \$8,550.00 in 2023, for the following:

- * Special Programs Support
- * Grounds Maintenance

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/utility costs (\$8,750 – WT- 7, C- 2, A- 3), food gift cards (\$6,750.00 – WT- 10, C- 2, A- 3), purchase VTA bus passes (\$240.00 – WT- 3, C- 2) and gift cards for island pharmacies \$1,800.00 (WT- 4, C- 1), totaling \$17,335.00 The Gift Fund is administered by the COA Director and Outreach Coordinator.

In closing, on behalf of the COA Staff I would like to thank our volunteers, program leaders and taxpayers for their continued support.

Respectfully submitted,

JOYCE ALBERTINE, Director

Martha's Vineyard Center for Living

Our Mission:

Martha's Vineyard Center for Living strives to improve the quality of life for those impacted by issues of aging and impairment. Our vision is to create an age friendly environment, promote dignity, reduce stigma, support independence and foster community engagement.

The Center for Living (MVCL) is generously supported by all six island towns and governed by a Board of Directors consisting of members from each island town and one County representative. In FY2023, board members included Sandra Joyce, President; Shirley Dewing, Treasurer; Jane Keenan, Clerk; Gail Barmakian; Christine Burke; Martha Solinger; Rise Terney; Martina Thornton; Beverly Wright.

Martha's Vineyard Center for Living Programs & Services:

Supportive Day Program: M-F 9am to 2pm

The Supportive Day Program (SDP) is a day program for older adults who may experience memory challenges and a level of disability where they are unable to participate independently in community activities and programs. The SDP provides community-based support and opportunities for social connections to combat isolation and loneliness, the greatest threats to the wellbeing of our clients and their caregivers. Just as important is the respite we provide for caregivers. Our clients come to us with varying levels of disability; some with multiple medical conditions and chronic illnesses, including Alzheimer's and other dementias. The respite and support the caregiver receives by sending their loved one to the Supportive Day Program is critical for their overall well-being and that of their loved one. When a caregiver has a few hours for rest and self-care, the quality of life for both the caregiver and care recipient improves significantly.

In FY2023, our early efforts were focused on outreach to increase the number of families served in our programs. We successfully brought our numbers up, reaching over 50 families and providing over 21,000 hours of socialization, enrichment, and care for our clients, and as many hours of respite for their caregivers. In comparison, a conservative estimate of the cost to families paying at least \$35/hour for private duty care is \$735,000. The daily cost for the Supportive Day Program is \$60 with an additional \$10 fee for transportation. These fees are paid either privately, or by Elder Services of Cape Cod and the Islands (the regional Home Care Agency) covering some or all the cost for low to moderate income elders. MVCL also offers a modest, donation supported scholarship program.

At the Center for Living, we are "person centered" which means careful attention is paid to the physical and emotional needs of each client, and a care plan designed to meet those needs is in place. Everyone, regardless of ability, can engage in community and enjoy the company of friends and peers in a safe

environment free of stigma. The Supportive Day program offers a wide range of activities tailored to individual needs and interests, including exercise and yoga, music, singing, dancing, arts and crafts, discussion groups and games. We also regularly engage other community organizations and talented individuals such as musicians and artists, to share their talents and expertise with us. A morning snack and nutritious, home-made noon meal are prepared on-site and served family style. With a van at our disposal, we've added weekly outings to our schedule and take small groups out to local libraries, MV Museum, Polly Hill, the YMCA, Oak Bluffs Pier or just for a ride to enjoy fresh air and our beautiful island.

Respite Innovations:

In May of 2023, MVCL was awarded one of only 41 grants statewide, to provide new and innovative services to address the needs of and support family caregivers. Caregiver respite is a critical aspect of the services we provide, and Respite Innovations funding gives us the opportunity to expand our services into the home setting. Due to various circumstances, the Supportive Day program may not always be the right fit for, or be accessible to some families, and a home-based option is another opportunity for caregiver respite. The physical and emotional effects of long-term caregiving can be debilitating and even life threatening for the 24/7 unpaid family caregivers. Despite the challenges, many families choose to care for their loved ones at home for as long as possible and the reality is on Martha's Vineyard there are few other options. Caregivers experience increased depression, anxiety, stress, and heart disease, exacerbated by decreased levels of self-care and immune response. They are routinely faced with psychological, social, physical, and often financial hardship. Respite Innovations will send a trained respite worker into the home for two-hour sessions to provide companionship and person centered activities for the care recipient, so the caregiver can get break.

Transportation

In FY2023, MVCL acquired a Lift Van from the VTA, and hired a driver to enhance our transportation services. Transportation to and from the SDP is available either on the MVCL van, or via the VTA (Vineyard Transit Authority) Lift service. The VTA manages the maintenance and upkeep of the MVCL van as well as the training and testing required of all Lift drivers.

New in 2023: Shopping Shuttle:

With the Lift Van at our disposal and available during the middle of the day when we are not transporting SDP clients, we were asked to pilot a Shopping Shuttle service for older adults in the general community on behalf of the Councils on Aging. This service is for community members who no longer drive to do their own shopping and errands and was initially funded with a grant from the MV Community Foundation. Subsequently we have received a combination of two state grants, one from Elder Services Title IIIB and one from MaDOT, to continue the service for two years. We expect future funding to continue through a combination of local and government grants. The Shopping Shuttle is available three days a week; Wednesdays shopping in Tisbury; Thursdays, Edgartown is

the shopping destination, and Fridays the shuttle takes people to Oak Bluffs, including the Island Food Pantry at the PA Club. In line with our mission, the Shopping Shuttle helps to reduce isolation, promote independence, and provides an opportunity for older adults to enjoy the social aspects of being out in the community.

Memory and Music Café:

In FY2023, the Memory and Music Café was moved to a once a month “open house” format on the third Thursday every month from 10am to 12pm. SDP clients enjoy the Café as part of their SDP routine, and caregivers and community members are welcome to join us every week for live music, companionship and of course dancing. Memory Cafés have spread across Massachusetts, the country, and the world, as an inclusive community engagement model for those experiencing disability, memory loss and/or cognitive impairment, along with their caregivers.

Dementia Family Support Services:

Dementia Family Support Services is funded by grants and donations outside of the town funded MVCL operating budget. It is available to families and caregivers caring for a loved one with memory loss and cognitive decline due to Alzheimer’s or other dementias. We connect families and caregivers with other agencies including Elder Services of Cape Cod and the Islands, the MV Community Services CORE program, Dukes County Health Care Access program and the Elder Law program for additional support and services.

The Dementia Caregiver Support Group meets weekly on Zoom, Fridays 10am-11:30am. In 2023, 25 individual caregivers joined us from both on and off island, to find a community of support with others experiencing the challenges and concerns raised by caring for a loved on with dementia.

In FY2023 Dementia Coaching (Habilitation Therapy) was added to our service model. Habilitation Therapy supports caregivers to create and maintain a positive environment for a person experiencing the effects of a dementia related illness. The objective is to provide education and support to the caregiver and to recommend ways to modify elements of the home environment that may exacerbate the symptoms of the disease. A Dementia Coach provides knowledge and expertise to caregivers (and the person with the disease when appropriate) in understanding the disease process, as well as techniques of communication, behavior management, structuring the environment, creating therapeutic activities, and planning for future care needs.

TV for Living:

TV for Living was created in response to the COVID pandemic, and is a series of 30-minute, informational programs aired on MV Community Television Channel 13. Topics include Healthy Aging, Caregiver Tips and information, MV Center for Living programs, live demonstrated Functional Fitness work outs and art projects that can be done at home and much more. There are well over 100 episodes archived and can be viewed on the MVTV website at www.mvtv.org and entering TV for Living in the search bar.

MV Community Foundation Rent and Utility Support 2022-2023

As a response to the pandemic and the resulting widespread loss of income and resources, the MV Community Foundation, with a combination of state funding and generous local philanthropic support, was able to provide significant relief to islanders by funding a Utility and Rental relief assistance program. To administer and distribute these funds the MVCF sought to partner with other island non-profit organizations with experience in these areas. MV Center for Living stepped forward to take applications and distribute nearly \$40,000, assisting 138 island families with rent and/or utility bills. We received referrals from Dukes County Social Services, Councils on Aging, the MVCS CORE program, Morgan Woods, MV Hospital Social Workers for island families in need of assistance.

FEMA/Emergency Food and Shelter Program 2022-2023

Phase 39

In FY2023, a total of \$9360 was allocated for Dukes County to assist residents in need of emergency food and shelter assistance. Of these funds, \$5213 was designated for MVCL to island senior residents with rent or mortgage payments.

Emergency Food Program:

Martha's Vineyard Center for Living is the sponsoring agency of the Greater Boston Food Bank emergency food distribution program on Martha's Vineyard. The Edgartown, Tisbury, and Up-Island Senior Centers as well as the Serving Hands Pantry at the Baptist Church Parish House on Williams St. in Vineyard Haven are the local distribution sites. Each site orders a variety of nutritious foods monthly from the Greater Boston Food Bank and MVCL coordinates with Island Food Products (IFP) to pick up these orders to come back to the island for distribution.

The local Stop & Shop has designated the Center for Living Emergency Food Program as the recipient organization for their community foundation give back programs. Cronig's Market regularly donates food directly to the Emergency Food Program through the Serving Hands Pantry.

55PLUS Times: Information and Referral

The 55PLUS Times is published monthly in the MV Times and is a resource for information pertaining to programs and services available to all 55+ Islanders and their families. MV Center for Living is responsible for editing and submitting the information published in the 55Plus Times.

Martha's Vineyard Regional High School Luncheon Program:

Once a month between 25 and 40 folks enjoy a delicious gourmet meal prepared and served by the MVRHS Culinary Arts students. Chef/Instructors Jack O'Malley and Kevin Crowell share their talent and expertise with the students and oversee their learning and experience in the culinary world.

Home Delivered Holiday Meals:

MVCL coordinates with the Councils on Aging and Martha's Vineyard Hospital to provide a home delivered holiday meal to older adults who are alone

or homebound every year on the Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter holidays. The Martha's Vineyard Hospital food service prepares and packages the meals and the Councils on Aging coordinate volunteers to deliver the meals in their town. On Thanksgiving Day 2022, 123 meals were delivered; Christmas Day 2022, 152 meals de-livered; Easter Sunday 2023, 149 meals delivered.

Older Americans Act / Senior Nutrition Program:

The Elder Services Nutrition Program, (Meals on Wheels and Senior Dining Centers), is supported financially by the six island towns through the Martha's Vineyard Center for Living annual budget. In FY2023, the island towns contributed \$36,750 to Elder Services of Cape Cod & the Islands in support of this vital nutrition program.

We are grateful for the generous support of all town Boards of Selectmen, Finance Committees, Councils on Aging, other municipal agencies, as well as our non-profit partners and the community at large. This support and generosity make a positive impact on the lives of many islanders and is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

LESLIE CLAPP, Executive Director

Elder Services of Cape Cod & the Island

To the Select Board:

Elder Services of Cape Cod & the Islands Inc. is a private not-for-profit community-based organization serving the changing needs of the older adult population in the twenty-two towns of Barnstable, Dukes, and Nantucket counties. Since 1972, we have been dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for elders in the community and help to assist them in maintaining maximum independence and dignity. We are the federally designated Area Agency on Aging (AAA), the state designated Aging Services Access Point (ASAP), and the Aging Disability Resource Consortium (ADRC).

In FY 23 Elder Services Nutrition program (Meals on Wheels, Senior Dining) served 45,542 meals on MV. 309 seniors received meals delivered to their homes by a corps of over 105 Meals on Wheels volunteers. Under the oversight of the Elder Services registered Dietitian, all meals are prepared through our contract with the Martha's Vineyard Hospital and are delivered to homes and dining sites in all six towns by our volunteers. Our Senior Dining sites are located at the Oak Bluffs, Tisbury, and Up Island Councils on Aging. Our Nutrition program coordinator also participates in the Island Food Equity Network Summit that meets to collaborate on food access for Martha's Vineyard residents. ** Our Senior Dining program has re-opened and is now serving on Thursday at the Tisbury COA and up-island COA.

Our Home Care Program provides eligible elders with 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 23, The Home Care Program served 242 elders on MV. There were 22,539 hours provided through; personal care assistance, medication management, light cleaning, meal prep, shopping, chore, and laundry services contracted through our vendors. In addition, 127 elders were enrolled with a Personal Emergency Response System (PERS). Home Care can also include services provided by the Martha's Vineyard Center for Living including their Supportive Day program and Alzheimer's and Dementia coaching.

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 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 caregivers attend the support group. This program was awarded \$5,400. Martha's Vineyard Community Services also provides home/community short-term assessment, intervention, and referral for mental health and substance abuse issues for elders 60 and over. This program was awarded \$10,000.

Elder Services of Cape Cod and the Islands uses federal, state, town, and private funds to provide essential community programs/services. The value of these funds is greatly enhanced by Town support, the cooperative efforts of the Councils on Aging, and the many Island residents who volunteer their time and skills. We appreciate the value of the community support we receive and expect to continue to work collaboratively and productively with local organizations to meet the challenges of the future.

Respectfully submitted,

MEGAN PANEK, MV Director



Programs and Services

Information & Referral: A central source of information on all services available to older adults on Cape Cod and the Islands as well as the entry point for referral to Elder Services' many programs. All referrals Call 1-800-244-4630. For additional information visit our website at www.escci.org. Martha's Vineyard Office- 508-693-4393.

Protective Services: Help is available 24/7 for anyone over the age of 60 who has been abused, neglected, financially exploited or is at risk of harm due to self-neglect. Call 1-800-922-2275 to report 7 days a week 24 hours a day.

Home Care Program: Services are provided to help an elder remain safely in the community; Care Managers assess the needs, develop a service plan, arrange for supports, and see elders on going to manage services, and help with resources. To qualify, individuals must be sixty or older, meet financial eligibility guidelines, and have specific unmet care needs.

Senior Nutrition Program: Senior Dining Centers are located at Tisbury, Oak Bluffs, and Up-island Senior Centers; Meals on Wheels are delivered by volunteers in every town for any elder who is homebound. Delivery is Mon-Fri usually between 10-Noon.

Family Caregiver Support Program: Provides education, advocacy, and connections to community resources that will enable the caregiver to better care for their loved ones as well as themselves.

Money Management Program: Volunteers, trained and certified, meet with elders in their homes to help them balance their checkbooks, pay bills, and oversee other routine financial management tasks.

Senior Community Services Employment Program: Provides training and part-time employment to individuals fifty-five and older.

Senior Service Corps: A corps of volunteers who enhance the community by participating in a wide variety of service activities.

Options Counseling: Provides information and short-term counseling to assist consumers (elders aged 60 and older or individuals over the age of 18 with any disability) in making informed choices about long term care services, support, and settings.

Long Term Care Ombudsman Program: Ombudsmen are trained and certified advocates with the authority to make weekly unannounced visits to facilities to monitor the condition of the home and meet with residents and/or their families to discuss any concerns they might have about the quality of their care.

Long Term Care Screening: Registered nurses assess an individual's health and functional abilities in order to determine medical eligibility for Medicaid funding of nursing home care.

REPORT OF THE MARTHA'S VINEYARD TRANSIT AUTHORITY



Fiscal Year 2023
July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023



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 Laws, Chapter 161B and is funded through local, state, and federal sources.

Leadership

Per MGL Chapter 161B, the VTA is managed by an Administrator, who is appointed by an Advisory Board. The Advisory Board is composed of one representative from each member community, one Rider Community Representative and one Disabled Community Representative:

Oak Bluffs
West Tisbury
Aquinnah

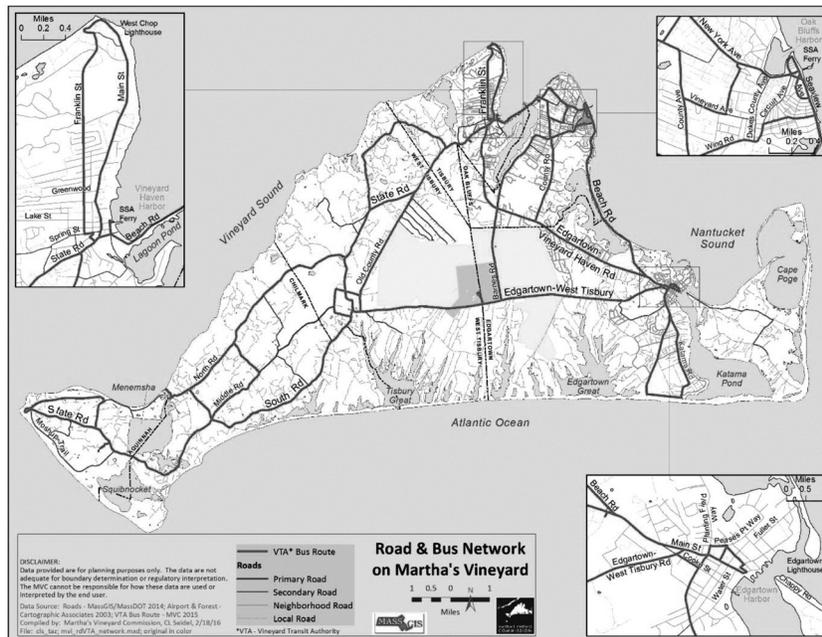
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Robert Wasserman
Kristina Hook

Tisbury
 Chilmark
 Edgartown
 Rider Community Representative
 Disabled Community Representative
 Administrator

Elaine Miller
 Leonard Jason
 Mark Snider
 Kim Leaird
 Vacant
 Angela E. Gompert

Mission

We believe that public transportation is essential to the economic vitality, environmental stability and quality of life on the Island of Martha’s Vineyard. We provide safe and secure environment for our customers, community and employees through consistent training, enforcement and allocation of resources. We continuously strive to improve the cost efficiency of our services and approach our financial relationships with integrity and transparency.



Description of Services

During Fiscal Year 2023, the VTA operated ten year-round routes, plus four additional summer peak season routes and paratransit service in accordance with Americans with Disability Act (ADA). The fixed routes are organized into a hub and spoke system around four hubs, which are located in the Vineyard’s largest communities (Vineyard Haven, Oak Bluffs, Edgartown and West Tisbury). With one exception, all VTA routes serve at least one hub. Connecting to and between hubs allows passengers to transfer between routes and increases accessibility to the Island’s major services and destinations. The VTA also interlines buses to offer one-seat rides between key destinations. Operating expenses for FY23 were \$8,110,328 plus \$7.23 million in capital funds. VTA ridership

continued to feel the effects from the COVID-19 pandemic, carrying 899,699 riders over 997,479 revenue miles of service.

Funding Updates

CRRSAA Funding

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the VTA was awarded \$3,998,487 in the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA) funds.

During FY23, the VTA used \$2,576,485.64 of the CRRSSA funding to supplement operations and lost fares due to decreased ridership. The remaining balance will be expended in FY24.

Service Modifications

Service Modifications

FY 2023 July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023

Each fiscal year starts with the VTA's busiest peak season months, goes through the Off-Season and ends with the very beginning of the next year's In-Season. FY 2023 started in July 2022 with labor shortages causing service reductions on nearly all routes. By the end of the fiscal year in June 2023, the situation improved sufficiently, thanks to more effective vehicle operator recruiting and securing more seasonal housing, to allow the restoration of some service.

Training and employing a year-round and seasonal work force remains one of the VTA's most significant operational challenges. By the end of Fiscal Year 2023, the VTA was able to make some transit planning decisions based on expected travel demand again and not solely the availability of drivers. Transit travel demand is directly affected by the level of service provided for potential passengers to complete their trips. While the trend by the end of the fiscal year was improving, the goal of pre-pandemic ridership recovery remains for the future.

Changes to In-Season 2022 as compared to In-Season 2021 (starting in July)

The part of In-Season 2022 in FY 2023 operated approximately the same dates as 2021. Specific service modifications for this period are listed below.

Route 1: No changes.

Route 2: Frequency reduced from 90 minutes to two hours (interlined with Route 4 instead of 10A).

Route 3: Evening service reduced as compared to 2021 in both peak and fall shoulder seasons.

Route 4: Frequency reduced from hourly to every two hours (interlined with Route 2), evening trips scaled back by two trips.

Route 5: Evening trips scaled back.

Route 6: Evening trips scaled back slightly.

Route 7: Evening trips scaled back significantly – four round trips.

Route 8: Evening trips scaled back.

Route 9: No changes.

Route 10: No changes.

Route 11: Daytime service ran two weeks later, then no service during a modified fall shoulder season.

Route 12: Return of the Sunset Bus, which did not run at all in 2021.

Route 13: Originally scheduled to change peak season headway mode (departures from all stops every 15 minutes) back to running through 9 pm, had to scale back to the 6:00 pm end time of 2021 for headway mode.

Changes to Off-Season 2022 - 2023 as compared to Off-Season 2021 - 2022

With much lower labor requirements, the VTA Off-Season 2022 – 2023 represented a reversal of the trend of cutting some service to adding service back, as compared to the same season a year ago. In the Off-Season, the major routes – Route 1, Route 10 and Route 13 – have dedicated vehicles throughout the day. The routes that serve the rest of the Island are interlined, meaning the buses that travel over these routes serve more than one route. This has some advantages, such as making some transfers “same bus” transfers for passengers. For overall service, the comparative increase in resources meant that the buses were blocked, or interlined, differently than in years past. This changed the timetables and transfer connections for the Off-Season Fall schedule, which was operated from early October through December. The Winter schedule, which operated January through March, maintained what was offered throughout the Off-Season 2021 – 2022. A summary of the Off-Season Fall 2022 – 2023 route modifications are overviewed below.

Route 1: One extra round trip late night.

Routes 2, 4 and 10A were interlined on one bus again. Irregularly timed service was restored to every two hours on smooth headways on Routes 2 and 4. Route 10A, which had been eliminated entirely the previous year’s Off-Season, was restored with trips every two hours.

Route 5: Service increased, restoring smooth headway service every two hours.

Route 6: Trip departure times were modified with similar level of service.

Route 7: Additional late afternoon round trip added.

Route 8: Service re-added to schedule, operating every two hours.

Route 9: Added another round trip late afternoon.

Routes 10 and 13: No service modifications.

Routes 11 and 12: These seasonal routes continued to not operate during the Off-Season.

Changes to In-Season 2023 as compared to In-Season 2022 (mid-May to late June)

The start of In-Season 2023 (at the end of FY 2023) was an operational improvement on the previous year. Evening service was restored on up-Island Routes 3, 4, 5 and 6. Most importantly, the published schedule did not need to be modified on the fly due to labor shortages. Travel demand and ridership figures continued to trend toward the goal of pre-pandemic recovery. After three years of public health concerns dominating the transit industry, bus use was

returning more to normalcy. New features such as contactless digital ticketing had been adopted at an accelerated rate, and are now accepted as the most common way of fare payment.

As always, the VTA will continue to evaluate schedules each season on a trip by trip basis, adding service (when possible) as requested by the traveling public and deleting underutilized trips. As part of the electrification of the full fleet (just over 50% complete), smaller fixed route vehicles have been added to the fleet. This will allow the VTA to better match vehicle capacity to travel demand on the different VTA routes. While not much of a change effectively for the passenger traveling from Point A to Point B on Martha's Vineyard, it is another example of the evolution of the VTA as an adapting rural transit system.

Electronic Ticketing

In December 2022, the VTA awarded an RFP for Fixed Route Technologies that included Electronic Fareboxes, Automatic Passenger Counters (APC), Integrated CAD/AVL System, Automated Annunciator System and Interior Display Signs. Implementation of the new systems began in the spring of 2023 and is ongoing.

Clean Transportation Initiatives

In 2017, the VTA commenced an ambitious project to electrify its transit fleet and fuel the fleet with renewable solar energy and integrated energy storage. This system of locally generated renewables, storage and vehicle charging will create a first-of-its-kind fully integrated, clean, resilient, and flexible public transportation system. The VTA has updated its operations and maintenance facility and now has an electrical distribution system capable of supplying electricity for charging stations for 40 buses, 7 vans and 6 cars. The installation of Energy Storage Systems (ESS), solar canopies and inductive charging included a central control system manages vehicle charging, reduces peak demand by ESS discharge, and supplies emergency power through an islandable micro grid.

The VTA currently has 17 electric buses and three (3) E-Jest electric minibuses in service, which accounts for about 58% of the total bus fleet. At just twenty feet long, the three new E-Jests have been a success on lower density routes like the seasonal Edgartown Park & Ride, Routes 2, 4, 8 and 10A, and have even made appearances on Route 1!

Additionally, the VTA expects delivery of seven (7) more electric buses in FY24.

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 21 years, the VTA has maintained the Island's school bus fleet, saving the school district money and the complications of getting vehicles to the

mainland for repair services, as viable and affordable alternatives do not exist in the private sector on the Island.

The VTA leases office space within their building to the Registry of Motor Vehicles (RMV) to operate a local branch for the Island.

The VTA maintains its own fuel island on the property, with above-ground diesel and unleaded fuel tanks. We are the largest consumer of fuel on the Island. We allow other public agencies to fuel at our facility which, with the pooling of our fuel purchases saves tens of thousands of dollars annually for these public agencies: the Martha's Vineyard School District, the Airport, Dukes County Sheriff's Department, several Towns police, fire and highway departments, Island Elderly Housing, the Land Bank and the County. A computerized fuel authorization system allows access for these agencies to fuel twenty-four hours a day.

The VTA property is host to training exercises for MV Tactical Response Team and fire department drills. The VTA has provided vehicles and drivers, as needed, to the Airport so they can coordinate their MCI Drills, as required by FAA. We are a member of the County and all Island Towns' Emergency Management plans for evacuations, transportation and cooling/warming rehabilitation vehicles in the event of an emergency. The VTA is home to the Island's 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:

	FY23	FY22
Annual Ridership	899,699	772,214
Annual Farebox Revenue	\$1,502,838.68	\$1,598,570
Annual Cost of Operations	\$6,978,323	\$5,381,257
% of Fare Box Recovery of Operating Costs	20%	27.1%
Fleet Size	33	34

Fixed Route:

Number of Fixed Routes	14	14
Annual Passenger Trips	899,699	772,214
Annual Revenue Hours	62,693	61,168
Annual Revenue Miles	997,479	981,295
Annual Vehicle Hours	66,755	64,797
Annual Vehicle Miles	1,056,651	1,039,507

Performance Measures:

Operating Expense Per Passenger Trip	\$11.59	\$10.78
Operating Expense Per Revenue Hour	\$116.39	\$96.76
Operating Expense Per Revenue Mile	\$7.07	\$5.90
Passenger Trips Per Revenue Hour	12.72	11.23
Passenger Trips Per Revenue Mile	0.81	0.70
Required Subsidy Per Passenger Trip	\$10.27	\$8.68

Fare Information:

Fixed Routes Fares:

Adult Base	\$2 / \$1.25 zone	\$2 / \$1.25 zone
Elderly Fare	\$1 / \$0.75 zone	\$1 / \$0.75 zone
Disabled & Veteran 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 Responses

Facts:

	FY23	FY22
Annual Ridership	10,266	7,976
Annual Farebox Revenue	\$15,314	\$120,669
Annual Cost of Operations	\$601,017	\$576,205
% of Fare Box Recovery of Operating Costs	2.62%	21.09%
Fleet Size	8	8

Demand Response Statistics:

Annual Passenger Trips	10,266	7,976
Annual Revenue Hours	5,184	4,802
Annual Revenue Miles	74,089	68,800
Annual Vehicle Hours	5,760	5,336
Annual Vehicle Miles	82,321	76,444

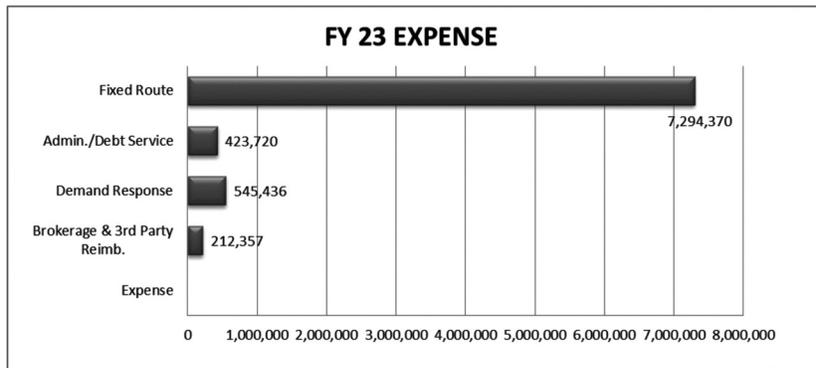
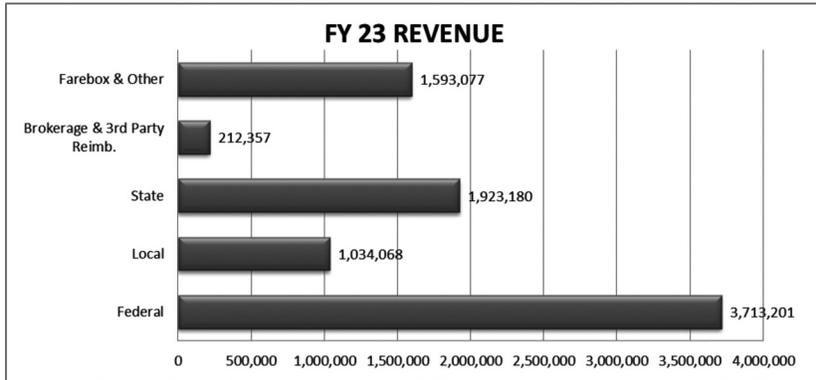
Performance measures:

Operating Expense Per Passenger Trip	\$59.07	\$74.49
Operating Expense Per Revenue Hour	\$116.14	\$120.99
Operating Expense Per Revenue Mile	\$8.23	\$8.56
Passenger Trips Per Revenue Hour	\$1.99	1.67
Passenger Trips Per Revenue Mile	\$0.14	0.12
Required Subsidy Per Passenger Trip	\$57.54	\$59.15

Fare Information:

Paratransit:

Elderly	\$2.00/town	\$2.00/town
Disabled & Veteran	\$2.00/town	\$2.00/town
Pass Program	N/A	N/A
Ticket Program	N/A	N/A



CEMETERY

Cemetery Commission

To the Honorable Select Board
and Citizens of Chilmark:

Since the 2021 opening of the new section “Kings Way”, approximately 30 plots have been leased. We encourage Chilmarkers to consider existing plots as family burial places, rather than each generation obtaining a new plot.

There has, however, been notable lack of interest in residency at Abel’s Hill Cemetery this year. Burials in 2023 were half of the yearly average with only 10 cremations, 1 green burial, and 2 casket burials.

We thank our superintendent, Susan Murphy, who brings her talent and good humor into her ninth year of service at Abel’s Hill Cemetery. Placing of the American flags to honor all our veterans continues each Memorial Day, with great appreciation to Lenny Jason. And we are, as ever, grateful for the prior guidance of Sally Cook and Harriet Ottesen whose dedication is felt from the great beyond.

Our beloved Abel’s Hill Cemetery continued getting its grass mowed, leaves raked, brush cut, trees limbed, and debris collected to keep it looking tidy and well-kept. New signage was posted in the spring. A road in the “Midlands” section was straightened, allowing space for two new plots, and four segments of split-rail fencing were added to better define the roads. The long awaited restoration of deteriorating historic gravestones has begun! Using Community Preservation Act funds, 18 monuments were restored in 2023.

Due to the many aging pitch pines in the oldest section, “Founders Hill”, Matt, in consultation with Polly Hill Arboretum, is developing a Tree Replacement Plan. The new tree choices will be well-suited to the cemetery, with a focus on natives that are resistant to salt aerosols and insect invaders. Other projects include digitizing our maps and records for public reference, completing the perimeter fencing, and invasive plant removal.

We invite you to visit Abel’s Hill Cemetery as a place for quiet contemplation and remembrance of family and friends. You are welcome to stroll and enjoy the serenity while honoring the memories of those buried there.

Respectfully submitted,

JUDITH FLANDERS, Chair
LAURISA RICH
MATT TOBIN

P.S. Ever wonder what it takes to care for Abel's Hill Cemetery? Susan is the compassionate face of the Cemetery Commission, supporting grieving families; assisting at funerals; interring cremains; showing cemetery plots; supervising markers and plantings; maintaining cemetery records; supervising maintenance crews on Abel's Hill grounds, roads, and structures. Our administrator fields and researches questions, processes applications, issues plot leases, maintains the Cemetery Commission webpage. The commissioners meet monthly (at Abel's Hill Cemetery when weather permits) to identify improvement projects, ensure compliance with state and local regulations, and plan for future needs while honoring historic and emerging burial traditions.

SCHOOLS

Superintendent of Schools

Ms. Amy Houghton, Chairperson
Martha's Vineyard Superintendency Union #19
All Island School Committee

Dear Ms. Houghton:

In accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, I am pleased to submit my 2023 Annual Report as Superintendent of Schools to the members of the six school committees of the Martha's Vineyard Public Schools (MVYPS).

I wish to take a moment to extend warm wishes and gratitude to our Island community. I believe good school systems embrace a culture in which everyone who is invested in some manner with our schools, becomes a steward of our schools, establishing a guiding principle in which a genuine positive and caring regard for all children pervades our community. Thank you for your continued support and commitment to the well-being of our children and the Martha's Vineyard Schools as a whole.

As a steward of MVYPS for 22 years, and in my second year as superintendent, I understand the privilege and honor that has been bestowed on me and I embrace and appreciate being entrusted with our schools. I want to acknowledge that this year has brought challenges and losses to our community. The passing of loved ones leaves an indelible mark, and our hearts go out to those who have experienced such difficult times. As we reflect on this past year, let us support one another with kindness and empathy.

This past year, MVYPS administration and school committees, in concert with our towns, made significant progress in critical system-wide and school-specific goals in support of our Island's children. This included a successful effort in securing a revised Regional Agreement with all of our Island towns in the context of a potentially significant high school capital project. Town leaders, school administrators, and school committee members executed plans that ran parallel to the Massachusetts School Building Authority's (MSBA) Module 1, 270-day Eligibility Period, which resulted in securing funding for a comprehensive building project feasibility study for the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School District (MVRSD). Module 2 was completed when the MSBA recently approved MVRSD's choice of an Owner's Project Managing Firm who will guide and assist us through the remaining modules of the project.

- Module 3 – Feasibility Study
- Module 4 – Schematic Design

- Module 5 – Project Scope and Budget and Project Funding Agreements
- Module 6 – Design Development, Construction Documentation, and Bidding
- Module 7 – Construction Administration
- Module 8 – Project Closeout

Additionally, I am grateful for the work of key town leaders, school committee members, union leaders, and school administrators to reach agreements on contract negotiations. I am grateful to our town board of health agents, school physician, and school nurses for their continued work to ensure for the safety of our children and fidelity of the learning environment. I am grateful for the work of MVYPS administrators who continue our work with the Mid Atlantic Equity Consortium to move forward in our efforts to ensure for cultural responsiveness and equity in our academic programs and practices. I am grateful for the continued efforts of our administration in supporting our children and staff with improved behavioral health interventions, resources, and practices and in our efforts to improve the culture and climate of our schools and in the manner in which MVYPS responds in working with our community.

Our work in MVYPS will always reflect the best interest of all students. Our schools continue to enact measures to recapture children’s learning and strengthen their social-emotional welfare. Effective collegial and congenial relationships will highlight our collaborative work in support of our children. For this year, feedback from MVYPS Cabinet Administrators and School Committee members helped to inform and organize strategies and programmatic interventions to guide our schools. The feedback highlighted and summarized strengths and opportunities within our schools and overall system. This summary of strengths and weaknesses informed the following Focus Areas.

- A System-Wide Commitment to Our Children
- A Commitment to Nurturing the Culture Within Our Schools
- A Commitment to a Strong School Community Approach

These Focus Areas span multiple indicators across the standards of our professional practice to form goals for the current school year, FY24. As a result, MVYPS is working to improve upon the supervision and evaluation of our school-based and central office administrators through increased collaboration regarding goal-setting and attainment. This will include broadening and deepening programmatic initiatives such as the Collaborative Problem-Solving Model and Co-Teaching to better support students’ academic skills and strengthen their flexibility, frustration tolerance, and problem-solving skills.

Additionally, MVYPS is working to increase family and community engagement by broadening and deepening a culture of feedback to inform practices with families through the services provided from our schools, as well informing practices with students and staff regarding the climate in our schools. Feedback will be solicited and coded over the course of this year using the EDSCLS (Ed. School Climate Survey), VOCAL (Voices of Climate and Learning), and SELIS (Social Emotional Learning Indicator System) surveys.

Lastly, MVYPS is working to increase our focus on standards-based learning to more effectively support our students' achievement through direct collaboration with each MVYPS school administration in the composition and implementation of intervention plans. Multiple common assessments such as the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) will inform student growth and achievement.

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

We have made great strides in the numerous opportunities and challenges over the past 18 months. I am incredibly proud of our students and staff. Thank you for your support as we move our schools forward in partnership.

Respectfully submitted,
RICHARD M. SMITH, ED.D.
Superintendent of Schools
Martha's Vineyard Public Schools

**Up-Island Regional School District
of Martha's Vineyard**

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January 11, 2024

To the Citizens of Chilmark:

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, 2023.

FY2023 Assessment
FY2023 Expenditures – Budget vs Actual
FY2023 Balance Sheet

Respectfully submitted,

MARYLEE SCHROEDER
Treasurer

**UP-ISLAND REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
FY2023 Assessment**

	TOTAL	AQUINNAH	CHILMARK	WEST TISBURY	TOTAL
ASSESSMENT PART A (SHARED)	\$ 1,760,880.27	192,834.15	319,698.72	1,248,347.40	1,760,880.27
ASSESSMENT PART B (SCH COMM)	2,465,312.81	269,976.62	447,592.82	1,747,743.38	2,465,312.81
School Committee Medicaid Offset	(22,788.00)	(2,495.52)	(4,137.30)	(16,155.18)	(22,788.00)
TOTAL PART A & B	\$ 4,203,405.08	460,315.25	763,154.24	2,979,935.59	4,203,405.08
ASSESSMENT PART C					
Chilmark Operating Budget	1,816,627.65	289,008.94	1,032,174.80	495,443.90	1,816,627.65
Chilmark School Choice Offset	(55,930.11)	(8,897.97)	(31,778.47)	(15,253.67)	(55,930.11)
W. Tisbury Operating Budget	8,092,310.20	827,926.13	1,014,877.19	6,249,506.89	8,092,310.20
W. Tisbury Circuit Breaker Offset	-	-	-	-	-
W. Tisbury School Choice Offset	(374,297.89)	(38,294.50)	(46,941.65)	(289,061.74)	(374,297.89)
TOTAL PART C	\$ 9,478,709.85	1,069,742.59	1,968,331.87	6,440,635.39	9,478,709.85
ASSESSMENT PART D					
Chilmark Principal & Interest	26,125.00	1,925.41	20,900.00	3,299.59	26,125.00
W. Tisbury Exterior Renovations	-	-	-	-	-
State House Note Borrowing - WT	71,640.00	6,440.44	7,887.56	57,312.00	71,640.00
Short-Term Borrowing - CH	27,860.00	2,053.28	22,288.00	3,518.72	27,860.00
TOTAL PART D	\$ \$125,625.00	10,419.13	51,075.56	64,130.31	\$125,625.00
TOTAL PART A, B, C & D	\$ \$13,807,739.93	\$1,540,476.98	\$2,782,561.67	\$9,484,701.29	\$13,807,739.93
ANTICIPATED REIMBURSEMENT					
Chapter 70 - State Aid	\$ 891,082.00				
Chapter 71 - Reg'l Transportation	145,162.00				
Charter School Sending Tuition	(1,174,499.00)				
Charter School Tuition Reimbursements	67,102.00				
SPED Circuit Breaker	-				
Medicaid Reimbursements	36,000.00			10,600.00	
School Choice Sending Tuition	(93,091.00)				
School Choice Receiving Tuition	-	430,228.00			
Total Reimbursements	(128,244.00)	430,228.00	-	10,600.00	10,600.00

ANTICIPATED REVENUES		
E&D Offset	341,088.86	
Interest Income	15,650.00	
Misc. Revenue	4,000.00	
Total Anticipated Revenues	360,738.86	
TOTAL GENERAL FUND REVENUE	\$ 232,494.86	\$25,460.53
		\$42,210.88
		\$164,823.45
TOTAL ASSESSMENTS	\$ 13,575,245.07	\$1,515,016.45
		\$2,740,350.78
		\$9,319,877.84
		\$13,575,245.07

UIRSD FY 2023 FORMULAS

Town of Residence	Chilmark	School Attended		Total	Does Not Include Students Tuitioned Out-of-District
		West Tisbury			
Aquinnah	7	31	38	38	Charter School 32
Chilmark	25	38	63	63	School Choice 12
West Tisbury	12	234	246	246	Shared Services 3
District Enrollment	44	303	347	347	Residential 0
School Choice	13	49	62	62	
Total Enrollment	57	352	409	409	FY22 Foundation Enrollment = 396

Cost Share For Part "A" & "B" Supt & Sch. Comm.:	Aquinnah 10.95%	Chilmark = 18.16%	W. Tisbury = 70.89%
Cost Share For Part "C" Sites Chilmark School:	Aquinnah 15.91%	Chilmark = 56.82%	W. Tisbury = 27.27%
W. Tisbury School:	Aquinnah 10.23%	Chilmark = 12.54%	W. Tisbury = 77.23%
Cost Share For Part "D" Debt Chilmark School:	Aquinnah 7.37%	Chilmark = 80.00%	W. Tisbury = 12.63%
W. Tisbury School:	Aquinnah 8.99%	Chilmark = 11.01%	W. Tisbury = 80.00%

**UP-ISLAND REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BUDGET AND ACTUAL EXPENDITURES
JUNE 30, 2023**

Expenditure	Original Budget	Actual	Variance
TOTAL SUPT/SHARED SERVICES	\$ 1,760,880.27	\$ 1,697,690.04	\$ 63,190.23
WT PRINCIPALS OFFICE SALARIES & EXPENSES	458,863.75	470,447.27	(11,583.52)
WT TEACHERS/STAFF SALARIES	3,163,605.58	3,134,853.10	28,752.48
WT UNDISTRIBUTED SUPPLIES, TEXTBOOKS, MISC	87,450.00	81,568.67	5,881.33
WT FIELD TRIPS/PROGRAMS	55,852.00	48,535.95	7,316.05
WT CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS	33,330.00	23,811.73	9,518.27
WT INSTRUCTIONAL COMPUTERS/COPIERS/AUDIO VISUAL	287,680.78	261,135.95	26,544.83
WT FURNITURE EXPENSE	10,000.00	13,128.55	(3,128.55)
WT SPECIAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT	1,228,040.60	1,176,442.19	51,598.41
WT LIBRARY SERVICES	140,317.78	140,898.94	(581.16)
WT GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT	232,208.67	242,782.23	(10,573.56)
WT HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	117,996.11	122,809.31	(4,813.20)
WT CUSTODIAL SERVICES	291,618.92	324,940.69	(33,321.77)
WT UTILITIES	94,022.76	83,556.25	10,466.51
WT GENERAL MAINTENANCE	184,824.00	199,892.15	(15,068.15)
WT EMPLOYEE INSURANCE	1,190,861.36	1,268,329.35	(77,467.99)
WT INSURANCE	141,340.00	153,059.08	(11,719.08)
TOTAL WEST TISBURY SCHOOL	7,718,012.31	7,746,191.41	(28,179.10)
CH PRINCIPALS OFFICE SALARIES & EXPENSES	181,026.76	185,171.25	(4,144.49)
CH TEACHERS/STAFF SALARIES	789,233.48	762,222.92	27,010.56
CH UNDISTRIBUTED SUPPLIES, TEXTBOOKS, MISC	18,800.00	18,144.29	655.71
CH ENRICHMENT/FIELD TRIPS/PROGRAMS	30,452.00	27,128.00	3,324.00
CH CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS	8,530.00	2,966.00	5,564.00
CH INSTRUCTIONAL COMPUTERS/COPIERS	98,815.00	93,601.76	5,213.24
CH FURNITURE	800.00	845.08	(45.08)
CH SPECIAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT	110,472.00	112,826.17	(2,354.17)
CH LIBRARY SERVICES	2,000.00	1,487.26	512.74
CH GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT	44,188.00	46,072.00	(1,884.00)
CH HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	92,823.76	95,761.93	(2,938.17)
CH CUSTODIAL SERVICES	89,916.00	88,533.00	1,383.00
CH UTILITIES	30,461.87	37,502.82	(7,040.95)
CH GENERAL MAINTENANCE	68,509.46	65,547.98	2,961.48
CH EMPLOYEE INSURANCE	168,497.21	182,027.45	(13,530.24)
CH INSURANCE	26,172.00	31,504.62	(5,332.62)
TOTAL CHILMARK	1,760,697.54	1,751,342.53	9,355.01
SCHOOL COMMITTEE/DISTRICT	2,030,438.05	2,012,645.67	17,792.38
DEBT	135,525.25	107,420.20	28,105.05
TRANSPORTATION	303,407.51	297,142.36	6,265.15
RESERVE DISTRICT	98,779.00	-	98,779.00
TOTAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE	2,568,149.81	2,417,208.23	150,941.58
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 13,807,739.93	\$ 13,612,432.21	\$ 195,307.72

**UP-ISLAND REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BALANCE SHEET**

JUNE 30, 2023

	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Enterprise	Trust & Agency	General Long-Term Obligations	Total
Assets							
Cash and Investments	1,796,975.59	484,692.94	985,086.61	-	46,712.35	-	3,313,467.49
Receivables: Due from other gov'ts	66,552.00	-	-	-	-	-	66,552.00
Amount to be Provided	-	-	-	-	-	298,500.00	298,500.00
Total Assets	\$ 1,863,527.59	\$ 484,692.94	\$ 985,086.61	\$ -	\$ 46,712.35	\$ 298,500.00	\$ 3,678,519.49
Liabilities and Fund Equity							
Liabilities							
Warrants/Accounts Payable	469,841.49	34,307.40	88,160.65	-	2,222.05	-	594,531.59
Accrued Payroll/Withholdings	714,149.02	7,806.60	-	-	-	-	721,955.62
Other Liabilities	31,000.65	-	-	-	-	-	31,000.65
Agency Funds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Notes Payable	-	-	-	-	-	298,500.00	298,500.00
Bonds Payable	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Liabilities	\$ 1,214,991.16	\$ 42,114.00	\$ 88,160.65	\$ -	\$ 2,222.05	\$ 298,500.00	\$ 1,645,987.86
Fund Equity							
Reserved for Encumbrances	27,011.74	-	-	-	-	-	27,011.74
Reserved for Expenditures E&D/Other	439,933.91	-	-	-	-	-	439,933.91
E&D/Undesignated Fund Balance	181,590.78	442,578.94	896,925.96	-	44,490.30	-	1,565,585.98
Total Fund Equity	\$ 648,536.43	\$ 442,578.94	\$ 896,925.96	\$ -	\$ 44,490.30	\$ -	\$ 2,032,531.63
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	\$ 1,863,527.59	\$ 484,692.94	\$ 985,086.61	\$ -	\$ 46,712.35	\$ 298,500.00	\$ 3,678,519.49

Chilmark School Principal

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

Dear Dr. Smith:

The year of 2023 has continued to be a growth year at the Chilmark School. Our class sizes have continued to grow with 73 students. We tried to celebrate as many of our previous traditions as possible, now that we can do more activities. Students continue to participate in many arts classes, along with all of their academic curriculum.

In June, our 5th graders had graduation back in the building. The graduates gave their speeches and we were able to show the movie of the graduates that is made for each graduating class. It was pretty much back to normal!

As we start our 2023-2024 school year we again began with all of our students back in the building. Since the guidelines changed regarding spacing, we were able to go back to some multi-age classrooms. This year we have two K/1 classrooms, two 2/3 classrooms and a 4/5 classroom.

Our faculty includes: Ellen Rossi and Molly Martone in K/1, and Cana Courtney and Lauren Giglio in K/1, Melissa McNickles and Pam Thomas in the 2/3, Robyn Dori and Casey Esposito in 2/3, and Jackie Guzalak and Caroline Fenske in the 4/5. Mariah MacGregor has returned as our 80% math specialist and 20% Art. Additionally, this year we have added Georgia Halliday as our Special Ed teacher and Lynn VanAuken as our reading specialist.

The school did embark on a construction project to upgrade the HVAC system at the school. There was construction going on all summer as well as into mid-year. A big thank you to the town of Chilmark for allowing our students to move over to the CCC for the times when their classrooms were being worked on. We couldn't have done it without their help.

We still have an all-school morning circle daily to start our day as a community. During this time, we celebrate birthdays, have a thought for the day, pledge the flag, sing a song, share news, and end with a symphonic musical selection from the "MusicWorks! Everyday program developed by the Cape Cod Symphony.

The Responsive classroom is the social curriculum of choice at the Chilmark School. This approach to building a learning community is built around six central components that integrate teaching, learning, and caring into the daily routine. These components are expressed in the context of commonly-shared values such as honesty, fairness, and respect. They are implemented through the development and strengthening of social skills such as cooperation, assertion, responsibility, empathy, and self-control. In addition, our counselor, Joan Rice,

visits each classroom weekly to share activities discussing Social Emotional Learning. In past years, she has utilized the Second Step Program, but this year all schools are using the Michigan model for SEL. In addition to this program, Joan also uses a large bibliotherapy library, packed with children's books on a wide variety of sensitive topics. She focuses on integrating social-emotional learning into the classrooms and schoolwide. This school year we continue to have a full-time nurse, Bea Whiting, who is using the Michigan Model to teach Health and Wellness lessons. Bea and Joan have teamed up to post and discuss a different character trait for children to understand and try to demonstrate. Some traits include empathy, gratitude, kindness, respect and cooperation, to name a few.

We have a strong arts program at the Chilmark School. Every week all students attend art, music, theater, dance, library and gym. Students in grades 2 – 5 can participate in strings, and in grades 4 and 5, in band. This is our 3rd year of Arts Integration. This one hour class focuses on learning through the arts. This teacher works with the classroom teacher to select a topic and then comes up with lessons to teach this concept using music, theater, or movement. Theater instruction for all students encourages self-expression and self-assurance.

Our hot lunch program, with food delivered from West Tisbury, continues to grow as we promote Island-grown foods and healthy lunches. Outdoor recesses during the day help promote healthy living, as well.

This year we have changed to Investigations for math. It is published by Pearson, and provides hands on activities for grades 1 – 5. Our Kindergarten continues to use Cathy Richardson hands on math and we have seen some great gains utilizing that program. We have also switched to mClass for progress monitoring. We have a math specialist, who is able to work with kids who need math remediation or those who need to move at a faster pace.

Students in 2nd – 5th learn better spelling using the Zaner Bloser Spelling Connections. In addition, we have a reading specialist who is trained in the Orton Gillingham method, as is our SPED teacher.

In the computer lab, students utilize various programs to improve their skills on the computer while participating in academic learning. They use “Typing Club” for keyboarding skills, “Aleks” for math, and “Lexia” for reading. These programs are web based, which allows students to work at their own pace at both school and home. Students also work with the web-based Suite, developed by Google, which incorporates creating documents, spreadsheets, drawing, and more.

Our teachers have become more adept at utilizing remote instruction after utilizing on line educational tools during the Covid years. We also have purchased enough ipads, and/or Chromebooks for each student to have one to use at school. Teachers are utilizing this time when we are in school to practice using technology, just in case we need to return to remote learning.

Many traditions that make our school special have been able to start up again. Our first one this year was the 4/5 fundraiser for Island to Island, raising

money for the food pantry in Maui. The 4/5 students built games and a haunted house, and other grades played the games and won prizes. We also celebrated Thanksgiving with the Turkey Trot. We will try to include all special days that we can now that most Covid 19 restrictions have been lifted. These traditions foster community involvement and help create the uniqueness of our school, so it is important to us that we keep some form of them going if we can. For more details and photos of what is going on at the Chilmark School please visit our website at www.chilmarkschool.org.

There are many contributors that support the Chilmark School's success. The staff, a group of talented individuals, work closely to meet the needs of all students. The school PTO and School Advisory Council put in countless hours and are a valuable resource. The Chilmark School parent body makes the school a true community. Volunteers bring their unique experiences and expertise, giving students another perspective. The Up-Island School Committee works to help our school be successful. I would like to thank all those who have contributed and helped the Chilmark School continue to be a place where children come "to live, to love, to learn."

As many of you have heard, I will be retiring in June. I will really miss the students, teachers, parents and traditions at the Chilmark School. Thank you for all your support over my 15 years here at the Chilmark School. It is truly a special place and will provide many lovely memories for me after I leave.

Respectfully submitted,

SUSAN STEVENS
Head of School
Chilmark School

Chilmark School Students 2023

Kindergarten

Montgomery Albanese	Valentina Barbatto	Bennett Brown
Clive Demers	Joey Foran	Felix Holdsworth
Tepper Horenstein	Theodora Houghton	Tasher Kisiel
Edward Wallace		

First Grade

Meara Begin	Robert Douglas	Wren Forte
Ryan Bodnar	Zoe Dubno	Pepper Eisner
Edward Granquist	Reid Macleod	Sawyer Rosenberg
Nora Ruel	Rasmus Ruel	Cash Rykowski
Leo Sanseverino	Boon Somparn Montoya	Louisa Whitcombe
Booker Wiesner		

Second Grade

Willow Bishop	Beatrix Houghton	Cormac Moriarty
Iyla Bohan	Mischa Keene	Orion Newton Thibodeau
Enza Horenstein	Reese Kerns	Avalon Parr
Linen Sykes	Mica Zoref-Wilcox	Jonah Whiteley Casey
Maeve Whiteley Casey		

Third Grade

Phoebe Esposito	Estelle Mason	Orion Persinko
Bentlie Kane	Leyawin Mayhew	River Rykowski
Anders Mason	Orion Parry	Hazel Stahl
Taeko Thomson	Golden Vanderhoop	Virginia Wallace

Fourth Grade

Juniper Begin	Noah Hall	Poppy Sykes
Eleanor Brown	Asa Ruel	Ida Wiesner
Ava Dubno	Luca Sanseverino	

Fifth Grade

Penelope Athearn	Lorenzo Doyle	Maeve Moriarty
Josephine Persinko	William Bologna	Finnian Moriarty
Elizabeth Read	Lucille Stahl	Tillie Taylor
Hudson Wike		

Chilmark School Staff 2021-2022

First Name	Last Name	Position
Front Offices		
Susan	Stevens	Head of School
Mary	Kuh-Ambulos	ASP
Bea	Whiting	Nurse
Joan	Rice	Guidance Counselor
Classrooms		
Ellen	Rossi	K/1 Lead Co Teacher
Cana	Courtney	K/1 Lead Co Teacher
Molly	Martone	K/1 ESP - Ellen
Lauren	Giglo	K/1 ESP - Cana
Robyn	Dori	2/3 Lead Co Teacher
Melissa	McNickles	2/3 Lead Co Teacher
Blue	Cullen	2/3 ESP - Robyn
Katherine	Reid	2/3 ESP - Melissa
Jackie	Guzalak	4/5 Lead Teacher
Jessica	Miller	4/5 ESP
Technology		
Rebecca	Barca-Tinus	Technology Administrator
SPED Department		
Georgia	Halliday	SPED Teacher
Melissa	Schelhammer	SPED Teaching Assistant
Add'l Support Services		
Mariah	MacGregor	Math Support
Lynn	Van Auken	Reading
Specials Teachers		
Donna	Swift	Arts Integration/Theater/ Music
Mariah	MacGregor	Art
Luke	Bettencourt	Physical Education
Chelsea	Pennebaker	Strings (gr. 2-5)
Katie	Cadematori	Band (gr. 4-5)
Lunch Room Staff		
Codrin	Creanga	
Jeff	Kurth	Head Custodian

West Tisbury School Principal

Richard Smith, Ed.D.
Superintendent
Martha's Vineyard Public Schools
RR 2, Box 261
Vineyard Haven, MA 02568

Dear Dr. Richard Smith:

I am pleased to present to you this report for calendar year 2023 at the West Tisbury School. Here are the highlights of significant aspects of the year, as well as staffing changes. We continue to build upon the excellence that has been characteristic of the West Tisbury School and for which it is well known and widely admired. "Education is not preparation for life; education is life itself." These words by John Dewey align with our mission and provide a motto for us to reflect on as we strive for continuous improvement.

We had been experiencing significant growth in student body since 2012 when the school had 259 students. Our enrollment did not increase this year. On October 1, our enrollment was 315, but since that time, we have added students and our current enrollment is 327.

New colleagues joined our staff this year, including Amanda Adams, Fallon Aiello, Joanne Andrade, John Cabral, Rachel Fox, Donna Getty, Mercedes Johnson, Isabel Moore, Elizabeth O'Brien, Lara Santos, Kotchaphan Somparn, Patti Wallace, and Sean Yancey.

We continued to see the impact of the pandemic on our students and their families, but we also saw continuing improving trends resulting from our focused supports in our three priority areas:

- Prioritizing the health and safety of our students and staff
- Supporting students' social, emotional and mental health
- Accelerating student academic learning

We continuously monitored student gains and achievement, as we provided interventions through a multi-tiered system of support model during the school year. We are pleased that these supports are proving highly successful as measured by both local and state assessments. Our MCAS results showed gains for students in all areas and we were classified as "Substantial Progress Toward Targets". We showed very strong growth in mathematics and our lowest performing students, high needs students, students with disabilities and low income students all achieved high growth designation.

We continue to be successful in our pursuit of grant funding to support our priorities. Grant funding allowed us to hire both a math and a reading intervention teacher. We were also able to continue a second year of our Summer Boost and Adventure Programs, a four day a week, full day program which

allowed over 75 students beneficial summer academic and social-emotional interventions woven into fun-filled days that kept engagement high and gains noticeable. A new grant supported the expansion of co-teaching in both English Language Learning and Special Education by providing stipends for planning and a halftime co-teacher for math in second grade. The grant also funded Universal Design for Learning from Harvard professional development and credentials for many staff members. Another grant provided Yondr pouches for our fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth grade students that secure student technology, e.g. cell phones, so they are off and locked away for the school day. Since 2012, research has shown an increase in adolescents' and young adults' loneliness, anxiety, depression, and other mental health problems, coinciding with heavy social media use. Having cell phones and other technology away for the school day is supporting our efforts to remove distractions from student learning and reverse the trend of negative impact on student mental health and wellness through reduction of social media exposure. We were also able to use funds to increase our Health and Wellness department by adding a halftime teacher. We were also able to complete our grant funded significant kitchen and regional lunch program upgrade with installation of a new stove, ovens, mixers, wash station, freezer and dry storage, and more. Also, our grant funded food trailer has also arrived, and we look forward to putting it to good use processing local produce more effectively and efficiently. We also received grant money to support local purchasing which has further increased our use of local foods in school lunches.

Our School Advisory Council (SAC) continued to work on our school improvement goals in the areas of student social-emotional wellness, academic achievement and sustainability and greening our school. Although we continue to support Universal Preschool, we have decided to shift our focus from this being a school goal to support of an all island task force to pursue this effort. Thank you to Samuel Hall, Graham Houghton, Elle Lash, Wenonah Madison, Robin Moriarty and Amy Westburg for their continued dedication to continuous improvement of our school.

As always, the support of community members is paramount to the success of our school. I thank all for their unstinting support of the West Tisbury School and its mission. I am eager to continue this successful collaboration with educators, parents, volunteers, community members, organizations, and business partners, to ensure the advancement of our school and the achievements and success of all our students in the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

DONNA-LOWELL-BETTENCOURT
Principal

Martha's Vineyard Regional High School Principal

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

Dear Dr. Smith:

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

Art, Design & Technology

The Art, Design & Technology department continues to offer a rich variety of creative electives. We've added Art History and Intro to 3D Design. We welcome part-time instructor, Mr. George Michaels, to teach AP Computer Science. We held our annual showcase "Evening of the Arts" students also participated in exhibits at Featherstone and (with Vineyard Conservation Society) at the Film Center and Mocha Mott's. We partnered with the Martha's Vineyard Times to produce the "Art Class" newspaper supplement showcasing student art. Eighteen MVRHS student artists won a total of 23 awards in the *2023 Scholastic Art Awards*. Four students won the coveted Gold Key award, and went on to the national competition. Art school-bound students attended Portfolio Day in Boston, where their portfolios were critiqued by college admissions professionals. Art History students held field trips to RISD and Salem, and architecture students went on site visits with Hutker Architects. After-school club attendance continues to remain at record-high levels; our art & literary magazine, SEABREEZES, won a coveted "Excellent" award in the 2022 NCTE state-wide REALM competition, and our new student-run film club is attracting new members, as is Art Club, Architecture Club, and Innovation Club.

Athletics

There were several teams who qualified for state tournaments this year. Boys basketball, hockey, lacrosse, and tennis along with girls hockey and tennis. The track team also sent several competitors to state championships. The boys soccer team, girls soccer team, and football team came out victorious in the first annual "Battle in the Atlantic" which was held in late October. Now billed as "The Battle in the Atlantic" references the annual games between Nantucket and

MV when field hockey, boys and girls soccer, and football play on the same day. With this inaugural year, three new trophies were added called the Golden Anchor. The winning team in each of these games takes home the trophy to hold until next year's game, similar to the Island Cup. Boys basketball, boys lacrosse, boys tennis, and football all were league champions. Thanks to the Touchdown Club and many donors for the updated Vineyard Pride Weight Room. Teams have begun to use the new room with much appreciation for the new facility.

Career and Technical Education

We officially welcome the Early Education and Care (EEC) program to our list of Chapter 74 approved programs. This designation is crucial to us being able to access funding and other resources earmarked for Career and Tech Ed Programs. EEC has already proved itself as a popular program with great interest from the local early childhood education community. The Auto Tech program students are training on the new alignment equipment, heavy duty lift and a state of the art on the vehicle brake lathe machine. The auto tech students have begun their OSHA certification. The students in the Medical Assisting program completed their first blood pressure clinic. The Horticulture department implemented a program in which the students began planting spring bulbs, finalized landscape plans for the front of the High School and propagation of plants for the annual spring plant sale. Culinary Art students have been preparing for OSHA Certification and have continued to host various events for local groups. Students in the Building Trades program collaboration with the architecture program on a project to improve storage and material handling was designed and built. Students also installed split rail fencing around some of the building's perimeter. The Maritime Studies program has had several students attend Maritime colleges or with the credentials obtained through the program enter into the maritime industry. We continue to benefit from our biannual advisory meetings. Advisory groups made up of industry professionals provide valuable oversight of our programs.

English

The English Department continues to offer skills that are critical to becoming competent and confident learners. Most students continue to perform above the state and national average on examinations. Students not only read and write an array of diverse literature, they also attend performances such as the Huntington Theater and the workshops offered at the New England Scholastic Press Association's Conference. Student publications also received state and national recognition this year. Our magazine, *Seabreezes*, received the designation of "Excellent" by the National Council of Teachers of English. The High School View received at the New England Scholastic Press Award Ceremony, the Highest Achievement award is a testament to the quality of journalism students produce at MVRHS. Participation in the national Poetry Out Loud competition sent one student to the regional finals, where she performed beautifully. Many teachers of the English Department attended the Exeter Academy's Harkness Training for educators and Harvard University's Graduate School of Education's Universal Design for Learning course.

ESL

The 2022 ESL report described the department as “in the midst of change.” The changes continued throughout 2023, necessitating numerous shifts in teaching and extensive professional development for the staff. The department has implemented a new schedule of benchmark assessing which will take place in October and May/June. These assessments are in addition to the Commonwealth’s mandated ACCESS test in January/February. The additional assessments are intended to provide progress monitoring, so teachers can more effectively individualize lessons and student goal planning. The district has committed to ESL co-teaching. In preparation for the introduction of co-teaching in September, a new part-time ESL position was added, Jane McGroarty Sampaio, from the World Language Department, was hired to co-teach three ESL classes.

Guidance

The Guidance Department and school adjustment counselors worked in concert with teachers and administration to keep all students engaged academically and emotionally. Guidance continues to work with all the island, sending schools to implement a comprehensive transition program for incoming 9th graders as well as to develop an individual post-secondary plan. Counselors work hard to offer academic programming and support for the island’s growing ELL population. In 2022-2023 the guidance department was able to welcome a full time ASP who is native of Brazil and has been integral in assisting all ELL students, but particularly ELL and former ELL students. All students continue to meet with their counselors in groups and individually to explore personality profiles, career opportunities, and college options. The Class of 2023 graduated a diverse group of 179 students, and the guidance department was again able to develop individual transitional plans for all students. 72% of the graduating class went on to a two or four-year college. The guidance department believes strongly that alternatives to the traditional college pathway should be explored for all students, and we are proud that almost 30% of MVRHS graduates are working and/or pursuing additional information in an area of their professional interest. This year’s Class Night was another wonderfully successful culmination of the MVRHS scholarship program. Generous donors provided scholarships, grants and additional items that totaled 1.2 million dollars. 140 students in the 2023 graduating class received 505 awards.

History

The Social Studies Department has added Art History, which is extremely popular with the students and teachers. Students have participated in a field trip to RISD with many more trips to come. Psychology has returned as a Social Studies elective and students have been exploring ideas of States of Consciousness as well as the benefits of sleep and sleep disorders. The American Studies classes are collaborating with the ELL and SPED department to create an interdisciplinary approach that can meet the needs of a wide range of students. The teachers are expanding the American Studies curriculum to focus on the connections between Brazil and the United States and to highlight the idea of

"the Americas" as American History. The students and teachers are collaborating to put on a Change Maker's Fair after Thanksgiving. This opportunity will be a chance for students to interact and speak with islanders who are making positive changes in our community. There are now two AP options from which students can choose. 10th graders can take AP US History or AP African American Studies and 11th graders can opt between AP Modern World History or AP Modern European History.

Library

The Library has supported the school community through lending, resource accessibility, and instruction. The school librarian continues to co-teach the Capstone course, which is now available to both juniors and seniors, and teaches "Navigating Digital Information" to nearly all freshmen. This mini-course focuses on foundational research skills using library databases, the ability to discern news from other information sources, and techniques to combat the spread of misinformation. Book circulation continues to increase, suggesting heightened student engagement in reading. To date, nearly 1,400 books have been checked out, a 7% increase over last year. The library provides access to essential tools such as Turnitin (a plagiarism-prevention and classroom management platform), WeVideo (a collaborative video-editing platform), accounts for The New York Times available to all students and staff, and state-funded research databases. The librarian provides research instruction to various classes spanning different grades and departments.

Math

The Math Department was quite ambitious and productive this past year. Mr. Chvatal attended the Advanced Placement Summer Institute in preparation for teaching the new AP Precalculus course offered by the college board this year. Ms. Magnuson attended the APSI to gain additional experience as she gets ready to teach our AP Calculus course for the first time. Ms. Carlomagno completed curriculum maps both for our new (piloted last year) Explorations in Engineering course and the ever evolving Financial Literacy course. Ms. Muir spent time during the summer volunteering at a summer camp for students with disabilities, the take-aways she had to share with us were quite inspiring. Mr. Lavers, whom we share with the Science Department, set up a proper science/math classroom which now allows for more group activities and lab work in this larger space. Ms. Nelson finalized the new Statistics curriculum map to accurately represent this, now Dual Enrollment through Bristol Community College, course. Ms. Flanders took two online courses that focused on the AP Calculus (BC) curriculum and the use of technology to gain a deeper understanding of topics. All of these individual endeavors have added to the strengthening of our math courses and our department as a whole.

Performing Arts

The Performing Arts Department has had 12 students accepted into the South East Music Festival, and three students (Annabelle Brothers, Jack Crawford and Samuel Hines) to All State. The Minnesingers won silver in the Massachusetts Instrumental and Choral Conductors Association competition.

Orchestra and Big Band traveled to Music in the Parks, winning gold and overall awards. 19 students auditioned for the South East Music Festival, with 11 accepted and 5 students receiving All State audition recommendations (Emma Burt, Samuel Hines, Zylar Flanders, Gabi Silveira and Aiden Weiland). We had our first department concert in October, where 7 groups performed - Orchestra, Concert Band, Percussion Ensemble, MV Big Band, First Year Chorus, Vocal Ensemble, and the Minnesingers. We also invited 35 middle school singers to join us on stage. The annual Whaling Church show for the Minnesingers and Jazz Fest are scheduled for December.

Physical Education

The Health/PE Department has been really excited to spend the year continuing to improve on the work we have accomplished. Specifically, we are focusing on tightening up our 9th grade and 10th grade Health curricula—infusing Mental Health First Aid, Get Real, and Social Emotional Learning—into our daily rotation of courses. Since we all have a passion for moving and sports, we are really excited that the first and fourth quarters will be primarily dedicated to the PE portion of this 10th grade class. With the addition of the new weight room this fall, our Personal Training class is becoming more robust. We have also included an additional elective called Competitive Sports, this option is for students enthusiastic to participate in a team oriented capacity.

Project Vine

Project Vine had the best-attended Chopped for Charity event to date. Students also attended a team-building challenge at 10 Pin Arcade and went on the first Boston overnight trip, touring the city in small groups and then seeing Blue Man Group. Students returned to Penikese Island for our sixth technology free retreat and the students hosted the seventh Island Lore event at the MV Museum. Project Vine graduate, Joseph Maccaferri, was the 2023 recipient of the Jake Sequoia Baird Memorial Scholarship. Ms. Charbonneau, named Massachusetts Teacher of the Year, attended a ceremony at White House and was able to speak with lawmakers representing Massachusetts about the Project Vine alternative model. She continues to work with the State Teachers of the Year cohort for 2023, and has recently spoken at Harvard's Graduate School of Education as we showcase our alternative model for other schools and students all across the state and country. She has also had the opportunity to meet with education designers at Google about using tech in the classroom.

Science

The Science Department has actively engaged in education, community outreach, and collaboration. Teachers took classes in educating diverse populations and in curriculum design, including general curriculum design, co-teaching and collaborative teaching models, and computer-based STEM design. We welcome a new Biology teacher, Ms. Macfarlane, who came to MV after a long teaching career in Arizona. The department has worked with several local groups, including BiodiversityWorks, Felix Neck, the Shellfish Hatchery, Island Grown Schools, and Cape Light Compact to provide project opportunities for students. We have continued to improve our co-teaching program currently

offering 3 sections of Earth Science and 5 sections of Biology that are co-taught. Students continue to do well on the biology MCAS with most students scoring proficient or advanced above the state average. We continue to look to improve our growth in special populations in MCAS results.

Special Education

The Special Education Department participated in Think Kids, a professional development focusing on collaborative problem solving models by Mass General Hospital and SMARTs Curriculum for Executive Functioning. Teachers continue to grow their expertise in the area of executive functioning and social emotional learning to better serve students with a variety of needs. While our prime directive is inclusion of all students relative to their strengths and needs, we also have programming that addresses more complex challenges. The Navigator, Voyager and Compass programs continue to strive to meet the developmental, cognitive, social and emotional needs of students. In addition to these programs, our liaisons support students in academic support classes as well as co-teaching in core content areas. Our students have participated in the Special Olympics, Friendsgiving, Brazilian Night, Unified basketball and Unified track and field. Other activities to promote student learning and integration with the school community include: Creative Coffeehouse, Poetry “slams;” field trips that enhance functional academic, social, communication skills; and, participation in school wide music and art activities. The Special Education Department continues to grow the close collaboration and interaction with the families, caregivers and parents as well as the community at large.

Wellness Program

In the past year, the Wellness Department has continued to engage students in peer to peer programming. The SWEAR program held its second overnight retreat in June. The retreat focused on deconstructing toxic masculinity and exploring the myths and repercussions of gender based violence. Our annual assembly is scheduled for January 2024. Our team is in the third year of TMHFA (Teen Mental Health First Aid) teaching mental health literacy to sophomore students. We continue to engage in racial equity and social justice work and held our annual Race Culture Diversity retreat at the Boys & Girls Club in November. For the first time, this year we invited students/staff from the MV Public Charter School to join us. Our bi- weekly WOC (Women of Color), BSA (Black Student Alliance) and Reimagine Manhood groups continue to meet during flex. The 10 week STRONG (Supporting Transition Resilience of Newcomer Group) curriculum for Newcomers continues to support their development of resilience and adjustment to the United States. As always we continue to support the social emotional well being of our students by offering 1:1 support (in both English and Portuguese) for issues/concerns students and families may be experiencing. We continue to collaborate with CONNECT to end violence; ICC; IWYC, IHC Recovery Coaches and private clinicians to offer support to our students. This year we are offering group counseling with Hospice; CONNECT; and Alateen.

World Language

The World Language Department continues to focus on the three modes of communication; Interpretive, Interpersonal and Presentational in the target language in order to help students practice and build their communication skills. We are proud to announce that our students demonstrated their advanced language skills with 19 graduates earning the Massachusetts State Seal of Biliteracy in Spanish, 11 earning the Seal in Portuguese, 5 earning the Seal in both Spanish and Portuguese and 1 student earning the Seal of Biliteracy with Distinction in Spanish. The department saw a very successful showing for students that took the AP Spanish exam. A Portuguese Language Arts Narrative course was added to the Heritage Portuguese program in the 2022-23 academic year and this year we added Brazilian Humanities. Ms. Crawford, who joined the department in 2022 to teach Latin, has added level 2 to the program's progression. We continue to offer American Sign Language through the American School for the Deaf. We are so excited to welcome Ms. Martino from Cadiz, Spain via the Vineyard Montessori School to teach Spanish, Mr. Adams from Brazil to teach Spanish and Ms. Munhoz from Brazil to teach Portuguese to both Heritage students and non Portuguese speakers.

Thank you for letting me share this information with you, and your continued support of MVRHS. Our faculty and staff are committed to engaging students with challenging academics, additional support and resources to better prepare them for their journey after high school. It is through the dedication of our teachers, our administrators, the school committee, community partnerships, parents, and of course our students, that all of this is made possible. Without these groups working together as a team we would not be able to accomplish all that we have on a daily basis.

Respectfully submitted,

SARA DINGLEDY
Principal

**Martha's Vineyard
Regional High School District
Office of the Treasurer
4 Pine Street
Vineyard Haven, MA 02568**

January 8, 2024

To the Citizens of Chilmark:

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, 2023.

FY2023 Assessment
FY2023 Expenditures – Budget vs Actual
FY2023 Balance Sheet

Respectfully submitted,

MARYLEE SCHROEDER
Treasurer

**MARTHA'S VINEYARD REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL
FY23 ASSESSMENT**

DESCRIPTION	FY23 AMOUNT							Total
	Aquinnah	Chilmark	Edgartown	Oak Bluffs	Tisbury	West Tisbury		
Charter School/School Choice Tuition	765,489.00	25,346,464.72						
Less								
Chapter 70 State Aid	2,897,790.00							
Chapter 71 Regional Transportation Aid	355,990.55							
Other Revenues	256,827.50							
E&D Offset	963,780.00	4,474,388.05						
FY23 Net Amount for Assessments	\$	20,872,076.67						
Town Apportionments								
(i) Required Minimum Local Contribution	230,259.00	486,103.00	2,404,928.00	2,528,042.00	2,248,606.00	1,368,762.00	9,266,700.00	
(ii) Excess of NSS over Required Minimum	226,015.04	565,037.60	2,679,892.63	3,228,786.30	3,067,346.99	1,630,537.08	11,397,615.64	
(iii) Transportation	12,521.39	31,303.49	148,467.96	178,877.06	169,933.21	90,332.92	631,436.03	
(iii) Capital	10,660.72	26,651.81	126,405.71	152,296.03	144,681.23	76,909.50	537,605.00	
(iii) Other Costs	49.58	123.94	587.82	708.22	672.8	357.65	2500	
Gross Assessments	479,505.73	1,109,219.84	5,360,282.12	6,088,709.61	5,631,240.23	3,166,899.15	21,835,856.67	
Less E&D Offset	19,111.78	47,779.46	226,611.16	273,025.50	259,374.22	137,877.88	963,780.00	
FY23 Assessments Per Statutory Assmt Method	\$ 460,393.95	1,061,440.38	5,133,670.96	5,815,684.11	5,371,866.01	3,029,021.27	20,872,076.67	
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.	1.73%	4.26%	26.23%	28.63%	24.10%	15.05%	100.00%	
School Population based on Town Census (10/1/23)	13	32	197	215	181	113	751	

**MARTHA'S VINEYARD REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
BUDGET VS ACTUAL EXPENDITURES
June 30, 2023**

Expenditure	Original Budget	Actual	Variance
Supt/Shared Services: Administration: Salaries	\$ 197,486.42	\$ 202,230.45	\$ (4,744.03)
Supt/Shared Services: Administration: Expenses	\$ 23,383.18	\$ 20,312.38	\$ 3,070.80
Administration Subtotal	\$ 220,869.60	\$ 222,542.83	\$ (1,673.23)
Supt/Shared Services: Instruction: Salaries	\$ 318,123.91	\$ 296,111.34	\$ 22,012.57
Supt/Shared Services: Instruction: Expenses	\$ 36,880.00	\$ 18,522.43	\$ 18,357.57
Instruction Subtotal	\$ 355,003.91	\$ 314,633.77	\$ 40,370.14
Supt/Shared Services: Operation & Maint of Plant: Salaries	\$ -	\$ 537.40	\$ (537.40)
Supt/Shared Services: Operation & Maint of Plant: Expenses	\$ 36,450.00	\$ 22,615.71	\$ 13,834.29
Operation & Maint of Plant Subtotal	\$ 36,450.00	\$ 23,153.11	\$ 13,296.89
Supt/Shared Services: Fixed Costs: Salaries	\$ 59,857.91	\$ 67,490.36	\$ (7,632.45)
Supt/Shared Services: Fixed Costs: Expenses	\$ 3,890.53	\$ 8,809.61	\$ (4,919.08)
Fixed Costs Subtotal	\$ 63,748.44	\$ 76,299.97	\$ (12,551.53)
TOTAL Supt/Shared Services	\$ 676,071.95	\$ 636,629.68	\$ 39,442.27
High School Programs: Administration: Salaries	\$ 130,962.80	\$ 138,322.00	\$ (7,359.20)
High School Programs: Administration: Expenses	\$ 142,584.07	\$ 128,914.12	\$ 13,669.95
Administration Subtotal	\$ 273,546.87	\$ 267,236.12	\$ 6,310.75
High School Programs: Instruction: Salaries	\$ 11,117,084.17	\$ 11,278,176.72	\$ (161,092.55)
High School Programs: Instruction: Expenses	\$ 903,370.07	\$ 879,299.31	\$ 24,070.76
Instruction Subtotal	\$ 12,020,454.24	\$ 12,157,476.03	\$ (137,021.79)
High School Programs: Other School & Community Services: Sa	\$ 2,033,629.91	\$ 1,904,312.24	\$ 129,317.67
High School Programs: Other School & Community Services: Ex	\$ 1,220,431.86	\$ 1,080,338.01	\$ 140,093.85
Elementary Transportation Reimbursement	\$ (1,353,129.96)	\$ (1,196,184.44)	\$ (156,945.52)
Others School & Community Services Subtotal	\$ 1,900,931.81	\$ 1,788,465.81	\$ 112,466.00
High School Programs: Operation and Maint of Plant: Salaries	\$ 692,826.61	\$ 677,329.98	\$ 15,496.63
High School Programs: Operation and Maint of Plant: Expenses	\$ 1,376,675.49	\$ 1,514,102.65	\$ (137,427.16)
Operation & Maint of Plant Subtotal	\$ 2,069,502.10	\$ 2,191,432.63	\$ (121,930.53)
High School Programs: Employee Retirement	\$ 396,780.83	\$ 399,272.66	\$ (2,491.83)
High School Programs: Retired Municipal Teachers	\$ 603,638.41	\$ 876,493.74	\$ (272,855.33)
High School Programs: Other Post Employment Benefits	\$ 994,314.00	\$ 1,123,924.02	\$ (129,610.02)
High School Programs: Employee Separation Costs	\$ 10,430.00	\$ 16,186.00	\$ (5,756.00)
High School Programs: Insurance - Employee Related	\$ 2,751,971.27	\$ 2,579,179.90	\$ 172,791.37
High School Programs: Insurance - School Related	\$ 437,044.24	\$ 455,256.25	\$ (18,212.01)
High School Programs: Miscellaneous Fixed Charges	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 500.00
High School Programs: Bus/Vehicle Capital Purchase	\$ 349,505.00	\$ 449,583.41	\$ (100,078.41)
High School Programs: Consultant, Electrification of Fleet	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ -
High School Programs: Roof Project Principal	\$ 180,000.00	\$ 180,000.00	\$ -
High School Programs: Roof Project Interest	\$ 8,100.00	\$ 8,100.00	\$ -
High School Programs: Residential Care Tuitions	\$ 1,281,185.00	\$ 1,192,854.91	\$ 88,330.09
High School Programs: Contingency/Reserve	\$ 600,000.00	\$ -	\$ 600,000.00
Fixed Costs Subtotal	\$ 7,640,468.75	\$ 7,307,850.89	\$ 332,617.86
TOTAL High School Programs	\$ 23,904,903.77	\$ 23,712,461.48	\$ 192,442.29
TOTAL Operating Expenses	\$ 24,580,975.72	\$ 24,349,091.16	\$ 231,884.56

**MARTHA'S VINEYARD REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
BALANCE SHEET - June 30, 2023**

Assets	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Trust & Agency	General Long-Term Obligations	Total
Cash and Investments	\$ 5,320,765.55	\$ 1,209,056.24	\$ 422,575.40	\$ 160,878.71	-	\$ 7,113,275.90
Receivables	-	-	-	-	-	-
Intergovernmental	389,235.00	-	-	-	-	389,235.00
Amount to be Provided	-	-	-	-	180,000.00	180,000.00
Total Assets	5,710,000.55	1,209,056.24	422,575.40	160,878.71	180,000.00	7,682,510.90
Liabilities and Fund Equity						
Liabilities						
Warrants/Accounts Payable	1,045,022.53	214,788.21	127,954.83	24,664.94	-	1,412,430.51
Notes Payable	-	-	-	-	-	-
Salaries Payable	-	-	-	1,020.00	-	1,020.00
Accrued Payroll/withholdings	1,378,434.48	180,272.02	-	347,087.08	-	1,905,793.58
Other Liabilities	82,424.83	-	-	-	-	82,424.83
Agency Funds	-	-	-	(1,765,243.32)	-	(1,765,243.32)
Bonds Payable	-	-	-	-	180,000.00	180,000.00
Total Liabilities	2,505,881.84	395,060.23	127,954.83	(1,392,471.30)	180,000.00	1,816,425.60
Fund Equity						
Reserved for Encumbrances	948,682.92	-	-	-	-	948,682.92
Reserved for Expenditures E&D/ Other	669,390.00	-	-	-	-	669,390.00
Reserved for Special Purposed	-	-	-	-	-	-
Excess and Deficiency/Undesign Fund Balance	1,586,045.79	813,996.01	294,620.57	1,553,350.01	-	4,248,012.38
Designated for Deficits	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Fund Equity	3,204,118.71	813,996.01	294,620.57	1,553,350.01	-	5,866,085.30
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	\$ 5,710,000.55	\$ 1,209,056.24	\$ 422,575.40	\$ 160,878.71	\$ 180,000.00	\$ 7,682,510.90

FINANCE

Board of Assessors

The tax rate for FY 2023 is \$2.63 per thousand dollars of value. It continues to be one of the lowest tax rates in the Commonwealth. The FY 2022 tax rate was \$2.82 per thousand dollars of value.

Assessed Valuation of Real Estate	\$4,203,406,770.00
Assessed Valuation of Personal Property	\$54,673,270.00
Total Valuation of Real & Personal Estate	\$4,258,080,040.00
Total Tax on Real Estate	\$11,054,959.81
Total Tax on Personal Property	\$143,790.70
Total Tax	\$11,198,750.51
Tax Rate Summary:	
Total Amount to be Raised	\$14,838,615.71
Total Estimated Receipts and Revenue	
From other Sources less	\$3,639,865.20
Net Amount to be Raised by Taxation	\$11,198,750.51

Our Real Estate and Personal Property values are reflective of a market analysis of sales as of January 1, 2022. The Assessors are available by appointment; feel free to call or email Pamela F. Bunker, our Assistant Assessor. 508-645-2102 / pbunker@chilmarkma.gov

Respectfully submitted,

CLARISSA ALLEN, Chairperson
ELIZABETH B. OLIVER
LEONARD JASON, JR.

Tax Collector

To the Honorable Select Board and
the Residents of Chilmark:

Taxes committed to this office by the Board of Assessors in F/Y 2023:
\$11,898,083.21 representing an increase of \$871,838.66 from F/Y 2022.

F/Y 2023 Real Estate taxes committed: \$11,370,118.24
\$868,111.41 increase from F/Y 2022
\$118,659.10 outstanding as of 6/30/23

F/Y 2023 Personal Property taxes committed: \$143,790.80
\$47,751.40 decrease from F/Y 2022
\$2,062.61 outstanding as of 6/30/23

2023 Motor Vehicle Excise taxes committed: \$340,413.37
\$46,159.18 increase from F/Y 2022
\$23,584.28 outstanding as of 6/30/23

2022 Motor Vehicle Excise taxes committed (in F/Y 2023): \$35,577.80
\$5,036.47 increase from F/Y 2022
\$5,708.37 outstanding as of 6/30/23

F/Y 2023 Boat Excise taxes committed: \$8,183.00
\$283.00 increase from F/Y 2022
\$1,044.00 outstanding as of 6/30/23

F/Y 2023 Online payments: \$4,199,582.03
\$771,249.89 increase from F/Y 2022

As of June 30, 2023, outstanding receivables for Real Estate, Personal Property, Motor Vehicle Excise and Boat Excise taxes including all prior years totaled \$163,899.81 which is \$13,442.82 less than the outstanding balance from Fiscal Year 2022. An additional \$69,615.96 was collected for F/Y 2023 Real Estate taxes since December 31, 2023.

As in previous years, the account balanced with the Accountant, Treasurer and Assistant Assessor.

Respectfully submitted,

JESSICA BRADLEE
Collector of Taxes

TOWN OF CHILMARK
Proposed Budget
Fiscal Year 2025

	FY24 Approved Budget	FY25 Proposed Budget
01. General Fund	13,579,622	14,467,768
114. Moderator	100	100
5700. Expenditures	100	100
5730. Dues and Memberships	100	100
122. Select Board	328,894	341,713
5100. Salaries and Wages	315,569	328,378
5101. Elected Officials	4,500	4,500
5102. Town Administrator	159,599	166,174
5103. Asst to Town Administrator	87,316	88,260
5108. Admin HR	32,000	35,874
5142. Longevity	7,046	7,530
5176. IT Support	6,180	6,435
5177. Admin Asst - Projects FD/EMS	5,500	5,727
5195. Intern	2,500	2,500
5205. Web Site Manager	10,928	11,378
5700. Expenditures	13,325	13,335
5262. GIS Software Maint	1,000	0
5303. Professional Development	1,500	1,500
5306. Advertising	25	25
5310. Printing of Town Report	8,000	8,000
5344. Postage	25	25
5399. Other Purchased Services	25	25
5510. Books and Publications	25	25
5589. Other Supplies	25	35
5710. In-State Travel	1,000	1,200
5711. Mileage Allowance	300	1,000
5730. Dues and Memberships	1,400	1,500
131. Finance Committee	350	520
5700. Expenditures	350	520
5344. Postage	0	125
5420. Office Supplies	200	200
5730. Dues and Memberships	150	195
135. Town Accountant	145,673	160,656
5100. Salaries and Wages	120,628	134,935
5104. Town Accountant	119,468	105,235
5108. Admin Asst	0	29,700
5142. Longevity	1,160	0
5700. Expenditures	25,045	25,721
5248. Software Maintenance/License	23,295	23,971

	FY24 Approved Budget	FY25 Proposed Budget
5303. Professional Development	300	300
5307. Data Processing	0	0
5344. Postage	80	80
5420. Office Supplies	250	250
5582. Computer Supplies	250	250
5710. In-State Travel	800	800
5711. Mileage Allowance	0	0
5730. Dues and Memberships	70	70
136. Auditing	23,000	23,000
5700. Expenditures	23,000	23,000
5304. Auditing	23,000	23,000
141. Board of Assessors	158,994	168,631
5100. Salaries and Wages	120,954	122,391
5101. Elected Officials	1,500	1,500
5105. Assistant Assessor	114,988	116,241
5120. Temporary Employees	0	0
5142. Longevity	4,466	4,650
5700. Expenditures	38,040	46,240
5248. Software Maintenance/License	28,910	29,910
5258. Interim Revaluation	0	5,000
5303. Professional Development	1,030	1,030
5313. Mapping Services	4,500	6,500
5344. Postage	50	50
5420. Office Supplies	150	300
5582. Computer Supplies	75	75
5595. Bottled Water	425	425
5710. In-State Travel	1,500	1,500
5711. Mileage Allowance	1,150	1,150
5730. Dues and Memberships	250	300
145. Treasurer	152,583	155,675
5100. Salaries and Wages	134,702	137,802
5106. Treasurer	111,532	116,677
5108. FinClerk	23,170	21,125
5700. Expenditures	17,881	17,873
5248. Software Maintenance/License	4,286	4,458
5303. Professional Development	2,000	2,000
5307. Data Processing	7,500	7,500
5344. Postage	1,500	1,500
5382. Bank Service Charges	100	100
5420. Office Supplies	230	300
5710. In-State Travel	1,200	1,200
5711. Mileage Allowance	0	250
5730. Dues and Memberships	65	65

	FY24 Approved Budget	FY25 Proposed Budget
5741. Bonding	500	500
5850. Additional Equipment	500	0
146. Tax Collector	135,403	137,268
5100. Salaries and Wages	114,176	115,486
5107. Tax Collector	112,001	113,222
5142. Longevity	2,175	2,264
5700. Expenditures	21,227	21,782
5248. Software Maintenance/License	11,847	11,847
5303. Professional Development	800	800
5306. Advertising	75	150
5319. Recording Fees	75	150
5341. Telecommunications	0	0
5344. Postage	4,200	4,500
5420. Office Supplies	200	250
5421. Tax Bills	2,800	2,800
5582. Computer Supplies	400	455
5710. In-State Travel	300	300
5711. Mileage Allowance	0	0
5730. Dues and Memberships	65	65
5741. Bonding	465	465
151. Legal	55,175	55,200
5700. Expenditures	55,175	55,200
5305. Legal Counsel	55,000	55,000
5306. Advertising	25	50
5319. Recording Fees	150	150
152. Human Resource Board	6,533	5,605
5100. Salaries and Wages	6,123	4,805
5108. Board Admin	6,123	4,805
5700. Expenditures	410	800
5303. Professional Development	80	100
5306. Advertising	100	600
5344. Postage	30	0
5710. In-State Travel	100	0
5730. Dues and Memberships	100	100
161. Town Clerk	108,229	115,168
5100. Salaries and Wages	95,471	96,483
5108. Asst Clerk	5,000	5,000
5109. Town Clerk	89,601	90,577
5142. Longevity	870	906
5730. Dues and Memberships	0	0
5700. Expenditures	12,758	18,685
5303. Professional Development	100	1,950
5306. Advertising	50	50

	FY24 Approved Budget	FY25 Proposed Budget
5309. Bookbinding	0	200
5343. Printing	510	510
5344. Postage	1,364	1,500
5385. Election Workers/Warden	6,577	10,465
5386. Registration Workers	300	300
5420. Office Supplies	250	250
5582. Computer Supplies	150	350
5589. Other Supplies	275	275
5592. Dog License Supplies	105	105
5710. In-State Travel	721	225
5711. Mileage Allowance	176	325
5730. Dues and Memberships	280	280
5741. Bonding	100	100
5870. Replacement Equipment	350	350
5876. Automark	1,450	1,450
171. Conservation Commission	39,620	39,656
5100. Salaries and Wages	36,687	35,101
5108. Board Admin	31,687	29,895
5114. Conservation Agent	5,000	5,206
5700. Expenditures	2,933	4,555
5303. Professional Development	500	1,500
5306. Advertising	100	100
5313. Mapping Services	500	500
5341. Telecommunications	720	720
5344. Postage	250	250
5420. Office Supplies	150	150
5710. In-State Travel	200	400
5711. Mileage Allowance	250	500
5730. Dues and Memberships	263	435
173. Climate Change	4,908	5,000
5100. Salaries and Wages	4,908	5,000
5108. Board Admin	4,908	5,000
175. Planning Board	35,837	36,174
5100. Salaries and Wages	30,157	30,494
5108. Admin Asst	29,867	30,192
5142. Longevity	290	302
5700. Expenditures	5,680	5,680
5303. Professional Development	400	400
5305. Legal Counsel	3,000	3,000
5306. Advertising	400	400
5314. Consultants	400	400
5343. Printing	500	500
5344. Postage	350	350
5399. Other Purchased Services	50	50

	FY24 Approved Budget	FY25 Proposed Budget
5420. Office Supplies	100	100
5589. Other Supplies	50	50
5710. In-State Travel	350	350
5730. Dues and Memberships	80	80
176. Zoning Board of Appeals	41,785	46,127
5100. Salaries and Wages	34,696	37,371
5108. Board Admin	34,696	37,371
5700. Expenditures	7,089	8,756
5303. Professional Development	50	70
5306. Advertising	6,000	7,000
5341. Telecommunications	192	326
5344. Postage	684	1,200
5420. Office Supplies	150	150
5711. Mileage Allowance	13	10
179. Community Preservation Comm	14,162	13,690
5100. Salaries and Wages	10,562	9,965
5108. Board Admin	10,562	9,965
5700. Expenditures	3,600	3,725
5305. Legal Counsel	1,200	1,200
5306. Advertising	300	425
5399. Other Purchased Services	300	300
5420. Office Supplies	50	50
5730. Dues and Memberships	1,750	1,750
185. Housing Committee	56,317	55,551
5100. Salaries and Wages	10,205	9,610
5108. Board Admin	10,205	9,610
5700. Expenditures	46,112	45,941
5303. Professional Development	100	100
5306. Advertising	150	250
5344. Postage	350	50
5420. Office Supplies	50	50
5589. Other Supplies	50	50
5702. DCRHA Housing Assmt	45,212	45,441
5730. Dues and Memberships	200	0
192. Town Offices/Building Maintenance	340,587	377,197
5100. Salaries and Wages	120,592	115,622
5115. Facility Manager	100,000	94,795
5142. Longevity	392	408
5149. Custodian	20,200	20,419
5700. Expenditures	219,995	261,575
5210. Electricity	8,000	8,000
5211. Heating Fuels	4,000	4,200
5241. Buildings/Grounds Maintenance	10,000	12,000
5242. Facilities Maintenance	47,000	50,000

	FY24 Approved Budget	FY25 Proposed Budget
5245. Equipment Repair/Maintenance	900	1,500
5247. Computer Maintenance	70,000	100,000
5248. Software Maintenance/License	24,000	24,000
5249. Computer Training/Support	100	1,000
5250. Copier Maintenance Contract	3,500	3,500
5262. GIS Software Maint	8,000	9,000
5293. Rubbish Disposal	500	500
5295. Septic Pumpouts	900	1,000
5299. Elevator Services	0	0
5303. Professional Development	600	2,000
5306. Advertising	1,000	1,000
5341. Telecommunications	27,000	27,000
5343. Printing	10	50
5344. Postage	1,200	1,200
5399. Other Purchased Services	2,300	3,000
5420. Office Supplies	3,500	4,000
5422. Copier Supplies	1,400	1,500
5430. Facilities Maint Supplies	700	700
5450. Custodial Supplies	1,300	1,300
5460. Groundskeeping Supplies	10	150
5510. Books and Publications	25	25
5582. Computer Supplies	300	500
5589. Other Supplies	350	350
5595. Bottled Water	600	600
5710. In-State Travel	300	300
5711. Mileage Allowance	1,800	1,800
5730. Dues and Memberships	200	200
5850. Additional Equipment	100	200
5870. Replacement Equipment	400	1,000
194. Community Center	27,300	37,075
5700. Expenditures	27,300	37,075
5192. Water Systems Operator	6,500	7,500
5210. Electricity	2,200	0
5211. Heating Fuels	4,000	4,500
5241. Buildings/Grounds Maintenance	8,000	8,000
5242. Facilities Maintenance	1,000	10,000
5245. Equipment Repair/Maintenance	500	1,000
5247. Computer Maintenance	0	500
5293. Rubbish Disposal	50	200
5295. Septic Pumpouts	1,300	1,300
5306. Advertising	0	25
5341. Telecommunications	500	500
5399. Other Purchased Services	350	350
5430. Facilities Maint Supplies	700	700

	FY24 Approved Budget	FY25 Proposed Budget
5450. Custodial Supplies	1,100	1,100
5589. Other Supplies	100	100
5850. Additional Equipment	250	300
5870. Replacement Equipment	750	1,000
196. Select Board Maint/Unclassified	50,000	50,000
5700. Expenditures	50,000	50,000
5399. Other Purchased Services	30,000	30,000
5589. Other Supplies	5,000	5,000
5600. Departmental Reserves	15,000	15,000
198. Town Owned Property	26,500	27,290
5700. Expenditures	26,500	27,290
5210. Electricity - Lib	1,500	1,500
5211. Heating Fuels - Lib	7,000	7,000
5212. Utilities	0	0
5213. CHLMK Landfill - VPS	0	0
5241. Buildings/Grounds Maintenance	6,100	6,100
5242. Facilities Maintenance - Lib	2,000	2,000
5245. Equipment Repair/Maintenance - Lib	1,200	1,200
5292. Snow Removal Services	0	0
5293. Rubbish Disposal - Lib	400	1,200
5341. Telecommunications - Lib	2,590	2,590
5430. Facilities Maint Supplies Lib	1,000	1,000
5450. Custodial Supplies - Lib	100	100
5534. Pasture Hill Rd Maint-from HWY Bdg	2,500	2,500
5535. Peaked Hill Ball Field Mowing	2,100	2,100
5850. Additional Equipment	10	0
199. Comfort Station	111,750	115,520
5700. Expenditures	111,750	115,520
5210. Electricity	800	800
5230. Water Utility	9,000	6,000
5242. Facilities Maintenance	6,000	7,500
5245. Equipment Repair/Maintenance	500	2,000
5294. Tipping Fees/Waste Disposal	9,500	9,500
5295. Septic Pumpouts	4,000	4,000
5296. Portable Toilet Rentals	3,000	1,500
5399. Other Purchased Services	78,130	81,900
5430. Facilities Maint Supplies	400	1,900
5450. Custodial Supplies	10	10
5589. Other Supplies	10	10
5870. Replacement Equipment	400	400
210. Police Department	985,277	1,032,572
5100. Salaries and Wages	872,930	917,454
5116. Police Chief	150,000	156,180

	FY24 Approved Budget	FY25 Proposed Budget
5117. Police Sergeant	119,468	120,770
5119. Patrolman	96,951	98,011
5121. Patrolman/Detective	96,951	98,011
5130. Overtime Compensation	41,600	42,000
5140. On-Call Compensation	47,450	47,450
5141. Summer/Special Police Officers	20,000	20,000
5142. Longevity	1,160	3,124
5143. YR Special Police Officers	18,000	18,000
5150. Traffic Supervisor	8,000	8,000
5164. Collective Bargaining Incentive	64,972	92,379
5186. Holiday Pay	18,731	19,000
5190. Officer Training	13,832	14,000
5191. Patrolman #3	96,951	98,011
5193. Patrolman #4	78,864	82,518
5700. Expenditures	112,347	115,118
5210. Electricity	3,200	3,200
5211. Heating Fuels	4,500	4,500
5239. Alarm Monitoring	650	650
5241. Buildings/Grounds Maintenance	7,000	7,000
5242. Facilities Maintenance	0	0
5243. Vehicle Maintenance	8,500	8,500
5245. Equipment Repair/Maintenance	900	900
5247. Computer Maintenance	34,222	36,493
5250. Copier Maintenance Contract	1,260	1,260
5303. Professional Development	4,600	4,600
5306. Advertising	150	150
5341. Telecommunications	5,000	5,000
5344. Postage	250	250
5420. Office Supplies	800	800
5430. Facilities Maint Supplies	600	600
5450. Custodial Supplies	500	500
5481. Gasoline	16,000	16,000
5482. Vehicle Supplies	1,500	1,500
5510. Books and Publications	250	250
5582. Computer Supplies	0	0
5583. MVLEC	5,725	6,225
5585. Uniforms	4,200	4,200
5589. Other Supplies	850	850
5590. Ammunition	3,000	3,000
5595. Bottled Water	850	850
5710. In-State Travel	5,000	5,000
5730. Dues and Memberships	2,840	2,840

	FY24 Approved Budget	FY25 Proposed Budget
220. Fire Department	328,526	374,817
5100. Salaries and Wages	223,326	246,199
5108. Admin Asst	12,409	14,949
5111. Forest Warden	50	50
5125. Fire Officers	39,000	39,000
5126. Firefighters	30,600	30,600
5140. On-Call Compensation	10,000	25,600
5163. Fire/Oil Burner Inspections	1,000	1,000
5187. Fire Chief	130,267	135,000
5700. Expenditures	105,200	128,618
5163. Fire/Oil Burner Inspections	0	0
5210. Electricity	2,500	5,000
5211. Heating Fuels	2,500	2,500
5241. Buildings/Grounds Maintenance	5,000	6,000
5242. Facilities Maintenance	0	4,608
5243. Vehicle Maintenance	19,000	21,000
5245. Equipment Repair/Maintenance	15,000	16,000
5247. Computer Maintenance	0	600
5248. Software Maintenance/License	13,000	14,000
5251. Radio Repair/Maintenance	1,600	1,600
5293. Rubbish Disposal	0	910
5295. Septic Pumpouts	1,800	1,800
5303. Professional Development	0	2,500
5341. Telecommunications	1,600	1,600
5344. Postage	100	100
5420. Office Supplies	400	500
5430. Facilities Maint Supplies	500	500
5450. Custodial Supplies	300	300
5481. Gasoline	8,000	9,000
5581. Firefighting Supplies	7,000	9,000
5582. Computer Supplies	0	200
5585. Uniforms	2,000	3,000
5589. Other Supplies	600	600
5593. Fire Safety Education Supplies	700	700
5595. Bottled Water	600	600
5710. In-State Travel	2,000	2,000
5711. Mileage Allowance	1,000	0
5730. Dues and Memberships	3,000	4,000
5874. Fire Training	17,000	20,000
230. Ambulance Service Assessment	528,675	521,456
5700. Expenditures	528,675	521,456
5697. TTA Service Assessment	528,675	521,456

	FY24 Approved Budget	FY25 Proposed Budget
241. Building Inspections	165,240	280,841
5100. Salaries and Wages	156,665	190,885
5108. Admin Asst	10,646	29,700
5127. Building Inspector	103,870	120,185
5142. Longevity	1,149	0
5146. Gas Inspector	8,000	8,000
5147. Plumbing Inspector	8,000	8,000
5148. Electrical Inspector	25,000	25,000
5700. Expenditures	8,575	89,956
5303. Professional Development	3,750	4,000
5306. Advertising	50	50
5341. Telecommunications	1,200	600
5343. Printing	25	300
5344. Postage	50	50
5420. Office Supplies	400	400
5589. Other Supplies	200	79,556
5710. In-State Travel	900	2,000
5711. Mileage Allowance	2,000	3,000
291. Emergency Management	15,130	15,130
5100. Salaries and Wages	3,000	3,000
5108. ADMIN	3,000	3,000
5700. Expenditures	12,130	12,130
5251. Radio Repair/Maintenance	200	200
5303. Professional Development	300	300
5320. Regional Administrative Asst	5,000	5,000
5341. Telecommunications	1,080	1,080
5399. Other Purchased Services	2,200	2,200
5589. Other Supplies	800	800
5700. Expenditures	2,000	2,000
5710. In-State Travel	300	300
5730. Dues and Memberships	250	250
292. Dog Officer	20,486	20,859
5100. Salaries and Wages	19,906	20,279
5128. Animal Control Officer	17,761	17,920
5142. Longevity	345	359
5178. Assistant Animal Control Officer	1,800	2,000
5700. Expenditures	580	580
5306. Advertising	100	100
5341. Telecommunications	480	480
295. Harbor Department	359,304	370,592
5100. Salaries and Wages	242,954	254,242
5129. Harbormaster	115,554	120,895
5131. Asst. Harbormaster	53,527	56,027

	FY24 Approved Budget	FY25 Proposed Budget
5137. Asst. Wharfinger/Traffic	54,152	56,678
5150. Traffic Supervisor	19,721	20,642
5700. Expenditures	116,350	116,350
5210. Electricity	13,000	13,000
5230. Water Utility	21,000	18,000
5235. Mooring Maintenance	5,000	5,000
5240. Harbor Pilings	30,000	30,000
5242. Facilities Maintenance	20,000	20,000
5245. Equipment Repair/Maintenance	1,000	1,000
5247. Computer Maintenance	5,000	8,000
5251. Radio Repair/Maintenance	350	750
5260. Boat Maintenance	5,500	3,500
5295. Septic Pumpouts	1,500	1,500
5303. Professional Development	500	500
5306. Advertising	100	100
5341. Telecommunications	600	600
5343. Printing	1,000	1,000
5344. Postage	400	400
5399. Other Purchased Services	250	250
5420. Office Supplies	1,000	1,000
5430. Facilities Maint Supplies	400	2,000
5483. Boat Fuel	1,500	1,500
5510. Books and Publications	100	100
5532. Signs	2,000	2,000
5585. Uniforms	2,000	2,000
5589. Other Supplies	1,000	1,000
5595. Bottled Water	1,000	1,000
5710. In-State Travel	1,000	1,000
5711. Mileage Allowance	1,000	1,000
5730. Dues and Memberships	0	0
5850. Additional Equipment	150	150
296. Animal Inspector	2,100	2,100
5700. Expenditures	2,100	2,100
5315. Inspections	2,100	2,100
299. Shellfish Department	214,414	220,032
5100. Salaries and Wages	152,014	153,732
5132. Shellfish Constable/Propagation	96,951	98,011
5133. Asst Shellfish Constable	53,180	53,761
5142. Longevity	1,883	1,960
5700. Expenditures	62,400	66,300
5210. Electricity	200	200
5260. Boat Maintenance	1,000	1,600
5294. Tipping Fees/Waste Disposal	150	150

	FY24 Approved Budget	FY25 Proposed Budget
5303. Professional Development	1,000	1,200
5306. Advertising	100	100
5343. Printing	100	100
5384. Shellfish Propagation	7,500	8,500
5399. Other Purchased Services	800	1,000
5420. Office Supplies	50	50
5481. Gasoline	0	0
5483. Boat Fuel	1,200	1,200
5589. Other Supplies	1,000	1,400
5591. Purchase of Seed	3,000	3,000
5693. MV Shellfish Assessment	39,000	40,000
5710. In-State Travel	300	300
5711. Mileage Allowance	7,000	7,500
300. Education	4,175,789	4,317,063
5700. Expenditures	4,175,789	4,317,063
5694. MVRHS District Assessment	993,112	982,450
5695. Up-Island District Assessment	3,182,678	3,334,613
422. Highway Dept	265,529	294,206
5100. Salaries and Wages	176,524	185,051
5101. Tree Warden	50	50
5120. Temporary Employees	62,743	69,974
5130. Overtime Compensation	3,000	3,000
5135. Superintendent of Streets	107,597	108,764
5142. Longevity	3,134	3,263
5700. Expenditures	89,005	109,155
5210. Electricity	300	300
5211. Heating Fuels	1,000	1,000
5215. Street Lighting	700	700
5241. Buildings/Grounds Maintenance	100	300
5243. Vehicle Maintenance	1,000	1,200
5245. Equipment Repair/Maintenance	1,500	1,500
5246. HWY Maintenance	12,400	27,500
5253. Catch Basin Cleaning	3,900	4,000
5256. Tea Lane/Meetinghouse Maint	20,000	24,000
5257. Street Sweeping	9,000	9,000
5263. Painting Street Lines	5,800	5,800
5264. Roadside Tree Maintenance	12,500	12,500
5272. Highway Vehicle Usage	2,500	1,500
5303. Professional Development	50	500
5341. Telecommunications	700	600
5420. Office Supplies	50	50
5481. Gasoline	6,000	6,500
5530. Hand Tools and Supplies	2,000	2,000

	FY24 Approved Budget	FY25 Proposed Budget
5531. Highway Maintenance Materials	2,000	2,000
5532. Signs	1,000	1,000
5585. Uniforms	500	500
5595. Bottled Water	100	100
5710. In-State Travel	300	500
5730. Dues and Memberships	105	105
5780. Police Detail	3,000	3,500
5850. Additional Equipment	2,500	2,500
423. Snow and Ice Removal	30,000	30,000
5700. Expenditures	30,000	30,000
5245. Equipment Repair/Maintenance	1,000	1,000
5292. Snow Removal Services	20,000	19,000
5533. Sand and Salt	9,000	10,000
430. Waste Collection and Disposal	168,942	176,150
5700. Expenditures	168,942	176,150
5210. Electricity	500	600
5236. Landfill Maintenance	3,500	4,650
5294. Tipping Fees/Waste Disposal	18,500	19,500
5297. Local Drop-Off Operation	36,572	37,167
5298. Waste Transportation	6,500	8,800
5315. Inspections	5,800	6,080
5341. Telecommunications	400	400
5691. MVRD&RRD Assessment	97,171	98,953
491. Cemetery Commission	42,261	46,130
5100. Salaries and Wages	14,311	14,180
5108. Board Admin	4,225	3,986
5120. Temporary Employees	250	250
5136. Cemetery Superintendent	9,836	9,944
5700. Expenditures	27,950	31,950
5241. Buildings/Grounds Maintenance	26,000	30,000
5306. Advertising	200	200
5344. Postage	150	150
5420. Office Supplies	150	150
5430. Facilities Maint Supplies	500	500
5460. Groundskeeping Supplies	300	300
5589. Other Supplies	400	400
5711. Mileage Allowance	100	100
5730. Dues and Memberships	150	150
510. Board of Health	103,343	129,291
5100. Salaries and Wages	77,633	107,951
5101. Elected Officials	1,500	1,500
5108. Admin Asst	0	14,850
5138. Admin/Inspector-BoH/Health Agent	76,133	91,601
5142. Longevity	0	0

	FY24 Approved Budget	FY25 Proposed Budget
5700. Expenditures	25,710	21,340
5296. Portable Toilet Rentals	1,110	1,350
5301. Medical Services	0	750
5303. Professional Development	3,000	300
5306. Advertising	200	200
5308. Mosquito Testing	0	0
5316. Public Nursing & Flu Clinic	12,750	12,750
5317. Water Testing	2,740	2,740
5341. Telecommunications	600	600
5344. Postage	200	200
5399. Other Purchased Services	350	0
5420. Office Supplies	2,000	500
5589. Other Supplies	50	50
5710. In-State Travel	2,500	200
5711. Mileage Allowance	0	1,500
5730. Dues and Memberships	210	200
541. Social Services	279,768	292,137
5700. Expenditures	279,768	292,137
5267. Vineyard Health Care Access Program (VHCAP)	47,918	58,345
5268. C4L Building Debt Service	19,075	18,631
5687. UICOA Salaries	96,783	86,338
5688. UICOA Expenses	54,731	59,044
5696. MV Senior Svc-C4L Assesment	61,261	69,779
610. Library Department	503,558	514,375
5100. Salaries and Wages	384,458	388,175
5110. Circulation Assistant/ Programming YR	51,134	45,242
5142. Longevity	2,872	3,687
5151. Library Director	113,495	114,731
5152. Asst. Library Director	71,434	74,743
5153. Assistant Librarian	68,855	69,609
5154. Cicalation Assistants	76,668	80,163
5700. Expenditures	119,100	126,200
5242. Facilities Maintenance	900	900
5245. Equipment Repair/Maintenance	2,800	4,800
5247. Computer Maintenance	2,000	2,000
5248. Software Maintenance/License	18,000	18,000
5303. Professional Development	1,500	1,500
5306. Advertising	200	200
5341. Telecommunications	100	100
5344. Postage	200	200
5383. Programs	300	500
5420. Office Supplies	750	750

	FY24 Approved Budget	FY25 Proposed Budget
5450. Custodial Supplies	1,300	1,300
5510. Books and Publications	51,000	53,500
5511. Audio/Visual Supplies	13,600	14,000
5514. Electronic Materials	19,000	21,000
5586. Library Supplies	700	700
5587. Magazine/Newspaper Subscrip	5,000	5,000
5595. Bottled Water	400	400
5710. In-State Travel	1,000	1,000
5730. Dues and Memberships	350	350
630. Beach Dept	290,891	299,487
5100. Salaries and Wages	244,791	247,037
5155. Beach Superintendents	39,003	39,430
5156. Lifeguards	146,864	146,864
5157. Sticker Clerks	14,945	16,183
5158. Beach Gate Guards	15,844	16,565
5159. Parking Attendants	11,155	10,830
5183. Asst Beach Superintendent	16,980	17,165
5700. Expenditures	46,100	52,450
5210. Electricity	300	300
5241. Buildings/Grounds Maintenance	0	0
5242. Facilities Maintenance	6,700	6,700
5245. Equipment Repair/Maintenance	800	800
5247. Computer Maintenance	800	800
5251. Radio Repair/Maintenance	600	600
5293. Rubbish Disposal	4,000	4,000
5296. Portable Toilet Rentals	11,500	11,500
5303. Professional Development	650	1,000
5306. Advertising	75	75
5341. Telecommunications	400	400
5343. Printing	3,000	3,000
5344. Postage	25	25
5399. Other Purchased Services	2,000	2,000
5420. Office Supplies	400	400
5430. Facilities Maint Supplies	1,800	1,800
5481. Gasoline	0	0
5532. Signs	200	200
5582. Computer Supplies	350	350
5585. Uniforms	2,100	2,100
5595. Bottled Water	800	800
5711. Mileage Allowance	1,600	1,600
5740. Insurance Premiums	5,000	5,000
5850. Additional Equipment	1,000	1,000
5870. Replacement Equipment	2,000	8,000

	FY24 Approved Budget	FY25 Proposed Budget
650. Park & Recreation Committee	200	200
5700. Expenditures	200	200
5399. Other Purchased Services	200	200
691. Historical Commission	2,325	3,002
5100. Salaries and Wages	1,020	1,602
5108. Board Admin	1,020	1,602
5700. Expenditures	1,305	1,400
5399. Other Purchased Services	950	500
5420. Office Supplies	0	400
5730. Dues and Memberships	355	500
699. Cultural Council	3,500	5,000
5700. Expenditures	3,500	5,000
5686. Cultural Council Assessment	3,500	5,000
710. Retirement of Debt - Principal	565,000	521,102
5700. Expenditures	565,000	521,102
5920. Middle Line Road Housing	100,000	100,000
5925. FD/EMS BLDG 2022	465,000	665,000
5926. CHMK HVAC	0	230,000
5930. CHMK HVAC REIMBURSEMENT	0	(55,975)
5931. FB RESERVED FOR DEBT (HVAC)	0	(90,000)
5932. FD/EMS BLDG REIMBURSEMENT	0	(327,923)
751. Retirement of Debt - Interest	390,050	544,129
5700. Expenditures	390,050	544,129
5920. Middle Line Road Housing	4,500	1,500
5925. FD/EMS BLDG 2022	385,550	579,300
5926. CHMK HVAC	0	124,688
5930. CHMK HVAC REIMBURSEMENT	0	(14,963)
5931. FB RESERVED FOR DEBT (HVAC)	0	(37,088)
5932. FD/EMS BLD REIMBURSEMENT	0	(109,308)
752. Short Term Interest	201,200	1,000
5700. Expenditures	201,200	1,000
5319. Recording Fees	1,650	0
5911. Bond Anticipation	199,550	1,000
840. Other Assessments	241,698	247,060
5700. Expenditures	241,698	247,060
5692. MV Commission Assessment	241,698	247,060
910. Employee Benefits and Contrib	1,606,715	1,999,222
5700. Expenditures	1,606,715	1,999,222
5170. Medicare	53,732	55,723
5171. Workers Compensation Insurance	19,000	19,000
5172. Unemployment Insurance	3,461	4,400
5173. Health Insurance	559,849	565,803
5174. Group Life Insurance	2,300	2,300

	FY24 Approved Budget	FY25 Proposed Budget
5175. DUKES CO RETIREMENT		
SYS ASSMT	449,097	475,378
5189. Health Ins Mitigation	0	0
5196. Health insurance-Retirees	133,486	173,322
5197. OPEB Trust Contribution	192,000	369,093
5199. Health Insurance-Elected Officers	169,830	195,453
5201. HSA Management Fee	200	450
5202. OPEB Trust Admin Expense	1,760	2,300
5203. Executive Benefits	12,000	12,000
5204. Health Savings Account-Town Contribution	10,000	24,000
5208. Salary Reserve Fund	0	100,000
945. Liability Insurance	226,000	243,000
5700. Expenditures	226,000	243,000
5740. Insurance Premiums	164,000	170,000
5742. Incident Deductible	3,000	6,000
5746. PD FD Chap111F Insurance	52,000	55,000
5747. Harbor Insurance	7,000	12,000
Grand Total	13,579,622	14,467,768

Warrant for Annual Town Meeting April 23, 2024

COUNTY OF DUKES COUNTY, SS.
TO THE CONSTABLES OF THE TOWN OF CHILMARK,

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to warn and notify the inhabitants of the Town of Chilmark, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to assemble at the Chilmark Community Center 520 South Road in said Town of Chilmark on Tuesday, the twenty-third day of April in the year Two Thousand and Twenty-Four A.D. at seven o'clock in the evening 7:00 PM, there and then to act on the Articles in this Warrant, with the exception of Article One.

And to meet again in the Chilmark Community Center 520 South Road, in said Town of Chilmark on Wednesday, the twenty-fourth day of April in the year Two Thousand and Twenty-Four A. D. 12 Noon, there and then to act on Article One of the Warrant by the election of Town Officers and action on Questions on the Official Ballot.

The polls for voting on the Official Ballot will be open at 12:00 PM Noon, and shall close at eight o'clock in the evening, 8:00 PM.

ARTICLE 1. To elect the following officers on the Official Ballot:

One Member of the Select Board	for three years
One Member of the Board of Assessors	for three years
One Member of the Board of Health	for three years
One Trustee of the Public Library	for three years
One Member of the Cemetery Commission	for three years
Three Members of the Finance Advisory Committee	for three years
One Member of the Finance Advisory Committee	for one year
One Member of the Planning Board	for five years
One Constable	for three years
One Fence Viewer	for three years
One Surveyor of Wood, Lumber and Bark	for three years
One Surveyor of Wood, Lumber and Bark	for one year
One Tree Warden	for one year
One Member of the Martha's Vineyard Land Bank Commission	for three years

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

ARTICLE 3. To see if the town will vote to raise such sums of money as will be necessary to defray town charges and to make the appropriations for the

ensuing year, as printed under Departmental Budgets - Salaries and Expenses totals, and that the amounts set forth under A.) the Community Preservation Committee (Dept. 179) shall be funded from the Community Preservation FY2025 Budgeted Reserve Fund Balance, and B.) the Tri Town Ambulance revenue offset (in Department 231) be transferred from the Ambulance Receipts Reserved for Appropriation.

Recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee - 6 Ayes - 0 Nays – 1 Absent

ARTICLE 4. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$10,000.00** and further appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 to be received from the Chilmark Town Affairs Council, subject to receipt, which amounts are to be added to the Maintenance Account of the Chilmark Community Center.

Recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee - 6 Ayes - 0 Nays – 1 Absent

ARTICLE 5. To see if the town will vote to transfer from available funds in the treasury the sum of **\$75,000** for a Reserve Fund to be administered by the Finance Advisory Committee, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024.

Recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee - 6 Ayes - 0 Nays – 1 Absent

ARTICLE 6. To see if the town will vote to transfer from available funds in the treasury, and appropriate the sum of **\$15,000** to fund the Reserve Fund for the Future Payment of Accrued Liabilities for Compensated Absences.

Recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee - 6 Ayes - 0 Nays – 1 Absent

ARTICLE 7. To see if the town will vote to transfer from available funds in the treasury, and appropriate the sum of \$281,000 to the town's stabilizations funds as follows:

\$130,000 to be placed in the General Stabilization Fund,

\$25,000 to be placed in the Fire Department Stabilization Fund, with the intent that it be put towards the replacement costs for fire apparatus which is over twenty-five (25) years in age,

\$26,000 to be placed in the Police Vehicle Stabilization Fund,

\$100,000 to be placed in the Highway Stabilization Fund.

Recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee - 6 Ayes - 0 Nays – 1 Absent

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Police Vehicle Stabilization Fund the sum of **\$75,000.00** for the purchase of a new EV police pickup truck, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee - 6 Ayes - 0 Nays – 1 Absent

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Fire Stabilization Fund the sum of **\$24,210.00** for the purchase of a gear and equipment for the new fire apparatus Engine 121, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee - 6 Ayes - 0 Nays – 1 Absent

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds in the treasury, and appropriate the sum of **\$6,381.63** (Six Thousand, Three Hundred eighty-one dollars and sixty three cents) to serve as cost share to fund and pay costs associated with grant application services and the grant match requirement for the **Hospital Roads Resilience Assessment being performed**

by the **Town of Oak Bluffs**, and to cover all costs incidental and relative thereto, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee - 6 Ayes - 0 Nays – 1 Absent

ARTICLE 11. To see if the town will vote, under the provisions of St. 2023, c. 77, s. 9, and as authorized by the Director of Accounts to

- A. create a “Special Revenue Fund for Opioid Settlement receipts”, pursuant to MGL Chapter 44, section 53;
- B. transfer from available funds in the treasury to the special revenue fund the sum of **\$2,756.01** previously received by the town;
- C. transfer from Miscellaneous Receipts in FY2024 the sum of **\$2,709.81**; and
- D. Authorize all FY2024 and future Opioid Settlement receipts to be deposited into the special revenue fund.

Recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee - 6 Ayes - 0 Nays – 1 Absent

ARTICLE 12. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$10,780** to fund the Town’s share of the administrative expenses of the All Island School Committee’s contract for adult and community education programs in Fiscal Year 2025.

Recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee - 6 Ayes - 0 Nays – 1 Absent

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$ 27,446.18** to support the maintenance costs of the Martha’s Vineyard Public Safety Communication System (Regional Emergency Communications Center) in accordance with the Cooperative Agreement for Emergency Communications and Dispatch Services. The funding is contingent on all Island Towns paying for such costs in Fiscal Year 2025 according to the agreed upon dispatch and fixed cost formula.

Submitted by the Dukes County Sheriff

Recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee - 6 Ayes - 0 Nays – 1 Absent

ARTICLE 14. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$65,362.00** to pay the FY2025 operating costs of regional services provided through Dukes County:

- **\$5,390** as the Town’s proportionate share of the Fiscal Year 2025 cost to fund the **Dukes County Social Services**, based on the “50/50” formula.
- **\$10,622** to fund the **CORE** program under the supervision of the Up Island Council on Aging.
- **\$12,503** as the Town’s proportionate share of the Fiscal Year 2025 cost to fund the **Healthy Aging Martha’s Vineyard** for planning, community building and advocacy work for all Island elders, based on the “50/50” formula.
- **\$5,127** as the Town’s proportionate share of the Fiscal Year 2025 cost to fund the **Dukes County Substance Use Disorder** prevention programs, based on the “50/50” formula.
- **\$7,330** as the Town’s proportionate share of the Fiscal 2025 cost to fund the **Homelessness** initiative, based on the “50/50” formula.

- **\$24,390** as the apportioned share of the county budget supplemental income.

Submitted by the Dukes County Commissioners

Recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee - 6 Ayes - 0 Nays – 1 Absent

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds in the treasury, and appropriate the sum of **\$50,000** to pay to replace PCs at the Town Hall, including the payment of costs incidental and relative thereto.

Recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee - 6 Ayes - 0 Nays – 1 Absent

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds in the treasury, and appropriate the sum of **\$15,000** to replace the photo copier at the Town Hall, including the payment of costs incidental and relative thereto.

Recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee - 6 Ayes - 0 Nays – 1 Absent

ARTICLE 17. To see if the town will vote to transfer from available funds in the treasury, and appropriate the sum of **\$26,000** to purchase a new EV SUV/pickup truck to be shared by the Building Inspector and Facilities Manager, including the payment of costs incidental and relative thereto.

Recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee - 6 Ayes - 0 Nays – 1 Absent

ARTICLE 18. To see if the town will vote to transfer from available funds in the treasury, and appropriate the sum of **\$16,000** to repair the septic pipes in the Library, including the payment of costs incidental and relative thereto.

Recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee - 6 Ayes - 0 Nays – 1 Absent

ARTICLE 19. To see if the town will vote to transfer from available funds in the treasury, and appropriate the sum of **\$2,000** to remove the “big toy” playground equipment from the Police Station yard at 15 State Road (Menemsha School), including the payment of costs incidental and relative thereto.

Recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee - 6 Ayes - 0 Nays – 1 Absent

ARTICLE 20. To see if the town will vote to transfer from available funds in the treasury, and appropriate the sum of **\$30,000** to replace HVAC Mini-Splits in the Police Station at 15 State Road (Menemsha School), including the payment of costs incidental and relative thereto.

Recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee - 6 Ayes - 0 Nays - 1 Absent

ARTICLE 21. To see if the town will vote to transfer from available funds in the treasury, and appropriate the sum of **\$10,500** to purchase three sets of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), including the payment of costs incidental and relative thereto.

Recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee - 6 Ayes - 0 Nays – 1 Absent

ARTICLE 22. To see if the town will vote to transfer from available funds in the treasury, and appropriate the sum of \$22,350 to purchase a UTV for the Fire Department, including the payment of costs incidental and relative thereto

Recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee - 6 Ayes - 0 Nays – 1 Absent

ARTICLE 23. To see if the town will vote to transfer from available funds in the treasury, and appropriate the sum of **\$3,600** to purchase and erect a storage

shed adjacent to the Menemsha Comfort Station, including the payment of costs incidental and relative thereto.

Recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee - 6 Ayes - 0 Nays - 1 Absent

ARTICLE 24. To see if the town will vote to transfer from available funds in the treasury, and appropriate the sum of **\$12,000** to replace the railing on the Basin Road bridge, including the payment of costs incidental and relative thereto.

Recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee - 6 Ayes - 0 Nays - 1 Absent

ARTICLE 25. To see if the town will vote to transfer from available funds in the treasury, and appropriate the sum of **\$20,000** to repair the septic pipes in the Menemsha Comfort Station, including the payment of costs incidental and relative thereto.

Recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee - 6 Ayes - 0 Nays - 1 Absent

ARTICLE 26. To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$73,500 to repair various docks and replace pilings, and to meet this appropriation to transfer from available funds in the treasury the sum of **\$30,000**, and to transfer from the Waterways Improvement Account, and appropriate the sum of **\$43,500**, including the payment of costs incidental and relative thereto.

Recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee - 6 Ayes - 0 Nays - 1 Absent

ARTICLE 27. To see if the town will vote to transfer from available funds in the treasury, and appropriate the sum of **\$6,000** to install the replacement School Zone traffic lights given to the town by the Commonwealth, including the payment of costs incidental and relative thereto.

Recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee - 6 Ayes - 0 Nays - 1 Absent

ARTICLE 28. To see if the town will vote to transfer from available funds in the treasury, and appropriate the sum of **\$25,000** to purchase and install Traffic Calming solutions on Basin Road in Menemsha, including the payment of costs incidental and relative thereto.

Recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee - 6 Ayes - 0 Nays - 1 Absent

ARTICLE 29. To see if the town will vote to transfer from available funds in the treasury, and appropriate the sum of **\$50,000** to fund the first year of a ten year facilities maintenance plan, including the payment of costs incidental and relative thereto.

Recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee - 6 Ayes - 0 Nays - 1 Absent

ARTICLE 30. To see if the town will vote to increase the local room occupancy excise on the transfer of occupancy of a room or rooms in a bed and breakfast establishment, hotel, lodging house, short-term rental or motel as provided by M.G.L. c. 64G, § 3A from 4% to 6%.

By Request of the Housing Committee

Recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee - 5 Ayes - 0 Nays - 2 Absent

ARTICLE 31. To see if the Town will vote to approve the following requests of the Community Preservation Committee:

- (1) To see if the Town will vote to reserve from the Community Preservation Fund FY 2025 estimated annual revenues up to the following amounts for community preservation projects: **\$50,850** for the Community Preservation Reserve for Open Space; **\$50,850** for the Community Preservation Reserve for Historic Resources; **\$50,850** for the Community Preservation Reserve for Community Housing; and **\$330,525** for the Community Preservation Budget Reserve.
- (2) To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Community Preservation Reserve for Community **Housing** the sum of **\$100,000** for the **Chilmark Housing Committee Rental Assistance Program** to be used for the conversion of seasonal rental properties in Chilmark to year-round affordable rentals over the next two fiscal years. This program is administered by the Dukes County Regional Housing Authority.
- (3) To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Community Preservation Reserve for Community **Housing** the sum of **\$2,000** for **Molly Flender Affordable Housing Trust Committee** to be used for the Housing Needs Assessment update by the Martha's Vineyard Commission.
- (4) To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Community Preservation Reserve for Community **Housing** the sum of **\$15,000** to assist with the purchase of an existing building. This is a regional project. CPC funds from all towns will be used to help finance the property. The home will be purchased by **Harbor Homes of Martha's Vineyard, Inc.** for its exclusive use to serve homeless individuals. If the property is sold or its use changes, 100 percent of the funds shall be reimbursed to the Town of Chilmark Community Preservation Reserve for Community Housing. If the Town has repealed the CPA, the funds shall be reimbursed to the Town's Molly Flender Affordable Housing Trust. The funds shall not be distributed until the property has been identified.
- (5) To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Community Preservation Reserve for Community **Housing** the sum of **\$25,000** to assist with the building of **affordable 60+ age housing at 401 State Road in West Tisbury**. This is a regional project. CPC funds from all towns will be used to help finance the property. The proposed project will be managed by **Island Housing Trust**. If the property is sold or its use changes, 100 percent of the funds shall be reimbursed to the Town of Chilmark Community Preservation Reserve for Community Housing. If the Town has repealed the CPA, the funds shall be reimbursed to the Town's Molly Flender Affordable Housing Trust. Chilmark residents will have a preference for one unit in the initial offering.

- (6) To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Community Preservation Reserve for Community **Housing** the sum of **\$25,000** to assist with the building of **veterans supportive housing at 50 Bellevue Avenue in Oak Bluffs**. This is a regional project. CPC funds from all towns will be used to help finance the property. The proposed project will be managed by **Island Housing Trust**. If the property is sold or its use changes, 100 percent of the funds shall be reimbursed to the Town of Chilmark Community Preservation Reserve for Community Housing. If the Town has repealed the CPA, the funds shall be reimbursed to the Town's Molly Flender Affordable Housing Trust. Chilmark veterans will have a preference for one unit in the initial offering.
- (7) To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of **\$25,000** from the Community Preservation Reserve for Community Housing for Phase 2 of a mixed use of housing and park & recreation to the **Island Autism Group**. The request is Chilmark's share of CPA funds being raised to partially fund the acquisition of 7.5-acres and construction costs for residential units at **515 Lambert's Cove Rd. in West Tisbury**. Three of the 7.5-acres is dedicated to housing eligible people with autism needs preferably from the island and earning less than 100% AMI. If the property is sold or its use changes, 100 percent of the funds shall be reimbursed to the Town of Chilmark Community Preservation Reserve for Community Housing. If the Town has repealed the CPA, the funds shall be reimbursed to the Town's Molly Flender Affordable Housing Trust.
- (8) To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Community Preservation Reserve for **Historic Resources** the sum of **\$39,000** to the Trustees of Reservations. The request will preserve the history of the historic Brickyard and provide improved access and enjoyment through the **Brickyard History Visitor Experience at the Trustees Brickyard** in Chilmark.
- (9) To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Community Preservation Reserve for **Historic Resources** the sum of **\$25,000** to the **Vineyard Preservation Trust**. This is a regional project. The request is Chilmark's share of CPA funds being raised for the structural integrity and foundation of the **Grange Hall in West Tisbury**.
- (10) To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Community Preservation Reserve for **Historic Resources** the sum of **\$10,000** for **Martha's Vineyard Garden Club** to help fund safety improvements at the **Old Mill in West Tisbury**.
- (11) To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Community Preservation Reserve for **Historic Resources** the sum of **\$10,000** to the Chilmark Cemetery Commission for the restoration of historic gravestones in Abel's Hill Cemetery by a qualified party.

- (12) To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Community Preservation Reserve for **Open Space** the sum of **\$29,786** to the **Chilmark Town Affairs Council** for the rehabilitation of the existing, outdoor basketball court at the Chilmark Community Center to make it more functional for its intended recreational use.
- (13) To see if the Town will vote to reserve from the Community Preservation Fund **FY 2023** annual revenues in the following additional amounts for community preservation projects: **\$19,900** for the Community Preservation Reserve for Open Space; **\$19,900** for the Community Preservation Reserve for Historic Resources; **\$19,900** for the Community Preservation Reserve for Community Housing, bringing bring the total FY 2023 reserve amounts to the minimum 10 percent of total FY 2023 CPA revenue as required by the Community Preservation Act. The CPA surcharge and the state matching amount were higher than estimated and budgeted.

Recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee - 5 Ayes - 0 Nays – 2 Absen

ARTICLE 32. To see if the town will vote to amend Section III of the Town’s General Bylaws by adding the following two new subsections:

13. Tennis Court Committee

- a. Purpose. There is hereby created a committee to be known as the Tennis Court Committee (the “Committee”), for the purpose of managing and maintaining the Town-owned tennis courts located at 520 South Road (the “Courts”).
- b. Composition. The Committee shall consist of three (3) members: (1) two at-large members appointed by the Select Board, said members to be year-round residents of Chilmark, who have experience in the operations of the Courts or other suitable experience, as the Select Board may determine, and (2) a Chilmark representative of the Up-Island Regional School Committee, as designated by said committee. Each member shall serve for three-year terms. Subsequent appointments and reappointments shall be in accordance with this paragraph.
- c. Powers and Duties. The Committee shall have the following powers and duties:
 - (1) The Committee shall have the exclusive authority and duty to manage, or delegate the management of, the use of tennis courts, including, but not limited to scheduling, events, and lessons, including the promotion of all such activities.
 - (2) The Committee shall have the authority to coordinate, with local school districts, events at the courts relating to tennis lessons, leagues, after school programs and competitions.
 - (3) The Committee shall have the authority and duty, subject to funding, to coordinate and perform, or delegate performance of, all maintenance, repairs, improvements, and replacement of the Courts.
 - (4) The Committee shall have, subject to funding, the authority to hire

and manage any vendors or contractors that provide services related to the Courts, including, but not limited to, tennis instructors, landscapers, and construction professionals. The Committee shall be entitled to review any proposals for services and make recommendations to the Town's Chief Procurement officer with respect thereto. To facilitate any necessary contracts for services, capital improvements or repairs, the Committee shall annually provide to the Town Administrator a budget that includes both operating and capital expenses for the ensuing fiscal year.

(5) The Committee shall have the ability to set reasonable fees for the use of the Courts for the purpose of maintenance, repair, and improvements.

d. Transition. Upon the effective date of this Bylaw, all other methods of management of the Courts shall cease.

14. Revolving Funds

a. Purpose. This section establishes and authorizes revolving funds for use by Town departments, boards, committees, agencies or officers in connection with the operation of programs or activities that generate fees, charges or other receipts to support all or some of the expenses of those programs or activities. These revolving funds are established under and governed by General Laws Chapter 44, § 53E 1/2.

b. Expenditure Limitations. A department or agency head, board, committee, or officer may incur liabilities against and spend monies from a revolving fund established and authorized by this section without appropriation subject to the following limitations:

(1) Fringe benefits of full-time employees whose salaries or wages are paid from the fund shall also be paid from the fund, except for those employed as school bus drivers.

(2) No liability shall be incurred in excess of the available balance of the fund.

(3) The total amount spent during a fiscal year shall not exceed the amount authorized by Town meeting on or before July 1 of that fiscal year, or any increased amount of that authorization that is later approved during that fiscal year by the select board and finance committee.

c. Interest. Interest earned on monies credited to a revolving fund established by this section shall be credited to the general fund.

d. Procedures and Reports. Except as provided in General Laws, Chapter 44, § 53E 1/2 and this section, the laws, by-laws, rules, regulations, policies or procedures that govern the receipt and custody of Town monies and the expenditure and payment of Town funds shall apply to the use of a revolving fund established and authorized by this section. The Town accountant and/or auditor shall include a statement of the collections credited to each fund, the encumbrances and expenditures charged to the fund and the balance available for expenditure in the regular report the Town accountant and/or auditor provides the department, board, committee, agency, or officer on appropriations made for its use.

e. Authorized Revolving Funds. The Table establishes:

- (1) Each revolving fund authorized for use by a town department, board, committee, agency or officer;
- (2) The department or agency head, board, committee or officer authorized to spend from each fund;
- (3) The fees, charges and other monies charged and received by the department, board, committee, agency or officer in connection with the program or activity for which the fund is established that shall be credited to each fund by the town accountant;
- (4) The expenses of the program or activity for which each fund may be used;
- (5) Any restrictions or conditions on expenditures from each fund;
- (6) Any reporting or other requirements that apply to each fund, and the fiscal years each fund shall operate under this section.

Revolving Account	Spending Authority	Revenue Source	Allowed Expenses	Fiscal Year
Chilmark Tennis	Tennis Court Committee	Fees for use of the Town tennis courts	Services related to tennis instruction, as well as management of tennis courts	Commencing FY2025

*Submitted by Petition of 112 registered voters – See town web page for listing
Not Recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee - 6 Ayes - 0 Nays – 1 Absent*

ARTICLE 33. To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of **\$30,000** to for public accessibility improvements at Menemsha Beach, and to fund this article, transfer this amount from Article 11 of the April 2019 Annual Town Meeting (9107), including the payment of costs incidental and relative thereto.
Recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee - 5 Ayes - 0 Nays – 2 Absent

You are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies in three public places in said Town of Chilmark at least seven days before the time of said meeting, and to publish said warrant in one newspaper having general circulation in the Town of Chilmark during the week before said meeting.

Given under our hands this 28th day of March, A.D. 2024.

Chilmark Board of Selectmen
James M. Malkin
William N. Rossi, Chairman
Warren M. Doty

I have notified the inhabitants of the Town of Chilmark qualified to vote in town affairs, by posting three (3) attested copies of this warrant in three (3) public places and by publishing said warrant in one newspaper having general circulation in said Town of Chilmark and made due return of this warrant at the time and place of said meeting. God save the Commonwealth.

Posted: _____

By: _____
Constable Marshall E. Carroll, III

TOWN OF CHILMARK

**ANNUAL TOWN
ELECTION**



**SPECIMEN
BALLOT**



**WEDNESDAY,
APRIL 24, 2024**

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
TOWN OF CHILMARK

ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION TO BE HELD WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24, 2024

SPECIMEN BALLOT

TO VOTE FOR A CANDIDATE, MARK A CROSS X IN THE SQUARE TO THE RIGHT OF THE NAME.
 TO VOTE FOR A PERSON NOT ON THE BALLOT, WRITE THE PERSON'S NAME AND RESIDENCE IN THE BLANK SPACE PROVIDED AND MAKE A CROSS X IN THE SQUARE.

For MEMBER SELECT BOARD THREE Years vote for not more than ONE	X	For MEMBER PLANNING BOARD FIVE Years vote for not more than ONE	X
JEFFREY ALLEN MAIDA 44 Post Oak Road Candidate for Re-election		RICHARD ALAN OSNOSS 54 Hewing Field Candidate for Re-election	
WILLIAM DAVID MEEGAN 170 R Middle Road Write-in Space		Write-in Space	
Write-in Space		For CEMETERY COMMISSIONER THREE Years vote for not more than ONE	X
For MEMBER BOARD OF ASSESSORS THREE Years vote for not more than ONE	X	LAURISA D. RICH 11 Shotnaigher Lane Candidate for Re-election	
LEONARD JASON, JR. 346 North Road Candidate for Re-election		Write-in Space	
Write-in Space		For Martha's Vineyard Land Bank Commission THREE Years vote for not more than ONE	X
For MEMBER BOARD OF HEALTH THREE Years vote for not more than ONE	X	FREDERICK KHEDOURI 68 Pasture Road	
JANET LYNN BUHRMAN 54 Hewing Field Candidate for Re-election		Write-in Space	
Write-in Space		For SURVEYOR OF WOOD, LUMBER & BARK THREE Years vote for not more than ONE	X
For TRUSTEE OF PUBLIC LIBRARY THREE Years vote for not more than ONE	X	JULIANNA M. FLANDERS 14 Menemsha Cross Road Candidate for Re-election	
JANE D. KAPLAN 2 Roger's Lane Candidate for Re-election		EVERETT CROWELL HEALY, I 9 Middle Road	
CAITLIN G. KANE 10 Rumpus Ridge Road Write-in Space		Write-in Space	
Write-in Space		For SURVEYOR OF WOOD, LUMBER & BARK ONE Year vote for not more than ONE	X
For MEMBER FINANCE COMMITTEE THREE Years vote for not more than THREE	X	Write-in Space	
VICKI J. DIVOLL 16 Tanglevine Road Candidate for Re-election		For FENCE VIEWER THREE Years vote for not more than ONE	X
Write-in Space		JULIANNA M. FLANDERS 14 Menemsha Cross Road Candidate for Re-election	
Write-in Space		Write-in Space	
Write-in Space		For TREE WARDEN ONE Year vote for not more than ONE	X
For MEMBER FINANCE COMMITTEE ONE Year vote for not more than ONE	X	Write-in Space	
LINDA L. COUTINHO 5 Quenames Road Write-in Space			
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For CONSTABLE THREE Years vote for not more than ONE	X		
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