

TOWN OF EDGARTOWN

Annual Report

2025



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 2025

GENERAL INFORMATION

COUNTY: Dukes

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

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

KIND OF COMMUNITY: Resort, Retirement, Artistic

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|------------------------------------|-------|
| 2025 POPULATION | 4,909 |
| 2025 LABOR FORCE | 2,611 |
| 2025 STANDARD & POOR'S BOND RATING | AAA |
| 2025 UNEMPLOYMENT RATE | 5.88% |

FY2026 TAX RATES, LEVIES, ASSESSED VALUES AND REVENUE SOURCES

| | Tax Rate | Tax Levy | Assessed Value | Revenue Sources | % of Total |
|-------------------|----------|-------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| Residential | 2.48 | 36,035,985 | 14,530,639,197 | | |
| Open Space | 2.48 | | | Tax Levy | 38,646,050 59.68 |
| Commercial | 2.48 | 1,670,657 | 673,651,963 | State Aid | 4,307,138 6.65 |
| Industrial | 2.48 | 20,491 | 8,262,400 | Local Receipts | 8,500,000 13.13 |
| Personal Property | 2.48 | 918,917 | 370,531,138 | Other Available | 13,304,409 20.54 |
| TOTAL | | 38,646,050 | 15,583,084,698 | TOTAL | 64,757,597 100.00 |

FY2026 PROPOSITION 2.5 LEVY CAPACITY FY2026 CHERRY SHEET STATE AID

| | | | |
|------------------------|-------------|--------------------|-----------|
| New Growth | 651,825 | Education Aid | 1,399,570 |
| Override | | General Government | 2,907,568 |
| Capital/Debt Exclusion | 1,881,875 | Total Receipts | 4,307,138 |
| Levy Limit | 37,146,172 | Total Assessments | 1,632,332 |
| Excess Capacity | 2,085,658 | Net State Aid | 2,674,806 |
| Ceiling | 389,577,117 | | |
| Override Capacity | 350,345,287 | | |

OTHER/RESERVES

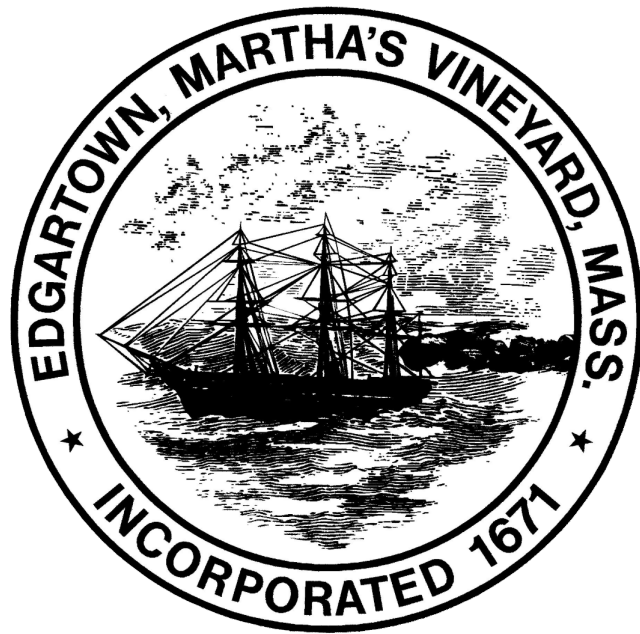
REVALUATION

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|---------------------------|------------|---|---------------|
| FY2026 Free Cash | 11,955,226 | Most Recent Mass. DOR Certification of values | FY2023 |
| FY2026 Overlay Reserve | 179,998 | Interim Adjustment of values (DOR required) | FY2024-FY2027 |
| FY2026 Stabilization Fund | 5,101,914 | Next Scheduled Mass DOR Certification of values | FY2028 |

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Martha's Vineyard Island



Edgartown Lighthouse, Edgartown, Mass.

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IN MEMORIAM

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

Benjamin Lambert (Buzz) Hall

Sewer Commissioner
1978-1986

James L. Harrison, Jr.

Airfield Commission
1995-2016

Floyd Norton

Edgartown Ponds Area Advisory Committee
2009-2013

Edgartown Ponds Advisory Committee
2003-2008

Waste Water Commissioner
1987-2005

Conservation Commission
1979-1988

BOATS IN HARBOR, EDGARTOWN, MASSACHUSETTS 2091



IN MEMORIAM

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



David Rossi

Chief of Police
2015-2017

Police Department
1990-2015

Edgartown School Committee
2004-2015

Glen S. Searle

Christmas Decorations Committee
2004-2026

Park Commissioner
1991-2024
1980-1988

Planning Board
2019-2024

Community Preservation Committee-Parks
Dept Representative
2010-2024

South Beach Advisory Committee
1984-1987

Firefighter
30 years



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Calendar of Meetings

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Also:

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Minutes

Applications of all sorts

By-Laws

Just aim your camera at the QR code to get started!



TOWN OFFICERS

ELECTED OFFICERS AND APPOINTED STAFF

Moderator

STEVEN C. EWING

Term Expires 2025

Selectboard

MARGARET E. SERPA, Chair
ARTHUR SMADBECK
ALEX MORRISON

Term Expires 2026
Term Expires 2027
Term Expires 2028

Town Administrator

JAMES HAGERTY

Administrative Assistant to the Selectboard

KRISTY ROSE
KAREN FULLER

Board of Assessors

ALAN GOWELL, CHAIRMAN
S. CHRISTOPHER SCOTT
DONNA GOODALE

Term Expires 2026
Term Expires 2027
Term Expires 2028

Assessor/Appraiser

PATTI ROADS, Principal Assessor

Administrative Assistant to Assessors

ELIZABETH FRANCIS
EMERSON HAZELL, Data Collector

Board of Health

GRETCHEN REGAN Term Expires 2026 CANDY NICHOLS, Chair Term Expires 2028
CHRISTOPHER S. EDWARDS Term Expires 2027 FERNANDO LANA, Assistant

Health Agent

BRICE BOUTOT

Town Collector

SHEETAL K GRANDE, CMMT, Collector

Assistant Collector

NELLE AGIN

Planning Board

| | | | |
|---------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| MICHAEL MCCOURT, Chair | Term Expires 2026 | JULIA LIVINGSTON, Acting Chair | Term Expires 2029 |
| ROBBIE ROBINSON | Term Expires 2027 | TAYLOR PIERCE | Term Expires 2030 |
| DAVID IGNACIO | Term Expires 2028 | ELLIOT BENNET, Associate | Term Expires 2030 |
| BRAE EDDLESTON, Assistant | | | |

Edgartown School Committee

| | | | |
|--------------|-------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|
| CHRIS GREENE | Term Expires 2026 | SARAH MURPHY | Term Expires 2027 |
| KELLY SCOTT | Term Expires 2026 | KRISTEN FINDLEY BROWN** | |

Edgartown Library Trustees

| | | | |
|----------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|
| DAVID ALAN FABER, Co-Chair | Term Expires 2026 | NIS KILDEGAARD, Secretary | Term Expires 2027 |
| DENISE SEARLE | Term Expires 2026 | MAGGIE MORRISON | Term Expires 2028 |
| JULIE LIVELY, Co-Chair | Term Expires 2027 | THERESA JANECZEK | Term Expires 2028 |

Library

| | |
|--|--|
| LISA HORTON SHERMAN, Director | SHAUNA MOON, Department Assistant |
| ELYCE RETMIER, Coordinator of Youth Services | RIZWAN MALIK, Reference and Technology Librarian |
| JELISA DIFO, Circulation Supervisor | CAROLINE DROGIN, Library Collection Specialist |
| CLAUDIA TAYLOR, Adult Programs Coordinator | CHRISTOPHER LOOK IV, Library Assistant |
| AMANDA CLAMPITT, Library Assistant | LEIF MOORE, Library Assistant |
| ROSA PARKER, Library Assistant | KRISTIN FINLEY BROWN** |
| ANGELA LUCKEY** | |

Park Commissioners

| | | | |
|-------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------|
| JANE M. VARKONDA, Chair | Term Expires 2026 | MAGGIE MORRISON | Term Expires 2028 |
| ANDREW KELLY | Term Expires 2027 | JESSICA MCGROARTY, Administrator | |

Wastewater Treatment Commission

| | |
|----------------|-------------------|
| SCOTT ELLIS | Term Expires 2026 |
| ALEX MORRISON | Term Expires 2027 |
| AMBER MEDEIROS | Term Expires 2028 |

Wastewater Treatment Facility

| | |
|---------------------------------|--|
| JOSEPH ROCK, Facilities Manager | SEBASTIAN CORWIN, Safety Officer, Plant Operator |
| MATT BARTON, Plant Operator | ZAVIAN BROWN, Junior Operator |
| DENNIS ROSE, Junior Operator | CHRISTINA ZGHIBARTA, Administrative Assistant |

DEANNA AHEARN LAIRD, Department Assistant

WILLIAM BURKE*

Water Commissioners

DAVID BURKE, Co-Chair
JIM KELLEHER, Co-Chair
SCOTT ELLIS

Term Expires 2026
Term Expires 2027
Term Expires 2028

Edgartown Water Department

WILLIAM CHAPMAN, Superintendent
DYLAN THORNTON, Water Operator II
GORDON BROWN, Operator II
HEIDI BOYD, Department Assistant

SHANE BEN DAVID, Assistant Superintendent
WAYNE JACKSON, Junior Operator
SHEILA BEN DAVID, Administrative Assistant II
STEVEN PACKISH**

Constables

SCOTT ELLIS
WILLIAM C. BISHOP IV

Term Expires 2027
Term Expires 2028

Financial Advisory Committee

DONNA LOWELL-BETTENCOURT, Chair
NEDINE CUNNINGHAM Term Expires 2027
LESLIE BAYNES Term Expires 2026
KATE PUTNAM Term Expires 2027
PAUL PERTILE Term Expires 2027

JULIA TARKA Term Expires 2028
JOHN O’HARA Term Expires 2028
JAMES M. HAGERTY, Administrative Assistant
KELLY MCCRACKEN**

Martha’s Vineyard Land Bank Representative

STEVEN C. EWING

Term Expires 2028

OFFICERS ELECTED ON FLOOR OF TOWN MEETING

Surveyors of Lumber

ROBERT AVAKIAN
JAMES HAGERTY
DAVID ALLEN FABER

Measurers of Wood and Bark and Weighers of Coal

MARTHA J. LOOK
JAMES JOYCE
ALEX MORRISON

Fence Viewers

PAUL BAGNALL
JAMES JOYCE
M.J. ROGERS

SELECTBOARD APPOINTMENTS

Town Accountant

JENNIFER SMYTH
AMELIA TIERNEY*

Assistant Town Accountant

RACHEL BENDAVID
JENNIFER SMYTH**

Affordable Housing Committee

| | | | |
|-------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| CASEY O'CONNOR | Term Expires 2026 | TIMOTHY DELANEY | Term Expires 2027 |
| JONATHAN BLUM | Term Expires 2027 | JASON MAZAR-KELLY | Term Expires 2028 |
| JUSTIN KUSH, Vice-Chair | Term Expires 2027 | ANNE SMITH | Term Expires 2028 |
| MELISSA VINCENT, Chair | Term Expires 2027 | MARK HESS** | |

Affordable Housing Trust

ARTHUR SMADBECK, Select Board Representative
JUSTIN KUSH, Chair, Member Affordable Housing Committee Representative
MELISSA VINCENT, Vice-Chair-Member Affordable Housing Committee Representative
JONATHAN BLUM, Member Affordable Housing Committee Representative
ANNE SMITH, Member Affordable Housing Committee Representative
MARK HESS**

Airfield Commission

| | | | |
|--|-------------------|---------------|-------------------|
| PATRICK BRADLEY | Term Expires 2026 | WILLIAM BRINE | Term Expires 2028 |
| HARALD FINLEY | Term Expires 2027 | DAVID HALSEY | Term Expires 2028 |
| EDWARD W. VINCENT, JR., Representative for the Conservation Commission | | | Term Expires 2028 |

Airfield Manager

MICHAEL NAGLE
BELLA MURPHY, Assistant

Americans with Disabilities Act Coordinator

READE KONTJE MILNE

Beautification Advisory Committee

| | | | |
|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| RENEE CLERMONT | Term Expires 2026 | CAROL FLIGOR | Term Expires 2026 |
| CAMMIE NAYLOR | Term Expires 2026 | ERIN READY | Term Expires 2026 |
| ALYSSA STARZYK | Term Expires 2026 | SHARON BRAINARD | Term Expires 2026 |
| MARISA BONIFACE | Term Expires 2026 | | |

Board of Fire Engineers

ALEX SCHAEFFER, Fire Chief
ANDREW KELLY, Deputy Chief
JOSHUA BAKER, Assistant Chief

PETER G. SHEMETH, Retired Fire Chief
LAURANCE THOMAS, Retired Deputy Chief
SCOTT ELLIS, Retired Assistant Chief

Fire Department Ambulance Service

MIKE KLIMEK, Fire Fighter/Paramedic
BRIAN FOSTER, Fire Fighter/Paramedic
TOM IGNACIO, Fire Fighter/EMT
ANITA BILLINGS, Administrative Assistant

JOSHUA BAKER, Fire Fighter/Paramedic
KATE FOSTER, Fire Fighter/Paramedic
HALEY DUQUETTE, Paramedic

Fire Station Building Committee

ALEX SCHAEFFER, Fire Chief, Chair
PAUL PERTILE, Finance Committee Representative
CHRIS SCOTT, Community Representative
KARA SHEMETH, Alternate
ANDREW KELLY, Call/Volunteer Fire Department Employee Member

PETER SHEMETH, Retired Fire Chief, Member
GEOFF KONTJE, General Contractor at Large
JULIET MULINARE, Member at large
JAMES HAGERTY, Town Administrator

Board of Registrars

WANDA WILLIAMS
CINDY BONNELL
KRISTY ROSE

Term Expires 2026
Term Expired 2027
Term Expires 2028

Building Commissioner & Zoning Inspector

READE KONTJE MILNE

Local Building Inspector

JUSTIN LUCAS

Zoning Assistant

ROB RUSSELL

Building Inspector’s Assistant

TARA LEWIS
EMMA KRISTAL**

Cape Pogue District of Critical Planning Concern Advisory Committee

KARA SHEMETH, Conservation Commission Agent
CHRIS EDWARDS, Board of Health representative
MATTHEW BASS, Environmental Police Officer, Mass. Dept of Fisheries & Wildlife
BOB HAYMAN, The Trustees of Reservation membership representative
DARCI SHOFIELD, The Trustees of Reservation staff representative

MARTINA THORNTON, County of Dukes County Commission representative
RACHEL SELF, Cape Pogue Property Owner, appointed by Select board
MATT PELICAN, Chair, Vineyard Conservation Society & Vineyard Open Land Foundation
SGT. RYAN RULEY, Police Department representative
ED HANDY, Marine Advisory Committee representative
GARY KOVAK, Harbormaster
ROB MORRISON, Shellfish Constable
CHARLIE BLAIR*
JANE VARKONDA*
SCOTT MORGAN**

Capital Programs Committee

| | | | |
|-----------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| LUCY MORRISON | Term Expires 2027 | SUSAN DROGIN | Term Expires 2027 |
| GAIL CROTEAU | Term Expires 2028 | DAVID IGNACIO | Term Expires 2028 |
| JEN SMYTH | | JAMES M. HAGERTY | |
| AMELIA TIERNEY* | | | |

Cemetery Commissioners

| | |
|------------------------|-------------------|
| SUSAN C. BROWN | Term Expires 2026 |
| DEBRA MANLEY-SMITH | Term Expires 2027 |
| ANDREW KELLY, Chairman | Term Expires 2028 |

Cemetery Assistant

JESSICA MCGROARTY

Local Census Director

KAREN MEDEIROS

Chappaquiddick Ferry Steering Committee

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

Christmas Decorations Committee

| | |
|-----------------|--------------------|
| JULIET MULINARE | LES BAYNES |
| SHARON BRAINARD | HOLLIS MCGLAUGHLIN |
| JEN SMYTH | GLEN SEARLE*** |

Climate Committee

| | |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------|
| JULIA LIVINGSTON, Chair | KEVIN LOUGHLIN, Associate Chair |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------|

JENNIFER BLUM
PETER KIRN

JOSEY KIRKLAND

Community Preservation Committee

| | |
|--|-------------------|
| EDWARD W. VINCENT, JR., Conservation Commission Representative | Term Expires 2026 |
| MARGARET E. SERPA, Selectboard Representative | Term Expires 2026 |
| PAUL PERTILE, Financial Advisory Representative, Chair | Term Expires 2027 |
| MICHAEL MCCOURT, Planning Board Representative | Term Expires 2027 |
| JULIA TARKA, Historic District Representative | Term Expires 2028 |
| JANE VARKONDA, Park Department Representative | Term Expires 2028 |
| CASEY O’CONNOR, Affordable Housing Committee Representative | Term Expires 2028 |
| CHRISTOPHER SCOTT* | |
| GLEN SEARLE** | |
| KRISTY ROSE, Administrator | |

Conservation Commission

| | | | |
|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| ROBERT AVAKIAN | Term Expires 2026 | EDWARD W. VINCENT, JR., Chair | Term Expires 2027 |
| MAXIMILLION GIBBS | Term Expires 2027 | GEOFFREY KONJTE | Term Expires 2028 |
| LIL PROVINCE | Term Expires 2028 | JEFFREY CARLSON | Term Expires 2028 |
| KARA SHEMETH, Agent | | JANE M. VARKONDA* | |

Council on Aging

| | | | |
|--|-------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------|
| SUE CARROLL | Term Expires 2026 | JOHN DROPICK | Term Expires 2027 |
| LISA SHERMAN | Term Expires 2027 | STEVE SNELGROVE | Term Expires 2027 |
| NANCY IGNACIO, Chair | Term Expires 2028 | MARVENE O’ROURKE, Co-Chair | Term Expires 2028 |
| JANICE BELISLE, Friends of ECOA representative | | LYNDSAY FAMARISS, Director | |
| MERIS KEATING, Director of Senior Services | | VICTORIA HAESELBARTH, Outreach Worker | |
| BILL GLAZIER, Part-time Outreach Worker | | CHRIS MCMAHON, Cook | |
| DONNA PAULSON, Clerk | | SANTANNA STERLING, Intern | |

Council on Aging Five Year Committee

| | |
|------------------------------|------------------------|
| JANICE BELISLE | SHIRLEY DEWING |
| DIANNE DURAWA | SARAH HENDERSON |
| LYNDSAY FAMARISS, Ex-officio | NANCY IGNACIO |
| CAROLYN O’DALY | MARVEN O’ROURKE, Chair |
| BARBARA PHILLIPS | ANN TYRA |

Dredging Advisory Committee

| | |
|--|-------------------|
| DUDLEY LEVICK, Member at Large | Term Expires 2026 |
| RYAN SMITH, Representative for the Shellfish Committee | Term Expires 2026 |
| PETER J. VINCENT, JR, Representative for the Conservation Commission | Term Expires 2027 |
| MICHAEL SHALETT, Member at Large | Term Expires 2028 |
| ED HANDY, Chair, Representative for the Marine Advisory Committee | Term Expires 2028 |
| JULIET MULINARE, Administrator | |

Dukes County Regional Housing Authority Representative

JAMES HAGERTY

Term Expires 2028

Emergency Management

ALEX SCHAEFFER, Director

Energy Committee

ELLEN PRICE
MARK SAWERS, Chair

Term Expires 2028
Term Expires 2028

KEVIN LOUGHLIN
RICHARD PRICE**

Term Expires 2028

Fire Department Inspectors

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

Gas Inspectors

WILLIAM CALLAHAN
CHARLES DAY
JAMIE WALLACE

Fishermen's Landing Committee

PETER VINCENT, Chairman
JANE VARKONDA
TONY MIGNANELLI
KEN MICHEL

STEVE EWING
ED HANDY
ROB MORRISON
GARY KOVAK

Harbor Planning Group

GARY KOVAK, Harbormaster
ED HANDY
PETER KIRN
DAVID FABER
MADELINE FISHER
JULIET MULINARE, Administrator

MARTIN V TOMASSIAN, JR, Chair
BRUCE MCINTOSH
SCOTT ELLIS
JAMES CISEK
KARA SHEMETH, Advisor
CHARLES J. BLAIR*

Harbormaster

GARY KOVAK, Harbormaster
RICHELLE O'NEIL, Department Assistant
KAITLYN FREEMAN, Assistant
ERIN HAGERTY, Assistant
DANIEL MCGINN, Assistant
ASHLEE MOREIS, Assistant
CHARLIE PORTERFIELD, Assistant
THOMAS TILGHMAN, Assistant

RYAN BOTTARY, Deputy Harbormaster
JOSHUA BROWN, Assistant
NOAH GARCIA, Assistant
SEAN HEGARTY, Assistant
ANTONE MOREIS, Assistant
MICHAEL O'BRIEN, Assistant
DAN ROSSI, Assistant
PETER VINCENT, Assistant

MARINA WEBER-STEVENSON, Assistant
SARA TIEMANN*

CHARLES J. BLAIR, JR.*

Harbormaster's Clerk/Wharfingers

GRIFFIN CRAIG
BENJAMIN FULLER
JOHN HERMAN
GUSTO MARTONE
CASEY O'CONNOR
GRAHAM WALDROP

MATTEO DEOLIVEIRA
MICHAEL GARRISON
GRAHAM JACKSON
FELIX MILNE
EBIN SOLWAY

Herring Warden & Deputies

ROBERT D. MORRISON
CHUCK FISHER, Deputy

JASON MALLORY, Deputy
JULIE PRINGLE, Deputy

Highway Department

ALLAN deBETTENCOURT, Superintendent
DWIGHT "DJ" KAEKA
EDWIN ALVARADO ORTIZ
DYLAN SISCO
JAMES MASEDA*

JOHN O'DONNELL
GEORGE FAUTEUX
TIM TANEY
CHRIS THURBER
JESSICA MCGROARTY, Administrator

Historic District Commission

EZRA SHERMAN
BYRON LYNN
SUSAN CATLING
CARI WILLIAMSON
JAMES CISEK
CHRISTOPHER SCOTT*

Term Expires 2025
Term Expires 2026
Term Expires 2027
Term Expires 2027
Term Expires 2028

LESLIE FLOYD, Alternate Term Expires 2026
KEN MAGNUSON, Co-Chair Term Expires 2026
PETER ROSBECK, II, Co-Chair Term Expires 2027
JULIA TARKA, Alternate Term Expires 2028
SHARON BRAINARD, Administrator

Human Resource Department

JAMES ROBINSON, Human Resource Director

Information Technology Manager

ADAM DARACK

Inspector of Animals

KAITLIN DORE

MV Land Bank Advisory Board

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

Marine Advisory Committee

GARY KOVAK, Harbormaster
MARTIN V. TOMMASSIAN, JR Term Expires 2027
BRUCE MCINTOSH Term Expires 2028
ED HANDY, Chair Term Expires 2027
DOUGLAS HODGKINS, Alternate Term Expires 2027
CHARLIE J. BLAIR, JR.*

Martha’s Vineyard Commission Designee for the Selectboard

KATHERINE PUTNAM Term Expires 2025

Martha’s Vineyard Commission Joint Transportation Committee Representative

ALLAN deBETTENCOURT

Martha’s Vineyard Community Television, Inc.

EDWARD W. VINCENT, JR., Member-Director on Board of Directors Term Expires 2027

Martha’s Vineyard Cultural Council

JP HITESMAN
SUSAN SHEA

Martha’s Vineyard Regional Transit Authority

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

Municipal Hearings Officer

JAMES M. HAGERTY

Officer of Animal Control

KAITLIN DORE

Officer of Animal Control Assistant

MADDIE LECOQ

Oil Spill First Response Team

GARY KOVACK, Harbormaster
RYAN BOTTARY, Deputy Harbormaster
CHARLES J. BLAIR, JR.*

Personnel Board

| | |
|---|-------------------|
| KELLY MCCRACKEN | Term Expires 2025 |
| SUZANNE CIOFFI | Term Expires 2025 |
| HALEY DUQUETTE, Employee Representative | Term Expires 2025 |

Police Officers

| | | | |
|----------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|
| CHRISTOPHER M. DOLBY | Chief of Police | MICHAEL SNOWDEN, II | Lieutenant |
| WILLIAM BISHOP, IV | Sergeant | RYAN RULEY | Sergeant |
| DAYCE MOORE | Sergeant | JAKE SYLVIA | Sergeant |
| JEFFREY TRUDEL | Officer | ZACHARY TOWNES | Officer/SRO |
| CURTIS CHANDLER | Officer | MICHAEL O’ROURKE | Officer |
| TYLER MOREIS | Officer | DORON KLINGENSMITH | Officer |
| JOHN DACEY | Officer/Detective | ZACHERY MOREIS | Officer |
| TROY VANDERHOOP | Officer | NIKOLAJ WOJTKIELO | Officer |
| GABRIEL BRITO | Officer | MICHAEL D. GAZAILLE | Reserve Officer |
| THOMAS SMITH | Reserve Officer | GARY KOVAK | Reserve Officer |
| KEN ROMERO | Administrative Assistant | REBECCA LAMARCHE | Department Assistant |
| GABRIEL ARADO | Community Service Officer | ANNABELLA ARIAS | Community Service Officer |
| RAPHAEL AVILES | Community Service Officer | KATHLEEN DaSILVA | Community Service Officer |
| COLIN HURLEY | Community Service Officer | SAMILLY GUIMARAES | Community Service Officer |
| JACK ROADS | Community Service Officer | HYAGO SILVA | Community Service Officer |
| JAKE WILSON | Community Service Officer | *JOEL M. DEROCHE | |

Plumbing Inspectors

WILLIAM CALLAHAN
CHARLES DAY
JAMIE WALLACE

Shellfish Committee

| | | | |
|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| WARREN GAINES | Term Expires 2026 | DAVID FABER | Term Expires 2026 |
| RYAN SMITH | Term Expires 2026 | MADELINE FISHER | Term Expires 2027 |
| NICHOLAS TURNER | Term Expires 2028 | | |

Shellfish Constable

ROBERT D. MORRISON

Shellfish Wardens (Deputies)

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| JULIE PRINGLE | CHARLES FISHER |
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JASON MALLORY
RON DOMURAT, Summer Deputy

RALPH PECKHAM, Summer Deputy

Shellfish Wardens (Unpaid Deputies)

ROB OCYXZ
PAUL SCHULTZ

Short Term Rental Committee

MARK SNIDER
JULIA TARKA
GERY CONOVER
TAYLOR PIERCE
SAMANTHA MOREL

ALEX MORRISON
ERIN READY
PAMELA CRAVEN
CASEY O'CONNOR
JUSTIN KUSH

Sick Leave Bank

JAMES M. HAGERTY
LISA SHERMAN, Department Head Representative
HALEY KRAUSS, Employee Representative

Term Expires 2025
Term Expires 2025

Sign Advisory Committee

SHERRY MATTISON Term Expires 2026
SHARON BRAINARD Term Expires 2028
MARTIN V. TOMMASIAN, JR Term Expires 2028

BARRY KORETZ
JULIA TARKA

Term Expires 2027
Term Expires 2028

Town Clerk

KAREN R. MEDEIROS

Assistant Town Clerk

AMBER MEDEIROS

Town Counsel

ZEB LANDSMAN

Town Treasurer

PAMELA AMARAL

Treasurer's Assistant

MARISA BONIFACE

Tree Warden and Superintendent of Moth Extermination

ALLAN deBETTENCOURT

Dukes County Veteran’s Agent

GEORGE PIMENTEL

Water Resource Management Officer

WILLIAM CHAPMAN

Wharf Restoration Committee

STEVE EWING

CHRIS SCOTT

SCOTT ELLIS

Wire Inspectors

ROBERT A. YOUNG, JR.

DAVID A. SCHWAB

MICHAEL C. DOLBY

COLE POWERS

Zoning Board of Appeals

GERRET CONOVER, Alternate Term Expires 2025

THOMAS PIERCE Term Expires 2026

ROBIN BRAY, Alternate Term Expires 2027

CAROL GRANT Term Expires 2028

LISA MORRISON, Assistant

PAM DOLBY Term Expires 2026

JULIA LIVINGSTON, Alternate Term Expires 2026

NANCY WHIPPLE Term Expires 2027

MARTIN V. TOMASSIAN, Jr., Chair Term Expires 2028

*Retired

**Resigned

***Deceased



LOOKING DOWN MAIN STREET, EDGARTOWN, MASS.

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GENERAL GOVERNMENT

SELECTBOARD

The Select Board respectfully submits its report for the year 2025.

The past year included several changes in leadership as well as continued attention to the Town's financial stability, infrastructure needs, and municipal services. Throughout the year the Board worked closely with Town departments, committees, and residents to address the responsibilities of local government while preserving the character and traditions that define Edgartown.

On January 13, 2025, following a search process conducted by the Board, Chris Dolby was appointed Chief of Police. The Board looks forward to working with Chief Dolby as he leads the department and continues the longstanding commitment to public safety and community service in Edgartown.

On March 24, 2025, the Board appointed Gary Kovack as Harbormaster. Edgartown Harbor remains central to the Town's maritime heritage and economy, and the Board is confident that Mr. Kovack's experience will serve the community well. The Board also expresses its appreciation to Charlie Blair for his many years of dedicated service as Harbormaster and for his stewardship of the harbor during his tenure.

During the year the Board also made its annual appointments to the Town's boards and committees. The willingness of residents to serve in these volunteer roles remains an essential part of local government in Edgartown, and the Board is grateful for their time and commitment.

The Board continued to work with the Capital Program Committee and Town Administration on long-term planning for municipal facilities and infrastructure. In February, the Board voted to award the design contract for improvements to the Robinson Road Recreation area, advancing a long-standing community goal of enhancing recreational

opportunities for residents and families.

The Town continues to benefit from sound financial management. Working with the Town Administrator and the Finance Committee, the Board reviewed and recommended a balanced operating budget designed to maintain the high level of municipal services expected by residents while exercising careful fiscal oversight. Rising costs for personnel, utilities, and capital improvements remain ongoing considerations in the Town's financial planning.

As a coastal community, Edgartown's harbor and surrounding waters remain an important focus of the Board's attention. The Board continues to support policies that promote safe navigation, responsible use of harbor resources, and protection of the Town's coastal environment.

The Board wishes to recognize the dedication of the Town's employees across all departments. The work performed by our public safety personnel, highway department, health agents, inspectors, Council on Aging staff, and Parks and Recreation staff contributes significantly to the quality of life in Edgartown.

The Town's seasonal population continues to present unique challenges for municipal operations. Increased activity during the summer months places additional demands on public safety, transportation, and infrastructure. The Board remains mindful of these pressures while continuing to support the needs of year-round residents.

The Board appreciates the continued engagement of the community in Town affairs and looks forward to working with residents, committees, and Town departments in the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,
THE SELECT BOARD

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

To the Citizens of the Town of Edgartown:

I herewith submit the Annual Report of the Town Administrator for the year ended December 31, 2025.

As winter commenced, the Select Board convened jointly with the Financial Advisory Committee and Town department heads for the annual budget process. This review included several weeks of hearings and the examination of hundreds of operating and capital budget line items across more than fifty Town departments and regional entities. These discussions were shaped by continued cost pressures in areas such as education, employee benefits, and infrastructure, while also accounting for the Town's long-term capital obligations. The process culminated in the development of a balanced operating budget and the completion of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant, reflecting the Town's ongoing commitment to conservative fiscal management, strong reserves, and long term financial planning.

In April, the Town gathered at the Old Whaling Church for the Special and Annual Town Meeting. Over the course of the meeting, voters acted on a broad range of financial, policy, and capital articles that collectively set the framework for Fiscal Year 2026. The focus remained on preserving existing infrastructure while also advancing longer-term initiatives, including enhancements to the Robinson Road Recreation Area and continued wastewater treatment planning. Town Meeting also authorized amendments to the Edgartown Affordable Housing Trust to allow locally funded housing initiatives to serve households earning up to 180 percent of county median income, reflecting a deliberate policy focus on addressing workforce and "missing middle" housing needs. In addition, voters approved a gas-powered leaf blower bylaw, reflecting evolving community priorities related to neighborhood impacts, environmental considerations, and quality of life.

April also brought several changes in Town staffing and leadership. After more than three decades of service, Harbormaster Charlie Blair retired, and Gary Kovack was appointed to assume the role. Jane Varkonda concluded her tenure as Conservation Agent and was succeeded by Kara Shemeth, ensuring continuity in the Town's environmental and regulatory work. Earlier in the year, Christopher Dolby became

Police Chief following the retirement of Bruce McNamee. At the Annual Town Election, voters elected Alex Morrison to the Select Board.

In June, Standard & Poor's reaffirmed Edgartown's 'AAA' bond rating, citing strong financial reserves, disciplined budgeting practices, and long-term capital planning. This reaffirmation reflects the continued strength of the Town's financial position and management practices, and it provides ongoing benefits to taxpayers through favorable borrowing terms as major infrastructure projects move forward.

June also brought national attention to Martha's Vineyard with the 50th anniversary celebration of the film *Jaws*. For one week, Edgartown became "Amity" once again, welcoming visitors, cast members, and film enthusiasts from around the world. Numerous events were held throughout Town, including public access to Town Hall and related community programming, drawing significant interest and participation while requiring coordinated support from multiple Town departments.

July and August brought the customary seasonal increase in population and activity. Town departments supported public safety and public works operations during one of the busiest periods of the year, responding to increased demand while maintaining the service levels residents of Edgartown expect.

As summer gave way to fall, Kate Campbell began her tenure as new Principal of the Edgartown School, providing new leadership as the school year got underway. The season concluded with the 80th Martha's Vineyard Striped Bass & Bluefish Derby, which, as always, depended on the coordination and long hours of Town departments, volunteers, and public safety personnel.

In December, voters reconvened for a Special Town Meeting to address several time-sensitive operational, personnel, and capital matters. The meeting allowed the Town to close out the calendar year in a strong position while maintaining momentum on the construction of a new fire station.

The year concluded with Christmas in Edgartown, organized by the Edgartown Board of Trade, marking the most successful season to date. Downtown was lively throughout the holiday period, reflecting the

event's growing popularity and vibrancy. Through advance planning and strong interdepartmental coordination, Town staff effectively supported the increased activity, ensuring smooth operations while underscoring the event's importance to the year-round economy and Edgartown's community character.

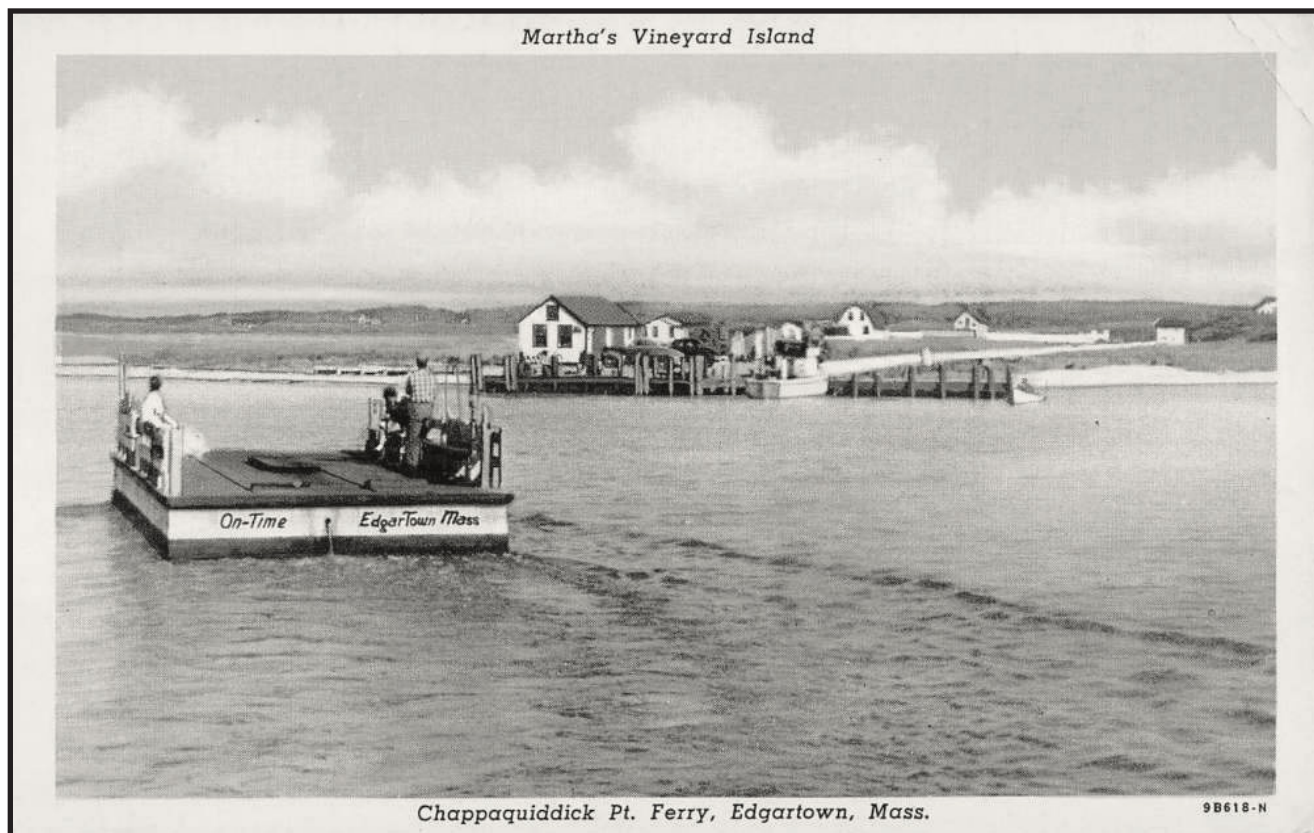
By year's end, continued progress at the Meshacket Commons development positioned the project for ownership unit lotteries scheduled for early January, marking a significant milestone in the Town's long-term housing efforts. The project reflects years of coordinated work among Town boards, staff, and development partners to expand housing opportunities for year-round residents.

Overall, I remain deeply appreciative of the dedication and professionalism of Edgartown's employees. From public safety and public works to educators, administrative staff, and regulatory personnel, their collective efforts ensure that Town

government continues to function effectively - often under challenging and highly visible conditions

I am grateful for the continued support of the Select Board, Town boards and committees, and the residents of Edgartown. It is an honor to serve as your Town Administrator as we continue to balance growth, tradition, and stewardship.

Respectfully submitted,
JAMES M. HAGERTY
Town Administrator



TOWN CLERK

To the Honorable Selectboard and the Citizens of Edgartown:

As always January and February were very busy with the Town Census and dog licenses.

In April the Special Town Meeting, Annual Town Meeting and Annual Town Election went smoothly. I truly want to thank our wonderful election workers. Their efforts are invaluable to the Town.

Thank you to the Board to the Registrars! We are very fortunate to have Cindy Bonnell, Wanda Williams, and Kristy Rose on the Board to assist us with all Town Meetings and Elections.

We then moved on to the busy summer season and lots of weddings.

For the first time since November 14, 2017 we had a fall Special Town Meeting. Pursuant to St. 2022, c. 22, § 15, as amended through St. 2025, c. 2, § 2, the Select Board voted to adjust the quorum for a special town meeting established in the Town's General Bylaws Section SS 55-7 from 218 to 40. This proved to be important to conducting the meeting as we had 147 voters attend.

I want to thank Assistant Town Clerk Amber Medeiros who was a huge help throughout the year. She has been a wonderful addition to our office and assists me, as well as the public with all the duties of the office.

The following is a list of the events held during 2025 and a report of the licenses sold for the year:

| | |
|----------------------|------------------|
| Special Town Meeting | April 10, 2025 |
| Annual Town Meeting | April 10, 2025 |
| Annual Town Election | April 12, 2025 |
| Special Town Meeting | December 9, 2025 |

The following is a complete report of minutes for all Town Meeting and Elections held in 2025

Included are the Marriage and Death reports for 2025.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen R. Medeiros
Town Clerk

REPORT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING APRIL 8, 2025

The Moderator began the Special Town Meeting at 7:08 P.M. when the quorum of 211 (a total of 318 voters attended) was in attendance. Moderator Ewing read the preamble to the Warrant and the Constable's return of service.

ARTICLE 1. Moved that the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, the sum of \$42,821.00 to be added to the Town's Fiscal Year 2025 Insurance Account as a result of audited worker's compensation costs and increased premiums.

Submitted by the Select Board

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

ARTICLE 2. Moved that the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$60,000.00 to fund the hazardous materials cleanup of the former Police Department shooting range.

Submitted by the Select Board

**RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Moved and seconded; thereafter voted in favor

by an UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 3. Moved that the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$10,000.00 to fund a consultant to develop a proposal and executive summary for municipal housing at the recently acquired Land Bank Office parcel located at 167 Main Street.

Submitted by the Select Board

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

ARTICLE 4. Moved that the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$75,000.00 from the Special Town Meeting of April 9 2024, Article #5 an appropriation to address and repair damage resulting from winter storm activity declared a local emergency to the Conservation Commission for the Town’s match or in-kind services for Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Program grant for the development of a plan for short-term and long-term alternatives for protection of landward infrastructure, i.e. Atlantic Drive and the Herring Creek.

Submitted by the Conservation Commission

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

ARTICLE 5. Moved that the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$70,000.00 to conduct a review of position descriptions to ensure the classification plan remains uniform and current in accordance with Section 6-4 Administration of the Classification Plan of the Personnel By-law and to conduct a wage and classification study in accordance with Section 6-6 Reclassification of Positions and Periodic Reviews of the Personnel By-law.

Submitted by the Personnel Board

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

ARTICLE 6. Moved that the Town will vote to amend the Personnel By-Law Section 26.0 Edgartown Seasonal Classification and Salary Plan as follows effective April 8, 2025:

Add the position of Conservation Ranger Grade E

Delete the position of Traffic Officer Grade C

Add the position of Community Service Officer Grade E

Amend the rate of Grade I from \$15.00 to \$20.00 per hour

Submitted by the Personnel Board

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

ARTICLE 7. Moved that the Town will vote to accept the provisions of G.L. c.40, §13E to create a Special Education Reserve Fund, consistent with the vote of the Edgartown School Committee, for future payments of unanticipated or unbudgeted special education costs, out of district tuition, or transportation, provided, however, that the monies in such fund shall be expended only with the approval of the Edgartown School Committee and the Town’s Select Board, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Edgartown School Committee

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

ARTICLE 8. Moved that the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, the sum of \$120,000.00, to be placed in the Town’s Special Education Reserve Fund created pursuant to G.L. c.40, §13E or, if such Special Education Reserve Fund has not been created, such sum to be added to the existing appropriation to

the Edgartown School Department for fiscal year 2025, or take any action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Edgartown School Committee

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

ARTICLE 9. Moved that the Town will vote to accept on behalf of the Town of Edgartown, the Seasonal Community Designation as provided for in General Laws Chapter 23B, Section 32(b); or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Select Board

NEITHER RECOMMENDED NOR NOT RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Moved and seconded; thereafter voted in

favor by an UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 10. Moved that the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$705.00 to pay the following Fiscal Year 2024 unpaid bills:

Packers Fuel \$705.00
Select Board

9/10 VOTE REQUIRED

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

Attest:

Karen R. Medeiros
Town Clerk

**REPORT FOR
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
APRIL 8, 2025**

The Moderator began the Annual Town Meeting at 7:16 P.M. The quorum of 211 (a total of 318 voters attended) was still in attendance. Moderator Ewing read the preamble to the Warrant and the Constable’s return of service.

Town Poet Laureate Steven Ewing read his poem Charlie.

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

1. One Moderator for Three Years
2. One Select Board Member for Three Years
3. One Assessor for Three Years
4. One Board of Health Member for Three Years
5. Two Financial Advisory Committee Members for Three Years
6. Two Library Trustees for Three Years
7. One Park Commissioner for Three Years
8. One Planning Board Member for Five Years

9. One Planning Board Member for Three Years
10. One Planning Board Member for Two Years
11. One Edgartown School Committee Member for Three Years
12. One Edgartown School Committee Member for One Year
13. One Wastewater Treatment Commissioner for Three Years
14. One Water Commissioner for Three Years
15. One Constable for Three Years
16. One Martha’s Vineyard Land Bank Representative for Three Years

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

There was a moment of silence for former Town Council Ronald Rappaport.

Reports were given by:

Michael Shalett of the Planning Board and Housing Production Plan Committee.

Adam Darack the Town's IT Director gave an update of the Town's online permitting.

Mark Hess of the Affordable Housing.

Fire Chief Alex Schaeffer gave a report on the progress of the new fire station.

SURVEYORS OF LUMBER

Robert Avakian James Hagerty

David Allen Faber

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

MEASURERS OF WOOD AND BARK

Martha Look James Joyce

Alex Morrison

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

FENCE VIEWERS

Paul Bagnall James Joyce

M.J. Rogers

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

ARTICLE 3. Moved that the Town will vote to amend the annual salary scales of the Classification Plan of the Personnel By-law, so that they reflect a 3.1% increase, which is a cost of living adjustment becoming effective July 1, 2025.

Submitted by Personnel Board

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

ARTICLE 4. Moved that the Town will vote to amend the Personnel By-Law Section 25.0 Edgartown Classification and Salary Plan as follows effective July 1, 2025:

Add the position of Zoning Enforcement Officer Grade F

Submitted by Personnel Board

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

ARTICLE 5. Moved that the Town will vote to amend the Personnel By-Law by striking sections 1.0 - 1.3, 1.5 - 1.7, and 3.0 - 24.0 effective July 1, 2025 and authorize the Personnel Board and Select Board to codify and implement an Employee Handbook/Policy Manual in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws and Federal Labor Laws. The current Personnel Bylaw and Employee Handbook/Policy Manual can be found on: <https://www.edgartown-ma.us/departments/personnel>.

Submitted by Personnel Board

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Moved and seconded; thereafter voted in favor by an UNANIMOUS

ARTICLE 6. Moved that the Town will vote to raise the necessary sums of money to defray the general expenses of the Town for Fiscal Year 2026 and to make appropriations therefore.

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

ARTICLE 7. Moved that the Town will vote to appropriate and set aside for later expenditure from

the Community Preservation Fund established pursuant to Chapter 44B of the Massachusetts General Laws, Fiscal Year 2026 revenues in the following amounts to the following reserves.

\$155,000.00 to be appropriated to the Community Preservation Open Space Reserve Fund;

\$155,000.00 to be appropriated to the Community Preservation Affordable Housing Reserve Fund;

\$155,000.00 to be appropriated to the Community Preservation Historic Preservation Reserve Fund;

\$800,000.00 to be appropriated to the Community Preservation Budgeted Reserve;

\$35,000.00 to be appropriated to the Community Preservation Administrative Expenses Account.

Submitted by the Community Preservation Committee

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

ARTICLE 8. Moved that the Town will vote to appropriate \$100,000.00 from the Community Preservation Affordable Housing Fund and \$50,000.00 from the Community Preservation Fiscal Year 2025 Budgeted Reserve for the sum of \$150,000.00 to be paid to The Dukes County Regional Housing Authority to fund the Rental Assistance Program for Edgartown Families for Fiscal Year 2026.

Submitted by the Community Preservation Committee

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

ARTICLE 9. Moved that the Town will vote to appropriate from the Community Preservation Affordable Housing Reserve Fund the amount of \$50,000.00 to fund planning work for the

Edgartown Affordable Housing Committee to develop 294 Chappaquiddick Rd. for Affordable Housing purposes.

Submitted by the Community Preservation Committee

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

ARTICLE 10. Moved that the Town will vote to appropriate from the Community Preservation Affordable Housing Reserve Fund the amount of \$900.00 and from the Community Preservation Fiscal Year 2025 Budgeted Reserve the amount of \$207,900.00 for a total of \$208,800.00 to fund the PALS program through The Resource Inc. (TRI). The PALS program will provide interest-free loans to Edgartown families earning less than 100% median income to fund emergency needed structural home repairs to ensure safe and sanitary housing conditions.

Submitted by the Community Preservation Committee.

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

ARTICLE 11. Moved that the Town will vote to appropriate the amount of \$200,000.00 from the Community Preservation Fiscal Year 2025 Budgeted Reserve to go toward the Veteran's Housing Project at 50 Bellevue Ave in Oak Bluffs. The funding includes preference for at least one unit be given to a qualifying Edgartown Resident.

Submitted by the Community Preservation Committee

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

ARTICLE 12. Moved that the Town will vote to appropriate from the Community Preservation Unbudgeted Reserve the amount of \$150,000.00 to be used for Phase 2 in the creation and support of community housing on a parcel of land owned by the Island Autism Group (IAG) located at 515 Lambert’s Cove Rd. in West Tisbury. Phase 2 is the building of two 4 bedroom residential buildings for individuals with autism and autism related disorders, and is permanently deed restricted for affordable housing purposes. This is a regional project for qualifying individuals from all six (6) Island Towns who earn 100% or less of the area wide median income.

Submitted by the Community Preservation Committee

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

ARTICLE 13. Moved that the Town will vote to appropriate from the Community Preservation Unbudgeted Reserve the sum of \$50,000.00 to go toward the School Workforce Housing Project at 48 Old Courthouse Rd., West Tisbury an 8-unit rental housing development for Island School Employees.

Submitted by the Community Preservation Committee

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

ARTICLE 14. Moved that the Town will vote to appropriate from the Community Preservation Historic Preservation Fund the sum of \$18,500.00 for the replacement of the door and sidelights at the Anchors Building at 10 Daggett Street. The

Anchors is in the Edgartown Historic District.

Submitted by the Community Preservation Committee

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

ARTICLE 15. Moved that the Town will vote to appropriate from the Community Preservation Historic Preservation Fund the amount of \$295,400.00 and from the Community Preservation Fiscal Year 2025 Budgeted Reserve the amount of \$4,600.00 for the sum of \$300,000.00 for Structural/Architectural and Design Services as well as purchase of a new elevator for the Whaling Church at 89 Main Street. The Whaling Church was built in 1842 and is in the Historic District as well as on the National Registry of Historic Places. This will increase the ADA accessibility for a historic structure which is an acceptable use of CPA funding.

Submitted by the Community Preservation Committee

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

ARTICLE 16. Moved that the Town will vote to appropriate from the Community Preservation Open Space/Recreation Fund the sum of \$100,000.00 for beach nourishment at South Beach and Norton Point.

Submitted by the Community Preservation Committee

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

ARTICLE 17. Moved that the Town will vote to appropriate from the Community Preservation Open Space/Recreation Fund the sum of \$10,000.00 for capital improvements to Wilson’s Landing for recreation access.

Submitted by the Community Preservation Committee

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

ARTICLE 18. Moved that the Town will vote to appropriate from the Community Preservation Unbudgeted Reserve the amount of \$100,000.00 for installation of a new grass infield at the Shark’s Baseball field at the MV Regional High School.

Submitted by the Community Preservation Committee

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Moved and seconded; thereafter discussion on other Town’s participation and who is responsible for maintaining the field. A motion to indefinitely postpone did not pass.

Thereafter it was voted in favor with the Moderator declaring it carried

ARTICLE 19. Moved that the Town will vote to appropriate from the Community Preservation Open Space/Recreation Fund the amount of \$170,000.00 and from the Community Preservation Fiscal Year 2025 Budgeted Reserve the amount of \$230,000 for the sum of \$400,000.00 to go toward further funding of the Robinson Road Recreation Area development. This article and the upcoming article total \$500,000.00 in funding for this project.

Submitted by the Community Preservation Committee

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

ARTICLE 20. Moved that the Town will vote to close the following Community Preservation Project Accounts and deposit the funds into the designated Community Preservation Funds. The total sum of this article is \$150,149.53.

| Project | Account # | Amount | Fund |
|--------------|-----------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| | 34106079 | \$573.72 | Open Space/Recreation |
| | 34106097 | \$2,800.00 | Historic Preservation |
| | 34106110 | \$100,000.00 | Open Space/Recreation |
| | 34106122 | \$34,083.81 | Open Space/Recreation |
| | 34106124 | \$1,000.00 | Historic Preservation |
| | 34106149 | \$11,692.00 | Affordable Housing |
| Total | | \$150,149.53 | |

This Article funds the following one (1) CPC article. If it does not pass, that article will need to be indefinitely postponed.

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

ARTICLE 21. Moved that the Town will vote to appropriate from the Community Preservation Open Space/Recreation Fund the amount of \$100,000.00 to go toward further funding of the Robinson Road Recreation Area development. This article and the previous article total \$500,000.00 in funding for this project.

Submitted by the Community Preservation Committee

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

ARTICLE 22. Moved that the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2026, the sum of \$85,000.00 to pay the cost of the Fourth of July Fireworks.

Submitted by the Select Board

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Moved and seconded; discussion on using low noise fireworks in the future, thereafter voted in favor by an UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 23. Moved that the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, the sum of \$27,400.00 as a fifty percent cost share between the Trustees of Reservations and Town of Edgartown for environmental consulting services related to bulkhead repairs/reconstruction at the Dyke Bridge.

Submitted by the Select Board

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

ARTICLE 24. Moved that the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2026, the sum of \$20,000.00 to provide funds for an integrated pest management program as needed by various departments.

Submitted by the Select Board

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

ARTICLE 25. Moved that the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2026, the sum of \$380,000.00 to fund the Town's Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) liability.

Submitted by the Select Board

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

ARTICLE 26. Moved that the Town will vote

to appropriate from Free Cash, the sum of \$350,000.00 to the Town's General Purpose Stabilization Fund under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, Section 5B, effective for Fiscal Year 2026 beginning on July 1, 2025, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Select Board

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

ARTICLE 27. Moved that the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, the sum of \$500,000.00 to the Town's Capital Stabilization Fund under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, Section 5B, effective for Fiscal Year 2026 beginning on July 1, 2025, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Select Board

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

ARTICLE 28. Moved that the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, the sum of \$100,000.00 to reduce the tax levy in Fiscal Year 2026.

Submitted by the Select Board

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

ARTICLE 29. Moved that the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$35,000.00 to be used for valuation updates of real and personal property, revaluations, and Department of Revenue Recertification.

Submitted by the Board of Assessors

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

ARTICLE 30. Moved that the Town will accept General Laws Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 22J, which authorizes an annual increase in the amount of the veteran exemption granted under General Laws Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 22, Clause 22A, Clause 22B, Clause 22C, Clause 22E and Clause 22F by 50% of the personal exemption amount, subject to the conditions in Clause 22J, to be effective for applicable exemptions granted for any fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2025

Submitted by the Board of Assessors

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

ARTICLE 31. Moved that the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2026, the sum of \$40,000.00 for the annual rent and taxes for the property known as the “Hall Memorial Park” located at 50 Main Street.

Submitted by the Conservation Commission

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (5 Yes – 1 No)

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

ARTICLE 32. Moved that the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, the sum of \$75,000.00 to fund the Town’s match or in-kind contribution Coastal Zone Management (CZM) grant. These funds will support the development of a Beach Management Plan for South Beach.

Submitted by the Conservation Commission

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

ARTICLE 33. Moved that the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2026, the sum of \$35,000.00 for a mold assessment and remediation for the Council on Aging building

Submitted by the Council on Aging

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

ARTICLE 34. Moved that the Town will vote to appropriate \$150,000.00 from Free Cash to fund permitting, engineering, and regulatory compliance costs associated with the 10-Year Comprehensive Dredging Permit.

Submitted by the Dredge Committee

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

ARTICLE 35. Moved that the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, expenditure in Fiscal Year 2026, the sum of \$194,848.00 to support the Dukes County Health Care Access Program in accordance with the Inter-municipal Agreement, as the same may be amended from time to time.

Submitted by the Dukes County Commissioners

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

ARTICLE 36. Moved that the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2026, the sum of \$19,694.00 to support the Dukes County Public Benefits Access Program in accordance with the Inter-municipal

Agreement, as the same may be amended from time to time.

Submitted by the Dukes County Commissioners

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

ARTICLE 37. Moved that the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2026, the sum of \$24,718.00 to support the Homelessness Prevention Programs on Martha’s Vineyard through Dukes County in accordance with the Inter-municipal Agreement, as the same may be amended from time to time.

Submitted by the Dukes County Commissioners

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

ARTICLE 38. Moved that the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2026 the sum of \$220,207.00 to support the Martha’s Vineyard Center for Living Programs through Dukes County in accordance with the Inter-municipal Agreement, as the same may be amended from time to time.

Submitted by the Dukes County Commissioners

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

ARTICLE 39. Moved that the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2026, the sum of \$33,383.00 to support the CORE program to provide coordinated counseling, outreach, and referral services to our residents who are 55 years and older through Dukes County in accordance with the Inter-municipal

Agreement, as the same may be amended from time to time.

Submitted by the Dukes County Commissioners

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

ARTICLE 40. Moved that the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2026, the sum of \$43,029.00 to support the planning, advocacy and education for Healthy Aging on Martha’s Vineyard through Dukes County in accordance with the Inter-municipal Agreement, as the same may be amended from time to time.

Submitted by the Dukes County Commissioners

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

ARTICLE 41. Moved that the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2026, the sum of \$48,900.00 as the apportioned share of the County budget supplemental income revenue. The funding is contingent on all Island Towns paying for such costs in Fiscal Year 2026.

Submitted by the Dukes County Commissioners

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (5 Yes – 2 No)

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

ARTICLE 42. Moved that the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2026, the sum of \$52,183.00 to support the maintenance costs of the Martha’s Vineyard Public Safety Communication System in accordance with the Cooperative Agreement

for Emergency Communications and Dispatch Services. The funding is contingent on all Island Towns paying for such costs in Fiscal Year 2026 according to the agreed upon dispatch and fixed cost formula.

Submitted by Dukes County Sheriff

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

ARTICLE 43. Moved that the Town will vote to instruct its senator and representative in the General Court to file a Home Rule Petition to the Massachusetts Legislature to read as follows:

AN ACT RELATIVE TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND OF THE TOWN OF EDGARTOWN.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows: Edgartown Affordable Housing Trust Warrant Article Page 2 of 2 Notwithstanding any general or special law, or by-law, to the contrary, the Edgartown Affordable Housing Trust, established pursuant to G. L. c. 44, sec. 55C, may expend funds for community housing for households earning up to 180 percent of the County of Dukes County median household income as reported from time to time by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, except for any Community Preservation Act funds which will be subject to the income limits set forth in the Community Preservation Act.

Submitted by Edgartown Affordable Housing Trust

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Moved and seconded; then moved and seconded to remove the words “Page 2 of 2” thereafter voted in favor by an UNANIMOUS VOTE AS

AMENDED.

ARTICLE 44. Moved that the Town will vote to amend the Edgartown Affordable Housing Trust Fund, codified in Edgartown General Bylaw Chapter 5, adopted at the Edgartown Special Town Meeting on December 9, 2008, to increase the Edgartown Affordable Housing Trust’s maximum allowable expenditure on projects serving households whose income is at or below 180% of the Area Mean Income for Dukes County, as established annually by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Submitted by Edgartown Affordable Housing Trust

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

ARTICLE 45. Moved that the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, the sum of \$95,886.00, to replace outdated deliverable fuel systems (propane and fuel oil) at the Highway Department Garage and the Shellfish / Dredge building with energy-efficient, all-electric heat pump systems. This project represents the initial phase in establishing a microgrid at the Highway Department campus.

Submitted by the Energy Committee

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Moved and seconded; thereafter moved and seconded to indefinitely postpone voted in favor by an UNANIMOUS VOTE TO INDEFINITELY POSTPONE

ARTICLE 46. Moved that the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, the sum of \$21,375.00, to purchase additional Firefighter Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) that will reach expiration in 2025.

Submitted by the Fire Chief

**RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

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

ARTICLE 47. Moved that the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2026, the sum of \$84,856.00 to purchase and equip one new sports utility vehicle (SUV), and further, to authorize the Fire Chief and Select Board to dispose of the old SUV in the best interest of the Town.

Submitted by the Fire Chief

**RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

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

ARTICLE 48. Moved that the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, the sum of \$100,000.00 to the Fire Truck Stabilization Fund under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, Section 5B, effective for Fiscal Year 2026 beginning on July 1, 2025, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Fire Chief

**RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

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

ARTICLE 49. Moved that the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2026, the sum of \$15,425.00 to fund the Town of Edgartown's share of the administrative expenses for the All Island School Committee's contract for Adult and Community Education.

Submitted by MV Superintendent's Office and MV Center for Education and Training (MVCET, formerly ACE MV)

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

ARTICLE 50. Moved that the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2026, the sum of \$82,000.00 for the maintenance and replacement of moorings, buoys, docks, spiles, tie-off stakes, floats, walkways, and equipment necessary for marine operations on Town owned docks and property.

Submitted by the Harbormaster

**RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

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

ARTICLE 51. Moved that the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2026, the sum of \$5,000.00 to dispose of abandoned vessels, gear, and trailers from Town owned property.

Submitted by the Harbormaster

**RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

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

ARTICLE 52. Moved that the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2026, the sum of \$10,000.00 for removal of the asphalt ramp located at Eel pond and return the beach to its natural state.

Submitted by the Harbormaster

**RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

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

ARTICLE 53. Moved that the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$37,000.00

to purchase an outboard motor for the Town owned Ribcraft patrol vessel, and further, to authorize the Harbormaster and Select Board to dispose of the old motor in the best interest of the Town.

Submitted by the Harbormaster

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

ARTICLE 54. Moved that the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$25,000.00 to replace a Town owned "Pointer" workboat, and further, to authorize the Harbormaster and Select Board to dispose of the vessel the best interest of the Town.

Submitted by the Harbormaster

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

ARTICLE 55. Moved that the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2026, the sum of \$400,000.00 for the rebuilding and resurfacing of various Town streets.

Submitted by the Highway Superintendent

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

ARTICLE 56. Moved that the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2026, the sum of \$200,000.00 for the building and repairing of various Town sidewalks, bike paths, parking lots, and storm water drainage systems.

Submitted by the Highway Superintendent

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

ARTICLE 57. Moved that the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2026, the sum of \$30,000.00 to clean the catch basins, culverts and other storm water drainage systems.

Submitted by the Highway Superintendent

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

ARTICLE 58. Moved that the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, the sum of \$17,000.00 to purchase a new zero- turn mower for roadside mowing.

Submitted by the Highway Superintendent

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

ARTICLE 59. Moved that the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2026, the sum of \$8,000.00 to repaint the street light lanterns on North Water Street.

Submitted by the Highway Superintendent

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

ARTICLE 60. Moved that the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to accept and enter into contracts for the expenditure of any funds allotted by the Commonwealth for the construction, reconstruction, and improvements of the Town infrastructure, and to authorize the Select Board

to borrow in anticipation of the reimbursement of funds. (Chapter 303, Acts of 2008), in the amount of \$389,967.97.

Submitted by the Highway Superintendent

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

ARTICLE 61. Moved that the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2026, the sum of \$185,000.00 to fund additional per diem inspectors for gas, plumbing, electrical, fire, building, and short-term rental inspections. This appropriation is intended to supplement Line 49 of the operating budget.

Submitted by the Inspector of Buildings

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

ARTICLE 62. Moved that the Town will vote to amend Section 17.3 of the Zoning By-laws by deleting the existing text and replacing it with the following language:

Existing Provision: Edgartown Zoning Bylaws: 17.3. Violations and penalties. Any person violating any provision of this Bylaw shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$50.00 for each offense; Each' day that such offense continues shall constitute a separate offense.

Amended Provision: Edgartown Zoning Bylaws: 17.3. Violations and penalties. A person who violates any provision of the Zoning Bylaws may be fined \$300 for the first violation and each subsequent violation. Each day the violation continues shall constitute a separate violation subject to a fine. The Building Inspector and their designated assistants may impose fines under this provision through the use of the non-criminal disposition procedure provided for in G.L. Chapter

40, Section 21D.

2/3 VOTE REQUIRED

Submitted by the Inspector of Buildings

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

ARTICLE 63. Moved that the Town will vote to amend Section 175-98 of the General By-laws (also known as the Edgartown Code) by deleting the existing text and replacing it with the following language:

Existing Provision: General Bylaws: 175-98. Violations and penalties. Any person violating any provision of this chapter shall be punished by a fine of not more than fifty dollars (\$50.) for each offense. Each day that such offense continues shall constitute a separate offense.

Amended Provision: General Bylaws: 175-98. Violations and penalties. A person who violates any provision of the General Bylaws, also known as the Edgartown Code, may be fined \$300 for the first violation and for each subsequent violation. Each day the violation continues shall constitute a separate violation subject to a fine. Town officials with authority to impose fines may use the non-criminal disposition procedure provided for in G.L. Chapter 40, Section 21D

Submitted by the Inspector of Buildings

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

ARTICLE 64. Moved that the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2026, the sum of \$80,000.00 to be used for the rental and maintenance of the portable toilets at South Beach, Robinson Road Recreation Area, and the Park and Ride lot.

Submitted by the Park Commissioners

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

ARTICLE 65. Moved that the Town will approve from Free Cash, the sum of \$4,000,000.00 for the Robinson Road Recreation Area Campus renovation project.

Submitted by the Park Commissioners

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Moved and seconded; Moved and seconded to amend to appropriate rather than approve: thereafter voted in favor by an UNANIMOUS VOTE AS AMENDED

ARTICLE 66. Moved that the Town shall authorize a spending limit of \$500,000.00 to be expended from the Beach Management Revolving Fund for the Fiscal Year 2026 beginning on July 1, 2025 or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Parks Commission

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

ARTICLE 67. Moved that the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, the sum of \$75,000.00 to fund legal and other work, including public meetings, to move the results of the Comprehensive Diagnostic Review of the Town Zoning By-Laws to specific amendments to be presented to the voters.

Submitted by the Planning Board

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (5 Yes – 2 No)

Moved and seconded; thereafter voted in favor

by an UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 68. Moved that the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2025, the sum of \$63,435.00 to purchase and equip one unmarked police cruiser, and further, to authorize the Chief of Police and Select Board to dispose of the old cruiser in the best interest of the Town.

Submitted by the Police Chief

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

ARTICLE 69. Moved that the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, the sum of \$32,475.00 to make security improvements in the lobby of the Edgartown Police Station.

Submitted by the Police Chief

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

ARTICLE 70. Moved that the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, the sum of \$16,000.00 to purchase and equip a new outboard motor, and further, to authorize the Shellfish Constable and Select Board to dispose of the old motor in the best interest of the Town.

Submitted by the Shellfish Committee

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

ARTICLE 71. Moved that the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, the sum of \$90,000.00 to remove invasive vegetation from the Mattakesett Herring Creek for Town Pond health, fish passage, and storm water drainage.

Submitted by the Shellfish Committee

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

ARTICLE 72. Moved that the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, the sum of \$2,000,000.00 to complete phase one of preliminary design activities and Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MaDEP) permitting required for the installation of a sewer system serving the Ocean Heights area of Edgartown, in accordance with the recommendations of the Town's Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan

Submitted by the Wastewater Commissioners

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

ARTICLE 73. Moved that the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$50,000.00 from the Water Department's surplus to fund the replacement of aged water meters so as to improve conservation efforts and water accountability; and for costs incidental and related thereto. This article will have no impact on water user's charges or the tax rate. Water surplus funds will finance the purpose.

Submitted by the Board of Water Commissioners

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

ARTICLE 74. Moved that the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$90,000.00 from the Water Department's surplus for improvements necessary for the Town's water system in Fiscal Year 2026 including the installation, replacement, cleaning and relining of water mains and appurtenances;

installation and replacement of water service lines and water meters; construction equipment; vehicles; construction and restoration of pump stations, wells, water treatment and quality processes; construction and restoration of the office, standpipe and other structures, buildings, grounds and facilities and operations and for costs incidental and related thereto. This article will have no impact on water user's charges or the tax rate. Water surplus funds will finance this purpose.

Submitted by the Board of Water Commissioners

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

ARTICLE 75. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$50,000.00 from the Water Department's surplus to cover the cost of inspecting, cleaning and repairs to a municipal well, and for costs incidental and related thereto. This article will have no impact on water user's charges or the tax rate. Water surplus funds will finance this purpose.

Submitted by the Board of Water Commissioners

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

ARTICLE 76. Moved that the Town will vote to adopt the following new Subsection at the end of Chapter 131 of the Town Code:

131-3. Leaf Blowers.

A. Findings and purpose.

Both gas-powered and electric leaf blowers are used extensively throughout Edgartown. Gas-powered leaf blowers generate excessive sound and pose a serious hazard to public health and quality of life. They are a detriment to tourism and impair the overall quality of life of the Town's

landscapers, residents, and visitors. Electric leaf blowers are quieter, emit far less objectionable low-frequency noise, and do not present the same level of risk.

B. Permitted Activity.

1. Starting September 15, 2025, gas-powered and electric leaf blowers shall only be used as follows:
 - a. Between the hours of 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM, 7 days a week;
 - b. No use by professional landscapers or businesses on Sundays;
 - c. No use permitted on Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, or Christmas;
 - d. No more than two leaf blowers simultaneously on the same property.
2. Starting September 15, 2025, gas-powered leaf blowers shall only be operated from September 15 through December 15 and from March 15 through May 31. Electric-powered leaf blowers may be operated year-round.
3. Starting on May 31, 2028, gas-powered leaf blowers shall not be used at any property in the Town.
4. Starting on May 31, 2028, electric leaf blowers shall continue to be used as set forth in Section B.1 above, provided that the manufacturer's decibel rating is not more than 65 db.

C. Definition. Leaf blower means any device that uses air to move leaves, grass, and other debris.

D. Responsible Parties.

The following parties are responsible for any violation of this bylaw:

1. the party who employs the person operating the leaf blower; and
2. the party who owns the property where the violation occurs.

E. Administration and Enforcement.

1. The Town shall create and maintain an online application form for service providers to affirm their commitment to comply with the provisions of this Section 131-3. A list of service providers who have so affirmed shall

be made available to the public on the Town's website.

2. The provisions of Section 131-2 concerning violations and penalties shall be applicable to violations of this Section 131-3. Violations under this bylaw shall be enforced by the Police Department. Such acts shall constitute prima facie evidence of a violation of this chapter. Penalties shall include: 1st offense: \$100.00, 2nd offense: \$200.00, 3rd offense: \$300.00 and any offense thereafter.

F. Exemptions.

The Town shall not be subject to any restrictions in this Section 131-3 to remediate the impacts of a severe weather event or accident.

G. Severability.

In the event that any provision of this Section 131-3 shall be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining provisions shall continue in full force and effect.

Submitted by the Climate Committee and Energy Committee

NEITHER RECOMMENDED NOR NOT RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Moved and seconded; thereafter discussion, moved and seconded to change from September 15 to October 15 and December 15 to January 15 voted in favor by a standing vote of 230 yes and 1 no. Further discussion on article and voted IN FAVOR AS AMENDED by a standing vote of 197 YES and 42 NO

ARTICLE 77: Moved that the Town will vote to amend its Zoning Bylaw, by amending

1. Add to Section 1.3 Definitions:

“Short-Term Rental” a rental for residential accommodation of a whole or portion(s) of a dwelling, dwelling unit, or subordinate dwelling, excluding Transient Residential Facilities, where the rental period is for not more than thirty-one consecutive calendar days.

2. Add to R-60 “Permitted Uses” (2.1A) - “Short-

Term Rental”

Note: This will in effect expressly allow STR in all residential districts, as well as in B-I and B-II (pulling from R-5) permitted uses. This leaves the airport commercial zones (B-III, B-IV) unchanged, which seems reasonable (if a residential use is permitted in those zones, a STR would therefore be allowed as an accessory use thereto – for example residential use is a conditionally permitted use in B-III).

2/3 VOTE REQUIRED

Submitted by the Short Term Rental Committee

NEITHER RECOMMENDED NOR NOT RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Moved and seconded; thereafter voted in favor by standing vote of 208 YES 6 NO

ARTICLE 78: Moved that the Town will vote to amend its Zoning Bylaw, by amending Article XVII - Administration and Enforcement by adding a new subparagraph 17.1.B relative to Residential Construction Fencing, by deleting language shown as ~~strikethrough~~ and inserting text shown as underlined as follows, or take any action relative thereto:

17.1. Conformance, ~~and~~ permit and fencing required.

17.1.A In any of the districts established hereunder, no structure or lot may be used and no structure or part thereof may be erected, exterior dimensions altered, or enlarged except in conformance with this Bylaw; and, except as otherwise herein provided, no such use, erection, or alteration or enlargement of the exterior dimensions of the structure shall be undertaken in any district unless a permit therefor has been approved by the Building Inspector.

17.1.B Residential Construction Fencing

For the duration of any construction project on residential properties for which a building or

demolition permit has been issued, the property owner or agent shall install and maintain a perimeter fence at least six feet in height or similar barrier to fully enclose the area under construction and to adequately deter unauthorized entry. The Zoning Enforcement Officer may grant a waiver of this requirement if the Zoning Enforcement Officer deems the residential construction site has met the purpose of this Section without the need for perimeter fencing, or the construction is entirely contained within an existing structure, or that unique site conditions exist such that installation of fencing or barriers is infeasible or economically prohibitive.

2/3 VOTE REQUIRED

Submitted by the Planning Board

NEITHER RECOMMENDED NOR NOT RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

ARTICLE 79: Moved that the Town will vote to amend its Zoning Bylaw, by adding provisions applicable to Accessory Dwelling Units thereto to be consistent with the Massachusetts Affordable Homes Act and its stated purpose of increasing the production of housing for low and moderate income residents of Massachusetts by deleting language shown as ~~strikethrough~~ and inserting text shown as underlined as follows, or take any action relative thereto:

A. By amending Article I – General Provisions, Section 1.3 Definitions, by adding the definition of Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) as follows:

Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) As defined in G.L. Ch. 40A, § 1A, an ADU is a self-contained housing unit, inclusive of sleeping, cooking and sanitary facilities on the same lot as a principal dwelling, subject to otherwise applicable dimensional and parking requirements, that: (i) maintains a separate entrance, either directly from

the outside or through an entry hall or corridor shared with the principal dwelling sufficient to meet the requirements of the state building code for safe egress; (ii) is not larger in gross floor area than ½ the gross floor area of the principal dwelling or 900 square feet, whichever is smaller; and (iii) is subject to such additional restrictions as may be imposed by this Bylaw.

B. By amending Article II – Residential Districts, Section 2.1 R-60 Residential District, by adding the following subsection 2.1.A.8:

2.1.A Permitted Uses

8. One ADU on a lot with a principal dwelling, subject to the procedures and conditions of Section 10.3.I of this Zoning Bylaw.

C. By amending Article X – General Regulations, Section 10.3 Housing, by adding a new section 10.3.I Accessory Dwelling Units as follows:

10.3.I Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs).

10.3.I.1 Definition

As defined in Section 1.3 Definitions “Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU)”.

10.3.I.2 Purpose and Intent

The purposes of this bylaw are to:

- a. Increase the production of housing for low and moderate income residents in accordance with the stated purpose of the Massachusetts Affordable Homes Act;
- b. Provide rental housing within the architectural context of the island’s single-family home character;
- c. Provide an opportunity for family members who choose to live in close proximity, but separate from other family members, to remain within that family environment;
- d. Provide for the health and security concerns of older or disabled homeowners who wish to remain in their homes; and

e. Provide homeowners with additional income to support their ability to retain ownership of their homes.

10.3.I.3. Permitting Procedures and Conditions

In all zoning districts that permit single-family dwellings, one (1) ADU may be constructed or established as a matter of right on the same lot as an existing or proposed principal dwelling, provided that an ADU may not be added to a property that already has a principal dwelling and an ADU. An ADU to be constructed or established pursuant to this Section 10.3.I shall satisfy the following standards and criteria:

a. Interior Design: The ADU shall be a complete, separate housekeeping unit that functions as a separate unit from the principal dwelling with separate sleeping, cooking and sanitary facilities for the exclusive use of the occupant.

b. Ownership: The ADU and the principal dwelling unit shall be and remain in common (i.e. the same) legal or equitable ownership.

c. Exterior Design: The ADU shall be designed so that the appearance of the ADU will be consistent with the character and design of the principal dwelling as much as feasibly possible, as determined by the Building Inspector. To ascertain this, architectural plans must be submitted at the time of application for a building permit. The ADU may be constructed in or added to an existing or proposed principal dwelling. Any new entrance added to the principal dwelling to accommodate the ADU shall be on the side or rear of the principal dwelling so long as it meets the requirements of existing codes.

d. Dimensional Requirements: The ADU shall clearly be subordinate to the principal dwelling. The front, side, and rear setback requirements and the height restrictions applicable to the ADU shall be the same as those applicable to a principal dwelling in

the zoning district, including the Districts of Critical Planning Concern Overlay Districts, in which the ADU is located. Section 10.1.M of this Zoning Bylaw shall also apply.

e. Parking: At least one additional off-street parking space shall be available on the premises for use by the residents of the ADU and shall be located so as to minimize the visual impact from the street or abutting properties, provided, however, that this requirement may be waived by the Building Inspector for units in the Downtown Historic District. If the subject lot is less than 0.5 acres, or if any portion of the subject lot is within 0.5 miles of a transit authority bus route, then no parking spaces shall be required for the ADU.

f. Septic/Wastewater: If the ADU will be served by a septic system, it shall comply with state septic regulations and require approval from the Board of Health, prior to the issuance of a building permit for the ADU. Otherwise, it shall comply with the regulations of the Wastewater Department and shall, prior to the issuance of a building permit for the ADU, obtain confirmation from the Wastewater Department that adequate capacity is available to serve the ADU.

10.3.I.4 Administration

All ADUs shall require a building permit, and the Building Inspector shall cause a notation to be made on any building permit issued under this Section 10.3.I that it has been so issued.

Submitted by the Planning Board

NEITHER RECOMMENDED NOR NOT RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Moved and seconded; thereafter discussion was moved and seconded to insert “a second ADU may be constructed or established on the same lot with a special permit from the Planning Board in 10.3.I.3(amendment passed)

2nd amendment “Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in the bylaws and regulations of the Town of Edgartown, an ADU permitted for construction in any zoning district after April 8, 2025, shall not be used as a Short –Term Rental.” Inserted as 10.3.I.3.g voted in favor by an UNANIMOUS VOTE with two amendments.

ARTICLE 80: Moved that the Town will vote to amend its Zoning Bylaws by amending Article I, Section 1.3 - Definitions by inserting in alphabetical order definitions for “Center Lot Area,” and “Clear Cutting” and by amending Article X – General Regulations, Section 10.1.K by deleting text that is shown as ~~strikethrough~~ and inserting text that is underlined below, or take any other action relative thereto

Article I - General Provisions

1.3 Definitions

Center Lot Area - The area of a lot which is not included in the Tree Yard.

Clear Cutting - Any removal of trees having a DBH of four (4) inches or greater resulting in the removal of 70% or more of such trees, cumulatively, from the Center Lot Area over a period of 24 months or less.

Article 10 – General Regulations

10.1.K Tree Yard Protection and Preservation Clear Cutting Regulation

1. The intent of this section is to preserve and protect ~~sizeable~~ large trees on portions of private property ~~during significant demolition and/or development activity~~. Trees are recognized for their abilities to improve air quality, protect from glare and heat, reduce noise, aid in the stabilization of soil, provide natural flood and drainage control, create habitats for wildlife, enhance aesthetics and property values, contribute to the distinct character of certain neighborhoods, and provide natural privacy to neighbors.

[Note: Paragraphs 2 and 3 of the current Bylaw will remain as is.]

4. The requirements of this ~~Tree Bylaw~~ Section 10.1.K shall not apply to:

a. Removal of trees which is necessary and incidental for construction or maintenance of structures, septic systems, and wells for which permits (including foundation permits) have been obtained and are in effect;

b. Removal of trees by a property owner in accordance with a written request made by the applicable property insurer;

c. Trees on land owned by public and/or private conservation organizations and on land protected by conservation restrictions;

d. Forest cutting practices, pursuant to G.L. Ch. 132, on land devoted to forest purposes covering half an acre or more;

e. Any tree removal undertaken in compliance with a Forest Management Plan approved and in effect pursuant to G.L. Ch. 61;

f. Any tree removal associated with maintaining or restoring native ecological habitats;

g. Widening, repair and maintenance of private roads or public roads within town-approved roadway layouts and easements;

h. Ordinary maintenance of or improvements made to public utilities;

i. New or existing active commercial operation of agricultural, silvicultural and horticultural uses, including (but not limited to), tree nurseries and orchards;

j. Ordinary maintenance or removal of trees undertaken to prevent or reduce the risk of fire pursuant to an order of the Edgartown Fire Department or in accordance with the Dukes County Wildfire Protection Plan;

k. Removal of Invasive Species;

l. a. Those areas of property under the jurisdiction of the Wetlands Protection Act (Chapter 131 and 310 CMR) and/or the Edgartown Wetlands Protection Bylaw;

m. ~~b.~~ Public Shade Trees pursuant to Chapter 87 of the General Laws;

n. ~~e.~~ Emergency projects necessary for public safety, health and welfare, as determined by the Reviewing Agent and/or the Town Tree Warden;

o. ~~d.~~ Trees severely damaged as the direct result of a natural disaster, as determined by the Reviewing Agent and/or the Town Tree Warden;

p. ~~e.~~ Trees that are dead, hazardous or pose a significant risk of harm to people or adjacent structures or public or private roads, driveways or parking areas; as determined in writing by a Certified Arborist, and confirmed by the Reviewing Agent and/or the Town Tree Warden.

q. ~~f.~~ Trees currently infected by a disease or insect infestation of a permanent nature, as determined and confirmed in writing by a Certified Arborist, a Licensed Forester and confirmed by the Reviewing Agent and/or the Town Tree Warden; and

r. ~~g.~~ Trees authorized for removal pursuant to a special permit issued by the appropriate Special Permit Granting Authority after public notice and hearing conducted in accordance with Section 11 of Chapter 40A of the General Laws, and Section 17 of this Bylaw.

5. Clear Cutting shall not be allowed without a special permit after public notice and hearing conducted in accordance with G.L. Ch. 40A, Section 11 and Section 17 of this Bylaw. For the purposes of this Section 10.1.K, the Planning Board shall be the Special Permit Granting Authority.

6. An applicant for a special permit under this Section 10.1.K shall submit detailed site plans, which shall include topography, wetland areas and floodplain areas, plans and elevations of all structures, location of utilities, access roads and paths, septic systems and water supply facilities,

and an inventory of the number, types, sizes and spacing of all trees proposed to be removed whose DBH measures four (4) inches or more, the number, types, sizes and spacing of trees to be retained whose DBH measures four (4) inches or more, the method for protecting such trees during the tree removal or related construction, if applicable, and the number, types, sizes and spacing of all trees proposed to be added, if applicable. Such plans shall be at scale sufficient to determine compliance with this Section 10.1.K. The applicant shall also provide a brief explanation as to the reason for the tree removal. The Zoning Enforcement Officer or designee shall perform a site inspection prior to the issuance of a special permit.

7. The owner of any property on which there has been a violation of the provisions of this Section 10.1.K shall be subject to a fine of \$300 per day, pursuant to G.L. c. 40, Section 21D, with each day that the violation continues being deemed a separate offense, from the date when the Zoning Enforcement Officer first learns of the violation and notifies the violator in writing in accordance with the applicable notice requirements, or from the date of the violation if such date is known to the Zoning Enforcement Officer, until detailed site plans have been filed as provided in Section 10.1.K.6 and approved by the Planning Board. The property owner shall not be subject to fines pursuant to this section if a trespasser has removed one or more of the trees on the property.

8. All new trees planted pursuant to Section 10.1.K.6 shall be maintained in good health for a period of no less than twenty-four months from the date of planting. If any such tree shall die within such twenty-four (24) month period, the owner of the property shall be responsible for replacing such tree with a tree equal to or greater than the size of such tree at the date of installation; and the replacement tree shall be planted within nine (9) months of the death or removal of the tree being replaced.

2/3 VOTE REQUIRED

Submitted by the Planning Board

NEITHER RECOMMENDED NOR NOT RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

ARTICLE 81: Moved that the Town will vote to amend its Zoning Bylaw, by amending Article X – General Regulations, Section 10.3.E.2 Substandard lots as affordable home sites, by deleting language shown as ~~strikethrough~~ and inserting text shown as underlined as follows, or take any other action relative thereto:

10.3.E.2. Definition

A substandard lot is a lot which either (a) has been established and recorded in Dukes County Registry of Deeds prior to April 10, 2001 which is smaller than the required minimum size for a building lot in the zoning district in which it is located and which is determined to be unbuildable in accordance with the provisions of the Massachusetts General Laws and the Edgartown Zoning Bylaw (~~that is not grandfather by other laws~~, not a protected lot under G.L. c. 40A, § 6, par. 4 or other laws.), or (b) is a lot consisting of the combination of two or more lots that meet the definition of clause (a) of this subsection.

2/3 VOTE REQUIRED

Submitted by the Planning Board

NEITHER RECOMMENDED NOR NOT RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Moved and seconded; thereafter voted in favor by a standing vote of 175 YES 2 NO

ARTICLE 82: Moved that the Town will vote to amend its Zoning Bylaw, by amending

5.4.D. Uses Requiring a Special Permit, by adding the text in bold shown below to the the existing language or otherwise making the amendments

shown by ~~strikeouts~~ and underlined replacement language:

1. Except as permitted under Section 5.4.C, a Special Permit shall be required for any “development” as that word is defined in St. 1977, c. ~~Chapter 831, Section 6, Section 6 of the Acts and Resolves of 1977~~, for example any construction, alteration, addition and removal of structures, including but not limited to: dwellings, septic systems, stairwells, decks, boardwalks, impervious surface, trails and roads, out-buildings, boathouses, piers, recreational amenities, fences and walls. The Planning Board shall be the Special Permit Granting Authority.

2. An applicant seeking a Special Permit for a development, as defined above, shall submit an application to the Planning Board accompanied by a proposed schedule for all phases of development activities and a site plan or plans showing pre and post construction conditions, including topography, vegetation, location of wildlife breeding habitat, wetland areas and floodplains, plans and elevations of all structures, location of utilities, access roads and paths, septic systems and water supply facilities and any other information which will allow the Planning Board to determine the effects of the proposed development on:

- a. coastal dunes, barrier beaches, coastal banks, rocky intertidal shores, salt marshes, land under salt ponds, land containing shellfish; wetlands and floodplains;
- b. wildlife breeding habitat or seasons;
- c. rare or endangered plants or animals and their habitats;
- d. vegetative cover serving to stabilize land forms;
- e. views within and looking at the site; and
- f. surface and groundwater resources, in particular any adverse effects, e.g. contamination, siltation, eutrophication, and salt water intrusion. Plans shall be on a 1”=40’

Scale unless the Planning Board authorizes a different scale, and shall be prepared by a registered land surveyor or registered professional engineer.

3. Upon receipt of the Special Permit application, the Planning Board shall forward a copy of the application to the Martha’s Vineyard Commission staff, Harbor Master, Conservation Commission, Marine Advisory Committee, Shellfish Committee, Board of Health, Selectmen and the Cape Pogue DCPC Advisory Committee for written comments. Failure of the above named entity to submit written recommendations to the Planning Board within 21 days of the initial filing of the Special Permit Application shall be deemed a favorable recommendation by the entity.

4. The Planning Board shall review the written recommendations of the above named entities as it considers the proposed development. The Planning Board shall grant a Special Permit only after public notice and hearing in accordance with Section 11 of the Zoning Act, M.G.L. Chapter 40A, and only if it finds that the proposed development:

- a. will not materially impair the physical integrity of coastal dunes, barrier beaches, coastal banks, rocky intertidal shores, salt marshes, land under salt ponds, land containing shellfish, wetlands and floodplains;
- b. will not have a significant adverse effect on wildlife breeding habitat and construction can be timed so as to minimize disturbance during the wildlife breeding season;
- c. will not have a significant adverse effect on rare or endangered species of plants or animals on or their habitat, including the associated vegetation, topography, moisture, soils, and geology of those natural habitats;
- d. will minimize the disturbance to existing vegetation except as to the footprint of the proposed structure (s);
- e. has been designed to minimize obstruction

of views or public waters, scenic and historic structures and natural and open landscapes from within and without the site; and

f. will not unreasonably contribute to surface and groundwater pollution, in particular, contamination, siltation, eutrophication, and salt water intrusion.

5. If the Planning Board determines that the proposed development does not satisfy the above criteria, and that the goals of these guidelines will be undermined, it may, in furtherance of the goals of these guidelines, require modifications to the plans and attach conditions to the Special Permit relating to size, height, appearance, location of structures and/or the type, location, number and size of vegetation to be altered or replaced. Except where the context otherwise requires, terms that are defined in the Department of Environmental Protection Wetland Protection Regulations 310 CMR 10.00 will be so defined here.

6. Use of pesticides, including but not limited to herbicides, avicides, rodenticides, and fungicides, is permissible within the Cape Poge DCPC subject to a Special Permit issued by the Planning Board for purposes including but not limited to protection of public health and the control of threats posed by vegetation or animals to the natural environment, the interests of the Wetlands Protection Act, and the intent of the Cape Pogue DCPC, if the Planning Board determines that the benefits of the proposed use outweigh the risks and negative impacts. Any use of pesticides within the Cape Poge DCPC shall be conducted by licensed applicators and must be in compliance with all state and local regulations.

Proponents of any such use must provide the Planning Board with a plan for the proposed pesticide use, at a minimum stating what problem the use intends to address; what methods will be used, including the frequency and geographic extent of the application(s); what measures will be taken to avoid or minimize negative impacts, including impacts on non-target organisms; how results of the use will be assessed and monitored;

and why the proposed pesticide use is the preferred method to regulate or eliminate the threat.

Upon receipt of the Special Permit application, the Planning Board shall forward a copy of the application to the Martha's Vineyard Commission staff, Harbor Master, Conservation Commission, Marine Advisory Committee, Shellfish Committee, Board of Health, Select Board and the Cape Pogue DCPC Advisory Committee for written comments. Failure of an above-named entity to submit written recommendations to the Planning Board within 21 days of the initial filing of the Special Permit Application shall be deemed a favorable recommendation by the entity.

The Planning Board shall review the written recommendations of the above-named entities as it considers the proposed use. The Planning Board shall grant a Special Permit only after public notice and hearing in accordance with Section 11 of the Zoning Act, M.G.L. Chapter 40A, and only if it finds that the benefits of the proposed activity outweigh the risks and negative impacts.

5.4.E. Prohibited Uses

1. The use of herbicides, pesticides, fungicides, and chemical fertilizers outside of dwellings is prohibited. No further division or subdivision of property which would result in a building lot or buildable lot is permitted. However, division of properties for the purpose of realignment of boundaries between abutting properties may be permitted if such division creates no buildable lots.

2/3 VOTE REQUIRED

Submitted by the Cape Pogue District of Critical Planning Concern Advisory Committee

NEITHER RECOMMENDED NOR NOT RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Moved and seconded; thereafter moved and seconded to INDEFINITELY POSTPONE unanimously voted to INDEFINITELY POSTPONE

ARTICLE 83: PETITION TO REPEAL THE RESIDENTIAL LOT INTENSITY ZONING BYLAW AND TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF LIVABLE FLOOR SPACE

Date: November 29, 2024

TO THE TOWN OF EDGARTOWN BOARD OF SELECTMEN (SELECTBOARD):

Pursuant to G.L. c. 40A, § 5, the following ten registered voters in the Town of Edgartown, hereby submit this petition to repeal Section 10.1.M entitled “Residential Lot Intensity” of the Edgartown Zoning By-Law in its entirety; and to amend” Article I, General Provisions, Section 1.3 - Definitions - by amending the definition for ‘Livable Floor Space’” by striking the text that is shown as struck through and inserting new text that is shown as underlined as follows:

Livable Floor Space

Any square footage that is:

- (a) Served by permanently installed heating or air conditioning systems,
- (b) that is directly accessible from other occupiable areas through an interior door or hallway,
- (c) finished with walls, floors and ceilings of materials generally accepted for interior construction, and
- (d) excluding any area with a ceiling height of less than five feet,
- (e) Contained with the exterior walls, whether above or below grade, of a building intended for a or capable of being occupied as habitable space,
- (f) The sum of the areas of all floors of a building whether above or below grade, measured from the interior faces of walls, intended, designed or capable of human occupancy.

2/3 VOTE REQUIRED

Submitted by Petition

NEITHER RECOMMENDED NOR NOT RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Moved and seconded; thereafter voted YES 15 NO 193

ARTICLE 84: Pursuant to G.L. c. 39 §10, the undersigned registered voters of Edgartown respectfully request that you insert the following proposed amendment to Section 2.1.B of the Edgartown Zoning Bylaw in the warrant for the upcoming Edgartown Annual Meeting:

Amend Section 2.1.B by adding a new category of conditionally permitted uses, as follows:

11. More than two, but less than six, separate commercial events per calendar year that comprise a gathering of 50 or more persons on a single lot comprising three or more acres of land, including the service of food and/or beverages, such as rentals for wedding or graduation parties, other celebrations, or other congregations of persons. A special permit shall be issued with any conditions imposed by the Board to minimize disruption to the neighborhood, and only upon a finding that the following criteria are satisfied:

- a. Guest attendance at the events shall be by invitation only and shall be limited to a set capacity per event as determined by the Board so as to avoid congestion of streets.
- b. Sufficient off-street parking to accommodate the proposed number of guests and any temporary workers shall be provided, or sufficient transportation arrangements shall be made to shuttle guests and/or workers.
- c. The physical location of all components of the event such as food service and preparation areas, musical performances, portable toilets, dining areas, and any outdoor tents or similar facilities shall be identified on a plan filed with the Board, and designed to minimize vehicular and pedestrian congestion on streets and driveways, noise, odors, light pollution and trash-related nuisances.

d. Where possible, screening shall be provided to screen neighboring properties from where people will congregate, vehicular parking, and any sources of noise, odors or artificial light generated by the event.

e. Outdoor events shall be limited to the hours of 9:00 AM – 10:00 PM. Indoor events shall be limited to the hours of 9:00 AM – 11:00 PM. The Board may extend these hours upon a showing of unique circumstances, and where noise and light can and will be sufficiently managed to minimize any impacts on neighboring properties.

f. Amplified music shall be allowed only upon a showing that noise can and will be sufficiently managed to minimize any impacts on neighboring properties.

2/3 VOTE REQUIRED

Submitted by Petition

NEITHER RECOMMENDED NOR NOT RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

ARTICLE 85: GAS POWERED LEAF BLOWERS PETITION

Gas powered leaf blowers use two and or four four-cycle gasoline. These engines produce hundreds of times more hazardous pollutants and fine particulates than automobiles.

In that gas powered leaf blowers can produce high levels of noise that disrupt the peaceful enjoyment of neighborhoods which even has a negative effects on wildlife. We, the undersigned registered voters of the Town of Edgartown, petition the Selectman to place the following article on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

To ban the use of commercial gas-powered leaf-blowers in the Town of Edgartown on July 1, 2025

Submitted by Petition

NEITHER RECOMMENDED NOR NOT RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Moved and seconded; thereafter moved and seconded to Indefinitely Postpone voted in favor by an UNANIMOUS VOTE TO INDEFINITELY POSTPONE

ARTICLE 86: Improve Community Safety on Clevelandtown Road

Clevelandtown Road is approximately ½ mile long, has a speed limit of 25 mph, no safety shoulder, a narrow sidewalk, a dangerous blind curve, and is a main throughfare to the Village, Katama and Up Island. During the summer months traffic (vehicles, pedestrians and cyclists) explodes. The Clevelandtown area has many side streets, with well developed neighborhoods, many small children, then there is the addition of Meshacket Commons, a 40 unit affordable housing subdivision. Vehicular speeding is well known, creating a significant safety concern and a dangerous situation.

To improve driver’s awareness and pedestrian safety, install two solar powered flashing speed limit signs and two well marked (pavement & signage) safety crosswalks.

We, the undersigned registered voters of the Town of Edgartown, petition the Selectboard to place the following article on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant:

Install two flashing speed limit signs and two safety crosswalks on Clevelandtown Rd.

Submitted by Petition

NEITHER RECOMMENDED NOR NOT RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Moved and seconded; thereafter discussion and moved and seconded to amend to be at the discretion of the Highway Superintendent and Police Chief; amendment voted in favor. The

Article as AMENDED voted in FAVOR by the Moderator declaring it passed.

ARTICLE 87: Moved that the Town will vote to instruct and authorize the Selectboard and the Edgartown Affordable Housing Committee to take whatever actions are necessary to sell, in consideration of an amount not less than equal to the 2024 tax assessed value (\$279,900), the 3 acre lot taken by the town for unpaid taxes, and identified on Assessors Map 34 as Parcel 238 located at 294 Chappaquiddick Road, to a state recognized land conservation organization, to be held forever in conservation, while allowing appropriate use by the public on trails linking the property to other conserved open spaces and trails. The disposition will be in accordance with MGL Chapter 30 B section 16, with proper prior notices. The use of the proceeds of the sale are to be restricted as determined by the Selectboard and the Edgartown Affordable Housing Committee to provide or otherwise assist Affordable, Community or Municipal housing opportunities

for the town and its residents where appropriate, for example, in built-up areas served by public transportation, close to and with easy access to shopping, employment opportunities and service providers. The funds for the sale will be provided by abutters, neighbors and others supporting both conservation of land and affordable housing.

Submitted by Petition

NEITHER RECOMMENDED NOR NOT RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Moved and seconded; thereafter a discussion moved and seconded to Indefinitely Postpone voted in favor to INDEFINITELY POSTPONE

The Moderator declared the Town Meeting adjourned at 11:02 P.M.

Attest:

Karen R. Medeiros
Town Clerk



**REPORT OF ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
HELD ON
April 10, 2025**

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

Wanda M. Williams, Warden, , Cindy Bonnell, Registrar, Scott Ellis, Constable, William Bishop, IV, Constable, Amber Medeiros, Assistant Town Clerk, Ann Tyra, Jo-Ann Resendes, Christene White, were sworn in as Warden Tellers, Checkers, Ballot Clerk and Officers of the Day.

The Polls were declared open at 10:00 A.M. by Karen R. Medeiros, Town Clerk. It was unanimously voted to waive the reading of Article One on the Warrant.

At 7:55 P.M., all 933 ballots having been accounted for and tallied, the Town Clerk announced the result of the Election.

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| SELECTBOARD | FOR THREE YEARS | |
| VOTE FOR ONE | | |
| Michael J. Donaroma | | 200 |
| Walter Alexander Morrison | | 469 |
| Glen S. Searle | | 251 |
| Write-Ins | | 0 |
| Blanks | | 13 |
| MODERATOR | FOR THREE YEARS | |
| VOTE FOR ONE | | |
| Steven C. Ewing | | 842 |
| Write-Ins | | 1 |
| Blanks | | 90 |
| BOARD OF ASSESSORS | FOR THREE YEARS | |
| VOTE FOR ONE | | |
| Donna L. Goodale | | 767 |

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| Write-Ins | | 3 |
| Blanks | | 163 |
| CONSTABLE | FOR THREE YEARS | |
| VOTE FOR ONE | | |
| William C. Bishop IV | | 808 |
| Write-Ins | | 1 |
| Blanks | | 124 |
| BOARD OF HEALTH | FOR THREE YEARS | |
| VOTE FOR ONE | | |
| Candace A. Nichols | | 706 |
| Write-Ins | | 6 |
| Blanks | | 221 |
| FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE | | |
| VOTE FOR TWO | FOR THREE YEARS | |
| Julia T. Tarka | | 712 |
| Bruce Stone-Write-In | | 7 |
| John O'Hara – Write-In | | 40 |
| Miscellaneous Write-Ins | | 22 |
| Blanks | | 835 |
| LIBRARY TRUSTEE | FOR THREE YEARS | |
| VOTE FOR TWO | | |
| Maggie B. Morrison | | 753 |
| Theresa T. Janeczek | | 589 |
| Write-Ins | | 2 |
| Blanks | | 522 |
| PARK COMMISSIONER | FOR THREE YEARS | |
| VOTE FOR ONE | | |
| Maggie B. Morrison | | 750 |
| Write-Ins | | 0 |
| Blanks | | 183 |
| PLANNINGBOARD | FOR FIVE YEARS | |
| VOTE FOR ONE | | |
| Michael Shalett | | 413 |
| Taylor Pierce | | 470 |
| Write-Ins | | 0 |
| Blanks | | 1 |

PLANNINGBOARD FOR THREE YEARS
 VOTE FOR ONE
 David A. Ignacio 646
 Ted Rosbeck-Write-In 36
 Write-Ins 7
 Blanks 244

PLANNINGBOARD FOR TWO YEARS
 VOTE FOR ONE
 Robert A. Robinson 687
 Write-Ins 7
 Blanks 239

SCHOOL COMMITTEE FOR THREE YEARS
 VOTE FOR ONE
 R. Kristin Finley Brown 712
 Write-Ins 3
 Blanks 218

WASTEWATER COMMISSIONER
 VOTE FOR ONE FOR THREE YEARS
 Amber M. Medeiros 710
 Write-Ins 1
 Blanks 222

WATER COMMISSIONER
 VOTE FOR ONE FOR THREE YEARS
 Scott A. Ellis 794
 Write-Ins 1
 Blanks 138

MV LAND BANK REPRESENTATIVE
 VOTE FOR ONE FOR THREE YEARS
 Steven C. Ewing 827
 Write-Ins 1
 Blanks 105

Attest:

Karen R. Medeiros
 Town Clerk

**REPORT FOR
 SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
 DECEMBER 9, 2025**

The Moderator began the Special Town Meeting at 7:02 P.M. The quorum of 40 (a total of 147 voters attended) were in attendance. Moderator Ewing read the preamble to the Warrant and the Constable’s return of service.

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Personnel By-Law Section 25.0 Edgartown Classification and Salary Plan as follows effective December 9, 2025: Add the position of Children’s and Young Adult Library Assistant Grade E.

Submitted by Personnel Board

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Moved and seconded; thereafter voted in favor

by an UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Compensation and Classification section of the Personnel By-Law effective December 9, 2025 and authorize the Edgartown Park Commission to provide compensation, in the form of an annual stipend equal to 50% of the average weekly hours worked for seasonal employees who remain employed through the Monday before Labor Day; and an additional stipend equal to 50% of the average weekly hours worked for seasonal employees who remain employed through Labor Day of that year.

Submitted by Personnel Board

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, the sum of \$40,000.00 to be added to the Town’s Fiscal Year 2026 Insurance Account as a result of audited worker’s compensation costs and increased premiums.

Submitted by the Select Board

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote, under section 15 of chapter 40 of the general laws, to expand the Dedication and Declaration of Recreational Use to which the land known as the Edgartown Landfill located at 49 Meshaket Road, shown on Edgartown Assessors Map 28 as Parcel 57, is subject to include holding it for the purposes of supporting renewable energy, including solar systems, and to authorize the select board to execute and deliver any necessary instruments and agreements to effectuate the vote.

Submitted by the Select Board

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

ARTICLE 5. To see of the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$65,095.65 to the National Settlement Special Revenue fund to reserve the amounts received in Opioid Settlement Funds to date.

Submitted by the Town Accountant

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Moved and seconded; thereafter voted in favor by

an UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$47,229.21 to enhance physical and electronic security measures at the Edgartown Police Station.

Submitted by the Police Department

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to amend the wording in Article #24 from the Town Meeting of April 11, 2023 Town Meeting; demolish the existing Animal Control Office and Kennel in order to construct a new facility”; to “remodel the existing Animal Control Office and Kennel.”

Submitted by the Animal Control Officer / Police Department

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the remaining balance of \$15,713.47 from Article #53 (Harbormaster) of the April 8, 2025 Town Meeting for the purpose of repairing structural damage to the Ribcraft Patrol Vessel.

Submitted by the Harbormaster

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, the sum of \$20,000.00 to purchase and equip a 9’ drop in material spreader.

Submitted by the Highway

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL
ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to
appropriate the sum of \$45,000.00 from Free
Cash for additional vegetation screening, drainage
improvements, and other environmental or
weather-related site work and contingencies for
the Edgartown School Playground.

Submitted by the Edgartown School

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL
ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to
appropriate the sum of \$65,000.00 from Free
Cash to sandblast, epoxy coat, refurbish, and
repair existing infrastructure within both Primary
Clarifier tanks.

Submitted by the Wastewater Commissioners

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL
ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to
appropriate the sum of \$25,000.00 from the Water
Department’s Surplus to fund the replacement
of the meter reading equipment, hardware and
software; and for costs incidental and related
thereto. This article will have no impact on water
user’s charges or the tax rate. Water surplus funds
will finance this purpose.

Submitted by the Board of Water Commissioners

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL
ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to
appropriate the sum of \$2,500,000.00 from Free
Cash for the new Fire Station Project.

Submitted by the Selectboard

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL
ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to
appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$916.38 to
pay the following Fiscal Year 2025 unpaid bills:

| | |
|------------------|----------|
| Pitney Bowes (2) | \$458.19 |
| Select Board | |

9/10 VOTE REQUIRED

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL
ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

The Moderator declared the Town Meeting
adjourned at 7:12 P.M.

Attest:

Karen R. Medeiros
Town Clerk

BIRTHS

Births are not published in the Town Report due to the passing of the Acts and Resolves of Massachusetts 1991, which prohibits the sale and distribution of the names of children under the age of seventeen. The total number of births recorded in the town of Edgartown in 2025 was 43.

MARRIAGES RECORDED IN 2025

| DATE | NAME | RESIDENCE |
|-----------------|---|----------------------------------|
| JANUARY | | |
| 05 | Marija Petkovic Bailey Rose Csapo-Moreis | Tisbury, MA Oak Bluffs, MA |
| 07 | Brandon Jeffrey Wingo Daniela Fagundes Ferreira | Oak Bluffs, MA Oak Bluffs, MA |
| 22 | Cairo Henrico Borges Resende Emilly Vogel Da Silva | Oak Bluffs, MA Oak Bluffs, MA |
| 27 | Thiago Henrique Castro Fernandes Danieli Simoes Alvarenga | Edgartown, MA Edgartown, MA |
| 29 | Everton Pereira DeSouza Leudislene Bretas Ferreira | Oak Bluffs, MA Oak Bluffs, MA |
| FEBRUARY | | |
| 07 | Chantelle Espinal Lesly Villatoro | Edgartown, MA Edgartown, MA |
| 08 | Heitor Fernandes Da Silva Kaitlyn Erin Marchand | Tisbury, MA Oak Bluffs, MA |
| 10 | Odale Randy Cox Kenisha Shnakay Downer | Tisbury, MA Tisbury, MA |
| 21 | Alison Henrique Bueno Da Silva Elizangela Pereira Leite | Tisbury, MA Tisbury, MA |
| 25 | Rodrigo Henriques de Almeida Filho Alessandra Cristina de Oliveira Milagre | Edgartown, MA Edgartown, MA |
| MARCH | | |
| 05 | James Edward Clark Maryana Iglesias Modolo | Oak Bluffs, MA Edgartown, MA |
| 06 | Valmir Rodrigues Nathall Escanhoela Stipe Rodrigues | Edgartown, MA Edgartown, MA |
| 07 | Marcos da Silva Timoteo Karen Gerlach | Edgartown, MA Edgartown, MA |
| 07 | Lindolfo Coelho Dos Santos Layse Vincente Flores | Edgartown, MA Edgartown, MA |
| 10 | Leonardo Ferreira Marino Patricia Marta De Andrade | Edgartown, MA Edgartown, MA |
| 20 | Francisco Wesley Ferreira de Oliveira Raiane Santiago Dias | Edgartown, MA Edgartown, MA |
| 21 | Juracy Vieira Dos Anjos Maria Cristina Vieira Campos | Edgartown, MA Edgartown, MA |
| 25 | Edinaldo Ferreira Custodio Maricelia Alves Evangelista | Edgartown, MA Edgartown, MA |

MARRIAGES RECORDED IN 2025

| DATE | NAME | RESIDENCE |
|--------------|--|--|
| APRIL | | |
| 04 | Pedro Lucas Dias Lemes Lorayne Lore Souza Barros | Edgartown, MA Edgartown, MA |
| 10 | Craig Andre Daley Khadecia Adriana Higgins | Edgartown, MA Edgartown, MA |
| 18 | Deibidi Lima de Morais Brittany Marie Rumble | Oak Bluffs, MA Oak Bluffs, MA |
| 29 | Corrigan Munro Mello Erika Ann Davies | Oak Bluffs, MA Tisbury, MA |
| MAY | | |
| 03 | Kevin Almeida Cardoso Camilla Boaro Ribas | Tisbury, MA Tisbury, MA |
| 05 | Sema Nur Sen Tyler Michael Bealmear | Chilmark, MA Chilmark, MA |
| 05 | Brian Anthony Rieth Dania Alyse Benmosche | Edgartown, MA Edgartown, MA |
| 06 | Alexandre Lourenco De Freitas Gabriela Da Silva Batista | Sharon, MA Tisbury, MA |
| 17 | Donnell Fernando Marshall Temeisha Elizabeth Lee | Tisbury, MA Tisbury, MA |
| 22 | John Richard Boyt Cassidy Christian | West Palm Beach, FL West Palm Beach, FL |
| 24 | Nicholas Elliot Slavin Suzanne Burdette Ihrke | New York, NY New York, NY |
| 31 | Brett Kelley Barrett Mackenzie Paige Pemberton Elkow | West Palm Beach, FL West Palm Beach, FL |
| JUNE | | |
| 02 | Billy Branham Longo Alliancel Mwilu Makanda | Edgartown, MA United Kingdom |
| 03 | Yanis Armand Cavrel Lydia Peck Erdman | New Haven, CT New York, NY |
| 07 | Avery Nikolas Ferreira Sara Metcalf Hole | West Chester, PA West Chester, PA |
| 07 | Timothy Alan Cusatis Sarah Lillian Bergeron | Ocean View, HI Ocean View, HI |
| 10 | Richard James Peake Stephen Thomas Craig | Sarasota, FL Sarasota, FL |
| 12 | John Marshall Bunting Sarah Conley Grove | Edmond, OK Edmond, OK |
| 14 | Phillip Isom V Deena Mari Char | New York, NY New York, NY |

MARRIAGES RECORDED IN 2025

| DATE | NAME | RESIDENCE |
|---------------|--|---|
| 14 | Todd Matthew Machnik Victoria Elizabeth Scott | Barnstable, MA Wellesley, MA |
| 14 | Paul Matthew Urbank Mary Katherine McCaleb | New York, NY New York, NY |
| 17 | Kaua Vicente Moreira Gisela Margaret Clausen-Diaz | Edgartown, MA Edgartown, MA |
| 21 | Matthew James Yeager Elizabeth Jane Amato | New York, NY New York, NY |
| 21 | Frank Secret IV Juli Lenora Simons | Agawam, MA Agawam, MA |
| 23 | Juan Pablo Gallego Juana Bartolina Matias | Revere, MA Boxford, MA |
| 28 | Nicholas Anthony Rita Tiara-Asada Canty-Samuel | Thousand Oaks, CA Thousand Oaks, CA |
| 28 | Alexander Francis Degrasse Katherine Amy Doyle | West Palm Beach, FL Washington, D.C. |
| JULY | | |
| 03 | John Henry Adams IV Camilla Elise Tamargo | Edgartown, MA Edgartown, MA |
| 03 | Lucas Premoli Agata Lara Borges Rodrigues | Derry, NH Edgartown, MA |
| 11 | Matheus Felipe Correa Lima Andrade Vitoria Reis Santana | Edgartown, MA Edgartown, MA |
| 17 | Cameron Oliver Gibbs Caroline Butler Michaels | Houston, TX Houston, TX |
| 22 | Tyler Stannard Steed Victoria Marie Scott | Washington, D.C. Washington, D.C. |
| 25 | Sean Raymond Hoagland Jared Michael Negron | Van Nuys, CA Van Nuys, CA |
| 25 | Matthew Brian Caruso Jaclyn Ann Colossale | Wethersfield, CT Wethersfield, CT |
| 26 | Alexis Michelle Montgomery Kyle Patrick Buzy | Olney, MD Arlington, VA |
| 26 | Joseph Michael McKenzie Shaquilla Shanique Dewar | Mount Vernon, NY West Tisbury, MA |
| AUGUST | | |
| 01 | Brendan Denis Flannagan Francesca Grace Amodio | Ketchum, ID Ketchum, ID |
| 01 | Laurence Hill Beck III Lauren Metcalf Chapman | San Clemente, CA San Clemente, CA |
| 08 | Daniel George Pool Carolyn Lynnette Gipson | Rockville, MD Rockville, MD |

MARRIAGES RECORDED IN 2025

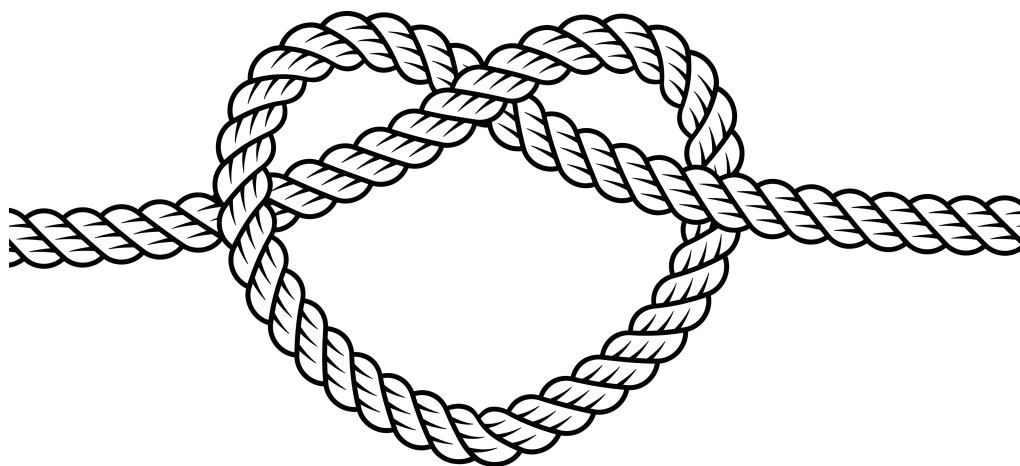
| DATE | NAME | RESIDENCE |
|------------------|--|--|
| 16 | Federico Pollevick Rachel Elizabeth Sutor | New York, NY New York, NY |
| 22 | Joshua Alexander Karpeh Olivia Dana Howell | Philadelphia, PA Philadelphia, PA |
| 31 | Lucas David Wolf Victoria Maria Sabater | New York, NY New York, NY |
| SEPTEMBER | | |
| 04 | Kyle Tuttle Faucher Molly Katherine Murtaugh | Incline Village, NV Incline Village, NV |
| 05 | Reade John Etherington Heather Austin Blackwell | Richmond, VA Richmond, VA |
| 05 | Daniel Lee Phillips Kayla Marie Huber | Piqua, OH Piqua, OH |
| 06 | Colin Richard Dowd Danielle Carla Falchiere | New York, NY New York, NY |
| 06 | Devin Thomas Church Eliza Katharine Hull | Jersey City, NJ Jersey City, NJ |
| 06 | George Daniel Ducharme Caroline Patricia Gazalle | Edgartown, MA Edgartown, MA |
| 06 | John Robert Shepard Salem Michaeux Vance | New York, NY New York, NY |
| 06 | Edgar Daul Vicioso Julianna Nicole Sabra | Astoria, NY Astoria, NY |
| 07 | Blake Andrew Treves Caitlin Elizabeth Carey | Wellesley, MA Natick, MA |
| 08 | Gregory Alan Kreps Marne Joelle Fuller | Westerville, OH Westerville, OH |
| 09 | Terence John Sullivan Dianne Elizabeth Spires | Columbus, OH Colombus, OH |
| 09 | Maxwell Marcotte Chiovitti Stevie Danielle Brogan | Thomaston, CT Thomaston, CT |
| 12 | Daniel Martin Biscoe Brittany Eve Reti | Boston, MA Boston, MA |
| 13 | James Chambers Nelson Katherine Elaine Erbeznik | Livingston, NJ Livingston, NJ |
| 13 | David Frank Berlin Michaela Sophia Gaines | Boston, MA Boston, MA |
| 13 | James McClain Meany Emma Armstrong Elia | Brooklyn, NY Brooklyn, NY |
| 14 | Mark Anthony Giandomenico Riad Galeb Maher | Nassau, NY Aquinnah, MA |
| 14 | David James Medeiros Lynda Harding Cryer | Edgartown, MA Edgartown, MA |

MARRIAGES RECORDED IN 2025

| DATE | NAME | RESIDENCE |
|---------|---|--|
| 17 | Bora Kilic Justin Richard Gaudreau | Edgartown MA Edgartown, MA |
| 18 | Mihail Mazepa Kseniya Hurd | Edgartown, MA Edgartown, MA |
| 20 | Jeremy Joseph Buck Sarah Elizabeth Wrabel | Weatogue, CT Weatogue, CT |
| 20 | Wylie Jacob McKenzie Alexandra Melanie Cooper | Newton, MA Newton, MA |
| 21 | Christopher Charles Strickroot Warner Katherine Hess | Spring Hill, TN Franklin, TN |
| 21 | Timothy Michael Martel Jordan Powers Willard | South Orange, NJ South Orange, NJ |
| 22 | Matthew William Pulver Stefanie Nicole Gustafson | West Hartford, CT West Hartford, CT |
| 27 | Alexander Graydon Guest Aleksandra Glamocic | West Palm Beach, FL West Palm Beach, FL |
| 27 | Martino Anthony Mason Christina Diondra Pearson | Edgartown, MA Edgartown, MA |
| 29 | Kevin Lon Michael Tactac Agatep Zorana Grujic | Edgartown, MA Edgartown, MA |
| 30 | Tyler Nederlander Case Caitriona Eileen Daly | Portland, ME Portland, ME |
| OCTOBER | | |
| 03 | Douglas Torre Thalis Gomes Buzette | Chilmark, MA Tisbury, MA |
| 04 | Charles Joseph Januszewski Joseph Webb Bankemper | Greenwich, CT Greenwich, CT |
| 04 | Raymond Douglas James Ewing Kate Elizabeth Lizotte | Edgartown, MA Edgartown, MA |
| 04 | Paige Elisabeth Durovsik Kevin Daniel Brown | Bryn Mawr, PA Bryn Mawr, PA |
| 10 | Evans John Thibodeaux Sarah Alice Swift | Alexandria, VA Tisbury, MA |
| 10 | Joseph Russell Barrett IV Atina Monica Ramsey | Seattle, WA Seattle, WA |
| 10 | Marshall Alan Prosswimmer Richard Graham Batting | Fair Haven, NJ Fair Haven, NJ |
| 18 | Luke Kenneth Wheeler Samantha Joy Hargy | Alexandria, VA Alexandria, VA |
| 18 | Emily Lynn Bosworth Aidan Christopher Cassidy | Brooklyn, NY Brooklyn, NY |
| 18 | Julia Catherine King Lauren Ashley Miller | Richmond, VA Richmond, VA |

MARRIAGES RECORDED IN 2025

| DATE | NAME | RESIDENCE |
|----------|---|--------------------------------------|
| 25 | Christian Martin Fay Kylie Anne Watt | Cambridge, MA London, U.K. |
| 25 | Ilija Grbovic Ana Perunicic | Edgartown, MA Edgartown, MA |
| 29 | Tharsys Rocha Dos Santos Kylie Jeanne Hathaway | Edgartown, MA Edgartown, MA |
| NOVEMBER | | |
| 01 | Marcus Vinicius Fernandes Ferreira Alexia Maria Garcia | Oak Bluffs, MA West Tisbury, MA |
| 04 | Eberson Bernardo Da Silva Laryssa Dias Santos | Edgartown, MA Edgartown, MA |
| 07 | Sinan Ozmen Andressa Ferriera Fagundes | Edgartown, MA Edgartown, MA |
| 09 | Bryan Patrick Johnson Diana Angelica Meraz Bautista | West Tisbury, MA West Tisbury, MA |
| DECEMBER | | |
| 12 | Dionatas Medeiros De Amaral Daphne Rezende Silva Souza | Tisbury, MA Tisbury, MA |
| 15 | Welington Da Silva Assis Keliane Zotti Boldrin | Oak Bluffs, MA Oak Bluffs, MA |
| 18 | Kathleen Guimaraes Dos Santos Danilo De Castro Marcilio Rosa | Tisbury, MA Edgartown, MA |
| 19 | Ivan Gabriel Cazoti Thallyta Rosa Masceno | Oak Bluffs, MA Oak Bluffs, MA |
| 21 | Peter Duncan Luskin Nikki Kaileena De Cobray | Lake Worth, FL Washington, D.C. |



DEATHS RECORDED IN 2025

| <u>DATE</u> | <u>NAME</u> | <u>AGE</u> | <u>DATE</u> | <u>NAME</u> | <u>AGE</u> |
|-------------|------------------------|------------|-------------|-------------------------------------|------------|
| JANUARY | | | 03 | Pierre M. Vaillancourt | 70 |
| 06 | Christine Ann Weston | 63 | 07 | Michael Ross Seppala | 76 |
| 23 | Donna Irene Lowell | 81 | 12 | Francis Richard Bernard | 91 |
| 25 | Constance T. Andrade | 63 | 21 | Patrick William O'Daly | 86 |
| FEBRUARY | | | 31 | William Joseph Connolly | 95 |
| 02 | Michael --- Shagena | 65 | SEPTEMBER | | |
| 14 | Floyd Carlisle Norton | 95 | 03 | Grace Catherine Sullivan | 86 |
| 16 | John D Obrien | 74 | 19 | Bonnie Sue Dietz | 67 |
| 22 | Margaret-Gail --- Ruhl | 80 | 28 | Edwin B. Gentle Jr. | 88 |
| 23 | Sarah B. Rorer | 78 | 29 | Susan Robin Regenbogen Rosinoff | 74 |
| MARCH | | | OCTOBER | | |
| 25 | Shirley Ann Cioffi | 80 | 12 | Susan Wells Stevenson | 80 |
| 29 | James L. Harrison Jr. | 93 | 25 | Norma Ellen Howard Bridwell | 92 |
| APRIL | | | 28 | Carolee Rojean Aiello | 65 |
| 07 | Joan R. Da Silva | 94 | NOVEMBER | | |
| 09 | Raphael Joseph Fusco | 86 | 05 | Sara M. Kurth | 77 |
| 16 | Miguel Anthony Garza | 73 | 10 | Glen Stuarde Searle | 68 |
| MAY | | | 18 | Deanna Ivory Williamson | 88 |
| 11 | David Sherwood Ashe | 69 | 22 | Madeleine Martha Perry | 79 |
| 17 | CarolAnn D. Costello | 77 | 27 | Alexander Albert Winston Schweitzer | 42 |
| 17 | Janet Margaret Catino | 84 | 28 | Ethel Jessie Chapman | 97 |
| 29 | Benjamin Lambert Hall | 90 | 29 | David Brian Rossi | 65 |
| JUNE | | | 30 | Ralph Lawrence Knapp | 88 |
| 13 | Sean Michael Lazon | 38 | DECEMBER | | |
| JULY | | | 01 | Lynn Maria Donnelly | 73 |
| 19 | Cathy Sue Merrill | 68 | | | |
| 20 | Charles Anthony Morano | 75 | | | |
| 25 | Penelope A. Dixon | 77 | | | |
| AUGUST | | | | | |
| 03 | James Quentin Bonanno | 89 | | | |

PERSONNEL BOARD

To the Honorable Selectboard and Citizens of Edgartown,

The Personnel Board is composed of five members, four of whom are appointed by the Selectboard, and the fifth, a Town employee, serving as the Employee Representative. The Personnel Board maintained its regular business in 2025 and ended the year with two vacancies. The role and intent of the Personnel Board are established in the Town's bylaws. The Board exists to establish, maintain, and deliver a system of personnel administration that promotes a fair and consistent application of personnel policies, recruitment practices, and performance management.

Following approval by the 2025 Special Town Meeting, the Town of Edgartown, in coordination with the Personnel Board, engaged MGT Impact Solutions, LLC to conduct a Classification and Compensation Study for positions covered under the Personnel Bylaws. The study supported the Town's recruitment and retention goals by recommending salary and wage structures that align with industry standards, promote internal equity, and remain externally competitive.

Upon review and approval by the Personnel Board, Selectboard, and the 2025 Annual Town Meeting, the Town reformed its Personnel Bylaws by transitioning policy and procedural provisions into a codified Employee Handbook. This transition modernized personnel practices, strengthened compliance with State and Federal employment laws, and enhanced the Town's ability to proactively address matters of personnel administration.

During this period, following the completion of Haley Duquette's tenure as Employee Representative, Ken Romero was elected by Town staff to serve on the Personnel Board. The Board also welcomed Matt Moore as the most recent Selectboard-appointed member, and Nadia Rife as the incoming Benefits Coordinator. The Personnel Board extends its sincere appreciation to Suzanne Cioffi for her service. Ms Cioffi has sat on the Personnel Board on two separate occasions, from 2013-2018 and again from 2022-2025. We thank her for her dedication to the Town of Edgartown.

We acknowledge the following municipal employees who have recently retired: Amy Tierney, Charles Blair, David Medeiros, James Maseda, Jane Varkonda, Joel Deroche, Margie Hayes, Sara Tiemann, and William Burke. We would like to extend our gratitude for their dedicated service and commitment to the Town of Edgartown and its residents in the community.

Respectfully submitted,

KELLY MCCRACKEN
MATT MOORE
KEN ROMERO,
Employee Representative

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY MANAGER/ PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER

To the Honorable Selectboard and the Citizens of Edgartown:

Edgartown's IT Department had another busy year in 2025, including additional upgrades to software, hardware, and our messaging system along with continued onboarding of new systems to help staff and more importantly, the public.

Our online permitting system extended to Conservation, the Assessor's Office, and we are adding this functionality to additional departments as well. Our online permitting vendor was impressed enough with our usage of their system that I was invited to speak at their regional conference in Boston about how we handle our beach sticker sales and it's always nice to spend an afternoon in Boston talking about Edgartown beach related topics. Many envious stares from technology people who are not fortunate enough to be able to incorporate a beach into their work.

Our messaging system continued to work well and we sent 77 messages out over the course of 2025. These ranged from beach updates to road race induced road closures to our July 4th festivities in town. We love the feedback we receive regarding our messaging and are happy it continues to be such an effective tool.

Potentially less riveting, I worked on a handful of network/wifi improvements in various town buildings to enhance speed and security and will continue to do this. Cyber security is a classic example of always needing to build a better mouse trap as the mice continually get smarter!

Rumblings of additional cell carriers servicing Chappy for 2026 is encouraging for residents and

visitors who have a variety of cell carriers, so I'll be keeping an eye on this in 2026.

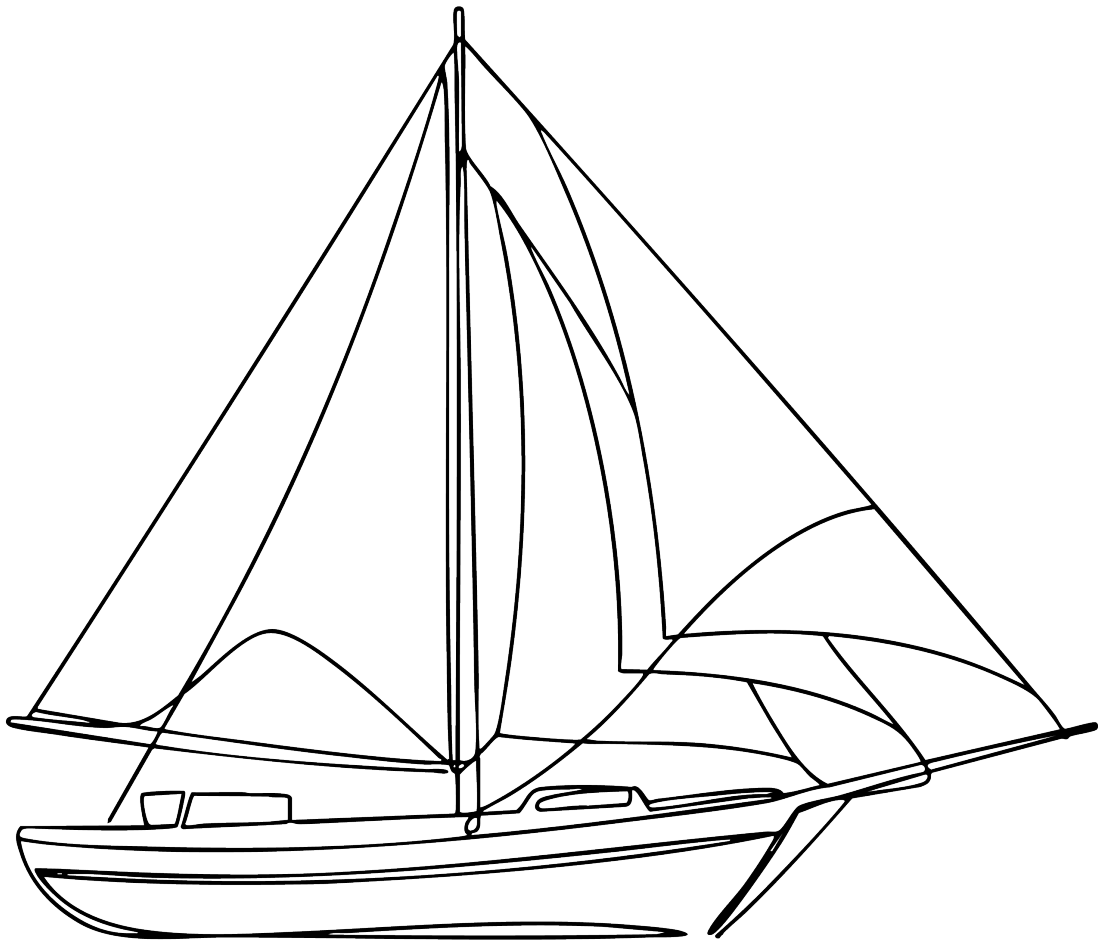
We are still working on a project that will allow us to scan historical documents and import them into our online permitting system. Once completed, this will allow for viewing historical permits for parcels in town. It is a massive project and we were awarded a grant from the State of Massachusetts which will allow us to start tackling this important need.

In 2026 we are looking at upgrading software in our water department, using technology to help the prequalification process for the potential resident exemption, and other enhancements for other Town offices as well. We have an incredibly collaborative team here in Edgartown and I appreciate the willingness of departments to continue to embrace technology to support their needs and initiatives.

Wishing you all a happy and healthy 2026. As always, I look forward to catching up with everyone around town.

Respectfully submitted,

ADAM DARACK
Information Technology Manager



FINANCE

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

To the Honorable Selectboard and the Citizens of Edgartown:

The Town of Edgartown FY2026 valuation analysis and review by the Department of Revenue has concluded and FY2026 assessments have been reviewed and certified. The new tax rate is set at \$2.48 per thousand dollars of assessed value, a change from the FY2025 rate of \$2.65.

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

Our work includes maintaining ownership records, inspecting properties for which building permits have been issued, inspecting properties that have sold, and analyzing the sales market and adjusting values. Fiscal Year 2026 assessed values (valuation date of 1/1/2025) were determined by analyzing market sales from calendar year 2024 for an adjustment of values. The DOR requires towns to adjust values yearly to ensure that values are supported with current market evidence. We also handle abatement and exemption requests and

the senior tax work-off credit, and process all aspects of motor vehicle and boat excise taxes.

Cyclical re-inspection is an ongoing program to visit improved properties on a regular schedule. All buildings, residential, commercial and exempt must be re-inspected at least every ten years to meet DOR guidelines. Edgartown has approximately 6000 buildings, over 5500 of which are residential. We completed the last cyclical re-inspection program for FY2025 and are working on the next cycle, to be completed by FY2035. Those property visits are in addition to the regular field work of inspecting parcels with new or ongoing construction.

This department receives and responds to an abundance of information requests by taxpayers and the general public, and we provide convenient access to assessment information, GIS data, tax maps, and various assessors' forms online. General information, including printable copies of the tax maps, and various forms can be accessed on the town website – WWW.EDGARTOWN-MA.US. The town provides online GIS software on the town website and at [HTTPS://WWW.AXISGIS.COM/EDGARTOWNMA/](https://www.axisgis.com/edgartownma/). This program displays interactive maps and a good deal of publicly available property information, including property record cards.

Our experience with the number of real estate

| Fiscal Year | Applications | | Value Abated | % of Taxable Value Abated |
|-------------|--------------|---------|--------------|---------------------------|
| | Filed | Granted | | |
| 2020 | 22 | 14 | 7,269,179 | 0.07% |
| 2021 | 15 | 08 | 4,226,351 | 0.04% |
| 2022 | 14 | 05 | 4,111,682 | 0.04% |
| 2023 | 42 | 07 | 350,720 | 0.001% |
| 2024 | 33 | 03 | 3,413,700 | 0.026% |
| 2025 | 41 | 17 | 9,304,800 | 0.064% |

For an historical perspective, please note the change in total town taxable value for the last twelve years. Total Taxable value has risen steadily from FY2015

| Year | Total Taxable Value | Change |
|---------------|----------------------------|---------------|
| FY2015 | \$7,028,192,628 | +6.26% |
| FY2016 | \$7,276,701,078 | +3.54% |
| FY2017 | \$7,804,718,137 | +7.26% |
| FY2018 | \$8,252,255,423 | +5.73% |
| FY2019 | \$8,885,809,240 | +7.68% |
| FY2020 | \$9,399,979,752 | +5.79% |
| FY2021 | \$9,854,165,764 | +4.83% |
| FY2022 | \$10,605,891,992 | +7.63% |
| FY2023 | \$12,674,808,303 | +19.5% |
| FY2024 | \$13,289,804,507 | +4.85% |
| FY2025 | \$14,432,657,373 | +8.59% |

abatements filed and cases taken to the Appellate Tax Board continues to be excellent, with very few abatement applications being taken to the ATB. There are currently two open cases.

We continue to measure and list new construction and update our assessment database for those changes as well as adding parcels created by subdivision. The increase in value from construction for FY2026 is from building permits issued in 2024 and the completion of work on permits from prior years. The

allowable increase in the tax levy due to growth from new construction and subdivision, along with new items of taxable personal property, was \$651,825 for FY2026, a decrease of \$26,902 from the FY2025 amount of \$678,727. The average over the last five years is \$547,439.

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

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

DONNA L. GOODALE
ALAN GOWELL
S. CHRISTOPHER SCOTT

| BOAT EXCISE FISCAL YEAR 2025 | | |
|---|----------------------------|--------------------|
| <u>Boat Excise Commitments</u> | <u>No. of Boats</u> | |
| FY 2025 Boat Excise | 734 | <u>\$34,632.00</u> |
| Total Boat Excise Issued | | \$34,632.00 |
| <u>Boat Excise Abatements</u> | | |
| Against Levy of FY 2022 | | \$1,632.25 |
| Against Levy of FY 2023 | | \$1,291.34 |
| Against Levy of FY 2024 | | \$962.00 |
| Against Levy of FY 2025 | | <u>\$548.00</u> |
| Total Boat Excise Abatements Granted in FY2025 | | \$4,433.59 |

ABATEMENTS & STATUTORY EXEMPTIONS GRANTED IN FY2025

REAL ESTATE & PERSONAL PROPERTY ABATEMENTS

| | | |
|---|------|---------------------|
| Against Tax Levy of Fiscal Year | 2023 | \$30,981.53 |
| Against Tax Levy of Fiscal Year | 2024 | \$44,208.44 |
| Against Tax Levy of Fiscal Year | 2025 | \$59,117.21 |
| Total Real Estate & Personal Property Abatements Granted in FY2025 | | \$134,307.18 |

STATUTORY EXEMPTIONS

| | | |
|---|-------------------------|--------------------|
| Clause 17 D (Senior) | Against Levy of FY 2025 | \$540.75 |
| Clause 41 C (Elderly) | Against Levy of FY 2025 | \$7,210.00 |
| Clause 18 (Hardship) | Against Levy of FY 2025 | \$9,550.03 |
| Clause 22 (Veteran) | Against Levy of FY 2025 | \$14,832.00 |
| Clause 37(Blind) | Against Levy of FY 2025 | \$1,030.00 |
| Total Statutory Exemptions Granted in FY2025 | | \$33,162.78 |

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION SURTAX ABATED OR EXEMPTED

| | | |
|---|------|-----------------|
| Against Tax Levy of Fiscal Year | 2025 | \$107.77 |
| Total CPA abated or exempted in FY2025 | | \$107.77 |

Total All Abatements & Exemptions Granted In FY2025 **\$167,577.73**

MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE CALENDAR YEAR 2025

| Issued in Calendar 2025 | | No. of Vehicles | | | |
|---|------|-----------------|--|--|-----------------------|
| 2024 Excise | | 204 | | | \$10,379.01 |
| 2025 Excise | | 9930 | | | \$1,654,934.65 |
| Total Motor Vehicle Excise Issued | | | | | \$1,665,313.66 |
| Motor Vehicle Excise Abatements Granted in Calendar 2025 | | | | | |
| Against Levy of | 2022 | | | | \$22,412.49 |
| Against Levy of | 2023 | | | | \$25,941.60 |
| Against Levy of | 2024 | | | | \$36,185.38 |
| Against Levy of | 2025 | | | | \$13,458.92 |
| Total Motor Vehicle Excise Abatements Granted in Calendar 2025 | | | | | \$97,998.39 |

TAX RATE RECAPITULATION SUMMARIES

| | FY2025 (7/1/2024 - 6/30/2025) | FY2026 (7/1/2025 - 6/30/2026) |
|---|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| APPROPRIATIONS | | |
| Raise & Appropriate | \$48,674,489 | \$49,688,881 |
| Free Cash | \$6,849,308 | \$12,998,695 |
| Available Funds | \$328,000 | \$305,713 |
| Other--Community Preservation Fund | \$5,271,141 | \$3,287,450 |
| TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS | \$61,122,938 | \$66,280,739 |
| Other Amounts to be Raised: | | |
| Cherry Sheet Offset | \$27,433 | \$51,977 |
| Overlay Deficits/Snow Removal Deficits/Other | - | - |
| State/County Charges (Cherry Sheet) | \$1,708,821 | \$1,632,332 |
| Overlay | \$246,185 | \$179,998 |
| TOTAL AMOUNT TO BE RAISED | \$63,105,377 | \$68,145,046 |
| ESTIMATED RECEIPTS/OTHER REVENUE | | |
| State Reimbursements (Cherry Sheet) | \$4,210,386 | \$4,307,138 |
| Estimated Local Receipts | \$8,200,000 | \$8,500,000 |
| Community Preservation Funds | \$5,271,141 | \$3,287,450 |
| Appropriations From Free Cash | \$6,849,308 | \$12,998,695 |
| Appropriations From Other Available Funds | \$328,000 | \$305,713 |
| Free Cash Appropriated to Reduce Tax Rate | - | - |
| TOTAL ESTIMATED RECEIPTS/OTHER REVENUE | \$24,858,835 | \$29,398,996 |
| NET TAX LEVY & TAX RATE | | |
| Total To Be Raised | \$63,105,377 | \$68,145,046 |
| Less Total Estimated Receipts/Other Revenue | \$24,858,835 | \$29,498,996 |
| TAX LEVY | \$38,246,542 | \$38,646,050 |
| TAXABLE VALUE | | |
| Real Property | \$14,116,019,493 | \$15,212,553,560 |
| Personal Property | \$316,637,880 | \$370,531,138 |
| TOTAL TAXABLE VALUE | \$14,432,657,373 | \$15,583,084,698 |
| TAX RATE | \$2.65 | \$2.48 |



C.S. 1-ER Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Revenue FY2026
 NOTICE TO ASSESSORS OF ESTIMATED RECEIPTS
 General Laws, Chapter 58, Section 25A

Edgartown

A. EDUCATION

Distributions and Reimbursements

| | |
|---|------------------|
| Chapter 70 | 1,269,737 |
| School Transportation | 0 |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | 90,148 |
| Smart Growth School Reimbursement | 0 |
| Offset Items - Reserve for Direct Expenditure: | |
| School Choice Receiving Tuition | 39,685 |
| Sub-Total, All Education Items: | 1,399,570 |

B. GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

Distributions and Reimbursements

| | |
|---|------------------|
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | 82,922 |
| Regional Public Libraries | 0 |
| Veterans Benefits | 50,929 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | 14,071 |
| State Owned Land | 2,747,354 |
| Offset Items - Reserve for Direct Expenditure: | |
| Public Libraries | 12,292 |
| Sub-Total, All General Government: | 2,907,568 |

| | |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|
| C. TOTAL ESTIMATED RECEIPTS: | 4,307,138 |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|

General Laws, Chapter 59, Section 21

Edgartown

A. COUNTY ASSESSMENTS:

| | |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|
| County Tax | 225,247 |
| Suffolk County Retirement | 0 |
| Sub-Total, County Assessments: | 225,247 |

B. STATE ASSESSMENTS AND CHARGES:

| | |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|
| Retired Teachers Health Insurance | 0 |
| Mosquito Control Projects | 0 |
| Air Pollution Districts | 11,449 |
| Metropolitan Area Planning Council | 0 |
| Old Colony Planning Council | 0 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | 8,460 |
| Sub-Total, State Assessments: | 19,909 |

C. TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITIES:

| | |
|---|----------------|
| MBTA | 0 |
| Regional Transit | 280,982 |
| Sub-Total, Transportation Assessments: | 280,982 |

D. ANNUAL CHARGES AGAINST RECEIPTS:

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

E. TUITION ASSESSMENTS:

| | |
|--|------------------|
| School Choice Sending Tuition | 66,298 |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | 1,039,896 |
| Sub-Total, Tuition Assessments: | 1,106,194 |

F. TOTAL ESTIMATED CHARGES:

1,632,332

TOWN COLLECTOR

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

The mission of the Town of Edgartown Collector department is to provide the highest level of service to the citizens of Edgartown and the departments

within the town government by working collaboratively, accurately and professionally toward promoting the financial stability of the town.

I herewith submit the annual report of the revenue collections for the fiscal year 2025.

| Total Collections Fiscal 2025 | | | |
|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------|----------------------|
| | Real Estate & CPA Betterments & Liens | Personal Property | Motor Vehicle |
| 2021 | | \$92.07 | \$1,177.77 |
| 2022 | | \$654.67 | \$2,837.00 |
| 2023 | \$34,310.55 | \$3,854.39 | \$41,302.01 |
| 2024 | \$601,928.08 | (\$6,281.08) | \$412,985.32 |
| 2025 | \$37,621,705.76 | \$795,602.36 | \$1,248,185.40 |

| <u>Sewer User Charges</u> | |
|----------------------------------|----------------|
| 2024 | \$66,492.32 |
| 2025 | \$1,820,898.40 |
| <u>Boat Excise Tax</u> | |
| 2024 | \$1,688.01 |
| 2025 | \$20,872.00 |

| | |
|-----------------------------|--------------|
| Pilot | \$38,417.32 |
| Fees & Penalties | \$25,282.12 |
| MLC Fees | \$6,925.00 |
| Interest | \$194,198.75 |

I would like to thank the Finance Management Team for their continuous support throughout the year and for working collaboratively to achieve our department's goals. I would also like to extend my sincere thanks to my assistant, Janelle Agin, for her continued dedication and service to the department.

Finally, I would like to welcome all our new homeowners to the Town. It is both a pleasure and an

honor to work for the Town of Edgartown, and I look forward to continuing to serve the taxpayers and the community.

Respectfully submitted,

SHEETAL K GRANDE, MPA, CMMTC
Tax Collector

TOWN TREASURER

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

Hereby submitted is the Town Treasurer's reconciliation of cash for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025:

GENERAL ACCOUNTS

| | |
|-----------------------------|------------------|
| Rockland Trust | \$ 16,779,523.75 |
| Martha's Vineyard Bank | 87,663.55 |
| Unibank for Savings | 20,794,922.81 |
| Bristol County Savings Bank | 888,694.48 |
| HarborOne Bank | 782,661.64 |
| Eastern Bank | 17,199,918.11 |

TRUST/AGENCY ACCOUNTS

| | |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Rockland Trust | \$ 836,918.71 |
| Martha's Vineyard Bank | 39,328.24 |
| Bristol County Savings Bank | 909,448.31 |
| <u>TOTAL ALL ACCOUNTS</u> | <u>\$ 58,319,079.60</u> |

For fiscal year 2025 there was no new long term debt issued. There was \$2,500,000.00 in short term debt issued for the fire station project. The retired long term debt was \$1,013,283.38. The total outstanding debt as of June 30, 2025 was \$12,137,351.25.

The total authorized and unissued debt as of June 30, 2025 was \$25,626,000.00 for the bulkhead, wastewater and fire station projects.

I appreciate the support of the Selectboard, employees and residents of Edgartown. I would like to thank Assistant Treasurer, Marisa Boniface for all of her efforts and dedication.

Respectfully submitted,
PAMELA J. AMARAL
Treasurer

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

To the Honorable Selectboard and the Citizens of Edgartown:

I am pleased to submit the Accounting Departments report for 2025. It has been a year of transition for the Accounting Department. In April I began my position as Town Accountant, working alongside Amy Tierney for 3 months before her retirement in July. I wish to extend my deep gratitude to Amy for her years of training and mentorship that prepared me to take over this position. Her continued guidance and support have lead to a smooth transition. In June we welcomed Rachel BenDavid to our department as Assistant Accountant. She has been a great addition to

the department and I would like to thank her for her dedication and support.

Attached is the unaudited Combined Balance Sheet for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2025. Final audit documents including all standard accounting reports and many detailed financial notes will be posted on the Town's website upon completion.

Respectfully submitted,
JENNIFER SMYTH
Town Accountant

**Combined Balance Sheet - All Fund Types and Account Groups
as of June 30, 2025
(Unaudited)**

| | Governmental Fund Types | | Fiduciary Fund Types | Account Groups | | Totals (Memorandum Only) |
|---|-------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|
| | General | Special Revenue | | Capital Projects | Trust and Agency | |
| ASSETS | | | | | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | 29,166,946.72 | 12,686,608.09 | 3,616,539.29 | 14,851,300.07 | | 60,321,394.17 |
| Receivables: | | | | | | |
| Personal property taxes | 65,540.68 | | | | | 65,540.68 |
| Real estate taxes | 618,267.42 | | | | | 618,267.42 |
| Allowance for abatements and exemptions | (664,124.07) | | | | | (664,124.07) |
| Tax liens | 97,211.66 | | | | | 97,211.66 |
| Motor vehicle excise | 422,445.26 | | | | | 422,445.26 |
| Other excises | 22,538.32 | | | | | 22,538.32 |
| User fees | 172,798.94 | | | | | 172,798.94 |
| Utility liens added to taxes | 6,131.52 | | | | | 6,131.52 |
| Departmental | 384,885.75 | 100,178.80 | | | | 485,064.55 |
| Special assessments | 1,072.13 | 217.10 | | | | 1,289.23 |
| Other receivables | 39,698.46 | 16,361.60 | | | | 56,060.06 |
| Foreclosures/Possessions | 481,697.98 | | | | | 481,697.98 |
| Amounts to be provided - payment of bonds | | | | | 9,637,351.24 | 9,637,351.24 |
| Total Assets | <u>30,815,110.77</u> | <u>12,803,365.59</u> | <u>3,616,539.29</u> | <u>14,851,300.07</u> | <u>9,637,351.24</u> | <u>71,723,666.96</u> |
| LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY | | | | | | |
| Liabilities: | | | | | | |
| Warrants payable | 1,422,891.40 | 368,267.28 | 899,504.48 | 7,890.45 | | 2,698,553.61 |
| Accrued payroll | 812,538.00 | 22,197.68 | | | | 834,735.68 |
| Withholdings | 371,984.21 | | | | | 371,984.21 |
| Deferred revenue: | | | | | | |
| Real and personal property taxes | 19,684.03 | | | | | 19,684.03 |

Combined Balance Sheet - All Fund Types and Account Groups
as of June 30, 2025
(Unaudited)

| | Governmental Fund Types | | | Fiduciary Fund Types | | Account Groups | | Totals (Memorandum Only) |
|--|-------------------------|-----------------|------------------|----------------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|-----------------------------|
| | General | Special Revenue | Capital Projects | Trust and Agency | Long-term Debt | | | |
| | | | | | | | | |
| Tax liens | 97,211.66 | | | | | | | 97,211.66 |
| Foreclosures/Possessions | 481,697.98 | | | | | | | 481,697.98 |
| Motor vehicle excise | 422,445.26 | | | | | | | 422,445.26 |
| Other excises | 22,538.32 | | | | | | | 22,538.32 |
| User fees | 172,798.94 | | | | | | | 172,798.94 |
| Utility liens added to taxes | 6,131.52 | | | | | | | 6,131.52 |
| Departmental | 384,885.75 | 116,540.40 | | | | | | 501,426.15 |
| Special assessments | 1,072.13 | 217.10 | | | | | | 1,289.23 |
| Other receivables | 39,698.46 | | | | | | | 39,698.46 |
| Prepaid taxes/fees | 417,600.41 | 11,740.73 | | | | | | 429,341.14 |
| Tailings | 21,395.43 | 1,403.45 | | | | | | 22,798.88 |
| Notes payable | 0.00 | | 2,500,000.00 | | | | | 2,500,000.00 |
| Bonds payable | | | | | | | | |
| Total Liabilities | 4,694,573.50 | 520,366.64 | 3,399,504.48 | 7,890.45 | | | 9,637,351.24 | 9,637,351.24 |
| Fund Equity: | | | | | | | | |
| Reserved for encumbrances | 40,432.60 | | | | | | | 40,432.60 |
| Reserved for expenditures | 10,011,928.00 | 190,000.00 | | | | | | 10,201,928.00 |
| Reserved for continuing appropriations | 3,435,450.24 | 6,265,745.96 | 61,229.03 | 637,427.22 | | | | 10,399,852.45 |
| Reserved for debt service | 13,376.07 | | | | | | | 13,376.07 |
| Undesignated fund balance | 12,619,350.36 | 5,827,252.99 | 155,805.78 | 14,205,982.40 | | | | 32,808,391.53 |
| Total Fund Equity | 26,120,537.27 | 12,282,998.95 | 217,034.81 | 14,843,409.62 | | 0.00 | | 53,463,980.65 |
| Total Liabilities and Fund Equity | 30,815,110.77 | 12,803,365.59 | 3,616,539.29 | 14,851,300.07 | | | 9,637,351.24 | 71,723,666.96 |

FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

To the Honorable Selectboard and the Citizens of Edgartown:

The Financial Advisory Committee, a board elected by the voters, administers the Reserve Fund for those departments that require additional funding beyond their budget, for emergency or unforeseen expenses. The town voted the sum of \$100,000.00 as a reserve fund for FY25.

The accounting for said funds is as follows:

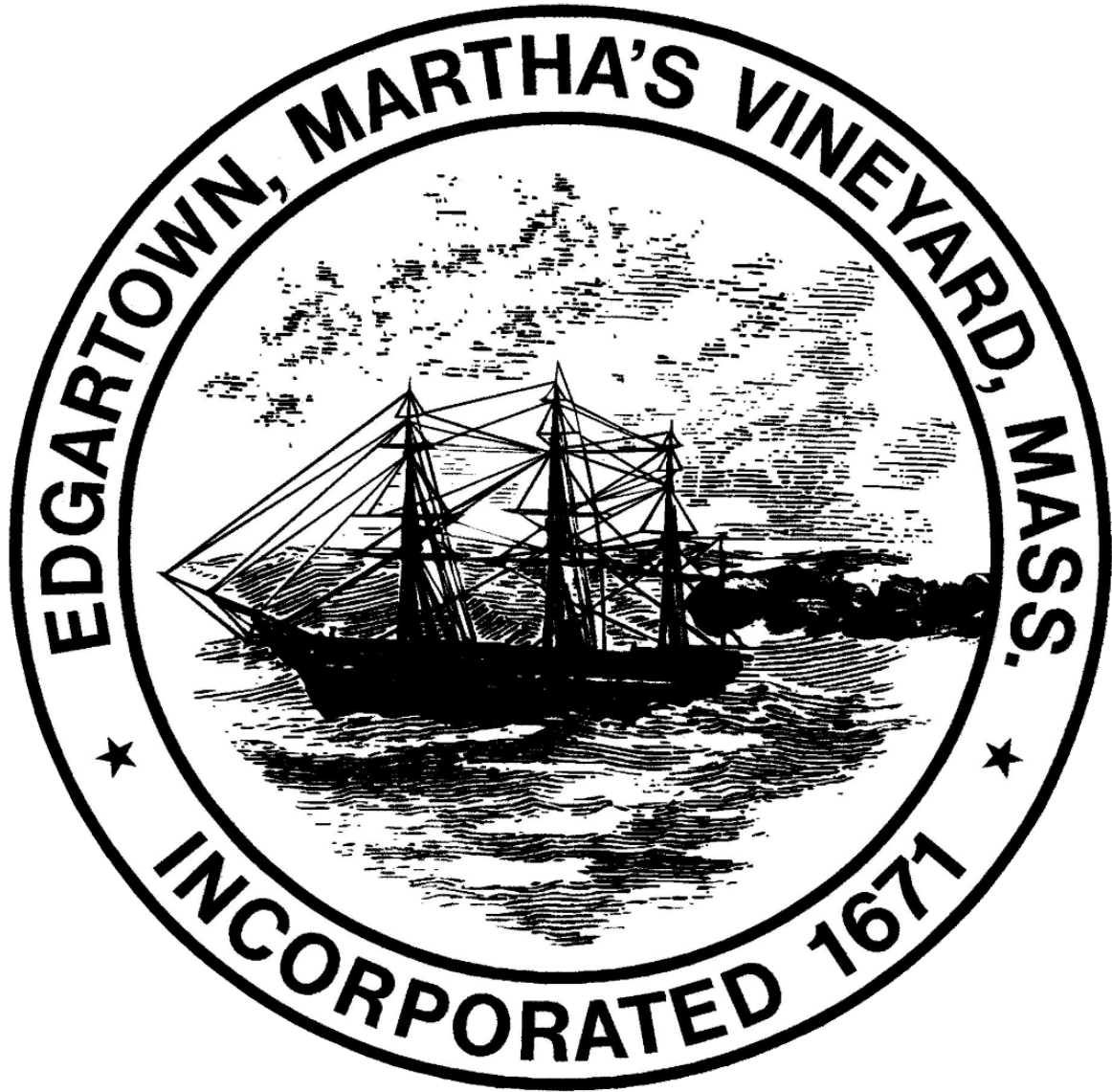
| | |
|-------------------|---------------------|
| ATM appropriation | <u>\$100,000.00</u> |
| | \$100,000.00 |

TRANSFERS FY25

| | |
|---|---------------------------|
| Selectboard – July 4th Fireworks: | \$7,500.00 |
| Selectboard – Park and Ride Chargers: | \$5,000.00 |
| Council on Aging – HVAC Repair: | \$9,900.00 |
| Katama Airfield – Grant Matching Funds: | <u>\$7,000.00</u> |
| | Total: \$35,490.00 |
| Balance Reserve Fund returned to Free Cash 6/30/2025 - | \$64,510.00 |

Respectfully submitted,

DONNA LOWELL-BETTENCOURT
Chair



PROTECTION OF PERSONS & PROPERTY

FIRE DEPARTMENT

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

On behalf of our membership, I present the 2025 annual report on the activities of our Fire Department.

The pace of our community and its sustained growth continues to draw heavily on our services and require diligent oversight. Our combination model, utilizing both full-time career staff and dedicated on-call/volunteer members, is increasingly stressed as our membership struggles to consistently provide coverage for duty shifts in addition to balancing their regular, non-fire department jobs. Despite these operational challenges, the year was exceptionally busy and was not immune to high-stakes calls, sadly including some tragic outcomes. All the while, our community-based core group of Fire Department members continue to answer your calls for help with professionalism and dedication.

Fire Station Project

The Fire Station Building Committee has been pressing forward with remarkable progress, characterized by careful, fiscally-minded decision-making. We undertook a rigorous process of value engineering, scrutinizing every aspect of the new building's design to ensure cost efficiency without compromising safety or functionality. Early in the process, we recognized that the originally planned outbuilding—designed to temporarily house equipment and personnel during construction, and later to provide permanent storage for Emergency Management gear, marine rescue equipment, and much-needed Police impound and evidence storage, had to be cut from the overall project scope to keep the budget on track.

This necessary cut presented immediate issues regarding how to maintain continuous, effective fire and emergency services during the main station's demolition and construction, as well as complicating the

long-term storage needs the outbuilding was intended to solve. Through careful consideration of what could fit within the revised estimated budget, we devised creative temporary solutions. We successfully sourced a temporary structure that was rented for the storage of our large apparatus and equipment. Administrative offices for the Fire Department were relocated and established in the vacant building recently acquired by the MV Land Bank. Finally, through a combination of generosity from private donors, creativity, and in-house ingenuity, the existing Fire Museum was temporarily converted into an operational day room and crew quarters. A privately funded addition, gifted to the town with supplemental funds from the Edgartown Firemen's Association, provided a new kitchen and bathroom for the museum, which will be utilized by the museum in future years after the new station is complete.

As the date drew near to commence the construction process, the final subcontractor bids began to materialize, and it became evident that several essential packages were coming in higher than originally estimated. Under some tight timelines, the Select Board and Town Administrator continued their unwavering support of the project by calling for a special town meeting. They requested the town approve an additional \$2.5 million to fully fund the project, based on a new Gross Maximum Price (GMP) from our construction team. We were ecstatic and deeply grateful to receive unanimous support for the article during the special town meeting. Once the funding approval was secured, we pressed on. The process to ready the existing structure for demolition started immediately with the full move to our temporary facilities. We are excited to see significant changes happening on-site, with the building demolition currently scheduled for early February 2026.

Personnel: Recruitment, Retention, and Staffing Strategy

Recruitment and retention of qualified personnel continue to plague the fire service nationwide, and with a smaller pool of available candidates to draw from here in Edgartown, it remains a serious concern. We have lost high-performing on-call or volunteer members who have left for full-time employment opportunities in other town fire departments that are similarly seeking solutions to their staffing issues. This challenge is compounded by the high cost of living and the critical lack of housing options within our town, severely limiting our ability to attract new members to fill crucial roles.

This fall, we approached the town to increase our full-time staffing by requesting two new positions. We also initiated discussions to develop a structured 3, 5, and 10-year staffing plan. This framework is essential so that the Fire Department and Town leadership can work collaboratively on finding sustainable solutions and anticipate upcoming operational needs. We were grateful to receive support for one of the requested positions and hope to continue productive discussions about future staffing requirements and projections in early 2026. The primary goal of increasing full-time staff is to strategically reduce the work load and shift coverage burden on our on-call membership, making participation at that level more appealing and sustainable. This proposed concept is a comprehensive effort designed to meet the immediate needs of the community while fiscally balancing the amount of full-time staff needed to operate safely, supplementing the necessary numbers of firefighters for complex calls with a robust, community-based volunteer or “On-Call” membership pool.

The newly approved Full-Time Firefighter position was advertised in November. We were fortunate to have Ashlee Moreis express interest. She has previously worked with us in a per diem capacity and has excelled, having already achieved multiple firefighter certifications. We recommended her for Full-Time appointment by the Select Board in December, and she is slated to officially start on a full-time basis in early January 2026. Additionally, Ryan Bottary was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant, serving under Captain Shemeth. We look forward to tapping into his proven resourcefulness and energy to further the department’s capabilities and operational readiness. Lt. Brian Foster was promoted to the Ambulance Coordinator assignment. We are proud of his work and

look forward to him keeping the ambulance running smoothly.

Continuing Education & Training: Professional Development

In addition to our regular scheduled trainings and drills, 2025 was a year marked by significant investment in professional development and advanced certification for our officers and members.

- Lieutenant Ignacio and FF/Paramedic Klimek attended a rigorous 40-hour Fire Instructor II course and successfully followed through to become Pro Board Certified. This advanced certification allows them to create and execute accredited lesson plans, which will further support the professional development of both new recruits and existing firefighters within our department.
- Captain Shemeth dedicated over 40 hours of her personal time, outside of her non-Fire Department full-time job, to attend, complete, and become Pro Board Certified at the Fire Officer I level. She has already begun the process of pursuing the Fire Officer II certification.
- Assistant Chief Baker and Lt. Ignacio completed the Fire Officer II course and achieved Pro Board certification at the Fire Officer II level, enhancing our senior leadership’s strategic command capabilities.
- Lt. Bottary and FF/EMT Moreis became certified Emergency Vehicle Operator Instructors after attending a 24-hour course and successfully passing the certification exam, improving our in-house driver-training program.
- Trulayna Rose and newcomer Hiaggio Goncalves attended the intensive Dukes County Fire Training Council’s 250-hour Firefighter I/II course and continue to pursue final certification.

Our membership also completed 249 hours of essential in-house training for specialized skills, including marine unit operations, wildland search and rescue, mutual aid response protocols, downed firefighter management (RIT), and vehicle extrication. Furthermore, we utilized a MAZE trailer, participated in a Flashover simulator, and conducted live fire training using a mobile training prop provided by the Massachusetts Fire Academy. These practical, high-fidelity exercises significantly increase the proficiency of our members in all aspects of interior structure firefighting.

Vehicles and Equipment

We received the new Duty Officer and Command Vehicle, which was funded at the 2025 Annual Town Meeting (ATM). Its late December arrival has us currently working through its operational capabilities and integrating it into our response plans. This vehicle will be crucial for coordinating larger, high-acuity events and will also help to reduce the need to respond large, heavy apparatus to routine nuisance alarms.

We continue to work diligently toward placing the last two essential water storage tanks on Chappaquiddick. Unfortunately, we have encountered significant obstructions, including complex conservation restrictions and undeveloped land ownership concerns, which have unavoidably delayed the process. We have engaged with the Sheriff's Meadow Foundation, which is currently working to provide an easement on a property close to the area we had originally intended to place one of the storage tanks. I am hopeful that we will be able to send out a Request for Proposals (RFP) in the spring of 2026.

Additionally, we have submitted an article for the 2026 ATM for new, innovative equipment that has recently proven to be a reliable and highly effective means to quickly obtain water from remote or difficult-to-access sources. We will report on its future capabilities and progress once the Annual Town Meeting has taken place.

Call Statistics

| Incident Type | Count |
|---|-------------|
| Alarms (Fire, CO, etc.) | 950 |
| Ambulance Calls | 689 |
| MVA (Motor Vehicle Accidents) | 61 |
| Fires (Structure, Brush, Vehicle, Appliance) | 37 |
| Investigations | 40 |
| Hazardous Conditions (CO, Oil Spills, Arcing Wires) | 22 |
| Assists (Mutual Aid, Public Assist) | 18 |
| Watercraft/Water Incidents | 9 |
| Illegal Burning | 3 |
| TOTAL Incidents | 1829 |

In 2025 our membership responded to a wide variety of calls throughout the year that are representative of our growing community and its diverse needs. Early

in the year, we saw tragedy strike on two separate construction sites. Our membership mourned deeply at the loss of the two workers who perished despite the exemplary performance and valiant efforts of our responding crews. Our year also included responses to structure fires, brush fires, motor vehicle fires, appliance fires, a high volume of medical emergencies, and other types of emergencies, including Carbon Monoxide (CO) exposures, motor vehicle accidents, missing person searches, oil spills, arcing wires, and water emergencies.

Fire Prevention

The Fire Prevention branch continues to be the single busiest part of our department's daily operations. The immense burden presented by the sheer amount of new construction, development, and renovation activity within the Town has necessitated spreading the workload through all of our full-time staff to manage it effectively. Our newly implemented tracking software has been working well and has allowed us to more accurately represent the high volume of calls to service this division sees, as detailed below:

| FPO Inspections/Plan Reviews | Count |
|--|-------|
| Smokes (Inspections/Permits) | 202 |
| Propane (Permits/Inspections) | 98 |
| New Construction (Inspections/Reviews) | 96 |
| Tank Installations | 98 |
| Photovoltaics (Solar) | 64 |
| Other Inspections | 51 |
| Warnings | 52 |
| Violations | 67 |
| Hotels (Inspections) | 29 |
| Oils (Permits/Inspections) | 21 |
| Sprinkler (Inspections/Permits) | 17 |
| Restaurants (Inspections) | 13 |
| Educational (Inspections/Outreach) | 6 |
| Dry Hydrant (Inspections) | 4 |
| Sprinkler System Transmittals | 1 |

Future Outlook and Gratitude

Looking ahead to 2026, the Department is focused on several key areas that will define our service for years to come. The physical construction of the new fire station remains a top priority, and we are committed to minimizing disruption to emergency services during the demolition and building phases. We will continue the crucial, collaborative discussions with Town leadership

regarding the long-term staffing plan to ensure the sustainability of our combination model, the professional development of our members, and ultimately, the continuous safety of our community. Finally, we remain dedicated to the professional development of our members and the acquisition of equipment that enhances our operational efficiency, particularly our water supply capabilities for fire suppression.

In Closing

Our core group of Fire Department members; both Full-time career staff and dedicated On-Call personnel, are doing their absolute best to maintain shift coverage and provide the consistent protection the

citizens of Edgartown expect and deserve. With a total of 3078 calls to service throughout our wide scope of responsibilities, we are proactively seeking to adapt and evolve our staffing model to create a realistic approach with the Town leadership that is both fiscally minded and fully capable of providing an appropriate, timely, and professional response.

Respectfully Submitted,

ALEXANDER J. SCHAEFFER
Fire Chief

Edgartown Fire Department Membership

Chief Officers

Chief Alex Schaeffer
Deputy Chief Andrew Kelly
Assistant Chief Josh Baker

Board of Fire Engineers

Retired Deputy Chief Larry Thomas
Retired Chief Peter Shemeth
Retired Asst. Chief Scott Ellis

Administrative Assistant

Anita Billings

Full Time Staff

EMT-P/FF Mike Klimek
EMT-P/FF Kate Foster
EMT-P/FF Lt. Brian Foster
EMT-P Haley Duquette
EMT-B/FF Lt. Thomas Ignacio
EMT-P/FF Trulayna Rose
EMT/FF Ashlee Moreis

Company Officers

Senior Captain Sam Koohy
Captain Kevin Maciel
Captain Kara Shemeth
Lieutenant Khalid Dore
Lieutenant Ryan Bottary

Call Members

FF Kevin Cody
FF Joe Delory
EMT/FF Paulo DeOliveira
EMT Marlon Garcia
FF Hiaggo Goncalves
FF Janick Grabowski
FF Collins Heavener
EMT/FF Graham Lewis
EMT David Marinelli
EMT Jared Regan
FF Renata Rovani
EMT Joan Shemit
FF Richard SooHoo
FF Craig Willett

Seasonal Members

Brooks Jordan
Dylan Keusch
Charlotte Lisa
Atlas Zack



POLICE DEPARTMENT



To the Honorable Selectboard and the citizens of Edgartown,

On behalf of the Edgartown Police Department, it is my pleasure to submit the 2025 Annual Departmental Report.

This year marked a period of significant transition, growth, and reflection for the department. We ended the year mourning the loss of Retired Police Chief David Rossi, whose leadership, dedication, and commitment to public service left a lasting impact on the department and the community. His legacy continues to guide our mission and values.

Several personnel additions and promotions occurred this year as we filled vacancies on our full-time staff. In April, we hired full-time Officer Nikolaj Wojtkiello. He comes to us from West Tisbury PD with seven years of policing experience. In June, we hired full-time Officer Gabe Brito, the department's first Portuguese-speaking Officer. Further strengthening communication and outreach within our Brazilian community.

In June, the department hosted a recognition ceremony at the Edgartown Library, honoring achievements, service milestones, and the collective efforts of our staff. The event highlighted the strong connection between the department and the community it serves. John Dacey was assigned as Detective, and Zachary Townes assumed duties as the School Resource Officer (SRO), reinforcing both investigative capacity and school safety initiatives. The department proudly recognized the promotions of Michael Snowden to Lieutenant and Jacob Sylvia to Sergeant, reflecting their leadership, experience, and continued commitment to excellence.

A new Community Service Officer (CSO) program was launched for the summer of 2025, expanding our ability to engage with the public, address quality-of-life issues, and support sworn officers in meeting the community's needs. The program also serves as a recruitment tool and feeder program for our full-time officer positions. Jake Wilson and Bella Arias, 2025 Summer CSO's, are now student officers enrolled in the Municipal Police Training Committee (MPTC) Plymouth Police Academy, on track to graduate in March 2026, representing the next generation of Edgartown full-time police officers.

This year also brought well-earned retirements. Sergeant Joel DeRoche concluded his 32 years of service, leaving behind a record of dedication and professionalism. Additionally, Judy Bettencourt and Wanda Williams retired after an extraordinary 30 years of service cleaning and maintaining the police station. Their contributions were essential to the daily operations of the department and are deeply appreciated.

I am pleased to announce that the Oak Bluffs Police Department's established "on-call" officer support program, is now available to the Edgartown Police Department. I would like to thank Chief Jonathan Searle for creating the program and inviting us to join. The "on-call" clinician is a crucial addition to our Peer Support Program, reinforcing our commitment to officer wellness. The personal counselor will be available 24/7 to help officers manage the emotional and psychological demands of the job. The counselor, who is trained in trauma-informed care and law enforcement culture, provides confidential support for stress, critical incidents, and personal challenges. By integrating professional counseling with peer support, departments encourage early intervention, reduce

stigma around seeking help, and promote officer wellness, resilience, and long-term effectiveness.

Community Outreach

The EPD values its role as an active and engaged partner within the community. Beyond responding to calls for service, the department prioritizes meaningful connections with residents through programs and events designed to encourage open conversation, approachability, and mutual respect. These interactions allow community members to engage with officers in a relaxed and welcoming setting, fostering trust and understanding. They also provide opportunities for officers to listen, explain policing practices, promote transparency, and work collaboratively with residents to identify concerns and develop solutions. Community feedback gathered through these interactions remains an important component of the department's ongoing efforts to improve service and responsiveness.

Throughout 2025, department personnel—often supported by the generous efforts of the Edgartown Patrolman's Association (EPA)—participated in a wide range of community-focused initiatives. These included monthly "Coffee with a Cop" gatherings at The Anchors Senior Center; the annual EPA golf tournament and lobster roll sales, which brought officers and residents together while raising funds for local charities and scholarship awards for Martha's Vineyard Regional High School seniors; a Halloween candy handout for downtown trick-or-treaters to promote safety; Thanksgiving turkey dinners delivered to approximately 50 local families; the annual Senior Dinner honoring Edgartown's senior residents at the Edgartown School; and the "Stuff-a-Bus" holiday toy drive benefiting the Island's Red Stocking Fund.

The department's commitment to community engagement is further reflected in the involvement of officers (Lt. Snowden, Sgt. Moore, and Ofc. Chandler) who volunteered as coaches for junior high and high school football, lacrosse, and hockey teams. As well as our Administrative Assistant, Ken Romero, who taught theatre at both the elementary and high school levels. Through these roles, our department members built strong relationships with local youth, offering mentorship, encouragement, and leadership both on and off the field and stage. By investing their time in these programs, our staff help young people develop teamwork, discipline, and confidence, while reinforcing positive connections between the Police Department and the families we serve. These efforts strengthen community bonds and underscore the department's dedication to serving Edgartown as both public safety professionals and trusted community members.

Addiction Response Efforts

The EPD continues to be dedicated to supporting individuals affected by addiction. All officers are equipped with Narcan, an opioid overdose reversal medication, and this marks the third consecutive year in which its use has not been required. Additionally, the EPD maintains active participation in both the MV Drug Task Force and the Martha's Vineyard Substance Use Disorder Coalition, reinforcing our commitment to community safety and public health.

The EPD maintains its collaborative partnership with Island Health Care, where specially trained plainclothes officers work alongside civilian recovery coaches to conduct follow-up visits with at-risk community members. These visits have been numerous and have consistently produced positive outcomes. Edgartown School

The EPD maintained a strong partnership with the Edgartown School to support a safe and secure educational environment. School Resource Officer (SRO) Officer Zachary Townes is assigned full-time to the school and maintains an on-site office, allowing for effective support of students, families, and staff. This consistent presence strengthens relationships within the school community and reinforces overall safety and security.

Training and Technology

Our officers continue to participate in ongoing, structured training throughout their careers to maintain certification and stay current with evolving legal standards, tactics, and community expectations. After initial completion of the recruit officer academy, officers must complete a minimum of 40 hours of in-service training each year, including updates on laws, procedures, defensive tactics, and other professional topics as set by the Municipal Police Training Committee (MPTC) and Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) Commission. They also must complete annual firearms qualification, skills training, and regular CPR and first aid refresher training to remain compliant and certified. This blend of recurring, mandated education helps ensure our officers are prepared for the responsibilities and challenges of modern-day policing.

Under the leadership of Sergeant William Bishop, the drone program continued to grow throughout the year. The department expanded its aerial capabilities with the acquisition of a second drone, a DJI Matrice 30T. Additionally, Zachary Moreis and John Dacey successfully completed FAA training and obtained licensure, further enhancing the program's operational capacity.

Officers assigned to the department’s drone program effectively utilized the new equipment throughout the year in support of a variety of operations, including an aircraft incident response on Chappaquiddick, missing person searches, and a breaking and entering investigation.

Traffic Safety

Officers have continued to ensure safe conditions for motorists, pedestrians, and bicyclists within our community. EPD officers responded to 244 motor vehicle accidents, of this amount, 22 required medical transport to the Martha’s Vineyard Hospital. There was 1 pedestrian vs car accident, 30 bicycle-related accidents, and 780 traffic stops.

Firearms Licensure

The EPD processed and issued 107 firearms-related permits. This was a 21.89% decrease from last year’s 137 applications, most likely due to the recent change of Massachusetts state laws regarding firearms. The EPD website has associated scheduling software to facilitate the appointment process for those looking to pursue a firearms license.

The Edgartown Police Department is proudly partnered with the National Shooting Sports Foundation as a member of the Project ChildSafe program. Project ChildSafe is a non-profit charitable organization committed to promoting firearms safety among firearms owners through the distribution of safety education messages and free firearm safety kits. Our department has distributed over 900 firearm safety kits, which may be obtained at the police station.

Public Records Requests

The EPD received and processed 661 requests for police reports and documents

2025 STATISTICS

| | |
|----------------------------|-------|
| Alarms | 1,391 |
| Assist Citizen | 346 |
| Breaking & Entering | 9 |
| Disputes/Civil Matters | 65 |
| Disturbance/Fights | 38 |
| Domestic Related | 56 |
| Elder Assist | 14 |
| Intoxicated Party | 30 |
| Liquor Establishment Calls | 38 |
| Lockouts | 154 |
| Medical | 448 |
| Mental Health | 42 |

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|---|-----|
| Motor Vehicle Accidents (Includes bicycle and mopeds) | 244 |
| Motor Vehicle Complaints | 37 |
| Motor Vehicle Stops | 780 |
| Noise Complaints | 82 |
| Protective Custody | 37 |
| Sexual Assaults | 6 |
| Stolen Motor Vehicle | 1 |
| Stolen Property | 28 |
| Scams | 35 |
| Suspicious | 294 |
| Trespassing | 24 |
| Vandalism | 7 |
| Weapons Complaints | 9 |

Dispatched Incidents (911 calls, Walk-ins, Officer initiated activity) totals

| | | | |
|-------------|-------|-------------|-------|
| 2020 | 7,453 | 2023 | 7,609 |
| 2021 | 8,484 | 2024 | 6,535 |
| 2022 | 7,441 | 2025 | 7,615 |

I would like to express my gratitude to our fellow Edgartown town departments, particularly our public safety partners in the Edgartown Fire Department and EMS. Additional thanks are extended to the Dukes County Sheriff’s Department, the Massachusetts State Police, and our fellow Island police and fire departments for their continued cooperation and unwavering support as we work together to protect and serve our community.

As we reflect on the year, we recognize both the challenges faced and the progress achieved. Through loss, growth, and change, the department remains committed to professionalism, community partnership, and continuous improvement as we move forward into the coming year.

In closing, I extend my sincere thanks to the residents of Edgartown for your continued support of the Police Department. It is an honor to serve our community as Chief of Police. I remain committed to maintaining a visible presence throughout town and to being accessible to our residents, and I welcome the opportunity to speak with anyone who wishes to visit the police station.

Respectfully submitted,

CHRISTOPHER M. DOLBY
Chief of Police

**“CHARLIE”
A POEM BY TOWN POET LAUREATE
STEVE EWING IN HONOR OF HARBOR MASTER
CHARLIE BLAIR’S RETIREMENT**

Charlie is the harbor
every cove and shallow
where the current eddies
slacks or roils
Where big boats bump
or slide right through
He knows where to tie
the last Wianno
limping in late
Race Week ragged
He knows how to tuck
in tight
the drunken sail boys
and girls
late at night
and hang their dingys off
their sterns
without back talk
He’s in his office too
Shelly, Sarah
the young rough
summer crew
they train
and once they get the taste
eager to return
Or dead of winter
scallop broke down
after dark
He is Cape Pogue
where he dragged
those prize shellfish
Edgartown Gold
with his dad
He is Calebs and
Katama
Where he still scratches
quahogs with his friends
Charlie is South Beach
where the big striped ones
slide up the frothy slope
he and the kids
drag home
He is the rips
He is in the shoals
trolling for blues

He is setting pots
and trawls
with Rob and Tim and Con
and other men when
we were young
and Nisa was still strong
He is swimming with Deb
Painting with Margo
Golfing with Taylor
all night long
Charlie has towed
with Tristan
now Tristan tows with us
Charlie is the yeast
that make
his baguettes rise
The kitchen
where the big
plump berries
roll out to win
first prize
at the Fair
while grandkids
lips turn purple
with the juice
Charlie is the fields
the marshes
the duck ponds
where the pop
of shotguns
singe the morning
Maryland sun
and gunpowder
like familiar snuff
puts pheasants in his pot
His kids shoot too
and learn
only what you need
Charlie is in the oysters
he and Scarlet
farmed
and sold
and traded
in the Bay
He rides with Wolfie

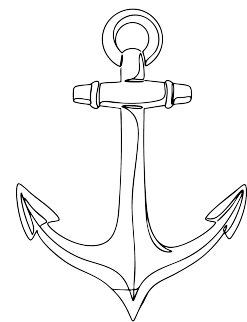
down the Coast
his family
in his boats
Charlies’ tending sheets
on Hotfoot
tearing up the marks
dad and brother George
sister Nancy
all along
this eastern seaboard

Charlie lives
forever in his stories
racing bikes and boats
on tracks
on oceans
or on frozen ponds
down low with
blinding speed
Finland to Wisconsin
thin shavings
from sharp blades
spilt vodka on the
cold Scandinavian ice
He lives in other friends
In Dayton, Geno, Ovid,
Albert, Jim and Pam
His Blair Clan
and so many more
Charlie lives in the
steady beam of
Barbados eastern light
he charts the stars
and shoots the sun
from Canary’s island coast
Or Snow Goose in
the arctic ice
George and crew
Charlie got them home

Charlie lives in the
great whale eye
who rolled and stared
aa he passed by

the big fish wake
shook the chartered party
fish tale of their lives

Charlie lives in all the
oceans
ponds, fields, flats and
skies but I see him
clearest like a brother
sharing lives
We carry each other’s
water into
our own salted deserts
This Great Harbor of ours
brought us together
It fed us
It kept us strong
Charlie is
the harbor
where both of us
belong



HARBORMASTER

To the Honorable Selectboard and Citizens of Edgartown,

On behalf of the Edgartown Harbormaster Department, and as your newly appointed Harbormaster, please accept this annual report for the year 2025.

This year marked the retirement of Edgartown's esteemed Harbormaster, Charlie Blair, who diligently served the Town of Edgartown and the maritime community for three decades. Mr. Blair is, and will undoubtedly remain, a fundamental pillar of the local maritime sector. His extensive knowledge and experience will be profoundly missed, and I am committed to upholding the work he devoted himself to over the past thirty years.

We also recognized the retirement of Sara Tiemann, the longtime Administrative Assistant who served this department alongside Charlie for 30 years. She was Charlie's right-hand woman, steadfast and dedicated to the smooth operation of all things Edgartown Harbor.

With the recent retirements, our remaining team members, Shelly O'Neil, who is now our longest-tenured employee with 20 years of service, along with Deputy Harbormaster Ryan Bottary, have stepped up to take on increased responsibilities and leadership roles. Their commitment to the Town and the Harbor community is commendable, and they embody the dedication needed to continue the work we do in the Edgartown Harbor. With their leadership and guidance, along with continued support from the Town, we are excited to keep ensuring the continued success of Edgartown Harbor for many more years to come.

STAFFING

This year, our seasonal staffing model featured both returning members and newcomers, some of whom were in their first job ever. We relied on the experience of the returning Assistant Harbormasters to train and mentor the younger staff. The Wharfingers stood out on the Town Finger piers, helping visitors with their mooring lines and freely sharing their knowledge. Our Assistant Harbormasters operate the Harbor, patrolling underway and assisting visiting boaters with their needs. They also manage radios and phones during busy periods, handling calls about transient moorings and all harbor-related questions. This year's lineup

consisted of twelve Assistant Harbormasters and eleven Wharfingers.

OPERATIONS

In 2025, the Harbormaster Department handled over 100 incidents. These involved medical emergencies, search and rescue, towing disabled vessels, dewatering vessels in distress or neglected after storms, and recovering vessels that dragged anchor or broke free during storms. We appreciate the support from our local boatyards, commercial salvage companies, Police and Fire Departments, the U.S. Coast Guard, and our local mariners for their help and vigilance in patrolling the Edgartown waterways.

PUMPOUTS

The Harbor Department continues to operate an active boat pump-out service. In 2025, we successfully pumped out 943 vessel sewage holding tanks, totaling 43,645 gallons, dedicating over 435 hours underway on the Town pump-out vessel. We thank the Massachusetts Clean Vessel Act for its support of this operation.

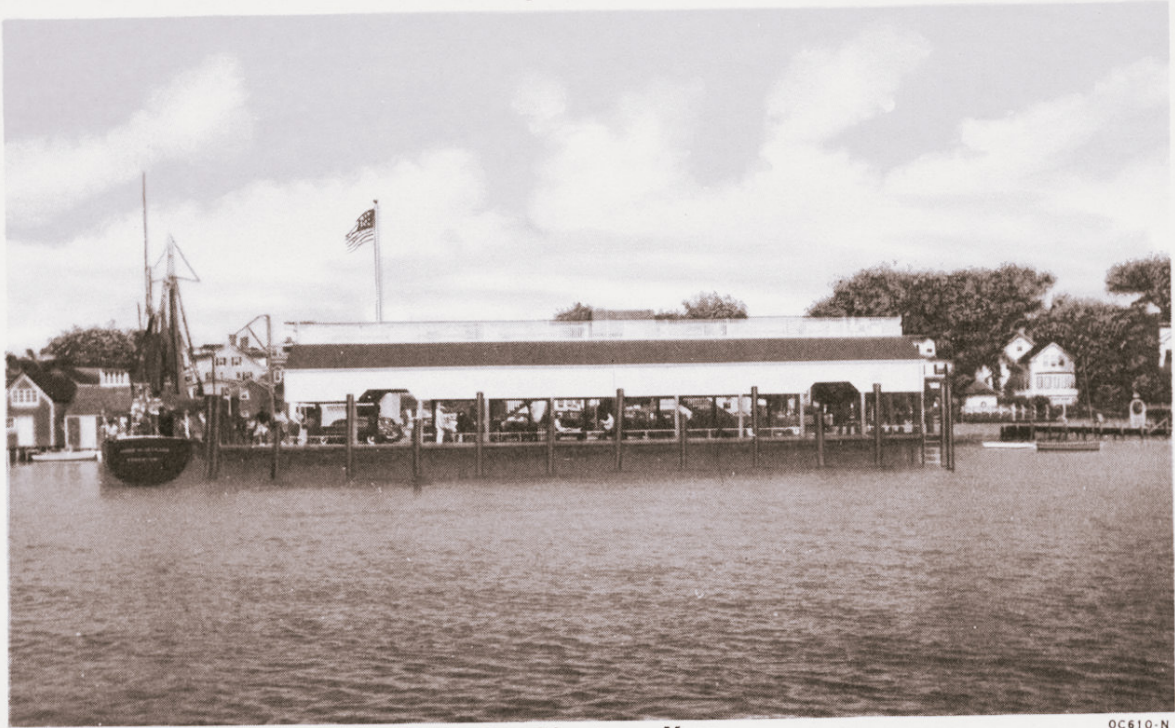
STORMS

The Harbor remained resilient during Hurricane Erin, the only named storm this year. We offered more than seventy moorings as a safe refuge and alerted visiting boaters to the risks and dangers posed by the approaching weather. We also saw many unnamed storms that came in quickly and wreaked havoc on our Harbor. This department patrolled and responded throughout the year's weather, with no significant loss of life or property.

Finally, as your new Harbormaster, I want to thank the Marine Advisory Committee for its ongoing support of this department, the Edgartown Shellfish Department for helping during my first season, the Edgartown Police and Fire Departments for collaborating with the Harbor Department, our local boatyards for sharing their expertise and assistance, and all the local mariners who make up the vibrant community of the Edgartown Harbor.

Very Respectfully Submitted,
GARY KOVACK
Harbormaster

Martha's Vineyard Island, Mass.



Town Pier, Edgartown, Mass.

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WHARF RESTORATION COMMITTEE

To the Honorable Selectboard, and the Citizens of Edgartown,

2025 was a busy year for the Wharf Committee. Having rebuilt both the Memorial Wharf, completed 2021/22, and the North Wharf, completed 2023/24, we turned our attention to the remaining large piece of waterfront town infrastructure, Osborn's Wharf. Like Memorial and North, Osborn's is in need of repairs and is seeing episodic flooding in greater frequency as ocean water slowly rises. The plan to restore Osborn's is much like our approach to the other two wharfs; replace the existing stone/rubble/steel/concrete wall (originally built in the 1800s) holding up the parking lot at the foot of Main Street with a new sheet piling (steel) wall topped with a concrete cap. When finished, the new height of the wall will be about 18"-24" higher (a bit lower than the high crown of the parking lot). This will help alleviate the flooding in the two low spots, by the loading zone and the area near the Candy Bazaar. Also, like Memorial and North, the new wall will be designed and constructed to accept a 2'-possibly 4' extension should water rise faster than it has been. The associated loading zone and finger piers will be rebuilt at this time too.

Once this project, now scheduled for the fall-spring of 2027/2028, is finished the Wharf Committee would recommend the town start to make plans to raise the parking lots, and Dock Street itself along with them, if flooding still threatens our waterfront. Of course, plans are afoot as I write this to the extent all three designs incorporate details to afford this action simply and cost effectively. The heavy lifting, no pun, will be with the commercial interests that sit lower than the proposed new elevations. Time will tell how soon some of these actions become necessary.

Another project the Committee has promoted is the best use of the town-owned building at North Wharf that houses the Harbormaster's (HM) Offices, public toilets, showers and the boatyard mechanics work area. There are also vending machines in a separate part of the space operated by the boatyard. The Wharf Committee employed Joanne Gosser of Synergy MV and Casey Decker of Martha's Vineyard Engineering and Design to assess the structure and interview all the building's users to help ascertain how unused space could be more effectively taken advantage of. Options

were developed and a nonbearing wall removal almost doubled the HMs' space. Near-term work proposes a newly remodeled toilet and shower area.

I would like to welcome Gary Kovack to our Committee, Edgartown's new HM. Gary replaces Charlie Blair who retired after 30 years of tireless service to the waterfront of our town. Nothing happened on the water without Charlie's knowledge. He was instrumental in the success of all these construction projects. On a personal note, as the local dock builder we communicated almost daily. Gary has big boots to fill but by all indications the transition has been smooth. We all wish Charlie the best in his retirement. And fair warning to the fleet at the Yacht Club, he's just acquired a used Rhodes 19 and is polishing the hull.

I'd like to thank the taxpayers of the town for supporting these important projects. Also, thanks to Juliet Mulinare for her expert support as our assistant. Scott Ellis and Chris Scott bring an incredible amount of experience and good common sense to our committee. I'd also like to thank the CPC and Kristy Rose for recognizing the long-term implications of our endeavors with their financial support over a multi-year process. Of course, James Hagerty doesn't miss a beat and has been instrumental in helping with all aspects of our work. His help with our grant seeking process has been very important. I'd be remiss if I didn't mention Hollis McLaughlin, the town's Facility Manager. Hollis attends our meetings and is also a great asset. It is a pleasure to be involved in a town that works together for the greater good of the community.

Respectfully Submitted,

STEVE EWING, Chair
SCOTT ELLIS
CHRIS SCOTT
JULIET MULINARE
GARY KOVAK, ex officio
CHARLIE BLAIR, honorary

TOWN FACILITIES

To the Honorable Selectboard and Citizens of Edgartown,

The Facilities Department is responsible for the operation, maintenance, and long-term stewardship of Town-owned buildings and associated infrastructure. Over the past year, the Department balanced daily operational demands with the planning and execution of several significant capital and accessibility projects, while continuing to support interdepartmental and community initiatives.

MAJOR CAPITAL AND FACILITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

During the reporting period, the Facilities Department successfully completed or advanced several large-scale projects that materially improved Town assets. Highlighted below are just a few of the most significant initiatives.

- **Town Hall Exterior Painting:** The exterior of Town Hall was fully repainted, addressing long-standing deferred maintenance and protecting the building envelope. The project was completed without change orders and coordinated closely with architectural oversight to ensure quality control and preservation of the historic structure.
- **Town Hall First Floor Renovations:** The Facilities Department managed renovations to the first floor of Town Hall, including improvements to the Select Board offices and meeting spaces. This project enhanced functionality, accessibility, and workflow for staff and the public while modernizing interior finishes and systems.
- **Council on Aging Accessibility Improvements:** Two new ramps were constructed at the Council on Aging, significantly improving accessibility and safety for residents and visitors. These upgrades reflect the Town's continued commitment to inclusive and compliant public facilities.

OPERATIONS, MAINTENANCE, AND INTERDEPARTMENTAL COORDINATION

In addition to capital projects, Facilities continued to oversee routine maintenance, emergency repairs, and service contracts across Town buildings. The Department worked closely with department heads to prioritize needs, minimize disruptions, and ensure facilities remained safe and operational throughout the year.

PLANNING, PROCUREMENT, AND ENERGY INITIATIVES

Facilities played a central role in capital planning, cost estimating, and procurement support, including the development of scopes of work, bid coordination, and contractor oversight. Ongoing efforts also focused on evaluating building systems—particularly HVAC and controls—with an eye toward reliability, energy efficiency, and future upgrades.

LOOKING AHEAD

In the coming year, the Facilities Department will continue to focus on proactive maintenance, advancing capital improvement projects, improving accessibility, and supporting energy-related initiatives where feasible. Emphasis will remain on clear communication, fiscal responsibility, and interdepartmental collaboration to ensure Town facilities continue to meet the needs of residents, staff, and visitors.

Respectfully Submitted,
HOLLIS MCLAUGHLIN
Facilities Manager

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Selectboard and Citizens of Edgartown:

I am pleased to present the annual report for the Edgartown Highway Department for 2025.

This winter was relatively normal in terms of snowfall that we are use to for our area. Our springtime weather events were normal as well.

In March when the weather permitted, we installed a storm water drainage system in the roadway on 18th Street South to remove the long-standing puddle. We also installed a drainage system on Pine Street in December were it meets Clark Drive to remove the puddle.

Our largest project was the repaving of Main Street. In April, we started by rebuilding 12 sewer and storm water drainage structures in the roadway working alongside the hired contractors. Once completed Main Street was milled down 1.5-inches, removing the rutting in middle of the roadway. A new 1.5-inch top coat of asphalt was laid down locking in the new structures for a more even road surface. Several expansion cracks starting at the south end of the Katama Road bike path were milled down and repaved for a more even surface until the asphalt plant closed for the winter.

In addition to these projects outlined above, the Highway staff performs many routine and necessary

functions which include trash and litter removal, street sweeping, seasonal painting of parking lines and road stencils, Katama airfield, roadside mowing, tree and brush trimming, dirt road grading, catch basin and culvert cleaning, asphalt patching, and sign maintenance.

The Highway Department continues to maintain the Four Town Cemeteries as well as the ground maintenance at the Robinson Road recreational area with the help of the seasonal staff.

On behalf of the Highway Department, I would like to acknowledge the retirement of James Maseda after 12 years of service. We thank him for his dedication and wish him the very best in his future endeavors.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

ALLAN deBETTENCOURT
Highway Superintendent

TREE WARDEN

To the Honorable Selectboard and Citizens of Edgartown:

I am pleased to submit the annual Tree Warden report for 2025. In 2025 the Town trees suffered very minor damage from the spring storms that brought plenty of rain. We also received only a few applications for tree removal or replacement.

The Town continues to use professional arborists to perform structural pruning of public shade trees throughout the Town. This year we also pruned and reduced the weight of the large Pagoda tree branches over the roadway and buildings on South Water Street. The electric utility company's active tree trimming maintenance program around their utility wires also continued this year resulting in minimal outages.

I am also pleased to report we distributed nearly 800 tree seedlings to the students and staff of the Edgartown Elementary School in honor of Earth Day. These seedlings included the Douglas Fir and Eastern Redbud trees.

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

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

Respectfully Submitted,

ALLAN deBETTENCOURT
Edgartown Tree Warden



South Water Street, near Main Street Edgartown, Mass.

BUILDING INSPECTOR

To the Honorable Selectboard and the Citizens of Edgartown,

Submitted herewith is our annual report covering the year ending 31 December 2025.

In 2025, the Building Department had some big developments: we hired a new Assistant Building Inspector, Justin Lucas; a new Department Assistant, Tara Lewis, and Rob Russell, who filled the new position Zoning Enforcement Officer. We were busy with inspections at Navigator Homes & the associated workforce housing, all 10 new apartment buildings and common space at Meshacket Commons, new workforce housing for the Edgartown Yacht Club, along with the standard variety of other inspections this department routinely performs. We issued permits for the new Boys & Girls Club, temporary support structures for the Fire Department in preparation of the upcoming demolition and construction of a new station, and multiple new commercial structures at the Airport Business park, in addition to more single family homes than last year, and a more than twice as many Guest Houses (or Accessory Dwelling Units). We applied the new zoning ordinances implemented by the Affordable Homes Act (responsible for the huge uptick in ADUs) and educated ourselves and enforced the 10th edition of 780 CMR, MA State Building Code, in effect since October 11th, 2024. We transitioned to an online platform for permitting, and continue to create and adjust the applications to make them as user friendly as possible. You may notice that the report to the left looks a little different, due to the new permitting software and subsequent report options. If there is a stat that is not there that you would like to know, please reach out to us. And finally, we moved out of Town Hall and into 167 Upper Main Street. The additional space, and additional parking, has been a welcome change.

I am very grateful for the professional and hard working members of this department: Rob Young, Mike Dolby, David Schwab & Cole Powers are our wiring inspectors; our plumbing and gas inspectors

| Building Permits | Issued | Increase / Decrease |
|--|------------|----------------------------|
| New Single Family Residence* | 58 | +13 |
| <i>*Includes 25 Guest Houses/Accessory Dwelling Units</i> | | |
| Multi Family Residence | 7 | -6 |
| Add/Alter/Reno SFRs | 336 | -50 |
| Accessory Structure* | 48 | |
| <i>*Includes Garages, barns, detached bedrooms, pool houses, sheds, etc...</i> | | |
| New Commercial | 4 | +3 |
| Add/Alter/ Reno Commercial | 39 | +30 |
| Swimming Pools | 48 | -1 |
| Miscellaneous* | 169 | |
| <i>*Foundation only, sign, trench and tents</i> | | |
| Total | 960 | -12 |
| Receipts: | | |
| Total Building Permit Receipts | | \$416,410.00 |
| | | (Decrease of \$123,954.00) |
| Gas Inspector Fees | | \$56,200.00 |
| Plumbing Inspector Fees | | \$52,575.00 |
| Electrical Inspector Fees | | \$155,300.00 |
| Total Building Department Revenues | | \$680,485.00 |
| | | (decrease of \$123,954.00) |

are Charlie Day, Bill Callahan & Jamie Wallace. With Justin, Tara & the newly created Zoning Enforcement role filled by Rob, the Building Department is staffed with competent, patient & kind people, and I am fortunate to be a part of the team.

Respectfully Submitted,
 READE KONTJE MILNE
 Building Commissioner

| | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 | 2025 |
|---|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| New Single Family Residence | 67 | 42 | 56 | 55 | 61 | 40 | 71 | 68 | 51 | 45 | 58 |
| Multi-Family Building | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 13 | 7 |
| Single Family Residence Additions/Alterations | 235 | 238 | 286 | 259 | 316 | 380 | 351 | 303 | 293 | 386 | 418 |
| Garage/Barn | 52 | 57 | 46 | 51 | 52 | 41 | 74 | 60 | 51 | 31 | 32 |
| Shed/Deck/Porch/Fence | 70 | 83 | 56 | 57 | 58 | 42 | 66 | 46 | 53 | 44 | 16 |
| New Commercial | 3 | 4 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 10 | 1 | 4 |
| Commercial Additions/Alterations | 20 | 34 | 38 | 35 | 66 | 36 | 42 | 39 | 41 | 9 | 39 |
| Swimming Pools | 34 | 35 | 28 | 28 | 44 | 55 | 75 | 46 | 72 | 49 | 48 |
| Miscellaneous | 112 | 150 | 140 | 207 | 216 | 172 | 271 | 252 | 294 | 306 | 238 |
| TOTALS | 593 | 643 | 654 | 696 | 816 | 768 | 952 | 835 | 865 | 872 | 860 |

ELECTRICAL INSPECTORS

To the Honorable Selectboard and Citizens of Edgartown,

Submitted herewith is our annual report covering the year ending 31 December 2025.

| | | |
|------------------------|------|------------------|
| Electrical Permits: | 587 | \$28,875.00 |
| | | (decrease of 63) |
| Electrical Inspections | 1654 | \$126,425.00 |
| | | (increase of 57) |

| | |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Total Electrical Receipts: | \$155,300.00 |
| | (decrease of \$6,085.00) |

Respectfully Submitted,
ROBERT A. YOUNG, JR.
MICHAEL C. DOLBY
DAVID A. SCHWAB
COLE POWERS
 Electrical Inspectors

PLUMBING & GAS INSPECTORS

To the Honorable Selectboard and the Citizens of Edgartown,

Submitted herewith is our annual report covering the year ending 31 December 2025.

| | | |
|--------------------------------|-----|--------------------------|
| Plumbing Permits | 226 | \$11,300.00 |
| | | (decrease of 46) |
| Plumbing Inspections | 596 | \$41,275.00 |
| | | (increase of 3) |
| Total Plumbing Receipts | | \$52,575.00 |
| | | (decrease of \$6,085.00) |

| | | |
|---------------------------|-----|--------------------------|
| Gas Permits | 271 | \$13,350.00 |
| | | (decrease of 14) |
| Gas Inspections | 523 | \$42,850.00 |
| | | (decrease of 14) |
| Total Gas Receipts | | \$56,200.00 |
| | | (increase of \$1,870.00) |

Respectfully Submitted,
WILLAM CALLAHAN
CHARLES DAY
JAMIE WALLACE
 Plumbing/Gas Inspectors

PUBLIC WORKS

WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Selectboard and the Citizens of Edgartown,

In 2025 the Plant processed 77.3 million gallons of sewerage. The Plant effluent averaged a total Nitrogen level of 2.37 milligrams per liter, resulting in approximately 633.0 kilograms of nitrogen being contributed to the Great Pond Watershed. Edgartown’s MaDEP Discharge Permit has a 2,200-kilograms-per-year limit for effluent nitrogen from the Plant, and the Plant produced just over 28.8% of that limit.

The reduction of Nitrogen entering the Edgartown Great Pond is an important objective of the operation of the Edgartown Wastewater Treatment Facility. The WWTF contributes to the reduction of the Total Maximum Daily Load of nitrogen entering the

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

The Wastewater Commission believes a proactive approach to Edgartown’s water quality issues is needed and necessary to maintain and preserve the unique beauty and nature of the island and its marine environment. In April 2025 Town Meeting, Edgartown voters appropriated 2 million dollars to complete phase one of preliminary design activities and Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MaDEP) permitting required for the installation of a sewer system serving the Ocean Heights area of Edgartown, in accordance with the recommendations of the Town’s Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan. During the first half of 2025 travelers along West Tisbury Rd. were witness to the Chase Rd. force main replacement project. This project removed the old and replaced with new 2 eight-inch force mains (originally installed circa 1973) which ran from the Chase Rd. Pump Station to the Wastewater Treatment Plant - approximately 2 miles of force main together. Concurrently, a new low pressure sewer main was installed to service properties along a stretch of West Tisbury Rd. between Chase Rd. and Jernagan Pond Rd.

Other infrastructure improvement projects completed during 2025 include: The installation of a new Dewatering Screw Press which has improved the process of dewatering the sludge that must be delivered to a composting facility in Ipswich; the installation of a new Plant Water skid to replace the outdated machine which was in disrepair. The new plant water skid will allow for more efficient reuse of our effluent throughout our plant processes; the installation of a new (more efficient) propane backup generator for the Meshakett Rd. Pump Station – to replace the old generator which had been damaged beyond repair.

| SUMMARY OF WASTEWATER FLOWS AND TOTAL NITROGEN | | | | |
|--|------------|------|--------|---------|
| 2025 | FLOW | 1ST | 2ND | TOTAL N |
| JAN | 3,524,278 | 1.89 | 1.10 | 1.50 |
| FEB | 3,143,621 | 3.32 | 4.40 | 3.86 |
| MARCH | 3,477,945 | 1.51 | 1.23 | 1.37 |
| APRIL | 4,491,166 | 1.27 | 0.60 | 0.94 |
| MAY | 6,494,253 | 0.60 | 1.62 | 1.11 |
| JUNE | 9,164,030 | 0.40 | 1.00 | 0.70 |
| JULY | 12,110,685 | 5.32 | 0.74 | 3.03 |
| AUG | 12,215,378 | 0.80 | 0.50 | 0.65 |
| SEPT | 7,682,320 | 1.85 | 1.86 | 1.72 |
| OCT | 6,333,110 | 3.91 | 6.97 | 5.44 |
| NOV | 4,484,389 | 1.68 | 2.51 | 2.10 |
| DEC | 4,224,319 | 1.76 | 10.2 | 5.98 |
| TOTAL/YR | 77,345,494 | | AVG/YR | 2.37 |

The Wastewater Department is currently working to finish projects approved at Annual and Special Town Meetings. Chief among the projects is to repair and refurbish the Primary Clarifiers.

On June 4th Facility Manager William (Bill) Burke retired. Bill had 30+ years of experience in the wastewater field and for the last 5+ years of his career, led the Wastewater Department with that experience and knowledge. We wish Bill a long and happy retirement.

We wish to thank the Operations crew of Sebastian Corwin, Matt Barton, Zavian Brown, and Dennis Rose, along with our Administrative Assistant Cristina Zghibarta, and Department Assistant Deanna Ahearn-Laird for their hard work and dedication. We also want to express our thanks to Allan DeBettencourt and the Highway Department for making it possible to

deliver our sludge to a composting facility in Ipswich. We feel confident about the future of the Wastewater Department and the work we contribute to making Edgartown the special place it is.

Lastly we wish to share our condolences to family, friends, and the entire community for the loss of Glen Searle. Glen served many years as a dedicated Wastewater Commissioner as well as other town boards and commissions. His dedication, love of the Edgartown community, and friendship will be missed.

Respectfully submitted,
SCOTT A. ELLIS, Chair
AMBER MEDERIOS
GORDON BROWN



WATER DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable SelectBoard and the Citizens of Edgartown,

To no surprise, 2025 was a busy year for the Water Department, as the duties and responsibilities seem to increase annually. Demand seems to be the common denominator for the increased activity and is evident in many areas. Regulatory compliance, customer service, state and federal reporting, system operation, growth and expansion needs continue to rise. Fortunately, the team at the Edgartown Water Department continue to meet the challenges and more importantly, have remained steadfast to the goals and operational standards we have set upon ourselves. As I have mentioned in the past, there is only so much that can be delegated to technology, it is the staff at the Water Department that make this water system shine. However, this is not always easy, as staffing issues seem to occur more often than we would hope. While on the topic of staff, towards the end of the year, Steven Packish left the department. We wish Steven well with his future endeavors. When one door closes, often times another one opens. In late December, Evan Bettencourt joined the department. It is great to end the year fully staffed and we wish Evan the best during his career with us.

We operate this water system and are proud to do so. Even though we operate this system, we are fully aware of the fact that it is a community water system, with the residents being the stakeholder. We hope that the community is proud of their water system and the services provided. Collective and personal achievements of this department all contribute to the professionalism of this department and the continuous goals we have set. Competent operations, regulatory compliance, public safety and health, progressive and proactive actions and the best water quality possible are the goals this team strives to meet. As expected, there are many operations that are performed routinely and daily. However, there are some tasks, events and accomplishments that deserve mention.

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

- It has now been ten consecutive years that the Department has been recognized by state and federal regulators for exceeding compliance, outstanding performance and achievement. Awards were presented by state representatives and regulators. However, this

department was unable to attend the award presentation due to a staffing shortage.

- Wayne Jackson successfully passed the D1 license exam and was issued a D1 Full Water Operator's License.
- Gordon Brown, was promoted to an Operator II within the department.
- Fire hydrants received their annual flushing and inspection. Any defects noted during the inspection were promptly rectified. Additionally, all hydrants that were reported to the office with suspected issues were promptly addressed. At present, all fire hydrants within the distribution system are fully operational. The hydrant flushing process was completed in April and requires less time and less water each year. This is indicative of an effective program in place, as well as a well maintained distribution system. Additionally, hydrants in need of paint were painted and cleared of debris and vegetation.
- Progress was made with the development of an additional water source and an additional pumping station. This is a long process and will take several years to complete. The goal of this project being increased redundancy and to more effectively meet the needs of community build out.
- Preventative maintenance included the chemical feed systems in the pumping stations. New pumps, feed lines, injection ports and fittings were installed to fully replace the systems in a proactive manner. Winter maintenance included cleaning and painting the pumping stations.
- New meter billing software and hardware was purchased, as the existing system was approaching the end of its useful service life.
- Maintenance, repair and upgrade projects included the annual service for the Parco Valves, as well as the calibration of the master meters at the pumping stations. Pumping Stations received their annual winter maintenance and numerous in-house vehicle/equipment repairs and maintenance tasks were conducted. In particular, the staff did a complete restoration of our equipment trailer, considerably extending its service life.
- The Quenonica Well pump was pulled, cleaned and inspected. All components showing signs of wear were replaced. Additionally, the well was chemically treated

and cleaned to restore full capacity. This being a winter project, the well was fully functional and in service prior to the heavy pumping season of 2025.

- Drought status has been altered numerous times throughout 2025, with the state declaring a Level II drought at the tail end of the year. This declaration was made by the Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs and per the recommendation of the Drought Advisory Task Force. We have always complied with the requirements bestowed upon us through times of drought. Though several droughts were declared throughout the year, there was never any evidence that our water production ability or the conditions of the aquifer were negatively impacted.
- Many classes for license advancement and professional growth were attended by staff members. At the end of the year, all licenses within the department were renewed.
- Efforts continued in the lengthy process of increasing our production allotment to keep in stride with the increasing demands of an expanding community. It is expected that MassDEP will be issuing our new permit in the early part of 2026. It is anticipated that the increase in permitted pumping will meet the needs of the community for years to come.
- Our S.C.A.D.A. (supervisory control and data acquisition) system received several upgrades. Several of the upgrades to the system are innovative and specific to this water system. These improvements strengthen the safety and redundancy of this very important aspect of our operations.
- A study to examine ways to increase our redundancy and resiliency was completed. This purpose of this study was to explore alternative power sources to operate the water production facilities in the event of emergencies and power outages of long duration.
- Regulatory standards are in place and we are expected to meet them. Our philosophy has never been to merely meet the required standard, but to do it better. Thirty four lead and copper samples were collected in September, four being from the early learning facilities. Most samples collected had no trace of lead or copper. The few samples that had minimal traces of lead or copper were far below the acceptable level (Action Level). A review of the results of prior sampling events would suggest that though we were always compliant with regulations, we continued to improve the water quality with each sampling event. The most recent

results, as well as sampling trends indicate that the maintenance and operation of our corrosion control program continues to improve, as does the water quality.

Sixty water services were installed in 2025. This is a prime example of expansion and growth. The construction in the street and to the property line is performed by the Water Department and the private portion of the service is inspected by the department. Many recent projects are large in scale, requiring considerable time and attention. Service to undeveloped areas or roads without water mains are constructed by this department (if town property) or private contractors in unaccepted ways. Present needs, as well as the needs of future expansion are always incorporated in the design. Fire flows, water quality and proper sprinkler operation are also contributing factors to the design of water main expansions. Construction and design by private contractors must first be approved by this department. Oversight and inspection of the private contractors is provided by this department and in conformance of A.W.W.A. standards. Water main extensions in 2025 consisted of 520 feet of water main, with three fire hydrants added to the distribution system.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY

January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025

Water Use – Wells

Meshacket Well #4 (Start-up 1959)

Water Pumped – 0.005 MG / 5,000 gal.

Peak Day Demand – 0.005 MG / 5,000 gal. (4/14/25)

Minimum Day Demand – 0**

Average Daily Flow – 13.70 gallons

Lily Pond Well #5 (Start-up 1978)

Water Pumped – 72.638 MG / 72,638,000 gal.

Peak Day Demand – .792000 MG / 792,000 gal. (4/28/24)

Minimum Day Demand – 0 **

Average Daily Flow – 199,008.21 gal.

Wintucket Well #6 (Start-up 1990)

Water Pumped – 113.944 MG / 113,944,000 gal.

Peak Day Demand – .899000 MG / 899,000 gal. (5/3/25)

Minimum Day Demand – 0 **

Average Daily Flow – 312,175.34 gal.

Quenonica Well #7 (Start-up 1995)

Water Pumped – 122.118 MG / 122,118,000 gal.

Peak Day Demand – 1.116 MG / 1,116,000 gal. (7/5/25)

Minimum Day Demand – 0 **

Average Daily Flow – 307,172.60 gallons

Nunnepeg Well #8(Start-up 2007)

Water Pumped – 133.774 MG / 133,774,000 gal.

Peak Day Demand – 1.253 MG / 1,253,000 gal. (7/30/25)

Minimum Day Demand – 0 **
 Average Daily Flow – 366,504.11 gal.

Water Use – All Sources Combined

Total Water Pumped – 442.479 MG / 442,479,000 gal.
 Peak Day Demand – 3.202MG / 3,202,000 gal. (7/5/25)
 Minimum Day Demand – 0.08 MG / 83,000 gal. (3/25/25)
 Average Daily Flow – 1.212271 MG / 1,212,271.23 gal.
 Maximum Week of Pumping – 21.180 MG (7/5/25)
 Winter Average (October-May) – 17.568750 MG / Month
 or .680679 MG / Day
 Summer Average (June-September) - 75.482250 MG /
 Month or 2.474828 MG / Day

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

Water Distribution System

New Mains – Installed by Owner / Developer – (2) 520’
 New Mains – Contracted by Town of Edgartown - 0
 New mains – Installed by Town Crews – 0
 Antiquated Mains Replaced – 0
 Total Main Installed – (2) 520’
 Total Main Abandoned – 0
 Total Miles of Main in Town of Edgartown – Approx. 76.0
 Fire Hydrants Installed – 3
 Fire Hydrants Replaced – 0
 Fire Hydrants Relocated - 0
 Fire Hydrants in Service - 378
 New Water Service Activations - 60
 Number of Current Water Accounts - 3,667

FIRE HYDRANTS INSTALLED 2025

| LOCATION | HYDRANTS |
|--------------|----------|
| Gaines Way | 1 |
| Janes Way | 2 |
| TOTAL | 3 |

WATER MAINS INSTALLED 2025

| DATE | GALLONS |
|----------------|-----------|
| August 1, 2021 | 2,903,000 |
| July 31, 2022 | 3,732,000 |
| August 6, 2023 | 3,167,000 |
| July 21, 2024 | 3,541,000 |
| July 5, 2025 | 3,202,000 |

YEARLY TOTALS

| | GALLONS |
|------|-------------|
| 2021 | 355,283,000 |
| 2022 | 401,933,800 |
| 2023 | 397,902,100 |

| | |
|------|-------------|
| 2024 | 417,250,300 |
| 2025 | 442,479,000 |

In what has become a reoccurring topic, I must mention the drought again. There was only a brief period in 2025 that the drought had been lifted. Though most of the year was a Level I drought, we closed out the year in a Level II drought. This determination comes from the Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs and is based on the recommendation of the Drought Advisory Task Force.

As you can see, this is a very active department but more importantly, a part of your community. We are proud of our accomplishments and the level of service we provide. Water system operations may be difficult at times but the assistance and support this department receives is nearly endless. Residents, town leaders and other town departments all contribute to the success and operation of this department. Perhaps one of our greatest assets are the Board of Water Commissioners. From behind the scenes, they are more influential on this department than most may realize. If not for their dedication and commitment to the community, it is unlikely this department would function as it does. I am not aware of an unpaid position with greater importance, significance or responsibility. And finally, I’d like to recognize the staff of your Water Department. Though the team goes through rebuilding years from time to time, the functionality as a unit never suffers. The knowledge, licenses and dedication are second to none and highly recognized and respected by the regulators of the Commonwealth and it is greatly appreciated. One of your greatest attributes is the fact that you all embrace the next challenge and never turn to complacency. I am proud of the staff of this department and the dedication to their profession. It is an honor to be part of an organization with these individuals.

The Board of Water Commissioners and the staff of the Edgartown Water Department are proud to serve the community of Edgartown and proud of the services we provide. We look forward to the opportunity to serve you in 2026.

Respectfully submitted,
 WILLIAM R. CHAPMAN
 Water Superintendent

2025 ACTUAL WATER PRODUCTION

| MONTH | MESHACKET WELL 4 * | LILY POND WELL 5 | WINTUCKET WELL 6 | QUENOMICA WELL 7 | NUNNEPOG WELL 8 | TOTAL PUMPING |
|--------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Jan | 0 | 10,000 | 4,785,900 | 5,736,000 | 12,000 | 10,543,900 |
| Feb | 0 | 11,000 | 2,747,100 | 6,547,000 | 15,000 | 9,320,100 |
| Mar | 0 | 1,591,000 | 2,077,000 | 5,927,000 | 35,000 | 9,630,000 |
| Apr | 5,000 | 10,766,000 | 4,382,000 | 2,488,000 | 750,000 | 18,391,000 |
| May | 0 | 11,083,000 | 14,692,000 | 11,913,000 | 4,785,000 | 42,473,000 |
| Jun | 0 | 13,149,000 | 21,934,000 | 16,862,000 | 14,862,000 | 66,807,000 |
| Jul | 0 | 9,112,000 | 23,402,000 | 17,543,000 | 35,501,000 | 84,558,000 |
| Aug | 0 | 13,280,000 | 20,093,000 | 18,589,000 | 35,848,000 | 87,810,000 |
| Sep | 0 | 7,876,000 | 13,614,000 | 16,210,000 | 20,054,000 | 62,754,000 |
| Oct | 0 | 1,470,000 | 3,177,000 | 16,722,000 | 10,039,000 | 31,408,000 |
| Nov | 0 | 1,720,000 | 2,192,000 | 2,147,000 | 3,912,000 | 9,971,000 |
| Dec | 0 | 2,570,000 | 848,000 | 1,434,000 | 3,961,000 | 8,813,000 |
| TOTAL | 5,000 | 72,638,000 | 113,944,000 | 122,118,000 | 133,744,000 | 442,479,000 |
| Monthly Ave. | 416.67 | 6,053,167 | 9,495,333 | 10,176,500 | 11,145,333 | 36,873,250 |
| Daily Ave. | 5,000 | 317,197 | 353,863 | 421,097 | 591,788 | 1,212,271 |
| Days Pumped | 1 | 229 | 322 | 290 | 226 | 365 |

Chemical Definition and Use: Sodium Hydroxide (NaOH) and Potassium Hydroxide (KOH) – used to adjust the pH of water as part of the corrosion control program and for the adherence of the Lead and Copper Rule.

CHEMICALS USED 2025

| | MESHACKET WELL 4 * | LILY POND WELL 5 | WINTUCKET WELL 6 | QUENOMICA WELL 7 | NUNNEPOG WELL 8 |
|---------------|--------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| MONTH | NaOH gal | KOH gal | KOH gal | NaOH gal | NaOH gal |
| JAN | 0 | 0 | 109.0 | 168.0 | 0 |
| FEB | 0 | 2.0 | 64.0 | 191.0 | 1.0 |
| MAR | 0 | 109.0 | 48.0 | 174.0 | .0 |
| APR | 0 | 736.0 | 102.0 | 32.0 | 10.0 |
| MAY | 0 | 751.0 | 345.0 | 341.0 | 102.0 |
| JUN | 0 | 863.0 | 526.0 | 488.0 | 324.0 |
| JUL | 0 | 593.0 | 586.0 | 506.0 | 810.0 |
| AUG | 0 | 865.0 | 649.0 | 541.0 | 882.0 |
| SEP | 0 | 565.0 | 443.0 | 499.0 | 623.0 |
| OCT | 0 | 97.0 | 94.0 | 498.0 | 236.0 |
| NOV | 0 | 121.0 | 63.0 | 57.0 | 96.0 |
| DEC | 0 | 183.0 | 21.0 | 40.0 | 99.0 |
| TOTALS | 0 | 4,885.0 | 3050.0 | 3,538.0 | 3,183.0 |

** Meshacket Well has been reclassified to inactive status and has been removed from our MassDEP sampling plan. The well had previously been reserved for emergency use. In 2025, the well was run for testing and analytical purposes only. The water was not chemically treated and did not enter the distribution system. If deemed necessary to reactivate the well, all MassDEP and analytical requirements will be met prior to the reactivation.*

CEMETERY DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Selectboard and the Citizens of Edgartown,

This year 11 lots were sold in the New Westside Cemetery. There were 27 burials, 19 cremations and 8 casket burials.

The Edgartown School again partnered with BioDiversity Works and set up trail cameras in the New Westside and Old Westside Cemeteries. This environmental study is to record wildlife activity in the cemeteries. We look forward to the report.

The 1966 Cemetery report notes “a busy year. With daily activities in maintenance” and that is true in 2025. The report refers to the trees planted in New Westside as “growing steadily and are beginning to shade our once barren lands” and regardless of the old saying (that only God can grow a tree, but he left the leaves for you and me.)

Speaking of leaves, the Cemetery Department and the Edgartown Highway Department followed the ban on gas powered leaf blowers when gathering the leaves from our beautiful shade trees.

Once again, Hagerty Tree Service limbed up and pruned many trees. A Silver Maple tree next to the Pease’s Point Way fence was storm damaged and was taken down for safety concerns.

The commission again thanks the Community Preservation Committee for the support received for the restoration of historic gravestones. We are currently in the middle of the third phase of grave

stone restoration and monument restoration in the Old Westside Cemetery.

The Edgartown Fire Department met with the Commissioners and requested temporary use of open cemetery land on Robinson Road. Citizens will remember the Town purchased the land at the July 27, 2006 Special Town Meeting. No graves were disturbed as there have been no burials on that land. When the Fire Department renovation work is completed, the land will be restored to its original condition and will be available for cemetery use.

Aiden Varkonda, and Ryan Leary joined Cemetery Superintendent Edwin Alvarado Ortiz with grounds keeping, constant mowing, trimming and general care of the town cemeteries.

Please contact the Cemetery office for guidance before planting bushes, trees, vegetation or installing benches.

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

Respectfully submitted,
SUSAN BROWN, Chair
ANDREW KELLY
DEBBIE MANLEY-SMITH

MV REFUSE DISTRICT

To the Honorable Selectboard and Citizens of Edgartown,

The Refuse District processed, and shipped over 10,837 tons in 2024 of waste and light construction material. All waste was delivered to SEMASS/ ReWorld Waste to Energy Facility in Rochester Ma. With construction materials delivered to J.R. Vinagro in Johnston RI. Our recycling efforts also removed over 710 tons of single stream, 515 tons of various metals, over 200 batteries, 30 tons of tires, and 600 tons of leaves/brush, 1143 Mattresses.

We are proud to announce that over 600 households participated in the District's Hazardous Household Waste Collection program during 2025. After 36 years, the program continues to grow and provide Island residents the opportunity to dispose of hazardous material in an environmentally correct and safe manner.

Mercury Elements and Florescent light bulbs are accepted free of charge, thanks to our contract with ReWorld (SEMASS) 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).

Construction started on the new resident drop off area and will be completed by June of 2026.

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

2026 Schedule

Each event hours are 9am – 12pm

May 16, 2026

July 18, 2026

Oct 17, 2026

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.



EDUCATION

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 2025 Annual Report as Superintendent of Schools to the members of the six school committees of the Martha's Vineyard Public Schools (MVYPS).

I would like to take a moment to extend my warmest wishes and deepest gratitude to our Island community. I firmly believe that a truly great school system is one where everyone who is invested in our schools, whether through direct involvement or support, becomes a steward of our children's education. Thank you for your unwavering support and commitment to the well-being of our students and the Martha's Vineyard Public Schools as a whole.

As some of you may know, I am retiring this coming June. I am very aware of the privilege and honor it has been to serve our Island, and I am grateful for the trust that you have placed in me.

In stepping away after 24 years serving in the Martha's Vineyard Public Schools, I will miss all the support this Island has shown my family and me. I've had the tremendous honor of working with the most talented and caring school staff, school committee members, and community members that I've ever known. I've been blessed to create lasting relationships with our dedicated students and their families, who have provided me with the inspiration for my daily work. While we have faced many challenges, we have always prioritized our children's welfare and celebrated their growth and achievement. As MVYPS moves forward, I am certain that our community will continue to support a school system that prioritizes care, equity, and opportunity for our students.

Over the past year, our schools have made

tremendous progress in our staffing models, curricular work, capital projects, and in moving towards consistent practices in pedagogy and student learning across our schools. This work will support our children in their transitions from school to school and from our elementary schools to our high school.

We have made significant progress in the proposed Martha's Vineyard Regional High School (MVRHS) capital project. If approved, a renovated and expanded MVRHS will be more than a bricks and mortar building; it will be a testament to the community's collective commitment to education and the future of the children of our island. The School Building Committee, town leaders, school administrators, and school committee members, along with the Architecture Firm, Tappe Architects and Owner's Project Managing Firm, CHA are presently engaged in the MVRHS project's Module 4 – Schematic Design Phase where robust and detailed plans have been submitted to the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) in order to establish the scope, budget, and schedule for our proposed high school project.

I want to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to all those who have helped to get the project to this point, not only the school staff, school committee, town leaders, architects, project managers, and volunteers on our School Building Committee, but all six of our town communities who have contributed in so many ways. A newly renovated and expanded high school will be a space where minds will be nurtured, friendships will flourish, and futures will be shaped.

This past year, MVYPS made significant progress in system-wide and school-specific goals in support of our Island's children. Our school system is very healthy. Through thoughtful collaboration and the dedicated efforts of our staff, we have enhanced our academic programs, strengthened support systems

for our students, and continued to build a school environment where all children can thrive.

In SY 2024 and SY 2025, we moved forward with critical administrative staffing in four out of our six schools, with principal Kate Squire in Chilmark School, principal Jeremy Light in the Oak Bluffs School, assistant principal Jared Andrews and interim principal, Sean Mulvey in the high school, and assistant principal Debbie DeBettencourt and principal Kate Campbell in the Edgartown School. Centrally, Dr. Megan Farrell continues to serve as our assistant superintendent and Sara Dingley is serving as curriculum coordinator in support of learning across our system. I am very grateful to our exceptional leaders in all six of our schools and in our central office. I feel fortunate to have been a part of such a talented group of educators.

I wish to acknowledge and thank key municipal representatives, school committee members, union leaders, and school administrators as we engaged in collective bargaining this past year for our schools' five bargaining units; Teachers, Administrative Support Personnel, Food Service Workers, Educational Support Professionals, and Custodians along with negotiations for our Transportation Department. There was much work put forth to reach contract agreements with these vital departments of MVYPS. Supporting our staff so they can do the work of supporting our students was the focus throughout the negotiations.

Our work in MVYPS will always reflect the best interest of all students. Our schools continue to enact measures to emphasize children's learning and strengthen their physical and social-emotional welfare. Multiple common assessments such as the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) inform student growth and achievement. In 2025, MVYPS made significant improvement in our MCAS accountability scores. This continues a trend of

surging improvement across all schools. Additionally, we continue the Co-teaching model to provide alternative instructional methods to better support our children. We continue to train staff in collaborative problem-solving to support our students to better address the behaviors that challenge their learning. We work towards improvement in our supervision and evaluation of our instructional staff, as they have the biggest influence on student achievement. Staff improvement directly correlates with our students' improvement.

I am incredibly proud of the progress we have made together, but I also recognize that the work is never done. We are committed to continually evolving to meet the changing needs of our students and community, ensuring that every child can succeed academically, socially, and emotionally. This includes not only focusing on the excellence of our academic curriculum but also nurturing the values of kindness, respect, and resilience that will serve our students well beyond their time in school.

As we look to the future, we will continue to rely on the collective strength of our Island community, parents, educators, students, town leaders, and community members, to uphold our shared commitment to every child's well-being and success. Together, we are building a future that is brighter and more inclusive for the next generation of leaders, thinkers, and compassionate Island members. Thank you again for your tremendous support in working together to create a nurturing and enriching environment for all our students.

Sincerely,

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

EDGARTOWN SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

Richard Smith, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools
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Dear Dr. Smith,

It is with enthusiasm that I submit this report for the Edgartown School for the 2025–2026 school year. Our commitment at the Edgartown School continues to emphasize and foster an environment where each student can thrive. This positive learning environment has been at the forefront of all our school and community initiatives. This report highlights student academic achievement, individual growth, and community engagement. The Edgartown School prioritizes comprehensive learning experiences that cater to the diverse needs of our students. We have seen improvements in student achievement across various disciplines and continue to design high quality, rigorous instructional materials across our K-8 classrooms. Our tailored approach, which emphasizes individual growth, real world connections and learning opportunities, aspires to ensure that each student is equipped with the skills and knowledge necessary for lifelong success.

Academic Excellence and Student Support

Along with the other island towns, we took an intentional step forward by adopting the Houghton Mifflin Harcourt (HMH) ELA curriculum. This was a purposeful decision to align our instruction with neighboring districts and bring a research-based, cohesive approach to literacy from Kindergarten to fifth grade. This curriculum provides our students with a foundation for strong reading and writing skills while creating opportunities for collaboration among teachers across grade levels. Students have demonstrated increased consistency, engagement and confidence in their literacy skills. Teachers report that the structured, evidence-based approach supports differentiation and targeted instruction. The continuity across classrooms and grade levels has allowed for ongoing teacher collaboration and discussion in both daily instruction and assessment practices.

The Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) scores for this year have shown areas of improvement. Our students are trending closer to state benchmarks, reflecting the effectiveness of

our instructional strategies and interventions. This progress is a testament to the dedication of our staff and the determination of our students. To address areas where scores were below average, our specialists, classroom teachers, and administrators have engaged in meaningful collaboration. Through professional development sessions, data-driven instruction, and targeted support, we have implemented strategies designed to enhance student outcomes. These concerted efforts have already begun to yield positive results, and we are committed to continuing this trajectory of improvement.

The Edgartown School continues to embrace the Responsive Classroom approach, ensuring that academic growth is paired with social-emotional development. Classroom morning meetings, along with our school-wide monthly community meetings, celebrate student achievements, positive behavior, and acknowledgement of our core values. Respect, kindness, positivity, perseverance, collaboration, leadership and integrity are being highlighted as values we want all students to hold in high regard. We feel these traits empower our students as learners, contributors of our school, as well as valuable town and island community members. This intentional focus on community and character development nurtures a positive school culture where all students feel seen, supported, and inspired to succeed.

Innovation in Facilities and Play

This year, we will proudly open two new playground areas for our students. The extensive planning and thorough project development was a collaborative effort with many town and school stakeholders. We are extremely grateful for our town and community members and the ongoing financial support and collaboration. The student smiles and hours of outdoor exercise will be shared for years to come by current and future Edgartown School students.

Arts, Athletics, and Enrichment

Our extracurricular programs continue to provide rich, meaningful experiences that support the whole child. This year, the performing arts program delivered an outstanding production of *The Little Mermaid Jr.*, with over 50 students participating in acting, singing, and stagecraft. The production performances highlighted not only the talent of our students but also

the dedication of our music and theater staff. A second spring performance will take place for our middle school students.

Athletics and physical education remain cornerstones of student development. From structured play during recess to competitive sports in middle school and Island-wide leagues, students develop teamwork, resilience, and personal growth. Participation spans throughout football, soccer, lacrosse, basketball, track, hockey, and more, providing opportunities for skill-building, leadership, and community engagement.

After school clubs and activities continue to be a part of our school culture. Popular activities and innovative ideas are continually being developed for students to try new things and explore new interests. Arts and crafts, floor hockey, gardening, yoga, cooking, robotics, are just a few of the opportunities students can participate in.

Learning Beyond the School Day

The surrounding community and island resources provide our students with numerous opportunities for enriching experiences. These excursions and activities extend learning beyond the classroom and offer real-world applications of the concepts taught in school.

Students visit historical and cultural sites such as Plymouth Plantation, Felix Neck, Trustees of Reservation properties, Farm Institute, Polly Hill Arboretum, and the Museum of Science in Boston. Sixth graders travel to Nature's Classroom in Groton, MA, to study environmental education and engage in team-building activities. Seventh graders learn how to ski in New Hampshire and explore the Freedom Trail in Boston. Eighth graders spend a week in New York City and Philadelphia, delving into government and our country's history.

Our commitment to a well-rounded education includes a robust arts and music program. Students have the opportunity to learn strings and band instruments, showcasing their talents at annual concerts. These experiences nurture creativity, discipline, and a love for the arts. Multiple art exhibits and showcases allows students to express themselves creatively and uniquely. Throughout the building you will see student art work beautifully displayed while offering explanations to the course work connections.

Family Engagement and Monthly Events

Our school community thrives on active

participation and celebration of achievements. These gatherings provide opportunities for students, staff, and families to come together, celebrate successes, and foster a sense of unity and belonging. This year we had our annual Back to School Night Dinner for all families before visiting classrooms. We had our first Literacy Night event with games and learning opportunities for students big and small. Our Winter Concert for families and friends was enjoyed during the holiday season. The January strings, band and instrumental concert and family Math Night was highly attended again. Our traditional March to the Sea event in May will continue to represent the history and culture of our town, our school and our special Martha's Vineyard community.

Themed Fun-Runs encourage physical fitness, teamwork, and school spirit. Students, staff and family members of all ages participate, promoting health and wellness while fostering fun and a sense of community.

Community Meetings are monthly gatherings that serve as a platform to recognize student achievements, share important updates, and engage in meaningful discussions about our school community's goals and aspirations.

Staff Excellence and Professional Development

Our educators are the heart of the Edgartown School. Teachers collaborated regularly, sharing best practices, observing one another, and engaging in reflective discussions that strengthen instruction and impact student learning.

Equally essential are the contributions of our support staff; cafeteria workers, custodians, nurses, administrative personnel, and technology staff whose work ensures the smooth operation of our school and the safety and well-being of our students every day. Their dedication often goes unseen but is the foundation to the success of our programs and learning environment.

Community Engagement and Partnership

The Edgartown School thrives due to strong community support. The PTA, local businesses, and island residents contribute time, resources, and expertise, enhancing school programs, events, and learning opportunities. Whether through funding playgrounds, volunteering at performances, or supporting student initiatives, community involvement strengthens our school and enriches students' educational experiences.

Maggie Benoit from Island Grown Initiative continues to manage our greenhouse and garden. She works closely with our students and teachers to connect agriculture and nutrition into our daily learning. Planting, garden maintenance, and harvesting the school garden are all aspects of Maggie's connections with our students and school. Maggie works with Gina DeBettencourt, leader of our school cafeteria and food programs. Under Gina's leadership our school has the healthiest and with certainty, the most delicious food across the island and the state. Many of the daily meals prepared by Gina and her team were grown from our school garden.

Partnerships with local organizations also provide students with real-world learning opportunities, from service projects to guest speakers, connecting classroom learning to the wider world and reinforcing our commitment to civic responsibility. Our industrial arts students, led by Robert Yapp, collaborated with the Conservation Committee to develop protective structures for the fragile plovers and terns existing on Norton Point. Follow up collaboration with the Beach Department will send our students to the beach for positioning and understanding the importance of protecting and advocating for the needs of our special island. This type of opportunity connects our students to a real-life learning experience that allows them to have insight and knowledge for our local beaches and wildlife. More of this type of school/community collaboration will be developing as the year progresses.

The ongoing support and collaboration with the Edgartown Police and Fire Departments has been vital in the safety and education of our school community. Our school has been assigned a full-time SRO by the

Edgartown Police Dept which shows the investment and importance of our children and our school community. The Sheriff's Department has staff joining our health and wellness classes for further education and connected learning experiences. We are eternally grateful and appreciative of the commitment and support of our community to our Edgartown children.

Looking Ahead

The 2025-2026 school year has been a testament to the strength and resilience of the Edgartown School community. With a focus on student achievement, individual growth, and enriching experiences beyond the classroom, we have made significant strides. Our collaborative efforts and community-focused initiatives have created an environment where every student can succeed and develop skills for ongoing growth.

As we look forward to the coming years, we remain committed to our mission of providing a nurturing and dynamic learning environment that empowers all students to reach their full potential.

We are profoundly grateful to the Town of Edgartown, our staff, parents and guardians, PTA, SAC and community partners for their continued dedication to our students' success. Together, we are building a brighter future for our children.

Respectfully submitted,
KATE D.CAMPBELL
Principal
Edgartown School

EDGARTOWN SCHOOL STATISTICS 2024-2025

| | Average Daily Attendance | Average Membership | % Of Attendance |
|-----------|--------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| SEPTEMBER | 350.55 | 367.05 | 95.50 |
| OCTOBER | 351.23 | 373.38 | 94.07 |
| NOVEMBER | 345.17 | 372.64 | 92.63 |
| DECEMBER | 348.86 | 374.53 | 93.15 |
| JANUARY | 336.66 | 375.09 | 89.75 |
| FEBRUARY | 333.85 | 372.21 | 89.69 |
| MARCH | 355.47 | 377.80 | 94.09 |
| APRIL | 361.17 | 379.11 | 95.27 |
| MAY | 358.00 | 380.00 | 94.21 |
| JUNE | 364.38 | 380.00 | 95.89 |

| Grade | Boys | Girls | Total |
|--------------|------------|------------|------------|
| KINDERGARTEN | 25 | 19 | 44 |
| GRADE 1 | 16 | 19 | 35 |
| GRADE 2 | 22 | 16 | 38 |
| GRADE 3 | 10 | 24 | 34 |
| GRADE 4 | 18 | 19 | 37 |
| GRADE 5 | 24 | 26 | 50 |
| GRADE 6 | 20 | 17 | 37 |
| GRADE 7 | 23 | 15 | 38 |
| GRADE 8 | 21 | 16 | 37 |
| TOTAL | 179 | 171 | 350 |

EDGARTOWN SCHOOL

Faculty & Staff Personnel 2025-2026

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|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Kate Campbell | Principal | Summer DeSouza | Gr. 2 |
| Deborah DeBettencourt | Assistant Principal | Chip Story | Gr. 2 |
| Pamela J. Alwardt | Administrative Support Professional | Jenna Vanderhaden | Gr. 2 |
| Nicole Gullotta | Administrative Support Professional | Kathleen Gombos | Gr. 3 |
| MaryBeth Naron | Administrative Support Professional | Alicia Knight | Gr. 3 |
| Darren Belisle | Network Administrator | Heather Majkowski | Gr. 4 |
| Kathryn Curelli | School Nurse | Avery Pruss | Gr. 4 |
| Colleen Hickey | School Nurse | Fabian Garcia | Gr. 4-8 Spanish |
| Eric Butler | Guidance | Kara Alexander | Gr. 5 Science/Social Studies |
| Carmen Creanga | Guidance | Erin Callahan | Gr. 5 ELA/Social Studies |
| Lori Ford | Guidance | Ryan Leandro | Gr. 5 Math/Social Studies |
| Deneen Convery | Librarian | Justen Kane | Gr. 6 ELA/Social Studies |
| Katie Kelly | Gr. K | Soraya Miri | Gr. 6 Math/Science |
| Sara Smestad | Gr. K | Celia Mercier | Gr. 7/8 Math |
| Caroline Sopp | Gr. K | Hannah Vanderlaske | Gr. 7/8 ELA/Reading |
| Sarah Iworsky | Gr. 1 | Michael Andrews | Gr. 7 Pre-Algebra /Gr. 8 Math/Algebra |
| Denise Searle | Gr. 1 | Nedine Cunningham | Gr. 8 Social Studies |
| Jessica Whiteley | Gr. 1 | Justen Foster | Gr. 7/8 Science |

EDGARTOWN SCHOOL CONT...

Faculty & Staff Personnel 2025-2026

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|------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Deb Dunn | Gr. K-2 Literacy Specialist | Jeff Burgoyne | Custodian |
| Ann Rossi | Gr. K-2 Literacy Specialist | Matt Alves | Custodian |
| Bridget Mello | Gr. 3-5 Literacy Specialist | Robert Vanderloo | Custodian |
| Melanie Brown | Gr. 6-8 Literacy Specialist | Gina deBettencourt | Head Cook/Manager |
| Gail Lachapelle | Gr. K-4 Math Specialist | Jean Zandowski | Assistant Cook |
| MaryEllen Guyther | Gr. 5-8 Math Specialist | Jill Taney | Cook's Helper |
| Heather Heinz | Health | Dan Townes | Cook's Helper |
| Catherine Doiron | English Language Teacher | Zack Townes | SRO |
| Lara Santos | English Language Teacher | | |
| Jeanette Teta | English Language Teacher | | |
| Abigail Williamson | English Language Teacher | | |
| Gail Gardner | Gr. K-8 Computer | | |
| Nichole Shank | Gr. K-8 Art | | |
| Sarah Vail | Gr. 5-8 Family & Consumer Science | | |
| Bob Yapp | Gr. 6-8 Industrial Arts/STEM | | |
| Bruce Marshard | Gr. 6-8 Industrial Arts/STEM | | |
| Derek Chrebet | Gr. K-3 Physical Education | | |
| Megan McDonald | Gr. 4-8 Physical Education | | |
| Lucas Nascimento | Gr. K-8 Vocal Music | | |
| Janet Hurley | Gr. K-4 Special Needs | | |
| Sharon Engler | Gr. 5-6 Special Needs | | |
| Laurie Jennings | Gr. 3-4 Special Needs | | |
| Tess Walsh | Gr. 5-6 Special Needs | | |
| Lindsay Morgan | Gr. 7-8 Special Needs | | |
| Kevin Huelsman | Gr. 4-8 Instrumental Band | | |
| Maggie Benoit | Gr. K-4 Garden Coordinator | | |
| Shannon Quinn | ESP - KCS | | |
| Renee Habekost | ESP - KK | | |
| Gabriella Splittgerber | ESP - KSS | | |
| Christel Tomlinson | ESP - 1S | | |
| Rich Pease | ESP - 1I | | |
| Judy Maynard | ESP - 1W | | |
| Carly Uva | ESP - 2D | | |
| Liz Ward | ESP - 2S | | |
| Amy Koenig Da Silva | ESP - 2V | | |
| Maisi Rosa | ESP - 3K | | |
| Ebony Goldwire | ESP - 3G | | |
| Jessie Merriam | ESP - 4P | | |
| Bill Jacob | ESP - 4M | | |
| Doug Pease | ESP - K-4 | | |
| Carina Cataloni | ESP - 5 | | |
| Amanda Cray | ESP - 5 | | |
| Robin Davies | ESP - 6 | | |
| Fernanda Rosa | ESP - 6 | | |
| Sydney Davies | ESP - 7-8 | | |
| Raven McCormack | ESP - 7-8 | | |
| Amanda Rose | ESP - 7-8 | | |
| Greg Allan | ESP - 7-8 | | |
| Linda Wanamaker | ESP - Library | | |
| Marcia DaCosta Borges | ESP Translator/Interpreter | | |
| Dwight Kaeka | Head Custodian | | |
| Kara Best | Custodian | | |

Shared Services

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| Amy Wood | String Instruments |
| Mariel Garcia | School Psychologist |
| Melissa Mahoney | Occupational Therapist |
| Molly Chvatal | Physical Therapist |
| Sarah Norton | Speech/Language Therapist |
| Holly Holtz | Speech/Language Therapist |
| Barbara Bianco | Inclusion Support Specialist |
| Kerry Branca | Bridge/Elementary Gr. K-1 |
| Kara Leandro | Bridge/Middle Gr. 2-8 |
| Lyuba Avramova | ESP Bridge |
| Kasarah Bruni | ESP Bridge |
| Feza DeChiara | ESP Bridge |
| Collette Jordan | ESP Bridge |
| Joellen Meuse | ESP Bridge |
| Lisa Nickowal | ESP Bridge |
| Hailey Rogers | ESP Bridge |
| Sabrina Scott | ESP Bridge |
| Libby Stackhouse | ESP Bridge |
| Reaan Steenkamp | ESP Bridge |
| Kara Thibodeau | ESP Bridge |
| Alyssa Whitney | ESP Bridge |

Edgartown School Committee

Kelly Scott
Sarah Murphy
Christopher Greene

Garden Coordiantor

Maggie Benoit

MARTHA’S VINEYARD REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

Richard M. Smith, Ed. D.
Superintendent of Schools
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Dear Dr. Smith,

At Martha’s Vineyard Regional High School, our dedicated staff strive to provide exceptional education and community engagement for our students through academics, arts, athletics, and technical education programs, supported by our parents, school committee, and community partners.

Art, Design & Technology

This was a year of restructuring of our computer science sequence as well as a return of our AP Studio Art class. Students excelled in local and national competitions, winning 25 Scholastic art awards, including two national Gold Medals. Local partnerships and grants included the Vineyard Conservation Society, the Vineyard Preservation Trust, Martha’s Vineyard Savings Bank, Featherstone, and BioDiversityWorks. Highlights of 2025 also included field trips, Portfolio Day in Boston, and the SEABREEZES magazine’s ‘Excellent’ award in NCTE REALM competition. The end of the 2024-25 year was celebrated in our annual public showcase, “Evening of the Arts”.

Athletics

The 2025 year saw league championships in boys basketball, boys swimming, boys and girls tennis, boys cross country, and girls soccer. The girls tennis team advanced to the State Finals and finished as the runner-up. Girls soccer reached the round of 16, and the boys cross country won the league championship race at Dennis-Yarmouth. Several teams qualified for the MIAA State Tournament in 2025. The boys and girls soccer teams brought home the Golden Anchor trophy during the Battle in the Atlantic, the annual competition between Nantucket and Martha’s Vineyard.

Career and Technical Education

MVRHS CTE programs provided hands-on learning, industry credentials, and strong community partnerships. Early Childhood Education had stable enrollment (11 freshmen, 14 sophomores), with all sophomores earning First Aid, CPR, and AED certification; juniors completed OSHA safety training, and seniors are pursuing post-secondary study, supported

by partnerships with MVCS, Project Headway, Rainbow Place, and Cape Cod Community College. Health Assisting students earned CNA certification, advanced to Home Health Aide preparation, completed PHCAST and Alzheimer’s/dementia coursework, and engaged in co-ops or independent study, with juniors completing OSHA healthcare safety training and freshmen beginning HeartSaver certification. Automotive Technology students gained experience in maintenance, brakes, steering, electrical systems, and diagnostics, using a new computerized alignment machine; four earned co-op placements, and OSHA training begins for upperclassmen. Horticulture enrolled freshmen, sophomores, upper-level, and community gardening students, working on plant sales, turf management, landscape design, and training toward hoisting and pesticide licenses. Building Trades—Carpentry resumed construction projects, including sheds, a multi-year “friendship bench” for local elementary schools, locker-room furniture, and local timber projects. Culinary Arts increased in-person events and community engagement, with 13 students earning ServSafe certification and several in co-op placements. Overall, CTE students gained practical skills, safety training, and credentials, preparing them for careers, co-ops, or further education.

English

The English Department continues to provide rich learning experiences. After revising the ninth-grade program, courses now offer a more rigorous curriculum that supports student growth and agency. Dual enrollment with Middlesex College remains strong, with 24 seniors earning college credit this year. Teachers enhanced their practice through workshops including Teaching the Video Essay, Reconstructing Hamlet, a department-wide session with Wampanoag Education Coordinator Brad Lopes, and a discussion with local author Greg Mone on AI in education. Students had more public performance opportunities, including the annual Poetry Out Loud competition—where one student advanced to regional semi-finals—and the department’s first school-wide story slam at the Evening of the Arts. Department publications also earned top honors: Seabreezes Literary Magazine received an Excellence Award from the National Council of Teachers of English, and The High School View earned first place in print journalism from the New England Scholastic Press Association.

ELL

The ELL department continues professional development with high-quality English Language Development curriculum criteria, and recently reviewed the piloted sheltered ELD curriculum. Ms. McGroarty Sampaio earned her professional license in Portuguese 5–12, and Mr. Trindade passed his ESL 5–12 MTEL exam; both are now dually licensed. Mr. Trindade also began a Master of Arts in teaching program and served on a DESE AI Task Force. Mr. Kaplan-Woolner and Ms. Schule participate in monthly co-teaching PD with Ms. Cooney, and Mr. Kaplan-Woolner remains involved with the Communication Ambassador’s Program’s Stepping Stones mentorship program. ELL programming shifted this year in response to MCAS changes and student needs, with most students now at proficiency levels that no longer require sheltered instruction, which shifted co-teaching support to grades 9–11 in ELA. ELL teachers now manage caseloads, assigning each student an “ELL Coordinator” to strengthen communication, advocacy, and monitoring. Additionally, Ms. Schule developed the curriculum for a new elective, The Language of Art, open to current and former ELL students.

Guidance

The guidance department and school adjustment counselors collaborated with teachers and administrators to support students academically and emotionally. They continued working with island sending schools on a comprehensive transition program for incoming 9th graders, while all students developed individualized post-secondary plans over their four years. Counselors provided targeted support for ELL students, aided by our full-time ASP, who is a native of Brazil, and focused on helping students struggling with chronic absenteeism stay engaged. Students met in groups and individually to explore personality profiles, careers, and college options, and partnerships with ACE MV expanded career, technical, and alternative post-secondary pathways. The Class of 2025 graduated 190 students, with 75% attending two- or four-year colleges and nearly 25% entering the workforce or pursuing additional training. Class Night once again provided financial assistance to all graduates pursuing further education, and MVRHS earned “Early College” designation, opening opportunities for all students to earn college credits throughout high school.

Social Studies/History

The Social Studies/History Department continues

to offer dynamic, inquiry-driven learning experiences that connect historical understanding to current issues, emphasizing critical thinking and collaboration through Harkness and other student-centered discussions. As part of the schoolwide Portrait of a Learner initiative, teachers are incorporating regular social-emotional reflection activities. The department also expanded community-based learning: students in Ms. Fairchild’s classes attended Mrs. Stern Wanders the Prussian Library at the Martha’s Vineyard Playhouse, visited the Martha’s Vineyard Museum to meet Vietnam War veteran and artist Steve Maxner, and engaged with Brad Lopes from the Aquinnah Cultural Center in discussions on Afro-Indigenous identity and “what it means to be human.” Civics classes also met with the League of Women Voters to learn about the importance of voting and voter registration. These experiences support the department’s ongoing work to strengthen curriculum using a “Then and Now” model that links historical foundations to contemporary issues. The department also celebrates strong AP results: nearly one-third of all AP exams taken at MVRHS were in History, and in spring 2025, 88% of History AP exams earned a score of 3 or higher—an 8% increase from 2024—reflecting both student dedication and the department’s commitment to excellence.

Library

The MVRHS Library continues to serve as a dynamic learning hub, with book circulation steadily rising over the past five years—over 1,600 books checked out so far, surpassing last year’s 1,400. The librarian co-teaches the Capstone course and delivers four instructional sessions to all 9th graders in the CTE Rotation, introducing library resources, research databases, and media literacy skills. Over the summer, the collection was fully inventoried and “genrefied,” enhancing accessibility and visual appeal, while access to diverse reading materials has expanded through Sora, an eBook and audiobook platform. Despite federal cuts eliminating several subject-based research databases, the library continues to support student research, now with more direct guidance from the librarian. Additionally, the library provides individual accounts to The New York Times and access to WeVideo, a collaborative video-editing platform used across disciplines.

Math

Another productive year in Math, distinguished by innovative initiatives and noteworthy transitions. The introduction of our new full-year Algebra

program, designed to provide enhanced support for incoming freshmen, has proven highly successful in strengthening students' foundational skills and increasing their confidence as mathematics learners. Over the summer, department members continued their ongoing curriculum development efforts. Ms. Flanders attended the Annual AP Conference in Boston, while both she and Ms. Carlomagno participated in a regional summit on the instructional use of graphing calculators hosted by Texas Instruments. The knowledge and strategies gained from these professional learning experiences will further enrich classroom instruction. This year also marked a period of transition, as we bid farewell to our esteemed colleague, Ms. Nelson, upon her retirement, and welcomed two new members to the department, Mr. Hickey and Ms. Scalpell. Both bring enthusiasm, collaboration—a defining characteristic of our department—and a deep commitment to student learning.

Performing Arts

The PAD had a full and enriching year, welcoming over 70 middle schoolers to the All Island Choral Festival in October, achieving 100% acceptance at the All Cape and Islands Music Festival, and celebrating 11 students accepted to the SE Music Festival and 3 to the All State Music Festival, which concluded with a performance at Symphony Hall. The musical *Anything Goes* was a major success, featuring more than 60 students across cast, crew, and pit orchestra, highlighted by an impressive six-minute tap number. The Minnesingers earned silver at MICCA, and the Concert Band earned bronze. The department presented four full concerts, performed at graduation, and brought music to churches, senior centers, and elementary schools across the island. Class enrollment continues to grow steadily post-COVID, and this year at least 12 graduates are pursuing performing arts in college, with many more leaving with a lasting love for music and theater.

Physical Education

The Health and Physical Education Department has focused on strengthening instructional practice, aligning our health curriculum, and expanding course offerings to better meet a variety of student needs. Staff participated in professional development through MA-HPERD, including sessions on Assessment in Physical Education, Visual Supports for Adapted PE, and Voice Colors- Yoga for Autism, helping to deepen our inclusive, assessment-informed approach. We also continued to broaden student opportunities with Yoga/

Mindfulness and Strength and Conditioning, and are exploring a future Barre offering, reflecting our commitment to diverse and engaging pathways for wellness. Additionally, the department experienced a leadership transition this fall, with a renewed focus on K–12 health curriculum alignment and updates aligned to the revised Massachusetts standards.

Project Vine

Project Vine continues to thrive through project-based learning, experiential education, and real-world application. This year, we formally adopted our food pantry—piloted last year—as an ongoing service project, providing students and families with perishable and non-perishable food, hygiene items, and essential supports to address food insecurity. We continue to expand our curriculum to match evolving student interests and career pathways. Our annual community retreat highlighted what makes Project Vine unique: small class sizes, strong relationships with core teachers, and the deep bonds students build as they move through the program together. Through these innovative approaches, Project Vine ensures content is accessible, meaningful, and truly internalized, supporting both academic growth and the social-emotional skills outlined in the MVRHS Portrait of a Learner.

Science

The MVRHS Science Department had a highly engaging year, featuring expanded fieldwork, visiting experts, and strong community partnerships. Students participated in experiences including the Astronomy class's simulation mission at the Christa McAuliffe Center, Earth and Environmental Science field studies at Felix Neck and the State Forest, and visits to Polly Hill Arboretum, Long Point, the IGI Hub, the MV Museum, and the Aquinnah Cliffs. Classes collaborated with the Shellfish Hatchery, MV Fishermen's Trust, and Cottage City Oysters, including a design-thinking project with MIT's Kevin Yuen on bay scallop farming, and met with Expedition 501 Head Scientist Dr. Brandon Dugan to learn about current geoscience research. Marine Biology students deepened their understanding of local ecosystems on a whale watch to Stellwagen Bank. This year's Science Fair featured 43 projects from 59 students, including 12 Wind Turbine Engineering Challenge entries judged by 20 community members, with four students advancing to the regional fair. The department also celebrated Dr. Natalie Munn, recipient of the MAST Award for Excellence in Science Instruction in Dukes County, and continues to provide

inquiry-driven experiences that connect students to real-world science on and beyond Martha's Vineyard.

Special Education

The Special Education Department continues to prioritize collaboration with families, teachers, and the island community, with staff participating in Safety Care, Think Kids, and training on the new, student- and family-centered IEP system. The department serves a diverse group of students through the Navigator, Voyager, and Compass programs, addressing developmental, cognitive, and social-emotional needs while promoting inclusion in general education. Students gain real-world skills through partnerships with community organizations, including the Voyager program's Purple Paw dog treats project, which supports learning ADLs. Academic support classes focus on executive functioning, academic skills, communication, and social-emotional growth, and inclusive co-teaching continues for freshmen and sophomores in core subjects. Students also engage in community and recreational activities such as Unified Basketball, Special Olympics, Friendsgiving, and Unified Track and Field.

Wellness Program

The Wellness Department supports students' social-emotional well-being through 1:1 counseling in English and Portuguese, strong community partnerships with organizations like CONNECT To End Violence, ICC, IWYC, IHC, Hospice, Kinship Heals, and private clinicians, and peer-to-peer programming. The SWEAR program held its annual overnight retreat in March 2025 on deconstructing masculinity and gender-based violence, with the annual assembly scheduled for January 2026. The department continues its fifth year of tMHFA, teaching mental health literacy to sophomores, and SBIRT, screening all freshmen for substance use. In June 2025, MVRHS joined the nationwide Hope

Squad suicide prevention program, training 32 student-nominated members in October to lead school-wide events and support peers in seeking help.

World Language Department

The World Language Department continues to develop students' skills in interpretive, interpersonal, and presentational communication. Graduates earned numerous Massachusetts State Seals of Biliteracy (SOBL): 20 in Spanish, 1 in Spanish with Distinction, 24 in Portuguese (4 with Distinction), 2 earned the Seal with French as their partner language, and for the first time, 1 in Latin and 1 in ASL. Several students earned multiple Seals, including one who achieved Spanish, French, and Portuguese. Ten students passed the Spanish AP exam. Students engaged in cultural immersion trips, with 24 traveling to Italy last spring and 18 traveling to Spain this spring. The department continues to offer Russian, ASL (up to Level 4), and added a Level 4 Honors Latin course, an Honors 5 Spanish through film course, and launched another Portuguese Language Arts course called Media and Expression to expand proficiency through literature, media, and creative expression.

Thank you for continuing to support MVRHS. Our faculty and staff are dedicated to engaging students in rigorous academics, and providing support and resources to ensure students reach their fullest potential in and beyond high school.

The work we do with students every day is possible because of the collaboration of our teachers, administrators, parents, school committee, and community partners.

Respectfully,
SEAN MULVEY, Principal

**MARTHA'S VINEYARD REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
OFFICE OF THE TREASURER**

To the Honorable Selectboard and Citizens of Edgartown,

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

the District for fiscal year ending June 30, 2025.
FY2025 Assessment
FY2025 Expenditures – Budget vs Actual

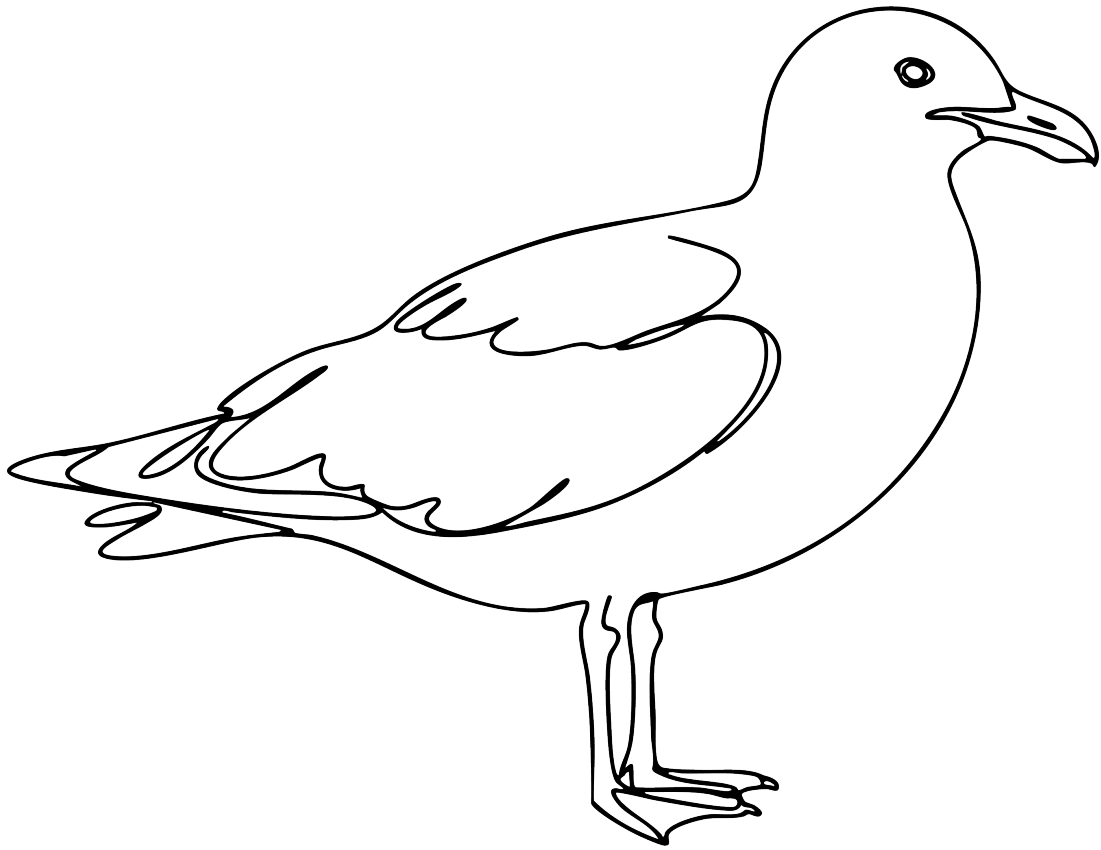
Respectfully submitted,
MARYLEE SCHROEDER
Treasurer

Martha's Vineyard Regional High School District
Budget and Actual Expenditures
June 30, 2025

| Expenditure | Original Budget | Actual | Variance |
|---|-------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|
| Supt/Shared Services: Administration: Salaries | \$ 232,310.80 | \$ 230,882.81 | \$ 1,427.99 |
| Supt/Shared Services: Administration: Expenses | \$ 20,052.57 | \$ 15,517.27 | \$ 4,535.30 |
| Administration Subtotal | \$ 252,363.37 | \$ 246,400.08 | \$ 5,963.29 |
| Supt/Shared Services: Instruction: Salaries | \$ 350,460.62 | \$ 345,080.73 | \$ 5,379.89 |
| Supt/Shared Services: Instruction: Expenses | \$ 33,240.71 | \$ 37,285.10 | \$ (4,044.39) |
| Instruction Subtotal | \$ 383,701.33 | \$ 382,365.83 | \$ 1,335.50 |
| Supt/Shared Services: Operation & Maint of Plant: Expenses | \$ 32,417.11 | \$ 25,017.01 | \$ 7,400.10 |
| Operation & Maint of Plant Subtotal | \$ 32,417.11 | \$ 25,017.01 | \$ 7,400.10 |
| Supt/Shared Services: Fixed Costs: Salaries | \$ 24,038.55 | \$ 24,038.58 | \$ (0.03) |
| Supt/Shared Services: Fixed Costs: Expenses | \$ 48,563.92 | \$ 54,982.95 | \$ (6,419.03) |
| Fixed Costs Subtotal | \$ 72,602.47 | \$ 79,021.53 | \$ (6,419.06) |
| TOTAL Supt/Shared Services | \$ 741,084.28 | \$ 732,804.45 | \$ 8,279.83 |
| High School Programs: Administration: Salaries | \$ 149,485.00 | \$ 155,215.20 | \$ (5,730.20) |
| High School Programs: Administration: Expenses | \$ 154,604.46 | \$ 150,886.25 | \$ 3,718.21 |
| Administration Subtotal | \$ 304,089.46 | \$ 306,101.45 | \$ (2,011.99) |
| High School Programs: Instruction: Salaries | \$ 12,712,741.42 | \$ 12,482,613.23 | \$ 230,128.19 |
| High School Programs: Instruction: Expenses | \$ 1,021,241.47 | \$ 1,052,580.82 | \$ (31,339.35) |
| Instruction Subtotal | \$ 13,733,982.89 | \$ 13,535,194.05 | \$ 198,788.84 |
| High School Programs: Operation & Maint of Plant: Salaries | \$ 774,402.40 | \$ 744,695.77 | \$ 29,706.63 |
| High School Programs: Operation & Maint of Plant: Expenses | \$ 1,198,527.24 | \$ 1,103,304.67 | \$ 95,222.57 |
| Operation & Maint of Plant Subtotal | \$ 1,972,929.64 | \$ 1,848,000.44 | \$ 124,929.20 |
| High School Programs: Other School & Community Services: Salaries | \$ 1,914,285.33 | \$ 1,835,148.51 | \$ 79,136.82 |
| High School Programs: Other School & Community Services: Expenses | \$ 1,592,792.58 | \$ 1,390,434.17 | \$ 202,358.41 |
| High School Programs: Other School & Community Services: Bus Reim | \$ (1,421,027.97) | \$ (1,180,995.97) | \$ (240,032.00) |
| Other School & Comm Service Subtot | \$ 2,086,049.94 | \$ 2,044,586.71 | \$ 41,463.23 |
| High School Programs: Fixed Costs: Employee Retirement | \$ 419,236.29 | \$ 393,700.18 | \$ 25,536.11 |
| High School Programs: Fixed Costs: Retired Municipal Teachers | \$ 920,318.43 | \$ 830,277.69 | \$ 90,040.74 |
| High School Programs: Fixed Costs: Other Post Employment Benefits | \$ 1,066,314.00 | \$ 1,066,314.00 | \$ - |
| High School Programs: Fixed Costs: Employee Separation Costs | \$ 16,186.00 | \$ 6,885.00 | \$ 9,301.00 |
| High School Programs: Fixed Costs: Insurance - Employee Related | \$ 2,844,801.42 | \$ 2,982,437.14 | \$ (137,635.72) |
| High School Programs: Fixed Costs: Insurance - School Related | \$ 512,915.99 | \$ 579,707.00 | \$ (66,791.01) |
| High School Programs: Fixed Costs: Miscellaneous Fixed Charges | \$ 3,500.00 | \$ - | \$ 3,500.00 |
| High School Programs: Fixed Costs: Bus/Vehicle Capital Purchases | \$ 309,579.00 | \$ 251,512.09 | \$ 58,066.91 |
| High School Programs: Fixed Costs: Construction Proj Int-MSBA Feasa | \$ 85,000.00 | \$ 38,682.24 | \$ 46,317.76 |
| High School Programs: Fixed Costs: Residential Care Tuitions | \$ 1,066,110.76 | \$ 992,390.23 | \$ 73,720.53 |
| High School Programs: Fixed Costs: Contingency/Reserve | \$ 85,000.00 | \$ - | \$ 85,000.00 |
| Fixed Cost Subtotal | \$ 7,328,961.89 | \$ 7,141,905.57 | \$ 187,056.32 |
| TOTAL High School Programs | \$ 25,426,013.82 | \$ 24,875,788.22 | \$ 550,225.60 |
| TOTAL Operating Expenses | \$ 26,167,098.10 | \$ 25,608,592.67 | \$ 558,505.43 |

Martha's Vineyard Regional High School District
FY25 Assessment

| DESCRIPTION | FY25 AMOUNT | | | | | | | | | |
|--|----------------------|----------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|--|--|--|
| | Aquinnah | Chilmark | Edgartown | Oak Bluffs | Tisbury | West Tisbury | Total | | | |
| Operating & Capital Budget | \$ 26,167,098.10 | | | | | | | | | |
| Charter School/School Choice Tuition | 806,497.00 | 26,973,595.10 | | | | | | | | |
| Less | | | | | | | | | | |
| Chapter 70 State Aid | 3,654,713.98 | | | | | | | | | |
| Chapter 71 Regional Transportation Aid | 482,469.00 | | | | | | | | | |
| Other Revenues | 278,724.91 | | | | | | | | | |
| E&D Offset | 880,460.07 | 5,296,367.96 | | | | | | | | |
| FY25 Net Amount for Assessments | \$ | <u>21,677,227.14</u> | | | | | | | | |
| Town Apportionments | | | | | | | | | | |
| (i) Required Minimum Local Contribution | 218,877.00 | 452,346.00 | 3,268,568.00 | 3,166,425.00 | 2,743,262.00 | 1,721,835.00 | 11,571,313.00 | | | |
| (ii) Excess of NSS over Required Minimum | 206,810.51 | 438,944.75 | 2,532,373.57 | 2,848,920.26 | 2,460,622.98 | 1,456,114.80 | 9,943,786.87 | | | |
| (iii) Transportation | 13,404.46 | 28,450.28 | 164,136.25 | 184,653.28 | 159,485.72 | 94,378.34 | 644,508.33 | | | |
| (iii) Capital | 8,551.41 | 20,841.13 | 105,341.99 | 109,154.43 | 96,937.44 | 57,252.61 | 398,079.01 | | | |
| Gross Assessments | 447,643.38 | 940,582.16 | 6,070,419.81 | 6,309,152.97 | 5,460,308.14 | 3,329,580.75 | 22,557,687.21 | | | |
| Less E&D Offset | -18,311.77 | -38,865.81 | -224,225.83 | -252,254.05 | -217,872.76 | -128,929.85 | -880,460.07 | | | |
| FY25 Assessments Per Statutory Assmt Method | \$ 429,331.61 | \$ 901,716.35 | \$ 5,846,193.98 | \$ 6,056,898.92 | \$ 5,242,435.38 | \$ 3,200,650.90 | \$ 21,677,227.14 | | | |
| 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. | 1.47% | 3.75% | 28.15% | 27.61% | 22.12% | 16.89% | 100.00% | | | |
| School Population based on Town Census (10/1/24) | 11 | 28 | 210 | 206 | 165 | 126 | 746 | | | |



PUBLIC LIBRARY



To the Honorable Select Board and the Citizens of Edgartown:

The library is dedicated to being a vital civic anchor in the heart of our community, serving as a trusted partner to local agencies and organizations. With a strong commitment to fostering lifelong learning, we continue to be a dynamic contributor to the town's cultural and educational endeavors. Our staff are recognized for their friendly, attentive, and helpful approach, delivering exceptional customer service rooted in the philosophy that there is no unimportant interaction.

The year 2025 brought significant growth and innovation to the library, with expanded programming, enhanced community partnerships, and continued dedication to meeting the evolving needs of our patrons. From new digital resources to outdoor concerts and specialized workshops, the library remained a warm, inclusive, and evolving space dedicated to the education and enrichment of our community.

DIGITAL INNOVATIONS AND RESOURCES

In partnership with Advantage Archives, the library launched free online access to a searchable digital archive of the Cottage City Star, a storied local newspaper that covered Martha's Vineyard living, events, and topics of interest from 1879 to 1885. This resource provides valuable historical insight for researchers, genealogists, history enthusiasts, and generations of Island families.

The library also introduced a Short Story Dispenser in July, a simple device with three illuminated buttons

offering 1-minute, 3-minute, and 5-minute stories. These innovative stand-alone kiosks dispense randomly generated stories from a collection that includes original and classic stories, poems, and even comics, providing a unique way for patrons of all ages to discover literature.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS AND SUMMER READING

The children's room continued to serve as an extremely busy hub that maintained its high energy throughout 2025. Children's Librarian Elyce Retmier maintained a robust year-round lineup of programs extending to six days a week. Regular weekly offerings included Musical Instrument Petting Zoo on Mondays, Discovery Days on Wednesdays in partnership with the MV Family Center, Wiggle with the Words Storytime on Thursdays, and Big Little Muscles with Abbey on Fridays. Additional ongoing programs throughout the year included Pint-Sized Picassos, Drop-in Play-Doh Group, Tumble Bugs, and Fit Camp with Bonnie Kingsbury.

Special events included reusable bag decorating for Earth Day, spring holiday centerpiece crafting, a poetry workshop, and hands-on activities throughout the summer months. In July and August, the library offered tie-dye crafts, painting workshops with Collette Jordan, stuffed animal sleepovers, and colorful Lego builds. The Tabletop Roleplay Group: Re-color Our World campaign for ages 8-12 ran on Saturdays throughout the summer, led by Library Assistant Chris Look, bringing adventure and creativity to young patrons.

The Summer Reading Program launched in late June with the theme “Color Your World,” engaging 541 participants and drawing strong participation from local and visiting families. Prizes for readers were generously supplied by local businesses including Edgartown Meat & Fish, Edgartown Pizza, Great Harbor Market, and the Candy Bazaar. The library deeply appreciates their generous and ongoing support of our Summer Reading Program.

TEEN PROGRAMMING

Library Assistant Chris Look continued to engage teen patrons with exciting programming. During July and August, the Rise of the Splashmaster tabletop roleplaying campaign offered drop-in sessions for ages 12-17, challenging participants to dream up their own city and defend it from the villainous Splashmaster. In September, the program transitioned to Dungeons & Dragons: New Year, New Imaginary You, continuing weekly Friday afternoon sessions throughout the school year. These programs provided outlets for creative expression while building community and collaborative storytelling skills.

In October, Chris represented the Edgartown Library at the New England Library Association Annual Conference in Newport, Rhode Island, partnering with Shivonne Schofield, Circulation Supervisor at the Oak Bluffs Public Library. Together, they led an interactive presentation demonstrating how tabletop role-playing games such as Dungeons & Dragons can support creativity, collaborative storytelling, and social-emotional learning. Their session shared practical strategies and live gameplay to encourage libraries to adopt role-playing games as inclusive, engaging community programs.

ADULT PROGRAMMING

The library offered a rich variety of adult programs throughout 2025, covering diverse topics and interests that resonated with the community.

Reading and Literary Programs:

Adult Programs Coordinator Claudia Taylor, serving as Martha’s Vineyard Poet Laureate for 2024-2026, integrated poetry throughout the year’s programming. Monthly writing workshops with poet Donald Nitchie ran from January through December, offering participants opportunities to create and share their work in a supportive environment. Special events included Poem in Your Pocket Day in April, a Community Poetry Reading in March, and Vineyard Poets Read in April celebrating National Poetry Month.

The 12 Months 12 Books Book Club met monthly, with participants selecting books based on themed reading challenges.

Notable author events throughout the year brought accomplished writers to the library. In February, New York Times bestselling author Michael Tougias discussed his book, *Extreme Survival*, in a virtual program jointly hosted by the Edgartown Public Library and the Vineyard Haven Public Library. Local author Liz Shick presented *The Golden Land* in May, exploring the true stories behind her award-winning novel set in Burma. In July, the library hosted an Author Festival featuring eight local and visiting authors, in collaboration with Edgartown Books. In September, Patti McCracken discussed *The Angel Makers*, a gripping true-crime account. In October, Thomas Dresser presented *The Revolutionary War on Cape Cod and the Islands*. In November, the library hosted an online book talk on *Reconnections: Essays & Artwork by Wampanoag & Narragansett Knowledge Keepers*, in collaboration with the Little Compton Historical Society, members of the Wampanoag Tribe of Aquinnah, and several Island libraries.

Film and Opera:

The International Film Night series ran from January through June and resumed in September, showing stellar films from around the world every Thursday evening with coffee, tea, and dessert. The monthly Opera Club program, hosted by Virginia Munro, continued throughout the year, screening acclaimed productions of a wide variety of operas. In July, August, and September, opera lover Susan Grunthal presented a lecture series on operas from the Metropolitan Opera’s 2025-2026 season.

Music Performances:

The library partnered with the Edgartown Board of Trade to participate in Porchfest Edgartown in May for a second year, featuring the soulful sounds of Red Night Delight. The third annual Juneteenth Celebration in June featured Chef Look cooking on the grill and live music from Boston-based singer-songwriter Andrew Sue Wing. The library’s Sounds Like Summer concert series enjoyed its seventeenth successful year, presenting free outdoor concerts on Tuesday evenings from July through August on the library lawn, featuring many of the Island’s favorite musical acts including the Jeremy Berlin Trio, Missis Biskis, and Johnny Hoy & the Bluefish. The Martha’s Vineyard Cultural Council generously helped fund this concert series.

Classical and chamber music performances included

a piano concert with Silas Berlin in August and two piano performances in May and September by Adele Dreyer. The library continued its collaboration with the Martha's Vineyard Chamber Music Society, offering concerts by chamber music ensembles including the Arborio Duo and Trio Eris.

In November, world-class jazz ensemble Ehud Ettun & the Internal Compass performed live in the library's program room, with guest musicians Eric Johnson and Taurus Biskis joining the performance. Jazz guitar duo Eric Johnson and Lucas Ostinato performed in December.

Dance, Movement, and Wellness:

Dance instruction thrived in 2025. A Ballroom Dance Class with Tom Carberry took place in May. Maria and Tad Lawcewicz of the MV Ballroom Dancers taught a multi-week series in the summer, covering foxtrot, waltz, rumba, cha-cha, and nightclub two-step. The Dancing with the Stars series with special guest teacher Ellen Brodsky met monthly from July through November, where attendees learned a variety of ballroom dance styles. Modern Dance for Life classes with award-winning choreographer Naomi Goldberg Haas were offered in July in collaboration with The Yard and The Anchors.

Yoga and wellness programs continued to be popular draws. Restorative Reset with Jelisa Difo and Vinyasa Yoga with Colleen Macsuga met weekly throughout the year. Yoga Nidra with YogiJay took place at Bend in the Road Beach throughout the summer and fall, offering serene classes under the moon and stars. Sound Bath sessions with Trish Ginter ran monthly from January through December, using crystal singing bowls and other instruments to create relaxing soundscapes.

Culinary Programming:

Former chef and Library Assistant Chris Look continued to provide monthly cooking demonstrations at his extremely popular Chef Look Cooks program. The Soup-erior Tastes winter series featured Vegan Kale Soup in January and The Island's Best Clam Chowder in February. Chris's Picks series showcased his favorite foods including Raspberry Mousse with Chocolate Cake Waffles in March, Reuben Meatloaf with Colcannon and Gravy in April, and Mustard and Lemon Zest Potato Salad in May. The Eggcellent Adventures series in September, October, and November explored the versatility of eggs with Shakshuka, Poached Eggs and Hollandaise, and Egg Drop Soup. In December, Chris prepared General Tso's Chicken for Patron Favorites.

The Salt Water Wednesdays program ran monthly from June through October in partnership with the Edgartown Shellfish Department, teaching participants how to shuck oysters, clams, and quahogs while learning about the ecological importance of buying local. The Can You Dig It quahog harvesting instruction at Katama Landing, also in collaboration with the Edgartown Shellfish Department, took place monthly from June through September, offering hands-on shellfish harvesting techniques.

Educational Workshops and Presentations:

The library hosted a diverse array of educational programs throughout 2025. In January, Jamie Novak presented Keep This, Toss That for a Clutter-Free New Year. In February, Adult Programs Coordinator Claudia Taylor shared her travels in Armchair Travel to the Republic of Georgia. In February and March, Rick Bausman led a three-part drumming class series covering pan-African drumming, Cuban styles, and Haitian ceremonial drumming, providing participants with an energetic cultural experience. Brazilian culture and language also featured in the library's educational programming, including a presentation on Bossa Nova and Brazilian Jazz, as well as Brazilian Portuguese for Beginners classes taught by Lorena Crespo.

Several health-related presentations featured throughout the year. Dr. Daniel E. Pesch and Nurse Practitioner Marcy E. Holmes, from the Martha's Vineyard Hospital, discussed Trends in Menopause—Then and Now. In September, Dr. Robert Gagel presented on Bone Health and Osteoporosis Prevention. Speakers from Martha's Vineyard Medical, including Dr. Gerry Yukevich, gave a presentation on Staying Healthy Through the Winter.

In March, death doula and Circulation Coordinator Jelisa Difo led Let's Talk About Death, an interactive workshop on advanced directives and legacy wills. That same month, the library hosted an informational session on Edgartown's Proposed Leaf Blower Warrant Article. Kimberly Ulmer presented on The Remarkable History of Penikese Island in April. As part of the Down Island Coastal Pond Series, the library hosted Codium is Odious: Dealing with Marine Invasives.

Kathy Lavieri conducted iPad workshops in July, August, and September. Also in September, Shored Up Digital offered Social Media Marketing for the Shoulder Season for local businesses, hosted by Marnely Murray and Amanda Clampitt. A Holiday Garland Making Workshop, hosted by Collections Development Librarian Caroline Drogin, took place in December.

Ongoing Weekly Programs:

Drop-in Mah Jongg sessions met weekly on Monday afternoons throughout the year, providing opportunities for practice and social connection. A four-part Mah Jongg Instruction for Beginners course, taught by Erica Dinerman and Sue Trani, ran in April, with additional courses in August, September, and October.

Drop-in Knitting with Cindy Bonnell continued weekly on Wednesday afternoons, welcoming knitters of all experience levels. The Library Walking Group with Library Director Lisa Sherman met Wednesday mornings from May through October, offering 2.5- to 3-mile walks through downtown Edgartown.

Art Exhibitions:

The library's Program Room hosted rotating art exhibits throughout the summer, featuring local artists and celebrating diverse artistic expressions. Bella's "Creating Art Throughout Life" exhibit in July reflected her connection to nature and Brazilian heritage, including her "Congado Procession" series. Virginia Stone's "Readers and Their Books" exhibition in August showcased portraits celebrating the love of reading. Chris Scott exhibited his exquisite wildlife photography in September. The library encourages community members to apply for exhibition opportunities, continuing its commitment to supporting local artists.

PARTNERSHIPS AND COLLABORATIONS

The library's partnership efforts expanded significantly in 2025. Collaborations with the Edgartown Shellfish Department flourished through the Salt Water Wednesdays shucking workshops and Can You Dig It quahog harvesting instruction. The library partnered with Sheriff's Meadow Foundation to bring monthly Story Walks. The Martha's Vineyard Farm Passport program continued in collaboration with the Martha's Vineyard Agricultural Society, encouraging families to visit local farm stands. In collaboration with the Vineyard Conservation Society, the library continued to offer Beach BeFriends beach cleanup kits for patrons.

Navigator Homes of Martha's Vineyard held a Coffee & Conversations info session in September. Vineyard Power offered multiple sessions throughout the year on home energy solutions, including drop-in tabling sessions.

The library continued its partnership with The Anchors (Edgartown Council on Aging) throughout the year, offering monthly tech help sessions, Medicare 101

info sessions, AARP Tax Aide, and visioning sessions for their future facility.

MUSEUM PASSES AND ACCESS

The library continued to offer reduced admission passes to multiple cultural institutions, including the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, the Boston Children's Museum, New England Zoo, Cape Cod Museum of Art, New England Aquarium, Museum of Fine Arts Boston, USS Constitution Museum, Boston Museum of Science, and the Martha's Vineyard Museum, making cultural enrichment accessible to all community members.

In partnership with The Trustees of Reservations, the library offered free one-day parking passes for Long Point Wildlife Refuge and Wasque throughout the summer months.

LIBRARY SERVICES

Reference and Technology Librarian Rizwan Malik continued to provide essential tech support to patrons both in the library and at monthly sessions held at The Anchors. The Library of Things collection remained popular, offering items including WiFi hotspots, Chromebook laptops, and various tools and equipment. Free outdoor WiFi continued to be available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The library maintained its inkjet cartridge recycling program in partnership with the League of Women Voters of Martha's Vineyard, supporting environmental sustainability efforts.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

The Friends of the Library's generous financial support had a remarkable impact on the success of our programs throughout 2025. Their support has been instrumental in allowing the library to continue its mission of providing rich and engaging programming, and we are deeply grateful for this volunteer organization's continued dedication. The Friends held monthly meetings throughout the year, welcoming new members and planning fundraising initiatives including the Herb and Anita Foster Education Fund Fundraiser in February, the Dine to Donate event at Rockfish in March, and the Holiday Open House and Poinsettia Plant Sale in December.

LOOKING FORWARD

At December's Special Town Meeting, a new Children's and Young Adult Library Assistant position was approved for the library, which will be an incredible enhancement to the library's services and offerings for our youngest patrons. This addition to our staff reflects the community's recognition of the vital importance of

youth services and our commitment to supporting the developmental and educational needs of children and teens.

Through all of these efforts, the library remained a welcoming and dynamic space that continues to grow alongside our community. We are grateful for the opportunity to serve in this capacity and look forward to another year of contributing to and supporting the town's cultural and educational well-being.

Facts at a glance

Fiscal year ending 6/30/25

| | |
|-----------------------------------|---------|
| Library visitors..... | 74,038 |
| Library cardholders..... | 6,227 |
| Total collection size..... | 45,720 |
| Library checkouts..... | 137,322 |
| Digital content checkouts..... | 39,605 |
| Adult programs offered..... | 423 |
| Adult programs attendance..... | 6,333 |
| Youth programs offered..... | 305 |
| Youth programs attendance..... | 9,583 |
| Social media followers..... | 4,107 |
| Summer reading registrations..... | 541 |



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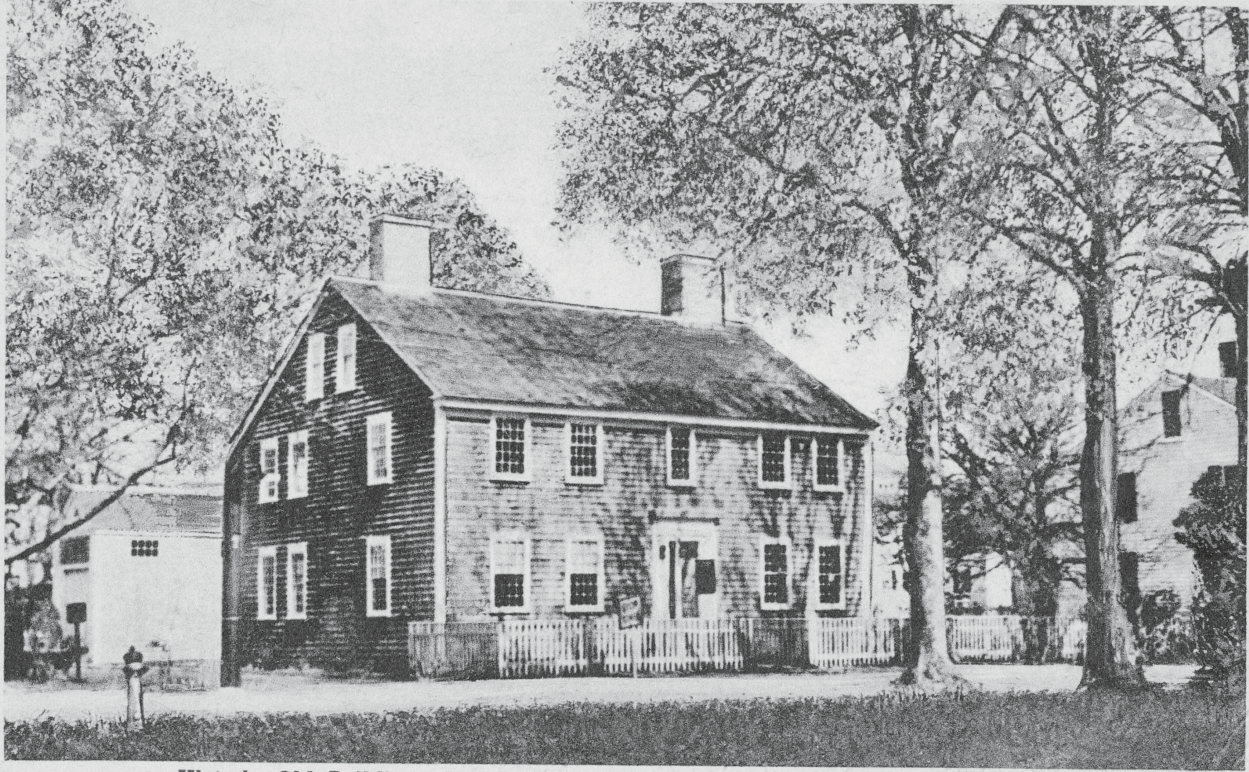
LIBRARY STAFF

LISA HORTON SHERMAN, Director
 SHAUNA MOON, Department Assistant
 ELYCE RETMIER, Coordinator of Youth Services
 RIZWAN MALIK, Reference and Technology Librarian
 ANGELA LUCKEY, Circulation Supervisor**
 JELISA DIFO, Circulation Supervisor
 CAROLINE DROGIN, Library Collection Specialist
 CLAUDIA TAYLOR, Adult Programs Coordinator
 CHRISTOPHER LOOK IV, Library Assistant
 KRISTIN FINLEY BROWN, Library Assistant**
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 LEIF MOORE, Library Assistant
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Trustees meet on the second Thursday of each month.



Historic Old Building of Vineyard Gazette Built 1760 Edgartown, Mass.

HUMAN RESOURCES

BOARD OF HEALTH

To the Honorable Selectboard and Citizens of Edgartown:

The Board of Health respectfully submits the following report for the 2025 calendar year to the voters and taxpayers of the Town of Edgartown.

Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza

2025 began with an outbreak of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza during the Winter months. Also known as Bird Flu, it affected turkeys, waterfowl, songbirds, and chickens across the Cape and Islands and specifically in Edgartown. The Board of Health reacted swiftly and effectively, collaborating locally and regionally with other departments and state agencies and leveraging community partnerships to mitigate the effects and spread of this disease. Epidemiologist Lea Hamner assisted Edgartown as it was a locus for Bird Flu, and created a forum for the Cape & Islands public health workforce to share information and align responses. Clear, effective communication fostered public trust, which encouraged community cooperation, ultimately minimizing the number of avian casualties. Most importantly, no humans were infected in Edgartown.

Watershed Protection and Nitrogen Mitigation

The Board of Health's ongoing role in protecting the Island's water supply manifested in 2025 with establishment and oversight of onsite wastewater disposal regulations and system installations. In Spring the Board reviewed and approved regulations for essential sewer-tie in where available in environmentally sensitive areas within the Edgartown Great Pond and Sengekontacket Watersheds. As a testament to such regulations improving water quality, renewed growth of eelgrass in Edgartown Great Pond was recorded by MVCyano, a collaboration between the Board of Health and the Great Pond Foundation. Furthermore, the Sengekontacket watershed was improved by the construction of denitrifying septic

systems funded by Martha's Vineyard Hospital and Navigator Homes.

Foodborne Illness Management

Summer 2025 saw a brief uptick in the foodborne illnesses Campylobacter and Norovirus, emphasizing the importance of Contact Tracing and Case Investigation. Contracted Public Health Nurse Betsy Vanlandingham played a pivotal role in coordinating a response by identifying, notifying, and monitoring outbreaks in collaboration with the Board of Health's inspections and oversight. With cooperation from stakeholders that balanced abundance of caution with consumer advisories, local farmers and restaurants affected by illness were able to resume business with refined practices and renewed endorsement.

Education and Certification

Workforce development was a success in 2025. The Board of Health held classes for fertilizer application and food safety in both English and Portuguese as part of an ongoing initiative for promoting health equity through education. By Fall, Health Agent Brice Boutot completed Lead Determinator training and was one of the first public health workers across the Cape & Islands to complete his Tier 3 Food Inspection training. Additionally, Assistant Health Agent Fernando Lana completed a Certified Nurse Assistant course to further promote positive community health outcomes, and both Agents also received their Title 5 Systems Inspector credentials.

Tick-borne Disease

In 2025, Island-wide tick-borne disease epidemiology efforts were led across all six Martha's Vineyard towns by Public Health Biologist Patrick Roden-Reynolds, Epidemiologist Lea Hamner, and Public Health Nurse Betsy Vanlandingham, who providing coordinated surveillance, analysis, and risk communication. This work positioned Martha's

Vineyard as an epicenter of expertise on tick populations, disease trends, and public education, including reduction strategies for Alpha-gal syndrome (AGS). Throughout the year, prevention-focused education and outreach reached hundreds of residents and visitors through public talks, library programs, and the Agricultural Fair. Additionally, the Alpha-gal Syndrome Support Group was founded, which integrated patient experience into prevention messaging, healthcare provider education, and broader public health strategy. Collectively, these efforts strengthened local capacity while contributing valuable insights to regional and national prevention initiatives, making Martha's Vineyard a model for local prevention-focused tick-borne disease epidemiology that protects residents, visitors, and healthcare systems both on and beyond the Island. While this work took enormous strides in 2025, the most important work is still ahead. Public support including funding is an absolute necessity to address the emerging public health crisis of tick-borne disease on Martha's Vineyard in general, and Edgartown in particular.

Inter-Island Public Health Excellence Collaborative (IIPHEC)

Ongoing Island-wide collaboration continued in 2025, formalized with the adoption of inter-municipal agreements to share services between local Boards of Health. In addition to the regionally important work of Public Health Biologist Patrick Roden-Reynolds,

Epidemiologist Lea Hamner, and Public Health Nurse Betsy Vanlandingham, IIPHEC-funded Public Health Inspector Carrie Welch assisted the Edgartown Board of Health with inspections its 100+ food establishments, the most of any town on the Island. Edgartown continues to benefit tremendously from IIPHEC grant.

Refuse District Acknowledgements and Appreciation

Don Hatch retired from Martha's Vineyard Refuse District in 2025 after 20 years of service, during which he helped minimize waste while making the program largely self-sufficient. Though his leadership will be missed, he is succeeded by the experienced Mark Davis. Tom Pierce and Darren Morris continue to serve as Edgartown's representatives to the Martha's Vineyard Refuse District Committee. The Board of Health thanks them for their service to Edgartown. Additionally, the Board of Health appreciates the citizens of Edgartown for their continued support for the Board's substantial responsibility promoting human and environmental health in 2025 and beyond.

Respectfully submitted,

CHRIS EDWARDS, Chair
GRETCHEN REGAN
CANDACE NICHOLS
Edgartown Board of Health

| 2025 | Jan | Feb | March | April | May | June | July | Aug | Sept | Oct | Nov | Dec | YTD |
|--|------------|------------|--------------|--------------|------------|-------------|-------------|------------|-------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Septic Permits(Total) | 11 | 4 | 11 | 17 | 13 | 8 | 11 | 8 | 7 | 23 | 12 | 20 | 145 |
| Septic Permit Applications Rec'd (New Construction) | 2 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 13 | 9 | 3 | 4 | 0 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 45 |
| Septic Repair or Upgrade Permits | 4 | 2 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 2 | 4 | 6 | 4 | 6 | 44 |
| Enhanced Treatment Septic System with Nitrogen Removal | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 5 | 25 |
| Septic System Abandonment Permit | 2 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 6 | 20 |
| Septic Application Withdrawn Prior to Action | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Sale and Transfer Septic System Inspection Reports Received | 7 | 6 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 3 | 7 | 9 | 7 | 11 | 4 | 0 | 72 |
| Passing Transfer Inspections | 6 | 6 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 3 | 7 | 9 | 7 | 9 | 4 | 0 | 69 |
| Failed Transfer Inspections | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| “Needs Further Evaluation” Transfer Inspections | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| “Conditionally Passes” Transfer Inspections | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Well Construction Permits (New and Replacement) | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 18 |
| Food Establishment Inspections | 3 | 2 | 4 | 25 | 33 | 15 | 19 | 14 | 24 | 11 | 1 | 4 | 155 |
| Temporary Food Event permits | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 6 | 2 | 31 |
| Verified Under-age Tobacco Sale Violations via Compliance Checks | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Deed Restrictions approved | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 |
| Variance Hearings by Board | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 10 |
| Septic System Installation Inspections | 6 | 7 | 12 | 5 | 5 | 6 | 13 | 12 | 11 | 14 | 8 | 11 | 110 |
| Soil Percolation Tests | 4 | 3 | 6 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 6 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 6 | 47 |

TICK PROGRAM

To the Honorable Select Board and the Citizens of Edgartown,

MV Tick Program 2025 Highlights

Completed 25 total Yard Surveys in Edgartown (including 6 on Chappaquiddick) in 2025 and continued to regularly sample selected public hiking trails during the summer season.

Yard Survey Results

| Town | Number of Yard Surveys 2025 | % of Surveys with at least one lone star tick (nymph/adult) |
|--------------|-----------------------------|---|
| Aquinnah | 10 | 70% |
| Chilmark | 34 | 78% |
| Edgartown | 26 (7 on Chappy) | 71% (71% on Chappy) |
| Oak Bluffs | 20 | 58% |
| Tisbury | 21 | 52% |
| West Tisbury | 36 | 68% |

Presentations on tick safety:

- 6/5/25 Tick Prevention Talk to Edgartown School 2nd Grade Health Class
- 7/28/25 Tick Prevention talk to Fern & Feather Summer Camp, attendance
- 9/17/25 Tick Education table at Edgartown School Health Fair
- 10/6/25 Tick Awareness Presentation as part of Panel for MV Chamber of Commerce
- 11/16/25 Tick Prevention/Hunting Mentorship Presentation for Hunter Safety Course at Rod & Gun Club

Mosquito Testing

Conducted mosquito trapping for DPH Arbovirus Surveillance Program July-October 2025. No positive mosquito samples were collected in Edgartown's trap in 2025.

2025 Overview

- 47 Pools submitted overall
- 738 Mosquitoes sent in for arbovirus testing, 836 mosquitoes trapped overall

- West Nile Positive Pools: 1 (Tisbury)

- Eastern Equine Encephalitis Positive Samples: 0

Deer Cooler

With the season extensions included, we checked in 98 deer for the 25-26 season, 48 of those were donations to Share the Harvest Program. IGI processed 23 donations totaling 700lbs of venison to local food pantries and organizations. Island-wide with the MV Hunt Club and IGI processing donations we have had 95 deer donated with a few more still to process to date.

We continued sampling hunter-harvested white-tailed deer systematically for ectoparasites as part of a regional effort with NEWVEC/Laboratory of Medical Zoology (Patrick Pearson & Steve Rich). Samples from 68 deer were collected between the Ag Hall deer cooler, MV Hunt Club cooler, and State Forest Check Station. See publications in 'Deliverables' section for research articles from this work. Samples from this work may be used to:

- Document the types and abundance of ectoparasites among sites and years.
- Surveil pathogens directly and/or WTD exposure by assaying blood for antibodies to vector-borne pathogens.

Outreach

- 4/5/25 Tick Prevention table at MV Hospital Health Fair, Attendance ~25 people
- 6/21/2025 Tick Prevention table at Oak Bluffs Harborfest
- 6/23/25 Tick Prevention Talk for The True Vineyard Color Podcast by Sylvie Farrington
- <https://www.truevineyardcolor.com/podcasts/true-vineyard-color/episodes/2149049769>
- 7/4/2025 Tick Prevention table at Aquinnah 4th of July Parade
- 8/21/25-8/24/25 Tick prevention booth at Agricultural Fair, approximately 800 visitors
- 9/17/25 Tick Education table at Edgartown School Health Fair
- 10/25/25 Tick Prevention Table at HarvestFest
- 11/9/25 Tick Prevention Table at Mv Highschool

Vaccination Clinic

- MV Tick Program Facebook
 - o 186 likes, 226 followers as of 1/5/2024
 - o 197 Likes, 254 Followers as of 1/1/2025
 - o 252 likes, 320 followers as of 2/25/26

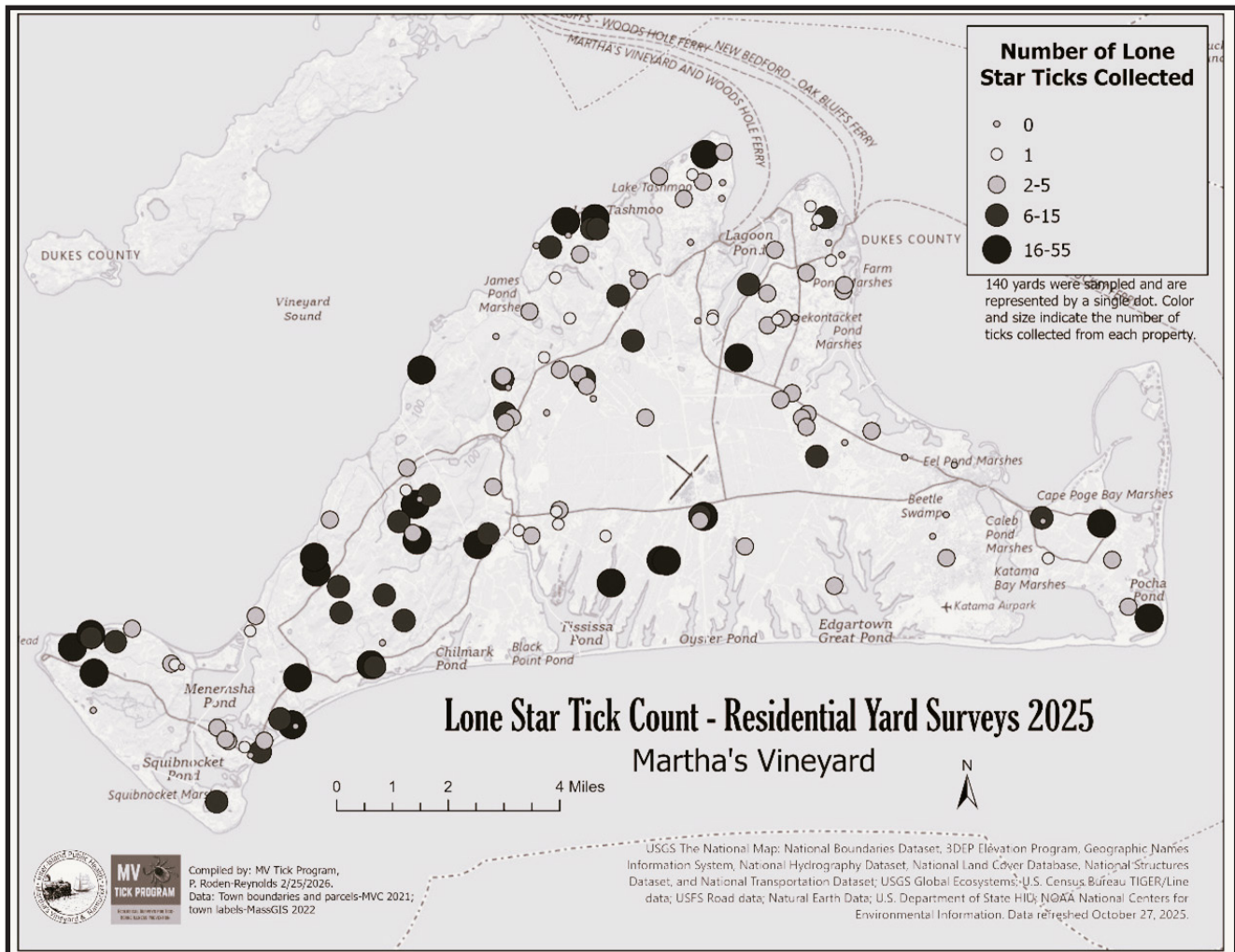
Publication stemming from tick and deer samples: Pearson, Patrick, Guang Xu, Eric L. Siegel, Mileena Ryan, Connor Rich, Martin JR Feehan, Blake Dinius, Shaun M. McAuliffe, Patrick Roden-Reynolds, and Stephen M. Rich. "Detection of Anaplasma phagocytophilum DNA in Deer Keds: Massachusetts, USA." Insects 16, no. 1 (2025): 42.

Assisted Tufts University Lyme disease study by recruiting local participants and arranging a venue. The focus of the research will analyze the epidemiology of Post Treatment Lyme Disease Syndrome, and

particularly the role of other environmental exposures, including mosquito-borne viruses or Lyme disease co-infections.

Worked with CAP MVY to translate 6 videos (8 hours) on tick prevention and tick borne diseases into Portuguese. These are available on the website and MV Tick Program Youtube channel.

Respectfully submitted,
PATRICK RODEN-REYNOLDS
Public Health Biologist
Inter-Island Public Health Excellence
Collaborative



COUNCIL ON AGING

To the Honorable Select Board and Citizens of Edgartown:

In 2025, 1081 older adults (301 of whom were new to our COA) participated over 12,111 times in an Anchors-sponsored meal, activity, program, volunteer opportunity, or event. This includes the number of older adults served by the Anchors Outreach team in the Edgartown community.

COUNCIL ON AGING BOARD ACTIVITY

The COA Board is comprised of Edgartown residents who volunteer their time to support the staff and the mission of the Anchors. The Board meets monthly, except in July and August, on the third Friday of each month at 8:30 a.m. The Board's meetings are offered in a hybrid format, allowing for more community involvement. The ECOA Board focuses on improving the lives of the Edgartown older adult population while keeping its sights on the COA's future goals.

Nancy Ignacio resumed her role as Chair of the Board in 2025. Board members Marvene O'Rourke (Co-Chair), John Dropick, Lisa Sherman, Sue Carroll, and Steve Snelgrove round out the current board's membership. Janice Belisle continues to serve as the Friends of the ECOA representative on the Board. All members bring considerable experience and a commitment to serve Edgartown's older adults.

FEASIBILITY STUDY

In 2025, the COA conducted a Feasibility Study to look at our current building and programming and the future needs of our department. Bargmann, Hendrie,+ Archetype (B,H, +A), a consulting firm out of Boston, was selected to conduct the study. With input from the COA staff, board, and our participants, B,H,+ A developed a community survey to determine the areas that are working well, and those that need to be revised for a future version of the COA. The study also investigated space needs, and town-owned properties where the COA might relocate someday. The consultants evaluated the results from this survey, interviews with stakeholders, and feedback from three public presentations. They compiled a report for the town that is available to view on the COA's website. Please stay tuned for more information and ways to be involved in the next steps of the COA's

future. Community involvement is a critical part of this ongoing process.

FIVE-YEAR PLANNING COMMITTEE

In 2022, the COA Board appointed the ECOA Five-Year Planning Committee. Members of the committee are: Marvene O'Rourke, Chair, Lyndsay Famariss, ex-officio, Dianne Durawa, Carolyn O'Daly, Nancy Ignacio, Janice Belisle, Sarah Henderson, Barbara Phillips, Shirley Dewing, and Ann Tyra.

In 2025, the committee provided support and data to the feasibility study consultants, Bargmann, Hendrie, +Archetype (B, H,+A). As the feasibility study moved forward, the committee organized its members and Edgartown's senior community to actively participate in all public meetings and provide input toward completion of the consultant's report.

The staff is very grateful for the time, expertise, and invaluable support that COA Board and Five-Year Planning Committee members dedicate to the COA.

VOLUNTEERS

The Edgartown Council on Aging simply could not serve Edgartown's older residents at the level we do without the support of our many volunteers. They enhance the work we do by donating their time in myriad of ways including: board members, fish distribution assistants, friendly visitors, men's group leader, kitchen helpers, cooks, bakers, dining room set-up assistants, reception and telephone assistants, leaders of bridge, mahjong and knitting groups, volunteer organizers for special projects, drivers, meal food pantry delivery drivers, craft class leaders, SHINE counselors, and tax preparers.

We are proud of our volunteers who share their extensive knowledge and expertise in a wide range of disciplines, and non-profit community partners who come to speak at the Anchors and highlight the myriad of services and programs available in our community.

In 2025, the Anchors community benefited from the generosity of 70 dedicated and caring volunteers. The economic value of their 2157 volunteer hours in 2025 was \$37,283. We are ever grateful for the altruistic ECOA volunteers who continue to share their time, knowledge, and care with our community. We'd like to acknowledge our dedicated weekly food delivery

drivers **Jean Tatelbaum, Margaret Steele, and Carol Smith** as well as our tireless weekly kitchen and lunch volunteers **Joanne Carroll and Steve Jacobs**.

FRIENDS OF THE ECOA

Friends of the Edgartown Council on Aging continue to assist the Council on Aging in serving and supporting Edgartown's seniors. This all happens thanks to the ongoing generosity of our donors. Thank you ALL.

The Friends provide support in a multitude of ways, from free exercise classes, free lunches, crafts, and programs at the Anchors to assistance with food, fuel, medical, and household bills. We work in tandem with the police and fire departments to provide and install night lights and smoke alarms. The freezers at the Anchors are filled with soups and meals for take-out at very little cost, thanks to our wonderful chef, **Chris McMahon**. Edgartown residents are invited to join our Friends group. We meet once a month on the fourth Friday at the Anchors at 9:30 am.

OUTREACH:

A vital component in the Council on Aging's mission is its community outreach. Serving as the Outreach Worker, **Victoria Haeselbarth** helps to meet the needs of a growing number of older adult residents. She is well-versed on the many important services available to our older adults and helps to facilitate access to them. Victoria leads her COA colleagues to collaborate with agencies, both on and off the Island, to ensure that those with complex issues receive the assistance and answers they need, providing case management and acting as an advocate and intermediary.

Outreach services include creating a bridge between legal professionals, physicians, law enforcement, and other agencies that play a significant role in a client's well-being. This work encompasses referrals to Meals on Wheels, in-home care, and homemaking; distributing soups and surplus food; helping with transportation needs; assisting with fuel assistance and housing applications; collaborating with Edgartown's EMTs for smoke detector and battery replacements in residents' homes, and making and monitoring referrals to Healthy Aging MV's Home Safety Modification Program and other vital services. Providing reassurance during difficult times, Victoria and COA staff will meet with community residents in their homes, the hospital, her office, or other settings

to better ensure that our older adults have adequate supports to age in place. As the number of older adults in our community grows, there is a proportionate increase in demand for the services of the Outreach Department.

With valuable support from part-time outreach worker **Bill Glazier** (a temporary position funded by the MA Formula Grant) and **Santanna Sterling**, an intern from Simmons University, our staff provided **9780** units of service (referrals, food deliveries, etc.), an increase of **14.5%** from 2024.

NOTABLE PROGRAMS AND OTHER EVENTS IN 2025

Professional Services: The COA is dedicated to identifying and engaging with qualified professionals in the Aging Services field in order to provide quality information and referrals to older adults. We are grateful to these professionals, whether retired volunteers or those still working in their respective fields, for bringing important knowledge and resources to the older adult community. In 2025 **357** individuals benefited from access to important free aging services such as legal advice and estate planning tools presented by **RJ Connolly**, SHINE (Medicare and health insurance) counseling with **Bill Glazier**, tax preparation led by **Dorothy and John Dropick** and their many volunteers through AARP, expert talks on long term care options in and out of the home with **Jim Monti** of Oasis Senior Advisors, as well as several presentations from the professionals at **Navigator Homes**. **Shawn Woodbrey** of At Home Hearing visits once monthly and offers free hearing tests and hearing aid consultations.

Off-Island trips: The Edgartown COA continues to offer trips throughout the year. In 2025, 87 people were able to attend off-island trips to The MFA Boston, The Titanic Exhibit, Nantucket, and Shopping in Falmouth. Each of these trips were offered at very low prices thanks in large part to the Friends of ECOA, who have made a commitment to sponsoring more such programs as a result of consumer feedback and requests.

Arts Classes and Craft Groups were a favorite in 2025, with **53** individuals registering and participating in various Friends of ECOA-sponsored art classes including fish prints, ornament making, sea glass art, talavera painting, decoupage, and knitting.

Education, Tech, Cultural Programs are among the most well-attended, with at least **135** individuals

participating throughout the year, altogether **366** times. The popular Lunch and Learn series educates the public on services available to older adults, often at low or no cost. Popular educational programs in 2025 include Drop-In Tech Help with **Rizwan Malik**, A Tour of the Carnegie Museum, Ageism Project with **Cindy Trish**, **Dr Charles Hodge** - The Brain, Guest Chef **Jesse Martin**, Lecturer **Nancy Lotz**, Road Scholar & Great Course Lectures, The British Invasion with **Marty Gitlin**, Opera Appreciation with **Susan Grunthal**, and A Virtual Tour of the Wonder Gardens with **Anita Hagspiel**. The **MV Times** donated **1200** complimentary copies, and the Vineyard Gazette donated **260** copies of their newspapers for us to offer via a contactless pickup bin outside the Anchors building.

Holiday Open House

The annual holiday open house occurs in tandem with the Christmas in Edgartown celebration. The 2025 Open House was a success, with chef **Chris McMahon** wowing over 80 attendees with his delicious clam chowder. Thanks to the Friends, and in particular, volunteers **Marvene O'Rourke**, **Madeline Fisher**, **Holly Coulter**, **Joanne Carroll**, **Janice Belisle**, **Sue Carroll**, **Steve Jacobs**, and the many bakers of sweet treats. Your efforts made the Open House a success!

Exercise and Meditation

190 individuals participated a total of 1,081 times in exercise classes including Tai Chi and Intro to Tai Chi with **Nan Doty**, Yoga with **Carol Vega**, Seated Yoga with **Jennifer Fingado**, Seated Yoga with **Craig Ranucci**, and Mindfulness Meditation with **Noel Coakley**, Walking Group, and Bowling at The Barn. Thanks to the Friends of ECOA for making our in-house exercise classes even more accessible by making them free to all.

Recreation and Social Activities

278 people participated in a number of social activities and events throughout the year, including Bridge, Beginner Bridge Lessons with **Gail Schargel**, Mah Jongg, Bingo, and a very popular newly formed Men's Group.

Music

170 people enjoyed various musical offerings throughout the year thanks to the Friends of the Edgartown Council on Aging including **Adele Dreyer**

on piano, **Jay Sigler**, **Jonathan Auerbeck**, The Minnesingers, and the Vineyard Sound.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT AND DONATIONS

The COA received in-kind donations from the following businesses, farms, and individuals: MV Fishing Derby, Island Grown Initiative, the Gleaners, Slough Cove Farm, Slip Away Farm, MacPhail's, Scoop Shack, Morning Glory Farm, Soigne, Donaroma's, and the many individuals, gardeners, and farmers who brought us fresh vegetables and flowers from their gardens and farms. Our Friends organization continues to support the majority of our programming here at the Anchors. As always, we are extremely grateful to our local businesses, friends, and neighbors for all of their support.

NUTRITION PROGRAM

- **167** received nutrition through the following programs: monthly Open Cupboard/surplus food, Greater Boston Food Bank, fish derby distribution, gleaned produce, and Island Grown Initiative soups and meals.
- **1,764** meals were served at the Anchors through our congregate lunches
- **3568** frozen soups, chowders, and meals went out to residents from the Anchors in 2025. This includes outreach meals, holiday meals from MVH, and Edgartown Police Department's Turkey program.
- **43** people attended our annual Veteran's Day luncheon, including MVCS Veteran advocates **Bob Tankard** and **Tom Bennett** of MVCS and Duke's County Veterans Service Officer **George Pimentel**. Thanks to all of the veterans who joined us and shared their stories of service. We appreciate you!

TOWN DEPARTMENTS WORKING TOGETHER

The COA's work is supported by our colleagues in other town departments, including the **Edgartown Library**, the **Edgartown Fire Department** and EMTs, the **Edgartown Police Department**, the **Edgartown Shellfish Department**, and the **Edgartown Board of Health**. All of these departments partner with the COA to better meet the needs of our more vulnerable community members. The COA contributes to the distribution of the **Edgartown Fireman's Association's** holiday gift program. **Sergeant Will Bishop** continued his popular 'Coffee with a Cop' program once monthly. Will now rotates his appearances with other officers

from the EPD, including **Officer Dodi Klingensmith**.

Our Director serves on the Duke's County Emergency Management Team to help coordinate emergency responses to major storms and inclement weather events.

The COA works with the **Town Assessor** and **Human Resources** departments to offer the Senior Tax Work-Off program, a program that offers qualifying seniors the option to work for town departments and receive property tax credit.

We feel fortunate to have such dedicated and compassionate colleagues who care deeply for the town's older adult population.

PARTNERSHIPS

The COA is grateful for its many community partners and the significant impact they have on the COA's work. Katama-based **Slough Farm** has provided the ECOA with a significant amount of meat, eggs, and vegetables to support our vibrant food program. Their generous donations allow us to cut down the costs of our meals to participants, and serve fresh, high-quality, locally-sourced food to all.

We are also proud to partner with Island Grown Initiative, **Elder Services of the Cape & Islands**, **Island Health Care**, **Martha's Vineyard Community Foundation**, **Martha's Vineyard Commission**, **Martha's Vineyard Community Services**, **Martha's Vineyard Hospital**, **Vineyard Health Care Access**,

Dukes County Social Services, **MV Bass & Bluefish Derby**, and the **Martha's Vineyard Center for Living**.

Our staff members proudly serve as active members of their island-wide coalitions that **Healthy Aging MV** coordinates, including Transportation, Older Adult Digital Equity, Falls Prevention, Home Safety Modification, and Beach Within Reach. In 2025, a new transportation program called **Chappy Connect** launched as a result of a partnership with Healthy Aging MV, the Chappy Point to Point Race, and the Chappy Ferry. This program uses an electric vehicle to provide free transportation to Chappy residents 60+ years of age to medical and enrichment destinations.

In December 2025, the ECOA began offering a free shuttle service for Edgartown residents as part of a partnership with the **Vineyard Transit Authority** and Healthy Aging MV. The service is offered two days a week to Edgartown's older adults, and it provides accessible, free transportation to individuals for shopping, errands, and visits to the Anchors building.

Respectfully submitted,

NANCY IGNACIO

Chair, Board of Directors

LYNDSAY FAMARISS,

Director

ELDER SERVICES OF CAPE COD & THE ISLANDS, INC.

To the Honorable Select Board and Citizens of Edgartown:

Elder Services of Cape Cod & the Islands, Inc. is a private not-for-profit community-based organization serving the changing needs of the older adult population in the twenty-two towns of Barnstable, Dukes, and Nantucket counties. Since 1972, we have been dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for elders in the community and assisting 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 CY25 Elder Services' Nutrition program

(Meals-on-Wheels, Senior Dining) served 43,200 meals on Martha's Vineyard. 282 seniors received meals delivered to their homes by a corps of over 105 Meals-on-Wheels volunteers and 146 participated in Senior Dining. Under the oversight of our registered Dietitian, all meals are prepared through our contract with Martha's Vineyard Hospital and are delivered to homes and dining sites in all six towns by our volunteers. Our Senior Nutrition Program provided 40 farmer's market coupons worth \$25 each and distributed 40 bags of fresh produce, supplied by Morning Glory Farm, to Island residents.

In CY25, the Home Care Program served 343 elders on Martha's Vineyard. There were 24,704 service hours provided through personal care assistance, medication management, light cleaning, meal prep, shopping,

chore, and laundry services contracted for with our providers. In addition, 117 elders were enrolled with a Personal Emergency Response System (PERS). Home Care can also include services provided by Martha's Vineyard Center for Living, including their Supportive Day program, Respite Innovations, and Alzheimer's and Dementia coaching. Our Home Care Program provides eligible older adults 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 have ongoing contact to ensure continuous delivery of services.

A volunteer Nursing Home Ombudsman regularly visits residents of Windemere Nursing and Rehabilitation Center to provide advocacy and support. There is also a new program called Community Transitions Liaison Program. This is a free service available to anyone over 22 years of age in a nursing facility. Elder Services now has staff who visit Windemere on a weekly basis and can help with discharge plans and connect residents to community programs to help transition back to the community.

In 2025, we worked with Mass General Brigham to establish a Senior Care Options program for Martha's Vineyard. Senior Care Options is an insurance plan for those 65 or older who are dually eligible for Medicare and MassHealth Standard. With \$0 out-of-pocket costs, plan members receive a wide range of benefits and services, including dental care and transportation, coordinated by a primary care team. This plan will begin enrolling in January 2026.

In 2025, a volunteer with our Money Management Program provided bill paying services for 3 Vineyard residents. Lyndsay Farmariss, Director of the Edgartown Council on Aging, serves on our Board of Directors.

In addition to Elder Services' in-house programs that serve the older adult population, the AAA distributes Older America Act Title III funds to other community agencies/organizations to provide needed care and assistance. This year, \$6,500 was awarded to Healthy Aging Martha's Vineyard for the GoGo Grandparent concierge-based transportation system, which provides free, on-demand rides to 75-100 seniors weekly and \$5,000 to Martha's Vineyard Center for Community Living for its volunteer caregiver respite program serving older adults living with dementia and their caregivers.

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. For additional information visit our website at www.escci.org or contact our Martha's Vineyard Office at 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 older adults 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 Senior Center and Howes House where lunch is served on Thursdays. Meals on Wheels are delivered by volunteers in every town to any elder who is homebound or otherwise unable to provide a daily meal for themselves. Delivery is Monday through Friday, 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.

Community Transition Liaison Program: The Community Transition Liaison Program (CTLP) supports any adult resident of a nursing facility who is interested in receiving assistance in transitioning to living in the community. This service is available to all regardless of diagnosis or type of insurance. We understand that the desire to transition from a nursing facility to a community living environment is a significant decision, and we are here to help you every step of the way.

Hospital to Home Partnership Program: Elder Services' staff are onsite at Cape Cod Hospital to work with the discharge planning team and social workers to help ensure a smooth discharge for patients who may need supportive services once they are back home.

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 to determine medical eligibility for Medicaid funding of nursing home care.

MV CENTER FOR LIVING

To the Honorable Select Board and Citizens of Edgartown:

Mission

Martha's Vineyard Center for Living strives to improve the quality of life for those impacted by memory loss, age-related disability, and impairment. Our vision is to create a dementia friendly environment, promote dignity, reduce stigma, support independence, and foster community engagement. We serve Islanders living with age-related disabilities, memory loss, and their caregivers. In 2025, we reached over 350 Islanders and their families.

MVCL is generously supported by all six island towns and overseen by a Board of Directors representing each town and the County. Board members in 2025 included: Sandra Joyce (President), Martha Solinger (Treasurer), Beverly Wright (Clerk), Gail Barmakian, Martina Thornton, Chris Murphy, Larry Gomez, and David Fielder.

PROGRAMS & SERVICES

Supportive Day Program (SDP)

Monday–Friday, 9 a.m.–3 p.m.

The Supportive Day Program provides structured, community-based support for older adults experiencing memory challenges or disabilities that limit independent participation in community activities. The program reduces isolation and loneliness for clients and provides essential respite for caregivers. In

2025, MVCL's Supportive Day Program served more than 42 families and delivered over 30,000 hours of socialization, enrichment, and care—along with an equivalent number of respite hours for caregivers.

The private-pay daily rate increased to \$85 for a six-hour day, with a \$10 transportation fee. Elder Services of Cape Cod & the Islands (the regional home care agency for low to moderate income clients) maintains the same reimbursement rate. Scholarships are available for those without other funding resources.

Programming is person-centered and supported by individualized care plans. Activities include exercise, yoga, music, arts and crafts, discussion groups, games, guest programs, and community outings. Nutritious continental breakfast and lunch meals are prepared onsite.

Respite Innovations: Home Companion Service

Respite Innovations provides home-based support delivered by trained respite staff, funded through grants, fee-for-service, and donations. This service supports caregivers—particularly those providing 24/7 care—by offering two-hour in-home sessions focused on companionship and person-centered activities. After two years of operation, the program has assisted over 35 families, serving 16 clients monthly and delivering approximately 1,664 hours of respite annually.

SDP Transportation

MVCL provides transportation to and from the Supportive Day Program using a VTA Lift van and

MVCL driver, with additional service from the VTA. In 2025, MVCL and the VTA provided 3,589 van rides for Supportive Day Program clients.

Shopping Shuttle

The Shopping Shuttle supports older adults who no longer drive, offering weekly transportation to Tisbury (Wednesdays), Edgartown (Thursdays), and Oak Bluffs—including the Island Food Pantry (Fridays).

The program is supported through grants from Elder Services of Cape Cod & the Islands and MassDOT, along with collaboration from Healthy Aging MV. In 2025, the Shuttle provided approximately 1,099 rides for 29 registered community members.

Music & Memory Café & Free Music Fridays

Offered monthly and weekly, these social programs—funded by the Mass Cultural Council through the MV Cultural Council—provide community engagement, live music, and intergenerational connection for individuals experiencing disability or memory loss, their caregivers, and the broader community.

Dementia Family Support Services

Funded entirely by grants and donations, these services connect families with regional agencies for assistance navigating dementia-related challenges, care planning, and community resources. Our information, education, and referral services are free to all Islanders.

Dementia Caregiver Support Group

This weekly Zoom-based support group serves both local and long-distance caregivers. In 2024, 32 caregivers participated, representing communities across the country with ties to Martha's Vineyard.

Early Memory Loss Support Group

This weekly in-person group meets at the Tisbury Council on Aging supporting individuals in the initial stages of memory loss due to dementia, stroke, seizure disorders, or other conditions that can impact daily life. Participants share experiences and strategies to face challenges and live their best lives.

Dementia Coaching (Habilitation Therapy)

Dementia Coaches collaborate with caregivers to foster a supportive home environment and provide guidance on communication, behavior management, therapeutic activities, and future care planning.

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

55PLUS MV Times

MVCL prepares and submits monthly content to the MV Times for the 55PLUS section, offering information and resources for Islanders aged 55 and older and their families.

MV Regional High School Luncheon Program

In partnership with the Culinary Arts Department, MVCL offers a monthly three-course luncheon prepared and served by students under the direction of Chefs Jack O'Malley and Kevin Crowell. Attendance ranges from 25–35 seniors, with proceeds supporting the Culinary Program.

Older Americans Act / Senior Nutrition Program

Island towns collectively contributed \$36,750 in FY2024 to Elder Services of Cape Cod & the Islands to support Meals on Wheels and local Senior Dining Centers.

WITH GRATITUDE

MVCL is committed to supporting Islanders living with memory loss and age-related disabilities—and their caregivers—through comprehensive community-based programs. Our work is made possible through the continued support of all towns Boards of Selectmen, Finance Committees, Councils on Aging, other municipal agencies, nonprofit partners, and the wider community. This generous support has a positive impact on the lives of so many Islanders and is deeply appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

MARY M. HOLMES, M.Ed., MSc., CMC
Executive Director

PLANNING

PLANNING BOARD



To the Honorable Selectboard and the Citizens of Edgartown,

There were multiple changes in the makeup of the Planning Board in 2025. In April, Taylor Pierce was elected to fill the seat previously held by Michael Shalett. The other four members of the Planning Board, Julia Livingston, Robbie Robinson, David Ignacio and Taylor Pierce, elected Mike McCourt to be the Chair of Planning Board. Subsequently, Elliott Bennett was appointed to be the associate member of the Board to act in case of absence, inability to act, or conflict of interest on the part of any member of the Planning Board.

In early November, Mike McCourt, the longest serving member of the Planning Board, had to take a leave of absence. Since then, Julia Livingston, who is the next longest serving member, has been the Acting Chair. We miss Mike and look forward to his return to the Planning Board.

In June, Brae Eddleston was hired as the Administrator and has been a great addition. We

appreciate her hard work.

The Planning Board has undertaken several projects this year. It has participated in the formulation of a draft Housing Production Plan and has adopted the resulting document. The Planning Board has also formed a new five member Zoning Bylaw Review Committee to propose amendments to the Town's Zoning Bylaw and to begin work on a comprehensive rewrite which will improve internal consistency, make the text more user-friendly, and provide updates to reflect recent Massachusetts legislation. The Planning Board has also finalized the new Edgartown Master Plan and appointed a nine member Master Plan Implementation Committee to prioritize and advance ideas suggested in the Master Plan.

Copies of the new Master Plan are available at the Planning Board office on the second floor of the Town Hall and on the Town website.

The Planning Board meets twice a month, on the first and third Tuesdays of each month, beginning at 4:30 p.m. These are generally hybrid meetings on

Zoom and in person at the Town Hall. The meeting agendas and materials are posted and easily accessible on the Town website.

Meetings and Applications:

During the 2025 calendar year, the Planning Board opened 37 meetings, and opened or continued 47 public hearing sessions.

The following is a list of applications considered by the Planning Board (with map and lot references in each case).

| ASSESSORS PARCEL(S) | ADDRESS/DETAILS |
|--|------------------------|
| <i>Administrative Determination</i> | |
| 21-10 | 238 Edgartown VH Rd |
| 29A-33 | 134 Katama Road |
| 25-16.4 | 20 Jennie Lane |
| <i>Administrative Review (Wireless)</i> | |
| Pole #47/21 | 85 Edgartown Bay Rd |
| Pole #7/5A | 18 Katama Drive |
| Pole #2/2-A | 21 Mayhew Lane |
| Pole #57/56 | 459 Katama Road |
| <i>Curb Cut & Driveway</i> | |
| 20D-336 | 75 South Water St |
| 29-125.21 | 189 Katama Road |
| 20A-129.1 | 37 Pine Street |
| 20D-43 | 34 School Street |
| 36-205 | 52 Herring Creek Rd |
| 36-149.2 | 117 Herring Creek Rd |
| 44-12.11 | 43 Slough Cove Rd |
| 34-238 | 294 Chappaquiddick Rd |
| <i>De Minimis Determination</i> | |
| 12B-138.15 | 480 Edgartown Rd |
| 27-3.5 | 8 Old Wintucket Way |
| 29-75 | 18 Menamsha Ave |
| 35-33.3 | 22 Lelands Path |
| <i>Form A (ANR)</i> | |
| 37-10 | Browns Road |
| 52-5.2 | 5 Atlantic Drive |
| 25-7 | 35 Watcha Path |
| 20A-128 | 47 Pine Street |
| 36-139 | 5 Lexington Ave |
| 31-30 | 3 Jeffers Lane |
| 28-240 | Meshacket Road |

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|--|-----------------------------------|
| 43-2 | 3 Jacobs Neck Rd |
| <i>Form C (Definitive Subdivision)</i> | |
| 21-76, 21-124.211 | 15, 33 Jernegan Pond |
| 37-47, 37-47.1, 37-47.2, 37-47.3, 37-47.4 | 30, 40, 50 Division Road |
| 20C-108.1, 20C-218 | 55 Chase Rd, 107 West Tisbury Rd |
| 29-61.1 | 182 Katama Road |
| 20C-108.1 | 55 Chase Rd |
| 37-47, 37-47.1, 37-47.2, 37-47.3, 37-47.4 | 30, 40, 50 Division Road |
| <i>Form F Covenant</i> | |
| 21-76, 21-124.211 | 15, 33 Jernegan Pond |
| 20C-108.1 | 55 Chase Rd |
| <i>Site Plan Review (Katama Airfield)</i> | |
| 45-429 | 13 Katama Farm South Rd |
| 52-9 | 76 Mattakesett Way |
| 36-149.2 | 117 Herring Creek Rd |
| 46-16.39 | 5 Plains Head Lane |
| 44-16.17 | 87 Slough Cove Rd |
| 45-10 | 18 Crafts Field Way |
| <i>Site Plan Review (Solar Panels)</i> | |
| 45-159.43 | 315 Katama Road |
| 37-8 | 6 Browns Farm Lane |
| <i>Special Permit (BII District)</i> | |
| 20A-77 | 254 Upper Main St |
| 20A-92 | 277 Upper Main St |
| 20A-66 | 268 Upper Main St |
| <i>Special Permit (Cape Pogue DCPC)</i> | |
| 49-1, 32-2 | 23 Pocha Rd Ext, 10 Lighthouse Rd |
| 3-2.3 | 29 Road to the Gut |
| <i>Special Permit (Cluster Development)</i> | |
| 31-30 | 3 Jeffers Lane |
| 20A-82, 20A-83, 20A-84 | 242, 240, 238 Upper Main St |
| <i>Special Permit (Coastal District)</i> | |
| 46-35 | 13 Katama Point Rd |
| 29-134 | 44 Green Hollow Rd |
| 38-8.4 | 65 Kanomika Rd |
| 12A-59.1 | 55 The Boulevard |
| 13-16.3 | 144 Plantingfield Way |
| 13-22 | 9 Lenssen Way |

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| 33-5 | 41 Dike Bridge Rd |
| <i>Special Permit (Coastal District Pool)</i> | |
| 29-75 | 18 Menamsha Ave |
| 20B-98.2 | 40 Gaines Way |
| 12A-59.1 | 55 The Boulevard |
| 12-32 | 8 Trapps Pond Rd |
| 51-41 | 93 Edgartown Bay Rd |
| <i>Special Permit (Katama Airfield)</i> | |
| 45-25 | 12 Mattakesett Way |
| <i>Special Permit (General)</i> | |
| 13-1, 13-2, 13-3 | 139, 145, 153 Cow Bay Rd |
| 21-86 | 149 West Tisbury Rd |
| 20A-57.1 | 225 Upper Main St |
| 52-261 | 31 Dunes Rd |
| 11B-58.1 | 3 Weeks Lane |
| 45-10 | 18 Crafts Field Way |
| <i>Special Permit (Modification)</i> | |
| 31-30 | 3 Jeffers Lane |
| 30-53.211 | 44 Caleb Pond Rd |
| 21-10 | 238 Edgartown VH Rd |
| 46-35 | 13 Katama Point Rd |
| 52-261 | 31 Dunes Rd |

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| <i>Special Permit (Pier)</i> | |
| 20D-329 | 45 South Water St |
| 29-127 | 27 Tower Hill Rd |
| 40-1.13 | 99 Oyster Pond Rd |
| 40-1.33 | 81 Oyster Pond Rd |
| 30-8 | 12 Manaca Hill Rd |
| 19B-5.3, 19B-5.2 | 115, 117 North Water St |
| <i>Special Permit (Solar)</i> | |
| 12B-138.15 | 480 Edgartown VH Rd |

Respectfully submitted,

MICHAEL MCCOURT, Chair
JULIA LIVINGSTON, Acting Chair
DAVID IGNACIO
TAYLOR PIERCE
ROBBIE ROBINSON
ELLIOTT BENNETT, Associate

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

To the Honorable Selectboard and Citizens of Edgartown,

The following is a list of cases heard by the Edgartown Zoning Board of Appeals during the calendar year 2025:

[The numbers that appear in brackets after the applicant's address represent the town's assessor's map and lot numbers]

26-23 HONEYCUTT, WILLIAM & SUSAN – 18 WOODHAVEN DRIVE [10-1.137] A request to amend a special permit to allow the construction of a 12 x 24 pool house/storage shed was approved.

1-25 JOHNSON, RUDOLF L. 7 MAUREEN – 134 KATAMA ROAD [29A-33] A special permit under section 10.1 G to allow (1) the construction of additions to an existing residence, (2) the construction of an attached two-car garage, (3) the installation of a 14 x 32 swimming pool, and (4) the construction of a pool house was denied.

2-25 STEVENSON, DIANE – 15 KNOLL DRIVE [36-47] A request to designate an existing 1187 s.f. cottage as the guest house and build a new primary residence under section 2.1. B 9 was withdrawn.

3-25 SUROVCIK, KEVIN & JANET – 19 DUNCAN CLOSE [23-137.21] A special permit under section 10.1 G to add a second-story primary suite over an existing attached garage and to construct a small, one-story living room addition over a portion of an existing deck was granted.

4-25 DUQUETTE, CHARLES & HALEY – 9 MOCKINGBIRD DRIVE [7-18] A special permit under 10.1 G to construct a two-car garage with a primary suite above that will be attached to the existing residence by a two-story connector was approved.

5-25 SHEA, GLEN – 69 WHALERS WALK [21-116] A request to construct a two-bay, two-story garage with guest house above and to construct a one-bay, two-story garage with detached bedroom above was withdrawn.

6-25 BACON, KENNETH J. – 27 BOLD MEADOW ROAD [22-53.114] A request for a variance to section 2.1 D of the bylaw was granted, allowing a pool house – which was inadvertently constructed 3-feet into the required 25-foot setback – to remain.

7-25 FAIRMOUNT BLAINE LLC – 28 WOODHAVEN

DRIVE [10-1.133] A special permit under section 10.1 G of the bylaw to allow the installation of a pool and the construction of additions to an existing garage was granted.

8-25 McCARTHY Tristan B. & Matthew – 15 SIXTEENTH STREET SOUTH [11B-83] A special permit to allow the construction of a second floor primary suite over a one-story section of an existing two-story residence was granted under 10.1 G.

9-25 HERLITZ-FERGUSON, Susanna – 15 CHURCH STREET [20D-120] A request for a special permit under section 10.2 E of the zoning bylaw to allow the sale of sorbet from a food cart in the rear of the premises was denied for safety reasons. This case was remanded back to the board [Land Court 25MISC 000262] and unanimously denied for safety reasons.

10-25 PARHAM, RICHELLE P. – 8 MESHACKET WOOD ROAD [28-214] A request for a special permit to construct a second floor deck over a carport under section 10.1 C 2 was denied.

11-25 GREEN, JOHN K. – 13 KATAMA FARM SOUTH ROAD [45-429] A request for a special permit under section 10.1 C 2 to construct two second-floor decks was approved.

12-25 WAYNE, RICHARD D. – 10 PARK AVENUE [34-150] A request for a special permit under section 10.1 G of the bylaw to construct additions to an existing nonconforming structure and finish a basement – all on a preexisting, nonconforming lot was postponed for additional information from the applicant.

13-25 HAJJAR, CHARLES C. Tr. of BD MV Realty on behalf of the Rockland Trust Company – 19 MAIN STREET [20D-317] A request to modify special permit #2-2023 to allow Rockland Trust to lease three one-bedroom apartments for employee housing was granted.

14-25 CECERE, LAURA D., TR. et al. – 26 MORSE STREET [20D-247] A request for a special permit under section 10.1 G to allow the demolition of a one-story addition and deck and permit the construction of a two-story addition on a preexisting, nonconforming structure on a preexisting, nonconforming lot was granted with conditions.

15-25 HALSEY, KATIE D. & DAVIDA. – 61 CURTIS LANE [20A-28] A request to allow the expansion of an existing 744 s.f. guest house to 1160 s.f. for housing

essential workers was granted under section 2.1 B 9 of the zoning bylaw.

16-25 QUINTUS, JOHAN, TR. – 84 SOUTH WATER STREET [29B-13] A request for a special permit under section 10.1 G of the bylaw to construct an addition to an existing nonconforming structure and to construct a conforming one-story detached bedroom was postponed at the applicant's request.

17-25 SHEEHAN, WILLIAM B. & MELISSA M. B. EGBERT – 67 SIMPSONS LANE [20D-103] A request to construct a 470 s.f. two-story addition to an existing residence on a nonconforming 2373 s.f. lot was granted.

18-25 BLACKWELL SHEA WINSOR REALTY TRUST, Glenn Shea, Tr. – 69 WHALERS WALK [21-116]. A request to allow the construction of a two-bay garage with a detached bedroom above was approved with a condition.

19-25 34 SS EDGARTOWN LLC (Mitchell) - 34 SCHOOL STREET [20D-43] A request for a special permit under section 10.1 G to allow the construction of a two 1-story additions and a 1-story attached garage to a single-family home on a preexisting, nonconforming lot was granted.

20-25 SPELLMAN, Karen – 9 WINDSOR DRIVE [7-99.3] A request to allow the construction of a primary dwelling and designate the existing 880 s.f. structure as an accessory dwelling unit was granted with the condition that no exterior construction take place during the summer months.

21-25 QUINTUS Johan - 84 SOUTH WATER STREET [29B-13] A request for a special permit under section 10.1 G to allow (1) the renovation of and (2) the addition to a preexisting, nonconforming structure on a preexisting, nonconforming lot was granted.

22-25 SCALLET Edward A. & Roberta W. – 71 WINDSOR DRIVE [10-99.36] A request to allow the demolition of a preexisting, nonconforming shed and the construction of an 18 x 28 nonconforming garage with an accessory dwelling unit (ADU) on a nonconforming .53 acre lot in the R-60 Residential District was denied.

23-25 FAUTEUX Rhonda L. – 14 SEVENTH STREET NORTH [11A-167.1] A request for a special permit under 10.1 G to allow the construction of a pool on a preexisting, nonconforming lot was approved.

24-25 HAESELBARTH Wesley R. – 7 Mercier Way [36-80] A request for a special permit under section 10.1 G to allow the reconstruction and minor additions to a

single-family dwelling on a preexisting, nonconforming lot was granted with conditions.

25-2025 KRAL Jaroslav – 6 Laura's Way [11-2.13] An appeal of the building inspector's decision not to allow a nonconforming one-acre lot to be buildable in the R-60 Residential District was overturned.

26-25 MAHONEY – 3 LONG HILL ROAD [20A-7.3] A request for a special permit under section 10.1 G to construct a guest house and a garage with a detached bedroom above – all on a preexisting, nonconforming lot was approved.

27-25 ROLFE Marc E. & Shauna – 95 WHALERS WALK [21-104] A request to relocate a bedroom from a nonconforming <900 s.f. guest house and construct a one-car garage with a detached bedroom above was granted under section 10.1 G of the bylaw.

28-25 HOSTIN Helen – 3 TWENTY-SECOND STREET NORTH [12B-118] A retroactive special permit for a swimming pool and equipment enclosure was granted under 10.1 G of the bylaw with conditions.

29-25 RICHARDSON Paul – 55 COOKE STREET [20D-37] A request for a special permit under 10.1 G to demolish an existing guest house and relocate a portion of the main house to the foundation of the former guest house and to construct a new main house was granted.

30-25 BONHAM Catherine – 18 TAR KILN PATH [11-1.15] A request for a special permit under 10.1 G to enclose an existing second floor balcony to be used as a study was granted.

31-25 EDGARTOWN GARDENS LLC [20A-65.2 & 65.3, 20C-67.1] A comprehensive permit under MGL Chapter 40B Sections 20-23 to construct a 55+ age-restricted development consisting of 60 home-ownership units, 12 of which will be affordable for households earning up to 50% of the AMI was postponed after three hearings and a denial by the Martha's Vineyard Commission.

32-25 HURLEY, JANET E. – 127 UPPER MAIN STREET [20C-4.14] A special permit for the construction of a two-story addition and the installation of a swimming pool on a preexisting nonconforming lot was approved.

33-25 ROSENBERG, SUSAN & ROBERT – 6 MATTAKESSETT BAY ROAD [51A-16] A request for a special permit to allow the construction of a three-story 850 s.f. addition on a preexisting nonconforming lot was granted.

34-25 BIANCHI, JOHN – 18 KATAMA DRIVE [45-40] A special permit to allow the construction of a two-story addition to a preexisting nonconforming residence on a preexisting nonconforming lot was granted.

34(A)-25 BIANCHI, JOHN – 18 KATAMA DRIVE [45-40] A special permit to allow the installation of a swimming pool and the construction of an equipment shed on a preexisting, nonconforming lot was granted.

35-25 BENDER, WENDY 114 SCHOOL STREET [29A-11] A special permit for the construction of a one-story primary bedroom addition on a preexisting nonconforming lot was approved.

36-25 GULLANS & PLUCK – 115 SOUTH WATER STREET [29B-13] A request for a special permit to allow the demolition of portions of an existing dwelling and the construction of a new, two-story addition as well as a swimming pool was approved.

37-25 APPLGATE, THOMAS – 57 SOUTH SUMMER STREET [20D-166] A special permit to allow the demolition of a two-story rear wing, the renovation of the remaining structure, and the demolition and rebuilding of an existing garage on a preexisting, nonconforming lot was granted.

38-25 IGGY’S BREAD – 11 SOUTH SUMMER STREET [20D-190] A special permit to allow the existing bakery to expand its offerings to include coffee and other nonalcoholic drinks was approved.

39-25 BROWN Rebecca & David - 5 KANE LANE, UNIT K-3 [51A-1] A special permit under section 10.1 G 6 to allow the relocation of a shed in the front setback was granted.

40-25 GRADY John & Alena – 84 TENTH STREET SOUTH [11B-165] A request for a special permit to allow the construction of a one-story 1400 s.f. addition and a 1008 s.f. second-story addition was granted.

41-25 WITTENBERG Lucinda & Charles – 15 ROBINS NEST [10-9] a request to install a swimming pool and a pool-equipment shed on a preexisting, nonconforming lot was granted with conditions.

Respectfully submitted,
LISA MORRISON
Assistant

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

To the Honorable Selectboard and Citizens of Edgartown,

The Community Preservation Act (CPA) was passed in Edgartown in 2005 Establishing a funding source to create, preserve and support Affordable Housing, Historic Preservation, Open Space and Recreation for the benefit of Edgartown.

In 2006, a 3% surcharge was added to taxes assessed on real property which is the maximum surcharge set within the CPA. This assessment started at \$486,253 in 2006 and has risen to \$1,092,367.52 in 2025 for FY26. This max surcharge enables the town to receive the maximum match from the State each year from a service charge assessed through the Registry of Deeds. There are occasionally other funding sources added to the State match by the legislation. The match started at 100% in 2007 and 2008. Since then, it has fluctuated erratically depending on the number of towns that have adopted the Act, the real estate market's effect on the registry fees and any surprise additional funding by the legislature. In November of 2025 the match received was 22.5% or \$242,676.

The CPC budget that is set at Town Meeting each year for the following Fiscal Year is based on the sum of Town surcharge and an estimate of what the State will match. In FY25 and for FY26 we estimated a match of 23% based on the downturn in Real Estate transactions. We were not far off. Any additional funds received are put into the CPC Unreserved Fund. This is part of where that reserve comes from. It is required that at least 10% of the overall available funds for each year be designated for each category. This can mean spending or just put into the designated reserve for future spending.

The Community Preservation Committee (CPC) has seven members and is made up of representatives from the town committees that hold an interest in the mission of the CPA. There is one representative each from: The Planning Board, Conservation Commission, Affordable Housing, Parks, Financial Advisory Committee, Historic District Commission and the Selectboard. Applications for consideration for Annual Town Meeting are due in the end of September. Public meetings for presentations are scheduled throughout

October and November. Projects are narrowed down and a public hearing is held in early December for all the projects being considered. The Committee then decides what will move forward to Town Meeting.

2025 represents our 20th year funding these important projects. Over this time a total of over \$21 million has gone back into preserving and improving our community.

- Over \$7.4 million has gone toward Affordable Housing for housing projects, repairing housing for those that may not be able to, and rental assistance.
- \$6.4 million in Open Space and Recreation for making our beaches and parks more accessible and usable. \$2.5 million of those funds have gone toward the new Robinson Road Recreation Area which we can't wait to see when it is complete.
- The CPC funds have also helped preserve our island history and structures. \$7.5 million has gone toward Preservation, restoration, and incorporating accessibility and usability to such sites as Town Hall, the Whaling Church, the Memorial Wharf, North Wharf, the Courthouse, The Carnegie Library and the Cooke House just to name a few.

The Fall 2025 application period was robust with over \$3 million in applications. The Committee held public meetings to hear presentations and held an advertised public hearing on December 4th. They are presenting eighteen articles for Annual Town Meeting in April of 2026 with a total of \$1.8 million. 42% of that is going toward affordable housing projects and 29% is going toward each recreation/open space and historic preservation.

The committee appreciates the support of the voters and taxpayers. The townspeople, Islanders and Visitors are able to enjoy these projects which preserve and enrich our island life and will hopefully help to retain it for years to come.

Respectfully submitted,
KRISTY ROSE
Administrator

MV COMMISSION

The Martha's Vineyard Commission did not submit an annual report by the deadline to be included. Please refer to their website for more information.

www.mvcommission.org

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

To the Honorable Selectboard and Citizens of Edgartown,

The Edgartown Historic District Commission (EHDC) continued its work throughout the year to preserve, protect, and enhance the architectural and cultural character of the Historic District. The Commission remained committed to ensuring that alterations, new construction, and site improvements within the district align with the Town's historic standards and contribute to the long-term stewardship of Edgartown's built environment.

Throughout the reporting period, the Commission reviewed a significant number of applications, including requests eligible for administrative desk approvals with site visits, as well as matters requiring full public hearings. Final totals for desk approvals: 45, applications: 176, public hearings: 34, denials: 2, legal decisions: 2, withdrawals: 5 and violations: 2.

The Commission also monitored ongoing projects to ensure that authorized work proceeded in accordance with approved plans and preserved the historic integrity of structures within the district.

The EHDC extends its appreciation to applicants, architects, builders, and property owners for their collaboration and respect for the preservation values that define Edgartown. The Commission remains dedicated to safeguarding the unique heritage of the Historic District and looks forward to continuing this important work in the coming year.

Past and Present Member Update

Julia Tarka - The Edgartown Historic District Commission extends its sincere thanks to Julia Tarka, for her exceptional leadership and dedicated service over the past ten years. As Chair, Julia led meetings with confidence, fairness, and a strong command of the commission's work. Now stepping down from the

chairmanship and continuing as an alternate—and as the EHDC's liaison to the Community Preservation Committee. Julia leaves a legacy of thoughtful guidance and steady commitment to preserving our historic district.

Chris Scott - The Edgartown Historic District Commission extends its gratitude to Chris Scott for his many years of dedicated service. Chris's thoughtful guidance and respect for Edgartown's heritage preserving the character of our historic district and respect for Edgartown's history, has left a lasting impact on our community.

Leslie Floyd - The Edgartown Historic District Commission is pleased to welcome Leslie Floyd as our newest member. Leslie is a real estate broker with strong building knowledge and a deep appreciation for our historic community, and brings valuable insight to the Commission. Her understanding of preservation and thoughtful development will be a great asset to protecting Edgartown's historic district.

Respectfully Submitted,
SHARON BRAINARD
Administrator

KEN MAGNUSON, Co-Chair
PETER ROSBECK, II, Co-Chair
SUSAN CATLING
CARI WILLIAMSON
JAMES CISEK
BYRON LYNN
EZRA SHERMAN
LESLIE FLOYD, Alternate
JULIA TARKA, Alternate &
CPC Representative

AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMITTEE

To the Honorable Selectboard and the Citizens of Edgartown:

The Edgartown Affordable Housing Committee (AHC) is dedicated to facilitating affordable and attainable homes for residents unable to establish homes in Edgartown due to escalating real estate prices. The program is designed to alleviate hardship and maintain a stable and diversified year-round housing.

In 2025, the Committee regretfully accepted the resignation of Chairman Mark Hess, whose service and dedication were greatly appreciated. The Committee welcomed new members, Jonathan Blum, Timothy Delaney and Anne Smith, bringing the Committee to full capacity.

The Affordable Housing Committee (AHC) achieved several significant milestones in planning and strategizing this year. The Committee began the planning stage of the 294 Chappaquiddick (Chappy) Lot project, which received grant approval from Massachusetts' Executive Office of Economic Development (EOED) and funds from Edgartown Community Preservation Committee (CPC). Additionally, the Committee negotiated a deal with Katama Meadows to earn 1% in perpetuity from all post sales of the market rate development. Finally, the Committee created two subgroups that will focus on Demolition Delay/Relocation and 40B initiatives

A notable success is the Meshacket Commons project, which will house four families as homeowners and 36 families as renters. This project is expected to

provide homes for 40 families by 2026. The Meshacket Commons homeownership application process was completed this year.

The Committee remains committed to strengthen the workforce and community by prioritizing the following key areas: family housing, municipal housing, Year-round housing and missing middle housing. The Affordable Housing Committee remains focused on addressing the housing crisis through partnerships, research, and innovative solutions. Its ultimate goal is to ensure that Edgartownians achieves sufficient affordable and attainable housing for all its residents.

As your appointed Committee, we extend a heartfelt gratitude to the townspeople of Edgartown for their consistent support of all our affordable housing efforts.

Respectfully Submitted,

MELISSA VINCENT, Chair
JUSTIN KUSH, Vice-Chair
JASON MAZAR-KELLY
CASEY O'CONNOR
JONATHAN BLUM
TIMOTHY DELANEY
ANNE SMITH

AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST

To the Honorable Selectboard and the Citizens of Edgartown,

The Edgartown Affordable Housing Trust was established as the financial arm of the Edgartown Affordable Housing Committee. The Trust operates under the guidance of an active and dedicated board, which carefully manages and appropriates funds to support the development of affordable and attainable housing within the Town of Edgartown. As new housing plans and programs are formulated, the board will continue to diligently oversee and monitor the funds utilized to achieve the town's affordable and attainable housing objectives. By collaborating with the Affordable Housing Committee, developers, community organizations, and local government, the Trust aims to address the critical need for affordable housing through a financial perspective, ensuring the creation and preservation of affordable housing units.

During the year, the Trust regretfully accepted the resignations of Vice-Chair Mark Hess. The board extends its deepest gratitude to Mr. Hess for his dedicated service and invaluable contributions to the Trust's mission. The Trust welcomed new members Jonathan Blum and Anne Smith.

The Trust achieved a significant milestone by accepting three gifted lots this year. The Trust continues to actively monitor and oversees the disbursement of the Meshacket Commons funds and

eagerly anticipates the Meshacket Project's open house, scheduled for 2026.

Looking forward, the Trust remains steadfast in its commitment to seeking new opportunities to expand affordable housing options. The Trust has filed the Home Rule Petition with the State and is currently awaiting State approval to raise the maximum allowable household area medium income (AMI) from 140% to 180%. This change will enable a broader range of households to qualify, including those within the missing middle. The Trust will continue to support the Town of Edgartown's affordable housing goals and address the pressing housing needs of the community.

As your appointed board of the Edgartown Affordable Housing Trust, we extend our heartfelt thanks to the townspeople of Edgartown for their unwavering support of the Town's affordable and attainable housing initiatives.

Respectfully Submitted,
JUSTIN KUSH, Chair
MELISSA VINCENT, Vice-Chair
ARTHUR SMADBECK
JONATHAN BLUM
ANNE SMITH

ENERGY COMMITTEE

To the Honorable Selectboard and the Citizens of Edgartown,

In 2025, the Edgartown Energy Committee continued its ongoing focus on heat pumps to replace oil- and propane-burning equipment for space heating in Town buildings as well as planning and proposing solar-powered microgrids on town campuses. A Green Communities grant for heat pumps funded new HVAC equipment in the Shellfish Building on the Highway Campus, the Harbormaster Building at North Wharf, and the Chappaquiddick Fire Station. A grant-funded engineering study for a microgrid on the Highway Department campus was received, and the Committee worked to ensure that the new Firehouse building will provide for a future microgrid.

At the Edgartown School, applications for funding heat pumps and for a solar microgrid were submitted, but neither was successful. Three other projects at the School included a pending Comprehensive Building Assessment for future decarbonization actions, a request for purchase of dataloggers to track detailed energy usage by selected circuits and equipment, and improving the function of the School's Energy Management System.

In other areas, action focused on developing and adopting a new Town bylaw requiring a changeover from gasoline-powered leaf blowers to battery-powered leaf blowers in order to reduce noise as well as end their release of toxic exhaust gases and greenhouse gases. The Committee also surveyed locations for electric vehicle chargers, settling on the parking lot planned for the new Robinson Road Recreation Area behind Edgartown School.

In personnel actions, Mark Sawers and Kevin Loughlin were welcomed and appointed by the Select Board as new members of the Energy Committee in February, while the appointment of Bonni Widdoes expired. With the earlier resignation of former Chair Richard Price and the election of Mark Sawers as Chair in June, the Committee consisted of members Ellen Price, Kevin Loughlin, and Mark Sawers with Associate Members Jack Connell, Erich Mettler, and Alan Strahler. The Committee is also grateful for the continued participation of the Town's Facilities Manager, Hollis McLaughlin, as an advisor and liaison between the Committee and Town administration.

Lizzy Kaplan and Cali Godfrey joined the Committee briefly as Associate Members from April to September, assisting in outreach activities. In December, Maristella Trindade also offered help with outreach in 2026.

Heat Pumps and Microgrids for Town Buildings

During 2025 the Committee continued to work toward electrifying the heating of Town buildings to save energy and cost, as well as providing solar and battery microgrids to generate renewable energy and provide additional income to the Town. A microgrid is an energy control system that handles the generation of energy from solar panels, the storage of energy by batteries, the demand for energy by buildings, and the use of line electrical power available to the system. The microgrid provides the buildings with energy at the lowest available cost from hour to hour and sells renewable energy into the electrical grid for purchase by external users. When line power goes out, the microgrid system provides resilience by using its solar and battery resources to power the affected buildings.

Harbormaster, Shellfish, and Chappaquiddick Fire Station Buildings

In March, the Town received word that its application to the Green Communities Competitive Grant program was approved for funding in the amount of \$217,640 to replace propane- and oil-burning heating with heat pumps in three Town buildings: the Highway Department, Chappaquiddick fire station, and Harbormaster building at North Wharf. The Energy Committee assisted in preparing the application, which was submitted by Facilities Manager Hollis McLaughlin through Cape Light Compact. Work was completed in July and August. Savings for the three projects are estimated at \$9,923 and 405 MMBTU per year.

Microgrid Planning for the New Firehouse

In 2024 and early 2025, the Energy Committee worked with the Firehouse Building Committee to ensure that the new firehouse will include necessary conduits and connection pathways for an eventual solar microgrid system on the Peases Point Way South campus. The Energy Committee looks forward to assisting the Town in applications for future grant opportunities for microgrid development on the site.

EECBG Engineering Study Grant

In 2024, the Energy Committee developed an application on behalf of the Town to the DOER Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) program to fund an engineering-level study and report for a microgrid on the Highway Department Campus. In October of that year, the Town learned that the study was funded in the amount of \$30,500 from the program with an additional \$20,000 from Cape Light Compact incentives.

Work on the study, performed by RISE engineering, began in January of 2025. However, RISE was unable to deliver the contracted study according to its initial schedule. Although the Energy Committee requested some changes to focus on a larger project that would produce income from unused energy sales, the changes could not be executed prior to the closing of the Town's FY2025 budget. In spite of this failing, the study will be useful for future microgrid grant applications and possible further action by the Town.

Town Application for Town Hall Heat Pumps

Meeting a fall 2025 deadline, Facilities Manager Hollis McLaughlin prepared another Green Communities Competitive Grant application for heat pump heating and air conditioning of the first floor of Town Hall. The grant, if funded, will cover the expense of \$265,000. The new equipment is expected to add about \$4,400 in yearly electricity cost, while saving about \$3,800 in fuel oil for a net \$600 cost per year.

Town Hall HVAC Equipment and Energy Management System

In response to low efficiencies and poor performance in Town Hall's heating and cooling systems, Facilities Manager Hollis McLaughlin worked together with Associate Member Jack Connell to troubleshoot the building's Trane Energy Management System and diagnose HVAC equipment issues. In response, immediate but limited repairs and system adjustments were made. For more needed work, the Facilities Department has requested additional funds in the FY2027 Budget.

Projects for Edgartown School

Clean Energy Center Green School Works Grant Program

This program provides funding for projects that improve energy efficiency, reduce carbon emissions, or mitigate impacts of climate change in public K-12 schools serving low-income populations. Funds of \$52,500,000 were available, with individual awards up to \$5,000,000. The Energy Committee and Facilities

Manager Hollis McLaughlin worked with RISE Engineering and Cape Light Compact to formulate the two project applications described below. Both applications were approved by School Principal John Stevens and the Select Board. The applications were submitted in late April, and ultimately denied in June.

A heat pump project proposed grant funds of \$3,625,000 to convert half of the existing oil-fired boilers at the Edgartown School to central heat pumps serving unit ventilators throughout the building. The project would save at least 12,000 to 14,000 gallons of fuel oil per year. After accounting for the cost of the electricity to run the heat pumps, savings were estimated at about \$72,000 per year. Associate Member Jack Connell led the effort for this application.

A microgrid project powered by rooftop solar with battery energy storage requested grant funds of \$3,469,976. It would replace the school's aging roof and plan future carport solar canopies to support heating electrification. The microgrid would provide up to eight hours of power to the School when line power is out. Solar electricity was projected to save \$68,000/yr and \$3,300,000 over the system's expected useful life of 30 years. Meanwhile, extra renewable energy sold into the power grid was projected to produce revenues of \$122,000/yr and \$5,800,000 over 30 years. Associate Member Erich Mettler led this effort.

Comprehensive Building Assessment

To plan for future needs, the Energy Committee joined the Town Facilities Manager Hollis McLaughlin in facilitating a Comprehensive Building Assessment of the School supported by Cape Light Compact. This formulaic assessment, prescribed by the Department of Energy Resources, will provide a status report on the energy systems and energy usage of the school, as well as opportunities for cost and energy savings. The study will be required for future grant applications from DOER for building decarbonization funding programs, and is expected to begin in early 2026.

Dataloggers for School Energy Use Data

To provide a better understanding of the use of electrical energy by the School, the Energy Committee has requested Town funds of \$26,900 from free cash in the FY 2027 budget for a system of dataloggers. The system will monitor electric energy consumption by selected electrical circuits and electrical equipment in the School building on a second-by-second time scale. The data will provide a better understanding of energy efficiency, energy management, and energy

procurement for the School in order to lower energy costs and reduce the School's carbon footprint. Associate Members Jack Connell and Erich Mettler and Chair Mark Sawers developed the project and worked with the vendor.

Energy Management System

The School's Energy Management System, which controls central heating and reports on environmental conditions in classrooms and other spaces, has not been functioning correctly. Head Custodian Dwight Kaeka has partnered with Energy Committee Associate Member Jack Connell to examine the issues with the system and seek remedial improvements. Following their recommendation, the School has retained a consultant to troubleshoot the system, and corrections are in progress.

Electric Vehicle Chargers

Park and Ride Chargers

In 2022, the Town installed two ChargePoint dual Level-2 chargers at the Town's Park and Ride lot, providing the capacity for four electric vehicles to charge at once. Level-2 chargers charge vehicles at a rate of about 30 miles per charging hour.

In 2025, the chargers dispensed 39.9 MWh of electrical energy. At least 62.3 percent of that electrical energy was generated from renewable sources, resulting in a savings of about 19.3 metric tonnes of greenhouse gases that were not released by burning fossil fuels. The year saw a total of 2,012 charging sessions by 740 unique drivers. Not surprisingly, heaviest usage was in the months of June, July, and August, with 213, 279, and 379 charging sessions respectively.

Locating Additional Chargers

Noting a significant increase in the usage of the Level-2 chargers at the Park and Ride, in early 2025 the Committee began to examine possible locations for additional chargers. Working with a vendor, Fulcrum Energy Solutions, the Committee considered four sites: Church Street, Library, Katama Airfield, and Robinson Road Recreation Center.

After due consideration, the Committee elected to pursue the Recreation Center, which is in the process of expansion and upgrade. A new parking lot will be constructed, and adding new two dual chargers (four ports) will be simple and direct. Costs will be defrayed by a \$50,000 grant from DOER's Electric Vehicle Incentive Program, leaving about \$25,000 to be requested from Town FY2027 free cash. The

location provides easy access to recreation facilities, the Library, and Edgartown School, as well as a short walk to downtown Edgartown. Final plans are expected to be ready in early 2026, allowing determination of the cost of the chargers and site preparation.

Tracking Town Solar Energy

Throughout 2025, the Committee continued to track the energy provided by the Town's solar fields at Katama Farm and Nunnepog Well. During the year, the two solar fields generated 3,278 MWh of energy, which is enough energy to meet the needs of about 100 average Massachusetts homes for a year, including energy used in space and water heating with fossil fuels. Regarding only electricity usage, the solar field's renewable energy would meet the average electricity demand of about 250 homes. Associate Member Erich Mettler monitored the operations and maintenance of the solar fields, and alerted the vendor of those services when problems arose.

The renewable energy provided by the solar fields is sold to distributors through the Eversource grid. From startup in June, 2014, through fiscal year 2025, they generated 32,150 MWh of energy and earned \$2,953,153 in benefits to the Town. This renewable energy reduced greenhouse gas emissions by more than 138,000 metric tonnes, which is equivalent to not burning more than 15 million gallons of gasoline.

Meshacket Landfill Solar Development

As in prior years, the Committee provided support to the Town's plan to lease the Meshacket closed landfill to a solar developer. Ameresco was designated as the vendor in 2022. A lease was signed and then renegotiated in 2023 due to new energy incentives provided by federal and Commonwealth governments. The project is expected to pay the Town about \$14,500,000 in fees over the 24 years of the lease period. It is presently still under study by Eversource and awaiting the determination of interconnection costs to the Eversource electric grid.

A late obstacle arose in which the landfill was found to be restricted to park and recreation uses at the time of its closure. However, by vote at a Special Town Meeting in December, solar development was added as a recreational use, removing the concern.

Electric Leaf Blower Bylaw

In 2023 and 2024, the Energy Committee worked on electrification of landscaping equipment to save energy and reduce fossil fuel burning. This equipment

includes gasoline-powered leaf blowers, which use two-cycle engines that are quite energy inefficient and release high levels of pollutant gases. A major concern regarding the leaf blowers is the noise they create, which many town residents find disturbing. Committee members Ellen Price and Jack Connell, later joined by Mark Sawers, led an effort to develop a new Town bylaw that requires electrification of leaf blowers.

Collaboration with a larger group, including the Vineyard Conservation Society, the Edgartown Climate Committee, and other Climate and Energy Committees of Island towns, led to a sample leaf blower electrification bylaw that was used as a basis for bylaws in five of six Island towns. All five bylaws were subsequently approved at Spring 2025 town meetings. Edgartown's version was passed by voice vote.

After passage of the bylaw, the Committee worked to get the word out to landscapers through social media and with the help of the Board of Health. Compliance is required beginning with calendar year 2026 according to a three-year phase-in schedule.

Community Outreach

Outreach efforts continued in 2025. Updates to the Town's Energy Committee page provided the status of ongoing activities, as well as summaries of energy generated by the Town's solar fields and consumed by electric vehicles at the Park and Ride chargers. The Committee's Facebook page tracked developments with the assistance of volunteers Lizzy Kaplan and Cali Godfrey. Outreach to other committees included the MVC Climate Action Plan's Community Coordinating Committee, attended by Energy Committee Member Ellen Price, and meetings of the Town's Climate Committee, attended by Ellen and Associate Members Jack Connell and Alan Strahler.

Plans for 2026

In 2026, the Committee plans to continue the threads described above. If funding requests for

dataloggers at the School and electric vehicle chargers at the Robinson Road Recreation Center are approved, we will move ahead with those projects. Another initiative will be to follow up on the engineering study for a microgrid at the Highway Department campus to determine the best way forward. In addition, we will continue outreach on leaf blower electrification with a final residential flyer.

The Green School Works program will be open for applications in early 2026, and we will consider possible resubmissions of modified applications for heat pumps and a microgrid at the School. Applications to the Green Communities Competitive Grant Program will be open in fall, 2026, and we will work with the Town Facilities Department for more heat pump funding. We will also continue to monitor progress on the Meshacket Landfill project and track the generation and sale of energy by the Town's two solar fields. Additionally, outreach to town residents through enhanced social media and newspaper coverage is planned.

The Committee has recently begun work on a Roadmap plan for electrifying all Town buildings and vehicles led by Committee Member Mark Sawers, and we will work to move it ahead during 2026. In addition, we will soon begin a program of strategic engagement with the Town, led by Associate Member Erich Mettler, to develop and promote the Roadmap and support an increasing commitment to full electrification as required by the Commonwealth.

Respectfully submitted,
MARK SAWERS, Chair
KEVIN LOUGHLIN, Member
ELLEN PRICE, Member

Associate Members:
JACK CONNELL
ERICH METTLER
ALAN STRAHLER

CAPE LIGHT COMPACT

To the Honorable Selectboard and the Citizens of Edgartown,

Cape Light Compact JPE is an intergovernmental organization consisting of the 21 towns on Cape Cod and Martha's Vineyard and Duke's County. The Compact's mission is to serve our 205,000 customers through the delivery of proven energy efficiency programs, effective consumer advocacy, and renewable competitive electricity supply.

Effective July 1, 2017, the Cape Light Compact reorganized itself as a joint powers entity pursuant to Massachusetts General Law Chapter 40 Section 4A1/2, becoming the first joint powers entity in Massachusetts. Reorganizing as a joint powers entity protects member towns from potential liabilities and mandates greater financial accountability through expanded reporting requirements to the Massachusetts Department of Revenue and member Towns, and designation of Treasury functions to an independent entity.

POWER SUPPLY

During calendar year 2025 (CY25), the Compact's electricity supplier for all residential, commercial, and industrial customers was NextEra Energy Services of Massachusetts (NextEra). The Compact is pleased that our residential price in CY25 remained at least one cent below the utility's basic service residential price, delivering savings for our residential customers, while also being 100% renewable.

The Compact has been a green aggregation since January 2017, matching Compact electricity supply customers' annual electricity usage above the mandated state requirements with voluntary renewable energy certificates (RECs) to provide a 100% renewable product. By retiring RECs to match the Compact's customers' usage, Compact customers are financially supporting renewable energy resources, including resources located on Cape Cod. In addition, NextEra deposits all premiums paid for voluntary RECs, plus their supplier and retail fees (expected to total over \$3 million per year), into an irrevocable trust fund to be used solely for the development of new renewable energy resources. By purchasing electricity through the Compact, all Compact electricity supply customers are supporting renewable energy and acting locally to combat climate change.

As part of its electricity supply product, the Compact receives energy and RECs from a solar photovoltaic (PV) project, Farmington Solar, in Maine. The Compact entered into a long-term fixed price contract for energy and Class 1 RECs from just under 5 MW of this project as part of the Compact's commitment to renewable energy and price stability.

At a regional level, New England continues to face electricity pricing spikes during the winter months. Over the last fifteen years, New England has greatly increased its reliance on natural gas for electricity production; however, natural gas pipeline capacity has not substantially increased during that same period. This creates a shortage of natural gas for electricity production during winter cold snaps, and therefore increases prices for electric generators, which is passed on to all New England electricity supply customers. Until such time as this issue is resolved, either through additional natural gas, renewable, or electric transmission infrastructure, demand reduction, or other targeted programs, the possibility of future high winter pricing remains, and as such, consumers should still expect seasonal pricing fluctuations for the foreseeable future.

When compared to past years (pre-2022), electricity supply prices remain elevated across both winter and summer months and are unlikely to decline over the next few years. The Compact will continue to seek ways to help customers reduce their electricity costs through innovative energy efficiency programs to mitigate the impacts of higher winter electricity pricing.

As of December 2025, the Compact had approximately 4,618 electric accounts in the Town of Edgartown on its power supply.

CONSUMER ADVOCACY

Since 1997, Cape Light Compact has advocated for the ratepayers of Cape Cod and Martha's Vineyard at the local and state level. In CY25, the Compact focused on the following regulatory proceedings at the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities (DPU):

Grid modernization (DPU docket 21-80):

- The Compact's participation in this docket focused on ensuring that customers on the Cape and Vineyard are able to benefit from Eversource's

proposed grid modernization and advanced metering infrastructure (AMI) investments. The Compact's key concern is that municipal aggregations and their competitive suppliers be able to access the data available through smart meters in order to design and offer time varying electric rates (TVR) to their customers.

- In CY25, the Compact participated in DPU led technical sessions and submitted comments to the DPU as part of ongoing discussion around TVR and data access for municipal aggregators and their competitive suppliers.

Eversource Electric Sector Modernization Plan (DPU Docket 24-10)

- Eversource filed its Electric Sector Modernization Plan (ESMP) with the DPU in January 2024. The Compact participated in this docket advocating for a number of items including ensuring a timely process for the implementation of TVR, approving the Cape Cod CIP, and directing Eversource to report on the impacts of the ESMP on double poles.
- In CY25, the DPU issued an Order approving Eversource's ESMP. Many of the issues of interest to the Compact are being addressed through Phase II of the proceeding which began in January 2025 and is ongoing.

Energy Burden Investigation (DPU Docket 24-15)

- The Compact participated in the DPU's investigation into Energy Burden by bringing together a group of stakeholders to discuss the issue. The Compact submitted two rounds of comments focusing on energy affordability issues faced by Cape and Vineyard customers to the DPU based on its stakeholder session.
- The Compact is participating in working group meetings as part of this ongoing proceeding.

Pole Attachments and Conduit Access on Public Rights of Way (DPU Docket 25-10/DTC Docket 25-1)

- The Compact's participation in this docket has focused on double poles, a key concern for the towns within the Compact's service territory.

The Compact requested feedback in the form of a survey from the towns regarding their priorities in this docket and submitted comments and a presentation to the DPU based on this feedback.

- The proceeding is ongoing.

Residential Seasonal Heat-Pump Rate (DPU Docket 25-55)

- The Compact participated in this docket to ensure that customers who install heat pumps through the Compact's energy efficiency program are made aware of and are automatically enrolled in Eversource's seasonal heat pump rate.
- The seasonal heat pump rate is on the delivery side of the electric bill. It will take effect on November 1, 2025.

In the fall of 2022, the Compact redesigned its Cape & Vineyard Electrification Offering (CVEO) to align with legislation that passed as part of the Massachusetts Climate Act in the summer of 2022. The Compact filed its redesigned CVEO with the DPU in November 2022 and received approval in January 2023. The Compact began implementing the program in June of 2023 and completed installations in the spring of 2025. The redesigned CVEO served 55 non-gas heated low- and moderate-income participants, installing cold climate heat pumps and solar PV. 12 customers also received battery storage.

ENERGY EFFICIENCY

Funding for the energy efficiency programs (i.e. energy assessments for homes and businesses, rebates on the purchase of energy efficient appliances and energy education in our schools) comes from the monthly customer "energy conservation" charge on each customer's electric bill, which is multiplied by the number of kilowatt hours used during the month (\$0.03273 for residential customers and \$0.02416 for commercial and industrial customers).

Respectfully Submitted,
ALAN STRAHLER
Edgartown Representative

CLIMATE COMMITTEE

To the Honorable Selectboard and the Citizens of Edgartown,

We are pleased to present the 2025 annual report of the Edgartown Climate Committee, a committee which was created and appointed by the Selectboard in January 2022.

The mission of the Edgartown Climate Committee is:

- to collect and record information through the lens of climate change;
- to educate our community with information to support the process of adaptation;
- to remain committed to being organic and ongoing in the pursuit of knowledge and action;
- to fortify our objectives by conveying the power of will as we urgently and tenaciously strive to protect our community in facing and resolving the harmful effects of climate change.

2025 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1. Leaf Blower Regulations Approved

- Submitted jointly by the Climate Committee and the Energy Committee and approved at the April 2025 Town Meeting:
- Gas powered blowers, which are noisy and have alarmingly harmful emissions, will be phased out over 3 years with no gas blower use allowed after June 1, 2028. Electric powered blowers (battery powered or corded) which are quieter and have no harmful emissions, may continue to be used.
- Dates of Permitted and Restricted Use: No use on public holidays, and no use by professional landscapers or businesses on Sundays. Gas Blowers: Until 6/1/28, gas blowers may be used only during fall clean up (Oct 15-Jan 15) and spring clean up (March 15-May 31). Gas blowers cannot be used June 1-October 14 in 2026 and 2027. As of June 1, 2028 gas blower use will no longer be permitted. Electric blowers (battery powered or corded) may be used year round.
- Hours of Permitted Use: 8am-5pm 7 days a week, with no use by professional landscapers or businesses on Sundays and public holidays.
- Enforcement: These regulations are part of the

Edgartown Noise Bylaw and will be enforced by the Edgartown Police. Like construction noise, fines for non compliance are 1st offense: \$100.00, 2nd offense: \$200.00, 3rd offense and any offense thereafter: \$300.00.

- Education: Multiple public information sessions were held by the Climate and Energy Committees prior to the April Town meeting to alert and inform town residents/homeowners/landscapers/businesses of the proposed regulations. While drafting the regulations, the Climate and Energy Committees sought input from landscapers, residents, the acting Police Chief and other town officials, and worked with groups who were proposing regulations for the 5 other Island towns to make the regulations across the Island as consistent as possible.

2. Regulations for Clear Cutting of Lots Added to Existing Tree Protection Bylaw

- Clear Cutting regulations were approved at the April 2025 Town Meeting. They improve the existing tree protection bylaw by adding exceptions, making some existing exceptions easier to use, and extending the existing tree protection bylaw to regulate clear cutting.
- Soil disturbance and erosion will be reduced, expanding the protection of trees and their related ecosystems, the shade and privacy they provide, and the carbon they sequester.
- Exceptions are allowed for the removal of trees which is necessary and incidental for construction or maintenance of homes, septic systems, and wells for which permits have been obtained. If a project does not fit within any of the exceptions, a special permit can be requested from the Planning Board.
- Enforcement: The Zoning Enforcement Officer can impose fines and require the planting of new trees.

3. Climate Committee Participation in the Edgartown Master Plan Committee

- The Edgartown Master Plan was approved
- Climate Change issues and actions are addressed throughout the plan, including a preference for new development on already disturbed land and a preference for affordable and attainable housing over new market rate housing.

4. Climate Committee Participation in the Harbor Management Plan

- The first 4 goals adopted by the Harbor Planning Committee focus on climate change: Making vulnerable downtown infrastructure resilient to current and future climate change impacts; Making the coastal flood zone resilient to climate change impacts in all Harbor Planning Areas; All Harbor Planning Area planning will include climate change resilience; Making Harbor Planning Area natural resources resilient to climate change and protecting recreational benefits
- Climate Change is listed as the first of the “Issues of new concern” for the plan, due to: projected sea level rise of 2’ by 2050 with higher tides and coastal storm surges and flooding; ongoing coastal erosion of Edgartown’s south beaches and dunes at 10’/year resulting in less buffer for inland protection and less beach for tourism; ongoing salt marsh loss/migration in Katama Bay, Cape Pogue and Eel Pond resulting in reduced stormwater retention and loss of habitat for shellfish, fish and wildlife and threats to structures.
- The plan includes actions to address these climate change issues.

5. Climate Change Action Flyer Updated for 2025 and Distributed

- Two Sided Flyer (see below): Side one of the flyer lists climate change actions the Town of Edgartown is taking. Side two of the flyer lists climate change action recommendations for visitors/residents of Edgartown/MV
- Distribution: Edgartown realtors for their rental packets and a pdf for their websites and to email clients

6. Work with fellow Island town Climate Committees to share and learn best practices

Climate Action Task Force - Participated in this MVC climate group for monthly discussions/seminars on climate topics.

Climate Action Fair - Participated in May 2025 Island Climate Action Fair at the Agricultural Hall, providing public outreach/education

MVC Climate Action Plan Community Coordinating Committee - Participated in monthly meetings to share information and ideas

MVC Land Use Subcommittee - Participated in monthly meetings with other town Climate Committee

representatives to discuss possible regulation of land disturbance.

7. Continued Conversations with Town Department Leaders

- alert them to the Martha’s Vineyard Commission Climate Action Plan (CAP) actions which list their department as a partner.
- discuss current department programs/concerns relating to climate change.
- identify info the department wants the public to know about what they’re doing related to climate change

Town Department meetings included:

- Highway Department: As of September 2025, the Highway Dept had completed a dual stormwater drainage/improved bicycle parking area project on Pease Point Way. This project was necessary to improve the drainage in the area and was designed in such a way that it provided a pedestrian friendly walkway with benches and increased safe bike parking.

- Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) 2.0 Committee: The MVP 2.0 process will focus on community resilience - how to meet people’s needs and recover from climate related problems, including storms, sea level rise increased heat, and sunny day flooding. The process will identify and engage vulnerable MV populations including people who are economically insecure or housing insecure, people whose income is dependent on the ocean or is otherwise weather dependent, cultural communities, politically marginalized groups, people with language barriers or age related needs, physically or socially isolated people, physically or intellectually challenged people, and people with mental health or addiction or other medical challenges. The MVP 2.0 committee will be working through the winter to develop ways to engage these communities. One of the things the MVP 2.0 committee will do is update the 2021 MVP Plans for all six towns.

- Community Preservation Committee: Those who make presentations to this committee are now citing climate and environmental ramifications as selling points for their requests. For example, the Harbor Master said the new floating docks being proposed would have eco-friendly drums. A proposal for all new, double paned windows for the Gazette building enables it to be more energy efficient.

- Affordable Housing Committee: At their May meeting, the AHC confirmed that when affordable

housing plans are presented to them, they consider various climate-sensible suggestions such as reusing existing buildings, placing affordable housing near public transportation, ensuring adequate open space in new developments and making applicants aware of the availability of climate beneficial resources such as financing for nitrogen reducing septic systems and solar conversions. The AHC encouraged the Climate Committee to weigh in on new projects as they are presented to the town.

In closing, we wish to thank all the Town leaders who met with us this year to share their knowledge and input. We will continue these informative meetings. We

look forward to keeping the lines of communication open with our Town Departments and with the other town climate committees so we can work together on adapting to and planning for climate change.


Respectfully Submitted,
 JULIA LIVINGSTON, Chair
 KEVIN LOUGHLIN,
 Associate Chair
 JENNIFER BLUM
 JOSEY KIRKLAND
 PETER KIRN


Climate Change

2025

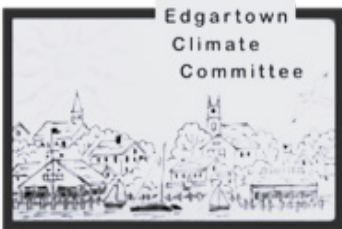
Edgartown climate actions this year:

- Edgartown has engaged an engineering firm to develop 35% design plans for resilience improvements at the Chappy Ferry landings at Daggett Street and Chappaquiddick, positioning the project for permitting and grant funding opportunities.
- Edgartown is replacing fossil fuel burning equipment with electric heat pumps at four town buildings with help from a \$217,000 grant from the Massachusetts Green Communities program.
- Edgartown applied for and received a grant from the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources to plan a microgrid with solar power and battery storage for buildings at its Highway Department campus.
- Edgartown voted at Town Meeting to phase out the use of gas leaf blowers by May 31, 2028, which will reduce the amount of energy used and eliminate the shocking amount of air and noise pollution caused by operating backpack and handheld blowers.
- At Town Meeting, Edgartown also enacted restrictions on the clear-cutting of lots, which will reduce the opportunities for soil disturbance and erosion and expand the protection for trees and their related ecosystems, the shade and privacy they provide, and the carbon they sequesterate.






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Climate Change

Actions you can take:

- **REFUSE** items which will become trash; **REDUCE** what you use and buy; **REUSE** what you can; **RECYCLE** what you can't.
- Shop local to support Island farms, local fisheries, and small businesses and to reduce your carbon footprint.
- Carry a personal water bottle and use the **FREE** water bottle refill stations in Edgartown at Memorial Wharf, the Town Hall, and the visitor center on Church Street or go to vineyardconservation.org/tap-map to find **FREE** water bottle refill stations throughout the Island.
- Bring reusable shopping bags with you for all your shopping.
- Recycle clean plastic bags at Stop & Shop.
- Buy a shellfish license and harvest some shellfish.
- Put only toilet tissue in the toilet, no wipes or personal products.
- Don't idle your vehicle, even for a short amount of time.
- Dispose of fishing gear, balloons, straws, and other plastics properly so they don't end up on beaches or harming ocean wildlife.
- Ride **FREE** electric public buses and bike or walk when possible.
- Stay off dunes and marsh grasses. They provide important habitat and protect the Island from storm surges.



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NATURAL RESOURCES AND RECREATION

SHELLFISH DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Selectboard and the Citizens of Edgartown:

The Edgartown Shellfish Department enforces commercial, recreational, and aquaculture regulations in the waters of Edgartown. The Shellfish Department also conducts a large scale propagation effort growing out shellfish seed to supplement Edgartown’s wild shellfish population.

2025 Wild Commercial Shellfish harvest:

| Species | Quantity Harvested |
|---------------|--------------------|
| Bay Scallops | *10,169 bushels |
| Oysters | 11,200 pieces |
| Steamer Clams | 78 bushels |
| Quahogs | 339 bushels |

**Commercial Bay Scallop harvest is reported for the 2024/2025 Season. October 21, 2024- March 31, 2025.*

2025 Oyster (Aquaculture) harvest:

Oyster farmers in Edgartown harvested a total of 11,291 bushels of oysters. The Town of Edgartown has Aquaculture leases in both Katama Bay and Middle Flats in Nantucket Sound off of Eel Pond. These aquaculture leases provide an opportunity for individuals and families to provide high quality oysters that are enjoyed locally and shipped around the country. The Edgartown Shellfish Department works closely with the Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries (DMF) and Edgartown’s oyster farmers to monitor oyster harvest protocols that ensure oysters are harvested in a manner that is consistent with quality and safety for public consumption.

2025 Recreational Shellfish Harvest:

| Species | Quantity Harvested |
|--------------|--------------------|
| Bay Scallops | 66 bushels |
| Oysters | 151 bushels |

| | |
|---------------|-------------|
| Steamer Clams | 22 bushels |
| Quahogs | 544 bushels |

The 2025/2026 recreational bay scallop season began on October 1st 2025. The season began with a lackluster bay scallop harvest from Cape Pogue and Sengekontacket Ponds. This below average crop of bay scallops is somewhat typical following the previous season’s extraordinary 10,000 bushel harvest. It has been thought for years that Cape Pogue and Sengekontacket Ponds have a carrying capacity for the amount of scallops they can support, whether it is seed or adult scallops. An excellent scallop season followed by a poor season supports this theory. Fingers crossed for great scalloping in 2026. During the first three months of the 2025 recreational season 22 bushels of scallops were harvested.

The 2025/2026 commercial bay scallop season began on October 27, 2025. The majority of the commercial bay scallop catch came from Cape Pogue, with a maximum of 20 limits taken daily during the first week.

Commercial and recreational harvest of quahogs takes place in Edgartown mostly in the warmer months. A handful of commercial fishermen rake quahogs in Sengekontacket and Cape Pogue during the summer months. During low tides in July and August, fifty or more recreational license holders can be seen working the flats of Katama Bay in the family area. Recreational limits of quahogs are common in Katama Bay. The success of this recreational fishery is the direct result of the Shellfish Department’s work with the Martha’s Vineyard Shellfish Group.

For the past thirteen years, the Edgartown Shellfish department has conducted the Major’s Cove oyster project in Sengekontacket Pond. This project drives both a commercial and recreational oyster season

annually in Sengekontacket. Harvesting oysters removes nitrogen from the pond and contributes to the overall health of Sengekontacket. Each year the department purchases and grows out 500,000+ 1.5mm oyster seed. This oyster seed is grown out for roughly 12 months until the oysters reach a shell size of greater than two inches. Growing a volume of oyster seed the size of a coffee can into roughly 800 bushels of 2-inch oyster seed involves a tremendous amount of effort. This effort is made worthwhile when we see our oyster program feeding Edgartown license holders and providing income for residents during the commercial season.

2025 was yet another productive year for the Martha's Vineyard Shellfish Group. MVSG supplies the Edgartown Shellfish Department with shellfish seed for grow out and planting in the waters of Edgartown. The Shellfish Department used a second tidal upweller to assist in growing out quahog and scallop seed in Katama Bay again this year. Quahogs and bay scallops started in this tidal upweller showed excellent growth early on, and continued success throughout the growing season. This upweller was especially helpful in expanding Edgartown's work with growing bay scallops. For the fifth year in a row, scallop seed was overwintered and grown to adult size. Growing bay scallops to adult and large seed size improves survival rate when planted.

The Shellfish Department continued to assist the Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries and the MV Commission with water sampling. The DMF tests all shellfish growing areas five times annually for fecal coliform bacteria to ensure public health. This is

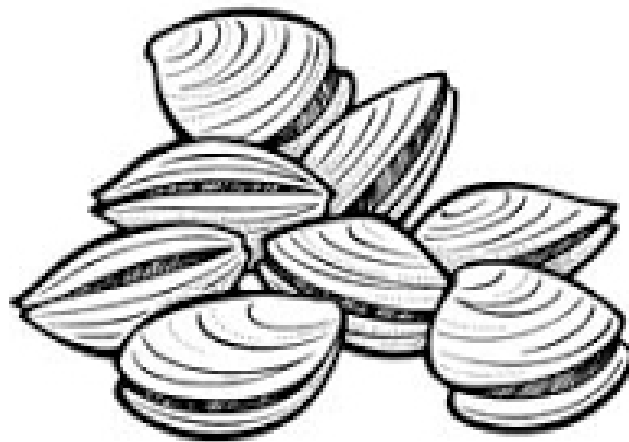
done under the National Shellfish Sanitation Program guidelines. Under this program, DMF regulates bodies of water in Edgartown suitable to shellfish harvest. DMF's 2025 water sampling showed that water quality has mostly remained consistent in Edgartown. However, some shellfishing areas were reclassified as a result of routine water sampling with DMF. Please visit the DMF website, or contact the Edgartown Shellfish Department for up to date information regarding shellfish area closures. The MV Commission's Water Resources Department collects water samples from many of the Island's ponds to ensure a sustainable and safe level of water quality across the Island.

Many thanks to all of the other Town departments that help the Shellfish Department throughout the year. Thank you to all that provide data and assist the shellfish department in regulating and protecting our valuable resources. Friends of Sengekontacket especially, for providing the FOS interns, Ed and Huck, for the summer of 2025. Finally, I would like to recognize all of the hard work, dedication, and commitment of the Shellfish Committee and Shellfish Department Staff:

Deputies: Jason Mallory, Chuck Fisher, and Julie Pringle.

Seasonal Deputies: Ralph Peckham and Ron Domurat.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rob Morrison
Shellfish Constable



MV SHELLFISH GROUP

To the Honorable Select Board, friends and neighbors,

MVSG is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization formed in 1976 to preserve, enhance and restore shellfish resources on Martha's Vineyard for the economic, ecological, and cultural well-being of the Vineyard community. The Board of Directors is comprised of a resident and the Shellfish Constable from each member town, and each town receives an equal share of shellfish seed and technical support for a flat membership fee of \$41,000 in FY2025. To make up the other 40% of our annual budget, funding was received through contracts, grants and contributions from over 300 individual donors. Our annual spring fundraiser at the Chilmark Community Center—the Bivalve Ball—hosted 250 guests and raised \$28,000. The work of MVSG can be seen in seed production, habitat restoration and shell recycling, educational outreach, and contribution to seminal research in shellfish biology and hatchery science.

MVSG operates three distinct facilities in partnership with the MV Land Bank on Chappaquiddick, the MA Division of Marine Fisheries in Oak Bluffs, and the Town of Tisbury in Vineyard Haven, in order to fulfill our mission. This year, the Chappy Point Nursery on Chappaquiddick, the John T. Hughes Hatchery, and the Rick Karney Solar Hatchery have received local school children, community members and visitors. Each facility is identified for long-range climate-readiness planning and future fortification.

In 2025 MVSG provided over 32.5 million, 1-3mm quahogs, bay scallops and oysters to the six member towns. West Tisbury lacks quahog and scallop habitat, and thus receives only oyster seed. The remaining five towns receive quahog and scallop seed only, as a regular part of their membership. The town shellfish departments use nursery systems to grow the tiny shellfish to a larger size. Recreational and commercial harvesters benefit from annual shellfish stocking.

For the second year, MVSG produced additional oyster seed for local farmers as we aim to provide more local seed to fortify the island's food resiliency. This was made possible by a new Bottle UPweller SYstem (BUPSY) which created vertical growing space and alleviated a bottleneck in the early nursery stage. For the coming season, MVSG was awarded \$112,360 by the MA Department of Agricultural Resources to improve some of the hatchery space at the historic Hughes

Hatchery in Oak Bluffs. The improvements will increase seed production capacity and is complemented by funding from the MV Community Foundation to increase our algae production. These advances will increase seed production over the next five years, while continuing our regular production for the Member towns and supporting fisheries research.

MVSG restores habitat to support shellfish populations and improve resiliency. MVSG has managed oyster restoration projects in Tisbury Great Pond for 40+ years and in Edgartown Great Pond for 17 years. Restoration is possible with shell we collect from restaurants and a public collection bin in front of the Hughes Hatchery through our Shell Recovery Partnership. In 2025, 11,096 gallons of shell was collected, returned to the Great Ponds and used in the hatchery. Slough Cove in Edgartown Great Pond is still home to a highly focused oyster restoration effort funded by The Nature Conservancy and the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation. The project improves water quality, provides data for restoration research, and benefits local oyster farmers who supply adult oysters that are unsalable to the raw bar market.

MVSG provides education and outreach through school visits, afterschool clubs, programs and collaboration with other local agencies. MVSG staff engaged 3,450 individuals with the history, culture, and biology of shellfish on Martha's Vineyard. A highlight was hosting 10 separate shucking lessons to over 250 adults and children. Focusing on harvesting and preparing local shellfish has really brought the community to the table.

Eelgrass restoration efforts continue to grow. This year, more seeds were collected and planted into Vineyard ponds. Flowering density and timing research continued at several sites around the island, and a new focus was placed on eelgrass in the Sengekontacket Pond system, in partnership with the Friends of Sengekontacket. For the fourth year, eelgrass seedlings emerged in the unheated greenhouse at the Hughes Hatchery. We experimented with several novel seed planting methods, and laid plans for larger-scale monitoring, restoration, and research in 2026.

MVSG also conducts research related to the prosperity of the Vineyard shellfish industry and aids others in their critical research. In 2025 we secured funding from Aquinnah CPC and from USDA to study the production of purple shell in quahogs, which has been

of interest to the island community and many others for decades. Very little is known on the topic and it may take a few years to obtain meaningful results. Other pivotal research has MVSG working with the Chilmark Shellfish Department and assisting Stony Brook University with a novel discovery. Over the last few years, MVSG has helped researchers identify the marasporidia parasite (BSM) in bay scallop kidneys and track survival rates. So far, the Vineyard’s bay scallops are surviving the parasitic infection much better than other lines from Long Island.

As we celebrate our 50th anniversary in 2026, we look forward to working with local and national organizations, installing new intake seawater lines at the

Hughes Hatchery, and increasing seed production. All of this is made possible by the close partnerships between MVSG and each town’s shellfish department. We invite you to learn more by visiting our facilities in the spring and summer. In the meantime, visit our website, check out our newsletters, join our mailing list and stay involved! Visit www.mvshellfishgroup.org, call (508) 693-0391 or email mvshellfishgroup@gmail.com.



Respectfully submitted,
EMMA GREEN-BEACH
Executive Director
and Shellfish Biologist

Shellfish Seed Produced and Distributed in 2025

| | Bay Scallops | Quahogs | Oyster Spat-on-Shell | Oyster singles |
|---|-------------------|------------|----------------------|----------------|
| Edgartown, Tisbury, Oak Bluffs, Chilmark (total) | 11,134,000 | 9,200,000 | - | 300,000 |
| Aquinnah | 20,000 seed, | | | |
| 21,000,000 (larvae) | 2,300,000 | - | - | |
| West Tisbury ¹ | - | - | 4,000,000 | 665,000 |
| Wampanoag NRD ² | 160,000 | 60,000 | - | - |
| Local growers ² | - | - | - | 1,030,000 |
| Stony Brook University ³ | 2,000 | - | - | - |
| Chatham ² | - | 500,000 | - | - |
| The Nature Conservancy (EGP) ² | - | | 1,200,000 | - |
| Total Seed | 11,316,000 | 12,060,000 | 7,000,000 | 2,125,000 |
| Eggs released | 34,000,000 | | | 45,000,000 |
| Larvae released | 24,400,000 | - | | 15,000,000 |
| Total seed produced: | 32,501,000 | | | |
| <i>Provided under: ¹West Tisbury sole oyster share ²contract; ³grant funding</i> | | | | |

| Education & Outreach | | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------|
| | School-based engagement | On-site engagement | All ages small groups | All ages community events (50 ppl+) | Total |
| Participants | 1,089 | 518 | 1,558 | 1,892 | 3,450 |
| Events | 55 | 45 | 117 | 15 | 132 |
| Shell Recovery Partnership | | | | | |
| | Hughes Hatchery | Restaurants | Events | Total | |
| Participants | 1 | 13 | 1 | 15 locations | |
| Gallons | 649.5 | 10,402 | 45 | 11,096.5 gallons | |
| Eelgrass Research and Propagation | | | | | |
| | Partners | Seeds planted | Shoots planted | Restoration area (Lagoon & Tashmoo) | |
| 2025 | 33 | 38,000 | 0 | 20 m2 | |
| 2024 | 12 | 12,000 | 1,000 | 20 m2 | |

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

To the Honorable Selectboard and Citizens of Edgartown,

OVERVIEW

The Edgartown Conservation Commission (ECC) continued its core mission in 2025: protecting wetlands, coastal resources, wildlife habitat, and public interests while balancing regulatory review with stewardship, planning, and education. The year was marked by a high volume of applications, complex coastal projects, expanded enforcement activity, increased protected species monitoring, and significant staff transitions.

Commission Activity Summary

- The Commission held regular public hearings throughout the year, supplemented by Executive Sessions and public meetings related to staffing transitions and major projects.
- During 2025, the Commission reviewed a consistently high volume of applications, with monthly totals often exceeding ten filings.
- Projects reviewed included residential additions and redevelopments, septic system upgrades, shoreline and floodplain work, municipal infrastructure improvements, trail systems, view channels, and public access projects.
- Decisions included approvals with conditions, denials where performance standards could not be met, amended Orders of Conditions, Emergency Orders, Determinations of Applicability and Certificates of Compliance.

KEY PROJECTS AND INITIATIVES

Municipal and Public Projects

- The Commission reviewed and approved several Town-sponsored projects, including boat landing improvements, beach nourishment, lighthouse maintenance, and public access upgrades.
- Improvements to Town-owned boat landings included reconfigured parking, dinghy and kayak storage, and native plantings to stabilize coastal areas.
- Replacement and improvement of public access infrastructure, including the North Neck beach stairs which support safe access while reducing erosion and resource impacts.

Fisherman's Landing

- Significant progress was made at Fisherman's Landing, including completion of earthwork, parking and turnaround improvements, and dinghy and kayak access planning.
- Habitat protection measures, including temporary fencing and native vegetation management, were implemented alongside construction.
- The project reflects a collaborative effort between staff, volunteers, contractors, and partner organizations to improve water access while protecting sensitive coastal resources.

Coastal Waterbird (CWB) Management

- Staff coordinated closely with NHESP, Biodiversity Works, and other partner organizations to prepare for and manage the Coastal Waterbird season.
- The Conservation Department welcomed its first seasonal employees, who were tasked with the required Coastal Waterbird monitoring on Norton Point Beach.
- Activities included habitat delineation, development and implementation of monitoring protocols, data compilation, and coordination to balance the protection of endangered species with public beach access.
- CWB staff coordinated with 3 other Island-based conservation groups to help conduct the 2025 census counts for the Norton Point Tern Colony. The process took about 2 and ½ hours but revealed one of the most in-depth counts of the colony to date.
- The CWB Program began one of its first many collaborations with the Edgartown Schools' 8th Grade in a project focused on further protection of least tern chicks

Conservation Restrictions and Partnerships

- Staff conducted regular Conservation Restriction (CR) inspections
- The Commission worked to support lease holders, Trustees of Reservations, Slough Farm, and Morning Glory Farm at town-owned Katama Farm
- The Conservation Commission coordinated on a number of matters with organizations, including The Nature Conservancy, Sheriff's Meadow Foundation, Trustees of the Reservations, and Martha's Vineyard Land Bank.

- Ongoing collaboration with Town boards, state agencies, and regional entities supported complex, multi-jurisdictional projects and long-term planning initiatives.

Staff and Administrative Highlights

- The Commission welcomed John Piekos as its newest member in July 2025. John replaced longtime member Christina Brown who passed away in 2024.
- In February 2025, the Commission completed Conservation Agent interviews and hired Kara Shemeth as the new Agent, ensuring continuity of departmental operations.
- Seasonal Conservation Ranger, Isabel O’Donnell, was hired as the Conservation Assistant, strengthening capacity for permitting, inspections, and coastal waterbird monitoring.
- Staff participated in professional development, including attendance at the Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissions annual conference.
- GIS mapping, grant development, and long-range coastal planning expanded during the year, including preparation and submission of grant applications focused on beach management and climate resilience.
- Staff worked closely with Town departments, including Parks, Fire, Harbormaster, Marine Advisory, Shellfish, Building, Dredge, Highway and the Planning and Select Boards on infrastructure planning, emergency access, and coastal projects.

CAREER, LEADERSHIP, AND LASTING IMPACT

In July 2025, the Town of Edgartown marked the retirement of Conservation Agent Jane Varkonda concluding a distinguished career in public service and environmental protection.

During her tenure, Jane served as the institutional memory and steady hand of the Conservation Commission. Her work spanned daily regulatory review, complex enforcement actions, and long-term stewardship of Edgartown’s wetlands and coastal resources.

Jane played a central role in shaping how the Commission approached coastal development, view channels, and habitat protection, particularly as climate change and sea level rise increased the complexity of projects before the Commission.

Beyond permitting, Jane was a mentor to staff, a trusted advisor to Commissioners, and a respected

partner to state agencies, consultants, and conservation organizations. Her leadership helped build strong working relationships across Town departments and with regional and state partners.

The legacy of Jane’s work is visible across Edgartown in healthier wetlands, thoughtfully-designed coastal projects, improved compliance outcomes, and a Conservation Commission grounded in professionalism and environmental integrity. The Commission extends its sincere gratitude for her years of service and lasting contributions to the Town of Edgartown.

The Commission would also like to extend its gratitude to Charlie Blair who was a frequent collaborator and ally to the Conservation Commission over his more than 30 years as Harbormaster.

With the retirement of Charlie and Jane, Edgartown marks the close of an era defined by steady leadership and deep local knowledge. Their influence will continue to guide the Town for years to come.

CLOSING REFLECTION

The Edgartown Conservation Commission respectfully submits this Annual Report in recognition of the collective efforts of its Commissioners, staff, partner organizations, and engaged residents. The challenges facing coastal communities continue to grow in scale and complexity, yet Edgartown remains well positioned to meet them through sound regulation, collaboration, and stewardship.

With appreciation for the service of Jane Varkonda and confidence in the Commission’s continued work, the Town enters the coming year committed to protecting the natural resources that define Edgartown’s character and future.

Submitted respectfully,
 EDWARD VINCENT JR, Chair
 LILLIAN PROVINCE
 JEFFREY CARLSON
 GEOFFREY KONTJE
 ROBERT AVAKIAN
 MAXIMILLIAN GIBBS
 JOHN PIEKOS
 Conservation Commission

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS COMMITTEE

To the Honorable Selectboard, and the Citizens of Edgartown:

The Edgartown Christmas program continues to play a meaningful role in enhancing community spirit, supporting local businesses, and reinforcing the Town's identity during the holiday season.

Over the past year, Town staff and the Christmas Committee have focused not only on maintaining existing decorations and supporting established infrastructure, but also on planning thoughtful expansions and reinvestments that build upon the success of recent seasons.

As part of ongoing efforts to improve visual impact, reliability, and geographic coverage, several enhancements are being proposed or implemented for upcoming seasons:

- Memorial Park: Installation of a 30-foot Christmas tree, donated to the Town and facilitated by Glen Searle, to serve as a central focal point for holiday

celebrations and public gatherings. This generous donation enhanced Memorial Park while reducing costs to the Town.

- Whale Tail Park: Addition of a 20-foot Christmas tree, further extending decorations along the waterfront and creating a cohesive holiday experience between downtown and harbor areas.

- Edgartown Harbor: Installation of a decorated Christmas tree on a floating dock, offering a unique maritime feature that reflects Edgartown's working harbor and waterfront character while providing visual interest from both land and water.

- Municipal Facilities: Placement of decorated trees or tree stands at key Town buildings, including:

- o The Temporary Fire Station Administrative Building

- o The Council on Aging

- o The Harbor Master's Office

- Downtown Streetscape Enhancements: Expansion of holiday decorations to additional lampposts throughout Town, improving continuity and visual consistency along major corridors and pedestrian areas.

- Equipment and Infrastructure Upgrades: Purchase of new holiday lights, tree stands, electrical components, and related equipment to replace outdated or damaged materials and to support both existing and expanded decorations. These investments are intended to improve safety, efficiency, and long-term durability of the program.

These locations and improvements were selected to ensure holiday decorations are inclusive, highly visible, and supported by reliable infrastructure across multiple departments and community-facing facilities.

We are deeply saddened by the passing of Glen Searle, a long-time member of the Christmas Committee, whose dedication and generosity left a lasting impact on the Town. Glen also served as a Parks Department Commissioner for more than 20 years, contributing countless hours to the stewardship and enhancement of Edgartown's public spaces. His commitment to the community, including his role in facilitating the Memorial Park Christmas tree donation,



will be remembered with gratitude and respect.

The Town extends a sincere thank you to Dan Kaeka and his family for donating their time and effort to install the Star of Bethlehem, a long-standing tradition that continues to hold special meaning for the Edgartown community. Appreciation is also extended to Donaroma's for bidding and professionally executing the installation of holiday decorations throughout Town, as well as to the Edgartown Parks and Highway Department for their essential support with logistics, equipment, and on-the-ground assistance that makes the program possible each year.

Looking ahead, future plans include working collaboratively with the Harbor View Hotel to explore opportunities to enhance the lighthouse lighting, further strengthening the visual impact of holiday decorations

along the waterfront while preserving the character of this iconic landmark.

Collectively, these enhancements, donations, partnerships, and volunteer efforts reflect the Town's commitment to maintaining and thoughtfully expanding the Edgartown Christmas program. All additions will continue to be evaluated with respect to cost, installation logistics, public safety, and long-term maintenance to ensure a sustainable and successful program for years to come.

Respectfully Submitted,

THE EDGARTOWN
CHRISTMAS COMMITTEE

PARKS DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Selectboard and the Citizens of Edgartown,

The Park Commissioners had a complex and multi-faceted 2025 with a focus on the department's continued transformation into a strong year-round asset for the town, as well as on the advancement of our town's public spaces for our community. Commissioners Andrew Kelly, Jane Varkonda and newly-elected Maggie Morrison spent hundreds of hours on the development of plans related to the design and creation of a new Robinson Road Recreation Area. The commission is extremely excited to see those plans come to fruition across 2026 and 2027. In addition, the Commission has moved forward with the process of creating a new Parks and Recreation Director role they hope will lead this department alongside Beach Director David Espindle, Assistant Beach Director Anthony Cimeno, and Administrative Assistant Jessica McGroarty. The Parks Department continues to have lofty goals for the management and future of South Beach, Norton Point, the Robinson Road Recreation Area, the Bend in the Road, Wilson's Landing and Cannonball Park.

2025 was a safe yet complex season on South Beach. In 2025 The Parks team continued to refine its summer process, with beach staff operating for a second season from the Right Fork grass parking lot following the demolition of the long time beach head quarters, the Donnelly Shack. The Parks Department is happy to report a season free of significant water rescues or medical emergencies as our prevention-focused lifeguards and rangers stayed vigilant at all times. 2025 did see a late summer storm that caused Edgartown, along with the rest of the island, to close its south facing beaches for several days. As a whole, the department continues to remain concerned about the aggressive erosion across South Beach, as our once expansive shore front has now shrunk in a way that limits sun-bathers from utilizing the middle stretch of our mile-long beach. The Parks Department hopes to work with several town departments and the state to come up with a long-term preservation plan to continue to protect this important and vital resource which is used by thousands every day all summer long.

2025 was the third summer of the Parks Department's management of Norton Point Beach

and was a complex but successful summer on the beach. While we did sustain several weeks of closures to vehicles due to shorebird nesting throughout the month of July and early August, our staff still placed over 1600 sticker permits on vehicles to traverse this barrier beach. When open to traffic, we saw on average between 150 and 200 vehicles travel daily along Norton Point Beach and 10-20 boats anchored along our bayside access on calm weather days. Norton Point held strong through several offshore storms and was the beneficiary of some natural sand deposits, strengthening the property and allowing for much of the beach grass and vegetation that was destroyed by storms in late 2023 to reform and protect the beach. These deposits allowed us in the latter days of August to successfully open vehicle access all the way to the property line toward Wasque and keep it open through the fall and winter.

This shorebird season on Norton Point was a very successful one for our feathered friends, likely correlated to a new approach in predator management by staff that helped keep raccoons and skunks at bay. The nesting season was highlighted by 12 Piping Plover chicks and 13 American Oystercatchers fledging, which means they grew to the point of flying on their own so they can migrate with the rest of their species. The Norton Point Coastal Waterbird team was also able to confirm the presence of breeding Roseate Terns, endangered birds that typically nests on small islands but on rare occasions does so at the ends of barrier beaches like Norton Point. The commissioners would like to thank BiodiversityWorks with their assistance in the management of the rare shorebirds on Norton Point and for surveying South Beach for any possible listed species.

The Robinson Road Recreation Area redevelopment project made significant progress in 2025. After dozens of meetings with the design team and project managers, the project expects to go out to bid in the imminent future, with the hope of seeing the vision for the park become a reality throughout 2026 and 2027. In addition the Parks Department has supported the Edgartown School as they have undergone the development of a new playground area, allowing the students to use the current Robison Road Rec. Area for recess during the fall and winter of this school year.

The Bend in the Road was again a popular destination for families this summer, with lifeguards keeping hundreds of patrons safe and providing proper medical care for any and all incidents that occurred during a busy summer.

Wilson's Landing remains an important area for boaters, kayakers and shellfishermen. The commissioners are constantly working to improve the area so it may be enjoyed by all and the area is undergoing a clean up of relinquished watercraft and implementation of new signage.

Cannonball Park improvement will continue as the department works closely with the Beautification Committee to manage and revitalize this park. The Parks Commission would also like to mention the passing of longtime commissioner and friend Glen Searle who served the Parks and the town for many years and whose presence and support will be severely missed. A tree was placed and decorated in Cannonball Park this Christmas season in remembrance of Glen and the commission plans to plant a tree in the park in the future to honor him.

The commissioners would like to thank our lifeguard staff: Charlotte Lisa; Head Lifeguard, Braden Sayles;

Assistant Head lifeguard, Riley Coffey; Assistant Head Lifeguard, Bryce Beal, Kloe Brown, Matthew Casey, Cassidy Coffey, Molly Crawford, Ryan Driscoll, Shea Driscoll, William Durawa, Michael Garrison, Aquinnah McDermott, Lucia McMullen, James Morano, Chris Rickard, Matthew Rickard, Emmett Silva, Graham Waldrop and Samara Walshe.

We would also like to thank the Park Patrol Rangers: Gene Townes, Donald Herman, Brian Usher, Jim Cilfone, Benjamin Brittle, Kevin Morris, Avery Newcomer, Summer O'Neill, Andrew Sullivan, Ed Sinclair, Alana Ludvigson and Rebekah Sonja. Thank you for keeping the beaches safe and clean.

The commissioners would like to thank the Edgartown Highway Department, the Edgartown Conservation Commission, the Edgartown Fire & EMS Department, the Edgartown Police Department, the Harbormaster, the Edgartown Selectboard and the Citizens of Edgartown.

Respectfully Submitted,
JANE VARKONDA, Chair
ANDREW KELLY
MAGGIE MORRISON

MV LAND BANK EDGARTOWN ADVISORY BOARD

To the Honorable Select Board and Citizens of Edgartown,

Gerry Jeffers' land has long been a land bank priority and the first step in its conservation has now taken place. In 2024 the land bank signed a contract for the 24.5-acre property on the Chappaquiddick Road ... and in 2025 phase one was accomplished. The land bank purchased the northerly half. Phase two will follow when the land is ready. The total price is \$7.0 million.

The Board planned this year for new trail connections, using well-known ancient ways. Doctor Fisher Path and Quenomica Path, if managed by the land bank on behalf of the town, will supply long-distance hiking opportunities. The land bank is also working with the planning board on Swimming Place Path for the same purpose. One of the places that Quenomica Path leads to is the land bank's Quenomica Preserve South, which opened in 2025. Parking is available at the land bank office at 40-44 Meetinghouse Way and a long hike follows — but worth it, as this is one of

the land bank's most unique, and isolated, properties. Details are available on the land bank website; definitely worth a visit.

The island's six land bank town advisory boards, one for each town, reviewed and approved the land bank budget for the fiscal year. Anyone wishing to make recommendations or suggestions is invited to join the board at one of its meetings.

Respectfully submitted,
MICHAEL DONAROMA,
chair

MICHAEL DONAROMA, Planning Board appointee
STEVEN EWING, Conservation Commission appointee
DONNA GOODALE, Select Board appointee
KATE FOSTER, Parks Commission appointee
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MV LAND BANK

To the Honorable Selectboard and Citizens of Edgartown,

4238 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

More about patience. At one of its inaugural meetings after the land bank's 1986 inception, the Edgartown land bank advisory board prioritized the 24.5-acre Gerald Jeffers, Sr. property, vintage farmland along the shores of the Cape Poge Bay. In 2025, four decades later, it purchased half of the acreage from Gerald Jeffers, Jr. and his sisters Geraldine Jeffers and Lolita Jeffers Beauboeuf — and is contracted to purchase the other half in 2026. The long-term vision is a revived farm, for crops and livestock and named for the family's forebears: the Moses and Sarah Jeffers Farm. The aggregate price will total out at \$7,000,000.

Christopher Brooks and Mary-Louise Williams allowed the land bank to expand the John Presbury Norton Farm. So that the institution could afford them, they advantageously priced their two vacant abutting building lots — totaling 3.3 acres — at a total figure of \$800,000. The land bank is always honored to be the recipient of such generosity.

As it likewise was when Rachel Baumrin and her family conveyed 11.7 acres for \$1,900,000. The family's favorable pricing permitted the land bank to unite, neatly and surgically, the cleaved halves of the Christiantown Woods Preserve.

Generosity also arrived in the form of an outright gift of land, for which the land bank is most appreciative: not far from Lagoon Pond a sloped 1.2-acre lot that long belonged to Nembhard and Vivian Culin was donated by their heirs. By this gift the Old Oklahoma Preserve was created.

LAND MANAGEMENT

Ecological inventories and studies continued at

many land bank properties: Aquinnah Headlands Preserve, Black Brook Preserve, Chilmark Pond Preserve, Cove Meadow Preserve, Eachpoquassit Hill Preserve, Elder Jeffers Pond Preserve, Felix Neck Preserve, Fulling Mill Brook Preserve, Moses Jeffers Farm, Ocean View Farm Preserve, Pecoy Point Preserve, Pennywise Preserve, Priester's Pond Preserve, Quammox Preserve, Quenomica Preserve, Ripley's Field Preserve, Sepiessa Point Reservation, Southern Woodlands Reservation, Three Ponds Reservation, Trentfield Farm, Tisbury Meadow Preserve, Toad Rock Reservation, Toms Neck Preserve, Trade Wind Fields Preserve and Waskosim's Rock Reservation. The work is manifold: (1.) general avian surveys; (2.) shorebird surveys (one American oystercatcher fledged at the Squibnocket Pond Reservation as did one piping plover on Moshup Beach at the Aquinnah Headlands Preserve, but there were multiple aborted nest attempts at the Edgartown Great Pond Beach, Squibnocket Pond Reservation and Tisbury Great Pond Beach); (3.) butterfly and moth surveys; (4.) American woodcock, bat and wetland wildlife surveys via acoustic monitors and/or camera traps; and (5.) vegetation surveys (including 15 rare species).

After much industry, the Squibnocket Pond Reservation opened. Even though it was just phase one, a full half-mile of boardwalk was installed, as was a quarter-mile of dune-ladder and three sets of beach-stairs. Phase two is coming.

Public saltwater access on the Vineyard increased as a result of the Squibnocket Pond Reservation's opening, but also at the opening of a new stretch of the Tashmoo Preserve.

The final new property is the Quenomica Preserve South. Hikers park at the land bank office at 40-44 Meetinghouse Way and follow the trail, through field

and woodland and neighborhood, to the far reach of Quenomica Point — at the concourse where several of the Edgartown Great Pond's coves meet. It's in the running as the most remote spot on Martha's Vineyard Island.

An ancient way was restored. The renaissance of the Old Road to James Cleveland's, occasioned by the land bank's purchase of a property possessing an easement in it, cinches the link between Arrowhead Farm and the Vineyard Sound. Hikers will pass through the land bank's Christiantown Woods Preserve and the Sheriff's Meadow Foundation's Cedar Tree Neck Sanctuary. Note bene: Milepost 100 has been reached; trails maintained by the land bank island-wide now number five-score.

Two up-island management plans advanced. The Gay Head Moraine Reservation management plan received local approval and the Toad Rock Reservation management plan is being drafted.

Awaiting the day when their winter pasture at the Wapatequa Woods Reservation is parasite-free — which two years of fallowness will deliver — the land bank goat herd will return. In the meantime a herd of six cows and four calves substitutes and, in 2025, grazed eight properties and managed 28 acres of grassland.

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

XIH AKA THE CROSS ISLAND HIKE

The 33rd annual XIH took place on National Trails Day (every first Saturday in June), ranging 19.2 miles from Chilmark Pond Preserve to Eastville Point Beach. Approximately 85 people participated; 75 started and 34 finished the entire cross-island trek. About half of the finishers had participated in a previous hike and some were completing their fifth, eighth, and thirteenth consecutive XIHs.



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:

| | fy25 budgeted | fy25 actual | fy26 budgeted |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| | cash amount and percentage of total | | |
| revenues | \$13,000,000 | \$15,382,094 | \$14,000,000* |
| admin. exp. | (\$752,137) | (\$723,102) | (\$812,955) |
| | 6% | 5% | 6% |
| land management exp. | (\$3,120,099) | (\$2,462,506) | (\$3,121,265) |
| | 24% | 16% | 22% |
| debt services exp. | (\$8,390,487) | (\$8,240,175) | (\$9,616,988) |
| | 64% | 54% | 69% |
| reserve exp. | (\$50,000) | | (\$50,000) |
| | 0% | | 0% |
| unencumbered new receipts | \$787,275 | \$3,955,311 | \$498,792 |
| | 6% | 26% | 3% |

As of December 1, 2025 the land bank treasury contained some \$9,500,000 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 \$900,000. This is called the “m” exemption and 39 transactions qualified for it in 2025. The 2026 threshold will be \$1,000,000.

TRANSFER FEE REVENUES

Fiscal Year 2025 transfer fee revenues were:

| | transfer fee revenues received 7/1/24 -6/30/25 | percentage of total |
|-------------------|--|---------------------|
| Aquinnah fund | \$250,894 | 2 % |
| Chilmark fund | \$671,693 | 4 % |
| Edgartown fund | \$3,838,611 | 25 % |
| Oak Bluffs fund | \$1,260,613 | 8 % |
| Tisbury fund | \$879,739 | 6 % |
| West Tisbury fund | \$789,497 | 5 % |
| central fund | \$7,691,047 | 50% |
| Total | \$15,382,094 | 100% |

This represented a 9% increase over the previous year.

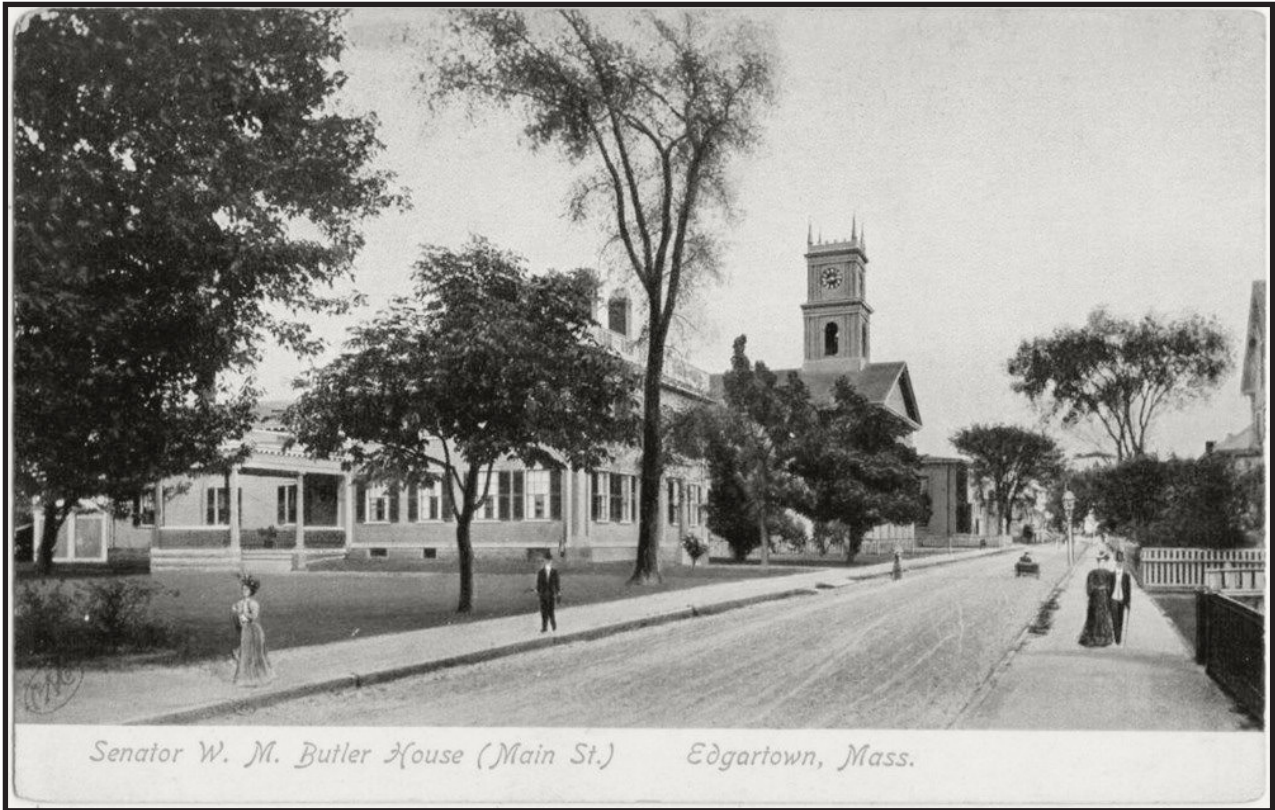
GIFTS

The land bank gratefully accepted the following gifts: (1.) \$1,530 in honor of Malcolm Watson; and (2.) \$100 from Tammy Kallman, in memory of Wayne Kallman.

COMMISSIONERS AND STAFF

The land bank commission currently comprises the following members: Steven Ewing, Edgartown; Frederick Khedouri, 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; Winston Bell, livestock manager; Jean-Marc Dupon, conservation land assistant; Maureen Hill, office manager; 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



Senator W. M. Butler House (Main St.) Edgartown, Mass.

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

To the Honorable Selectboard and Citizens of Edgartown,

The Edgartown Beautification Committee continues its focus on the care, enhancement, and long-term planning of the town's public spaces, in partnership with the Highway and Parks Departments. The Committee's work balances ongoing maintenance with thoughtful infrastructure planning to support community pride and a welcoming streetscape.

Seasonal plantings were maintained throughout key downtown areas, and continued attention is given to streetscape features, including the Whale's Tail Wall. The appreciated bench and lamppost plaque program remains active, with procedure and policies under ongoing refinement to ensure consistency.

The Committee continues to advance planning for the phased redevelopment of Cannonball Park, with a focus on improving access, usability, and visual appeal. Proposed enhancements include improved pedestrian access, seating areas, and additional plantings.

Additionally, the Committee continues to explore new initiatives aligned with its mission, while looking ahead to ensure existing infrastructure is appropriately maintained and replaced as needed to keep Edgartown looking its best year-round.

Respectfully submitted,

Erin Ready, Committee Member

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| TOWN COLLECTOR | 508-627-6135 |
| TREASURER | 508-627-6130 |
| TREE WARDEN | 508-627-4004 |
| WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT | 508-627-5482 |
| WATER DEPARTMENT | 508-627-4717 |
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