

Town of Edgartown

Annual Report



2024

EDGARTOWN

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2024

GENERAL INFORMATION

COUNTY: Dukes

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

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

KIND OF COMMUNITY: Resort, Retirement, Artistic

2024 POPULATION	5,168
2024 LABOR FORCE	3,033
2024 MOODY'S BOND RATING	AAA
2024 UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	6.3%

FY2025 TAX RATES, LEVIES, ASSESSED VALUES AND REVENUE SOURCES

	Tax Rate	Tax Levy	Assessed Value	Revenue Sources	% of Total
Residential	2.65	35,659,087	13,456,257,503	Tax Levy	38,246,542 66.13
Open Space		-	-	State Aid	4,420,386 7.28
Commercial	2.65	1,727,176	651,766,390	Local Receipts	8,200,000 14.18
Industrial	2.65	21,189	7,995,600	Other Available	7,177,808 12.41
Personal Property	2.65	839,091	316,637,880		
TOTAL		38,246,542	14,432,657,373	TOTAL	57,834,236 100.00

FY2025 PROPOSITION 2 1/2 LEVY CAPACITY

New Growth	678,727
Override	0
Capital/Debt Exclusion	2,969,383
Levy Limit	35,604,241
Excess Capacity	3,184,396
Ceiling	360,816,434
Override Capacity	322,027,797

FY2025 CHERRY SHEET STATE AID

Education Aid	1,451,265
General Government	2,759,121
Total Receipts	4,210,386
Total Assessments	1,708,821
Net State Aid	2,501,565

OTHER/ RESERVES

FY2025 Free Cash	14,549,861
FY2025 Overlay Reserve	246,135
FY2023 Stabilization Fund	4,481,266

REVALUATION

Most Recent Mass. DOR Certification of values	FY2023
Interim adjustment of values (DOR required)	FY2024-FY2027
Next scheduled Mass DOR Certification of values	FY2028

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ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Tuesday, February 26, 1924

To either of the Constables of the Town of Edgartown,

Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Edgartown qualified to vote in town affairs and elections, to meet at the Town Hall, in said Edgartown, on TUESDAY, the twenty-sixth day of February current, at eight o'clock and thirty minutes in the forenoon, to act on the following articles, viz:

- 1st. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.
- 2d. To hear the report of the Auditor and other town officers and committees, and act thereon,
- 3d. To elect the following named town officers on official ballot, viz:

A Town Clerk

A Town Treasurer

One Selectman and Overseer of the Poor for three years.

One Selectman and Overseer of the Poor for two years, to fill vacancy

One Assessor for three years.

One Assessor for two years, to fill vacancy

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

One member of the School Committee for three years.

An Auditor.

Two Constables.

A Cemetery Commissioner for three years.

A Park Commissioner for three years.

A Fish Warden.

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

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

The polls for voting on official ballots will be opened at twelve o'clock noon, and may be closed at four o'clock in the afternoon.

- 4th. To see if the town will elect one or more Collectors of Taxes and fix their compensation.

- 5th. To choose all other necessary town officers.

- 6th. To see if the town will instruct the Assessors to remit all such taxes as cannot, in their judgement, be collected.

- 7th. To see what action the town will take in reference to the maintenance of the ferry.

- 8th. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary for paying town debts, expenses for the ensuing year, and for such other purposes as may be voted at said meeting and make appropriations thereof.

- 9th. To see if the town will instruct its Selectmen to control, regulate or prohibit the taking of eels, clams, quahaugs and scallops within the limits of said town (including ponds that are now or may be leased by the Commissioners of Inland Fisheries), and fix the amount to be paid for each permit issued, and make such other regulations as may seem expedient, as provided by Chapter 130, Section 84, of the

General Laws.

- 10th To see what course the town will adopt in relation to the schoolhouses and to the provision of things necessary for the schools.
- 11th. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to hire sums of money, not to exceed three-fifths of the total tax levy, in anticipation of revenue, and to issue a series of bonds therefor to be paid from the taxes assessed during the current financial year.
- 12th To see what action the Town will take in regard to additional street lights.
- 13th To see if the town will pay the Firemen for the current year, and provide things necessary for the Fire Department.
- 14th To see what action the Town will take in reference to the observance of Memorial Day.
- 15th To see what action the Town will take in reference to spraying trees for their protection.
- 16th To see what action the town will take in reference to employing Police and Night Watchman.
- 17th To see what action the Town will take in reference to supporting the poor for the current year.
- 18th To see if the Town will vote to accept the street from the extension of North Water Street to Fuller Street, as laid out by the Selectmen.
- 19th To see what action the town will take to cause its By-laws to be arranged and printed (by request)
- 20th To see what action the town will take in reference to employing an officer to look after wayward and delinquent children, and to enforce the Curfew By-law (by petition of Susan R. Beetle and forty-three others.)
- 21st To see what action the town will take relative to the adoption a a by-law requiring all vehicles using a traveled way, to keep to the right of all white lines, painted or placed in such ways (by request).
- 22nd To see if the town will vote to elect two persons to serve on a committee to investigate, and report on the need of a union high school as provided for by a bill now being acted upon by the Legislature (by request).
- 23rd. To see if the town will appoint a Committee of one with full power to act with similar committees from Oak Bluffs and Tisbury, in the matter of obtaining lower rates for street and domestic lighting, and to appear with counsel before the Public Utilities Commission of this Commonwealth (by request).
- 24th. To see what action the town will take in reference to the sale of a parcel of land situated on Chappaquiddick formerly belonging to Henry G. Makin, and taken by said town by its Collector, Charles F. Shurtleff, for non-payment of taxes, assessed to said Henry G. Makin, and described in the deed of taking as follows: "The following described lots or parcels of land, with the buildings thereon, the same being the estate assessed as aforesaid, to wit: ten acres of land formerly owned by David Belain and others , land formerly owned by Francis Curtis. The said Henry G. Makin is the only person known to me as owner of the above-described estate." The said deed of taking being dated September 28th, 1918, and recorded in the Resgistry of Deeds for Dukes County in Book 147, page 238; and all the right, title and interest the said town has in and to said land.
- 25th. To see if the town will instruct the Selectmen to sell the Handy property, now owned by the town.
- 26th. To see what action the town will take in reference to the hearing to be held at the State House, Wednesday, February 27th, 1924 at 10 o'clock, concerning Cape Pogue Harbor, and dredging.

27th. To see if the town will accept the way, as laid out by the Selectmen, from the nearest lay-out of the Katama Road to the South Beach.

28th. To see if the town will instruct the Selectmen to order the Cape and Vineyard Electric Company to remove the transformer from the Park to a location approved by the Selectmen.

29th. To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$300 for the purchase and planting of seed oysters in the Edgartown harbor, said money to be expended under the direction of the Fish Warden.

30th. To see what action the town will take in regard to its By-laws.

31st. To see what action the town will take in regard to employing a Clerk for the Selectmen and Assessors.

32nd. To see what action the town will take relative to a draining system for Pease's Point Way.

33rd. To see if the town will place a fire alarm box near the corner of Pease's Point Way and Fuller Street (request of A. Chapman Fernald and others).

34th. To see if the town will vote to install three street lights on the West Tisbury Road. One at the corner of Cooke or Commercial Street, one at the corner of the road leading to the residence of George L. Marchant, and one at the corner of Robinson's Road, so called (request of George L. Marchant and others).

35th. To see if the town will give consent to Elmer J. Bliss to build a brick sidewalk in front of his premises on North Water Street, and maintain the same in good condition, at his own expense (request of Thomas A. Dexter and others.)

36th. To see if the town will instruct its Selectmen to lay out a town way from Katama Road to the Island of Chappaquiddick, at the Swimming Place, so called, and to have such lay-out presented to the town for its acceptance, that the way so laid out, including an adequate bridge, be constructed (request of the Chappaquiddick Association).

And you are directed to serve this warrant by publishing the same in the Vineyard Gazette seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands and the seal of the town of Edgartown this seventeenth day of February A.D. 1922.

THEODORE S. WIMPENNEY
WALTER R. NICHOLS
ALFRED A. AVERILL
Selectmen of Edgartown

IN MEMORIUM

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

Courtney Brady

Sign Advisory Committee
2005-2019

Capital Programs Committee
1978-1980

Edgartown Volunteer Ambulance Association

Christina Brown

Conservation Commission
1984-2024

Edgartown Representative-Martha's Vineyard Commission
1996-2024

Affordable Housing Committee
2005- 2020

Conservation Commission Representative - Dredge Advisory Committee
1996-2008

Planning Board Assistant
1983-2006

Richard J. Kelly

Board of Fire Engineers
2002 - 2024

Fire Department
1956-2002

Martha's Vineyard Island



Chappaquiddick Pt. Ferry, Edgartown, Mass.

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IN MEMORIUM

*A Poem by Edgartown Poet Laureate Steve Ewing in memory of Ron
Rappaport Edgartown Town Counsel for 37 years.*

Oak Bluffs Boy-Island Man

Islander idly rumbles
in her slip
calmly churning in the
dying light
A silent figure walks up
the tilted auto ramp
familiar in the foggy glow
past the quiet crew
no fare is due
he bravely steps
on board
The pin is set
the rudder fast
the great curved doors
jacked, wheeled back
thump Into place
The Islander slips away
her double ended nose
turns to port and sniffs
the rocky way
into the challenge
the tide race
of Vineyard Sound
Seabirds cackle in her deep
yet gentle wake
Misty darkness folds over
Nobska's headland
off her beam
Bells toll their herald gongs
leaning in fair tide
The ship's light
cocoon the deck
in mystic glow
Merging with the darkening night
the quiet figure
moves among the scattered crowd
on board
Distinctive high and frizzy hair
sleight curve of back
piercing thoughtful glare
draws sidelong stares

What brings Ron out here
tonight?

He climbs the vessel's stairs
finds the rail and peers
into the sea dark black
around the ship
The profile of familiar land appears
its silhouette seems to rise up in the
night
not all that faraway
The wheelhouse door swings
out a jar
an arc of low light beckons
as it fans the upper deck
The friendly pilot slides aside
as Ron glides his hands
towards the twitching wheel
He grips the helm
and feels the subtle grooves
worn from years of steering
the big ship
They match
his own
seasoned lawyer grip
The captain sidles up
shoves Ron a steaming cup
and checks his course
laughing at the risky set of it
As East Chop's green glow lightly
tints their cheeks
the captain moves to
Take his captain seat
He says to Ron
you go ahead and
bring her in tonight

Ron's smiling as he
nears the land
Friends and family
all at hand

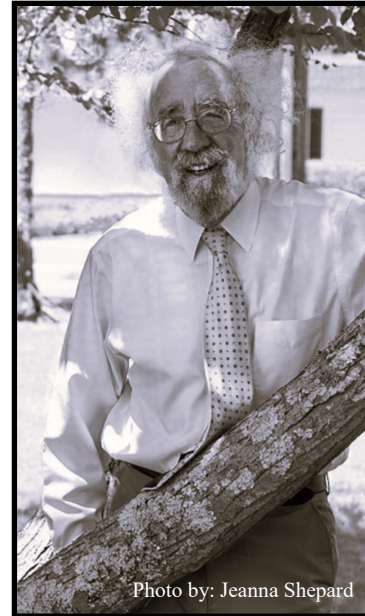


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Ronald H. Rappaport

Town Counsel
1987-2024

His sage advice
that served us once
in future will it gift us twice
For all his life for Vineyards sake
his legacy is the bow wake
Bless you Ron
our honest friend
forever will you steer again

Steve Ewing, Edgartown

TOWN OFFICERS

ELECTED OFFICERS AND APPOINTED STAFF

Moderator

STEVEN C. EWING

Term Expires 2025

Selectboard

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

Term Expires 2025

Term Expires 2026

Term Expires 2027

Town Administrator

JAMES HAGERTY

Administrative Assistant to the Selectboard

KRISTY ROSE
KAREN FULLER

Board of Assessors

DONNA GOODALE, Chair
ALAN GOWELL
S. CHRISTOPHER SCOTT

Term Expires 2025

Term Expires 2026

Term Expires 2027

Assessor/Appraiser

PATTI ROADS, Principal Assessor

Administrative Assistant to Assessors

ELIZABETH FRANCIS
EMERSON HAZELL, Data Collector

Board of Health

CANDY NICHOLS, Chair
GRETCHEN REGAN
CHRISTOPHER S. EDWARDS
FERNANDO LANA, Assistant
EMILY GODFREY**

Term Expires 2025

Term Expires 2026

Term Expires 2027

Health Agent

BRICE BOUTOT
CONNOR DOWNING**

Town Collector

SHEETAL K GRANDE, CMMT, Collector

Assistant Collector

NELLE AGIN
JADE BENNETT**

Planning Board

MICHAEL SHALLET, Chair	Term Expires 2025
DAVID IGNACIO	Term Expires 2025
ROBBIE ROBINSON, Alternate	Term Expires 2026
MICHAEL MCCOURT	Term Expires 2026
JULIA LIVINGSTON	Term Expires 2029
GLEN SEARLE**	
JAMES CISEK**	
LUCY MORRISON**	
SCOTT MORGAN**	
DOUG FINN, Assistant Pro tem	

Edgartown School Committee

KRISTEN FINDLEY BROWN	Term Expires 2025
KELLY SCOTT	Term Expires 2026
SARAH MURPHY	Term Expires 2027

Edgartown Library Trustees

OLGA MARANJIAN CHURCH	Term Expires 2025
MAGGIE MORRISON, Co-Chair	Term Expires 2025
DAVID ALAN FABER	Term Expires 2026
DENISE SEARLE, Co-Chair	Term Expires 2026
JULIE LIVELY	Term Expires 2027
NIS KILDEGAARD, Secretary	Term Expires 2027

Library

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

Park Commissioners

GLEN SEARLE	Term Expires 2025
JANE M. VARKONDA, Chairman	Term Expires 2026
ANDREW KELLY	Term Expires 2027
JESSICA MCGROARTY, Administrator	

Wastewater Treatment Commission

GLEN SEARLE	Term Expires 2025
SCOTT ELLIS	Term Expires 2026
ALEX MORRISON	Term Expires 2027

Wastewater Treatment Facility

WILLIAM BURKE, Facilities Manager
JOSEPH ROCK, Chief Operator
SEBASTIAN CORWIN, Safety Officer, Plant Operator
MATT BARTON, Plant Operator
ZAVIAN BROWN, Junior Operator
CHRISTINA ZGHIBARTA, Administrative Assistant
DEANNA AHEARN LAIRD, Department Assistant

Water Commissioners

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

Term Expires 2025
Term Expires 2026
Term Expires 2027

Edgartown Water Department

WILLIAM CHAPMAN, Superintendent
SHANE BEN DAVID, Assistant Superintendent
DYLAN THORNTON, Water Operator II
WAYNE JACKSON, Junior Operator
STEVEN PACKISH, Junior Operator
GORDON BROWN, Operator I
SHEILA BEN DAVID, Administrative Asst II
HEIDI BOYD, Department Asst

Constables

WILLIAM C. BISHOP IV
SCOTT ELLIS

Term Expires 2025
Term Expires 2026

Financial Advisory Committee

JULIA TARKA
DONNA LOWELL-BETTENCOURT, Chairman
LESLIE BAYNES
KELLY MCCrackEN
JOHN O'HARA, Alternate
KATE PUTNAM
PAUL PERTILE
NEDINE CUNNINGHAM
JAMES M. HAGERTY, Administrative Assistant
ROBERT COAD**

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

Martha's Vineyard Land Bank Representative

STEVEN C. EWING

Term Expires 2025

OFFICERS ELECTED ON FLOOR OF TOWN MEETING

Surveyors of Lumber

ROBERT AVAKIAN
JAMES HAGERTY
DAVID ALLEN FABER

Measurers of Wood and Bark and Weighers of Coal

MARTHA J. LOOK
JAMES JOYCE
ALEX MORRISON

Fence Viewers

PAUL BAGNALL
JAMES JOYCE
M.J. ROGERS

SELECTBOARD APPOINTMENTS

Town Accountant

AMELIA TIERNEY

Assistant Town Accountant

JENNIFER SMYTH

Affordable Housing Committee

JASON MAZAR-KELLY, Vice-Chair

Term Expires 2025

CASEY O'CONNOR

Term Expires 2026

MARK HESS, Chair

Term Expires 2026

MARIA VENTURA

Term Expires 2026

JONATHAN BLUM

Term Expires 2027

JUSTIN KUSH

Term Expires 2027

MELISSA VINCENT

Term Expires 2027

TIMOTHY DELANEY

Term Expires 2027

CORNELIUS MORIARITY**

Affordable Housing Trust

ARTHUR SMADBECK, Select Board Representative

JUSTIN KUSH, Chair, Member Affordable Housing Committee Representative

MARK HESS, Vice-Chair, Member Affordable Housing Committee Representative

MELISSA VINCENT, Member Affordable Housing Committee Representative

MARIA VENTURA, Member Affordable Housing Committee Representative

CORNELIUS MORIARITY**

Airfield Commission

WILLIAM BRINE

Term Expires 2025

EDWARD W. VINCENT, JR., Representative for the Conservation Commission

Term Expires 2025

DAVID HALSEY

Term Expires 2025

PATRICK BRADLEY

Term Expires 2026

HARALD FINLEY

Term Expires 2027

Airfield Manager

MICHAEL NAGLE

BELLA MURPHY, Assistant

Americans with Disabilities Act Coordinator

READE KONTJE MILNE

Beautification Advisory Committee

RENEE CLERMONT

Term Expires 2025

CAROL FLIGOR

Term Expires 2025

CAMMIE NAYLOR

Term Expires 2025

ERIN READY

Term Expires 2025

ALYSSA STARZYK

Term Expires 2025

Board of Fire Engineers

ALEX SCHAEFFER, Fire Chief

PETER G. SHEMETH, Retired Fire Chief

Term Expires 2025

ANDREW KELLY, Deputy Chief

Term Expires 2025

LAURANCE THOMAS, Retired Deputy Chief

Term Expires 2025

JOSHUA BAKER, Assistant Chief

Term Expires 2025

SCOTT ELLIS, Retired Assistant Chief

Term Expires 2025

RICHARD J. KELLY***

Fire Department Ambulance Service

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

Fire Station Building Committee

ALEX SCHAEFFER, Fire Chief, Chair
PETER SHEMETH, Retired Fire Chief, Member
PAUL PERTILE, Finance Committee Representative
GEOFF KONTJE, General Contractor at Large
CHRIS SCOTT, Community Representative
ANDREW KELLY, Call/Volunteer Fire Department Employee Member
KARA SHEMETH, Alternate
JAMES HAGERTY, Town Administrator
JULIET MULINARE, Member at large

Board of Registrars

KRISTY ROSE	Term Expires 2025
WANDA WILLIAMS	Term Expires 2026
CINDY BONNELL	Term Expired 2027

Building Commissioner & Zoning Inspector

READE KONTJE MILNE

Local Building Inspector

STEPHEN KELLY**

Building Inspector's Assistant

EMMA KRISTAL
CHRISSY MCCARTHY**

Cape Pogue District of Critical Planning Concern Advisory Committee

JANE VARKONDA, Conservation Commission Agent
CHRIS EDWARDS, Board of Health representative
MATTHEW BASS, Environmental Police Officer, Mass. Dept of Fisheries & Wildlife
BOB HAYMAN, The Trustees of Reservation membership representative
DARCI SHOFIELD, The Trustees of Reservation staff representative
MARTINA THORNTON, County of Dukes County Commission representative
RACHEL SELF, Chair, Cape Pogue Property Owner, appointed by Select board
MATT PELICAN, Vineyard Conservation Society & Vineyard Open Land Foundation
SGT. RYAN RULEY, Police Department representative
ED HANDY, Marine Advisory Committee representative
CHARLES BLAIR, Harbormaster
ROB MORRISON, Shellfish Constable
SCOTT MORGAN**

Capital Programs Committee

GAIL CROTEAU	Term Expires 2025
DAVID IGNACIO	Term Expires 2025
LUCY MORRISON	Term Expires 2027
SUSAN DROGIN	Term Expires 2027

AMELIA TIERNEY
JAMES M. HAGERTY

Cemetery Commissioners

ANDREW KELLY, Chair
SUSAN C. BROWN
DEBRA MANLEY-SMITH
ELIZABETH VILLARD**

Term Expires 2025
Term Expires 2026
Term Expires 2027

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

GLEN SEARLE
JULIET MULINARE
LES BAYNES
SHARON BRAINARD
HOLLIS MCGLAUGHLIN
JULIA TARKA
JEN SMYTH

Climate Committee

JULIA LIVINGSTON, Chair
KEVIN LOUGHLIN, Associate Chair
JENNIFER BLUM
JOSEY KIRKLAND
PETER KIRN

Community Preservation Committee

CASEY O'CONNOR, Affordable Housing Committee Representative
GLEN SEARLE, Park Department Representative
CHRISTOPHER SCOTT, Historic District Commission Representative
EDWARD W. VINCENT, JR., Conservation Commission Representative
MARGARET E. SERPA, Chairman, Board of Selectmen Representative
PAUL PERTILE, Financial Advisory Representative
MICHAEL MCCOURT, Planning Board Representative
KRISTY ROSE, Administrator
CJ MORIARITY**

Term Expires 2025
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Term Expires 2027
Term Expires 2027

Conservation Commission

JEFFREY CARLSON	Term Expires 2025
GEOFFREY KONJTE	Term Expires 2025
LIL PROVINCE	Term Expires 2025
ROBERT AVAKIAN	Term Expires 2026
EDWARD W. VINCENT, JR., Chair	Term Expires 2027
MAXIMILLION GIBBS	Term Expires 2027
KARA SHEMETH, Assistant	
JANE M. VARKONDA, Agent	
CHRISTINA BROWN***	

Council on Aging

MARVENE O'ROURKE, Co-Chair	Term Expires 2025
NANCY IGNACIO, Co-Chair	Term Expires 2025
SUE CARROLL	Term Expires 2026
JOHN DROPICK	Term Expires 2027
LISA SHERMAN	Term Expires 2027
STEVE SNELGROVE	Term Expires 2027
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

MICHAEL SHALETT, Member at Large	Term Expires 2025
ED HANDY, Chair, Representative for the Marine Advisory Committee	Term Expires 2025
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
JULIET MULINARE, Administrator	

Dukes County Regional Housing Authority Representative

MELISSA NORTON VINCENT	Term Expires 2025
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Emergency Management/Civil Defense

ALEX SCHAEFFER, Director

Energy Committee

ELLEN PRICE
RICHARD PRICE
BONNI WIDDOES
JACK ENSOR**
ALAN STRAHLER**

Term Expires 2025
Term Expires 2025
Term Expires 2025

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
STEVE EWING
JANE VARKONDA
ED HANDY
TONY MIGNANELLI
ROB MORRISON
KEN MICHEL
CHARLIE BLAIR

Harbor Planning Group

CHARLES J. BLAIR, Harbormaster
MARTIN V TOMASSIAN, JR, Chair
ED HANDY
BRUCE MCINTOSH
PETER KIRN
SCOTT ELLIS
DAVID FABER
JAMES CISEK
MADELINE FISHER
KARA SHEMETH, Advisor
JULIET MULINARE, Administrator

Harbormaster

CHARLES J. BLAIR, JR., Harbormaster
SARA TIEMANN, Administrative Assistant
RICHELLE O'NEIL, Department Assistant
TRISTAN BLAIR, Assistant
JOSHUA BROWN, Assistant
DYLAN BURKE, Assistant
NICK CARPENTER, Assistant
LOWEN ETHERINGTON, Assistant
LUKE FESNACK, Assistant
NOAH GARCIA, Assistant
SEAN HEGARTY, Assistant
SAMUEL HENDERSON, Assistant
DYLAN LEVINE, Assistant
ABIGAIL LIVELY, Assistant
EMILY MCKEON, Assistant
PETER VINCENT, Assistant

MARINA WEBER-STEVENS, Assistant

Harbormaster's Clerk/Wharfingers

STODDARD HEALY
SEAMUS MCKEON
ANTONE MOREIS
MIKE O'BRIEN
JAMES OLDERSHAW
THOMAS TILGHMAN
GEOFFREY TOTMEI
ATLAS ZACK

Harbormaster's Special Assistants

WILLIAM ROMAN
RYAN RULEY
EDWIN B. GENTLE, JR.
JONATHAN SEARLE
ROBERT D. MORRISON
JASON MALLORY

Herring Warden & Deputies

ROBERT D. MORRISON
JASON MALLORY, Deputy
CHUCK FISHER, Deputy
JULIE PRINGLE, Deputy

Highway Department

ALLAN deBETTENCOURT, Superintendent
JAMES MASEDA, Foreman
JOHN O'DONNELL
DWIGHT "DJ" KAEKA
GEORGE FAUTEUX
EDWIN ALBARADO ORTIZ
TIM TANEY

Historic District Commission

CHRISTOPHER SCOTT, Alternate
JULIA TARKA, Co-Chair
JAMES CISEK
KEN MAGNUSON
SUSAN CATLING
PETER ROSBECK, JR., Co-Chair
CARI WILLIAMSON
SHARON BRAINARD, Administrator
CAROLE BERGER**
HILARY GRANNIS**

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

Human Resource Department

JAMES ROBINSON, Human Resource Director

Information Technology Manager

ADAM DARACK

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

CHARLES J. BLAIR, JR., Harbormaster	
BRUCE MCINTOSH	Term Expires 2025
ED HANDY, Chairman	Term Expires 2027
MARTIN V. TOMMASSIAN, JR	Term Expires 2027
DOUGLAS HODGKINS, Alternate member	Term Expires 2027

Martha's Vineyard Commission Designee for the Selectboard

KATHERINE PUTNAM	Term Expires 2025
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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
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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

Master Plan Committee

JULIET MULINARE, Chair
JEFFREY AGNOLI
JONATHAN BLUM
DOUG COOPER
GAIL CROTEAU
PAULO DEOLIVEIRA
JACK ENSOR
MADELINE FISHER
JULIA LIVINGSTON
DAVID IGNACIO
MARCEL LAFLAMME
MIKE MACKENTY
ROBERT STRAYTON

Municipal Hearings Officer

JAMES M. HAGERTY

Oil Spill First Response Team

CHARLES J. BLAIR, JR.

Personnel Board

KELLY MCCrackEN
SUZANNE CIOFFI
HALEY DUQUETTE, Employee Representative

Term Expires 2025
Term Expires 2025
Term Expires 2025

Police Officers

CHRISTOPHER M. DOLBY
JOEL M. DEROCHÉ
MICHAEL SNOWDEN, II
WILLIAM BISHOP, IV
RYAN RULEY
DAYCE MOORE
JEFFREY TRUDEL
ZACHARY TOWNES
CURTIS CHANDLER
JAKE SYLVIA
MICHAEL O'Rourke
TYLER MOREIS
DORON KLINGENSMITH
JOHN DACEY
ZACHERY MOREIS
TROY VANDERHOOP
MICHAEL D. GAZAILLE
THOMAS SMITH
KEN ROMERO
REBECCA LAMARCHE
GABRIEL BRITO
KATHLEEN DaSILVA
COLIN HURLEY
RYAN RICHARDSON
BRYAN TORRES
ED WILLOUGHBY
JAKE WILSON
BRUCE MCNAMEE*
WILLIAM OTERI*
GARY KOVAK**
ALEX GUEST**

Lieutenant
Sergeant
Sergeant
Sergeant
Sergeant
Officer
Officer
Detective
Officer
Officer
Officer
Officer
Officer
Officer
Officer
Reserve Officer
Reserve Officer
Administrative Assistant
Dept. Assistant
Summer Traffic Officer
Summer Traffic Officer
Summer Traffic Officer
Summer Traffic Officer
Summer Traffic Officer
Summer Traffic Officer

Plumbing Inspectors

WILLIAM CALLAHAN
CHARLES DAY
JAMIE WALLACE

Shellfish Committee

NICHOLAS TURNER
WARREN GAINES
DAVID FABER
RYAN SMITH
MADELINE FISHER

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

Shellfish Constable

ROBERT D. MORRISON
PAUL L. BAGNALL*

Shellfish Wardens (Deputies)

JULIE PRINGLE
CHARLES FISHER

JASON MALLORY
RALPH PECKHAM, Summer Deputy
RON DOMURAT, Summer Deputy

Shellfish Wardens (Unpaid Deputies)

RALPH PECKHAM
RON DOMURAT
ROB OCYXZ
PAUL SCHULTZ

Term Expires 2025
Term Expires 2025
Term Expires 2025
Term Expires 2025

Short Term Rental Committee

MARK SNIDER
ALEX MORRISON
JULIA TARKA
ERIN READY
GERY CONOVER
PAMELA CREVEN
TAYLOR PIERCE

Sick Leave Bank

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

Term Expires 2025
Term Expires 2025

Sign Advisory Committee

CHRISTINA COOKE
JULIA TARKA
MARTIN V. TOMMASIAN, JR.
SHERRY MATTISON
BARRY KORETZ

Term Expires 2024
Term Expires 2025
Term Expires 2025
Term Expires 2026
Term Expires 2027

Town Clerk

KAREN R. MEDEIROS

Assistant Town Clerk

AMBER MEDEIROS
COLLETTE JORDAN**

Town Counsel

ZEB LANDSMAN
RONALD H. RAPPAPORT***

Town Treasurer

PAMELA AMARAL

Treasurer's Assistant

MARISA BONIFACE

Tree Warden and Superintendent of Moth Extermination

ALLAN deBETTENCOURT

Dukes County Veteran's Agent

RANDY DULL

Water Resource Management Officer

WILLIAM CHAPMAN

Wharf Restoration Committee

STEVE EWING
CHRIS SCOTT
SCOTT ELLIS

Wire Inspectors

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

Zoning Board of Appeals

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

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

Zoning By-law Review Committee

JULIA LIVINGSTON, Chair
STEVE REYNOLDS
JOSEPH SIEBER
JULIET MULINARE
BENJAMIN HALL
READE MILNE, Advisor

*Retired
**Resigned
***Deceased

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

SELECTBOARD

Dear Citizens of Edgartown,

As we reflect on 2024, we are proud to share the progress, challenges, and milestones that have shaped our community over the past year. Edgartown remains a vibrant and cherished part of Martha's Vineyard, and we are grateful for the collaboration and commitment shown by residents, town employees, and volunteers.

Town Accomplishments

This year, we have seen remarkable advancements in key areas:

Infrastructure Improvements: Significant progress was made on critical infrastructure projects, including the repair and maintenance of roads, sidewalks, and public facilities. The completion of upgrades to the Town waterfront has improved accessibility and safety for residents and visitors alike.

Environmental Initiatives: As stewards of our beautiful island, we continued to prioritize environmental sustainability. Our coastal resilience projects have advanced, including dune restoration and flood prevention planning on our harbor front. Additionally, we implemented new policies aimed at reducing waste and promoting renewable energy use within municipal operations.

Housing Initiatives: Affordable housing remains a pressing concern for Edgartown. In 2024, we partnered with Island Housing Trust to expand access to affordable housing at our new Meshacket Commons housing development, and launching our new "Housing Heroes" program to encourage year-round rentals.

Community Engagement and Events: The always popular Fourth of July Parade, as well as our Christmas in Edgartown brought our community together in celebration. We thank all those who volunteered to make these events a success and strengthen our sense of togetherness.

Financial Management

Edgartown remains fiscally sound, thanks to

prudent financial planning and careful stewardship of town resources. This year, we successfully balanced the budget while funding important projects, maintaining reserves, and meeting increasing service demands.

Looking Ahead

As we enter 2025, the Selectboard remain focused on addressing key priorities:

- Expanding affordable housing options to support our year-round community.
- Protecting our coastal environment and addressing climate change impacts.
- Enhancing public safety and emergency preparedness.
- Investing in recreational opportunities and facilities for all ages.

Acknowledgments

We extend our deepest gratitude to all town employees, committees, and volunteers who work tirelessly to keep Edgartown running smoothly. We also thank the residents for their continued support, input, and participation in town meetings and initiatives. Together, we are building a stronger and more resilient Edgartown.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Selectboard. We remain committed to preserving the unique character of our town while preparing for a sustainable and prosperous future.

Sincerely,
MICHAEL DONAROMA
MARGARET SERPA
ARTHUR SMADBECK
Edgartown Selectboard



TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

To the Citizens of the Town of Edgartown,

The year began with an unforeseen challenge as an unrelenting storm struck Edgartown's southern shoreline in mid-January. Powerful southern winds and an intense storm surge inflicted destruction reminiscent of Hurricane Bob in 1991—the last time the Town had experienced such widespread damage. The storm's toll was severe: a major sinkhole opened on Atlantic Drive, a culvert failure compromised Right Fork, and the loss of the barrier dunes raised serious concerns about the viability of South Beach and Norton Point for the summer season. Recognizing the urgency of the situation, the Selectboard took swift action. On January 17, in a unanimous vote, the Board declared a local state of emergency, unlocking critical governmental resources typically reserved for the most extreme events. In response, nearly every Town department mobilized to launch a large-scale dredging and reconstruction effort—an undertaking projected to exceed \$1.1 million—to restore public access to roads and beaches. Throughout the winter and early spring, Atlantic Drive remained closed to vehicles, with pedestrians and cyclists weaving through jersey barriers and construction fencing as they witnessed the dramatic transformation of the storm-ravaged landscape.

Despite these challenges, the essential functions of Town government carried on without interruption. As is customary in winter, the Selectboard convened alongside the Financial Advisory Committee and department heads for a series of in-depth budgetary discussions. Through careful deliberation, a balanced \$63 million budget was crafted and approved unanimously. Additionally, the Selectboard finalized the Annual Town Meeting Warrant, ensuring that key priorities were addressed and the Town remained on sound financial footing.

In April, Edgartown voters once again gathered at the Old Whaling Church for the Annual Town Meeting, a cornerstone of our community's democratic process. Over the course of an extensive evening, residents approved vital funding measures, including the replacement of the force main sewer lines on Edgartown-West Tisbury Road, the acquisition of Land Bank property at 167 Upper Main Street, and reimbursement for emergency repairs at South Beach. Deliberations continued well past 11 p.m., featuring robust debate on zoning bylaw amendments and a closely contested vote that ultimately defeated a proposed ban on gas-powered leaf blowers. By the end of the month, Atlantic Drive

and South Beach reopened to the public, and the Town proudly unveiled the newly reconstructed North Wharf bulkhead—underscoring our ongoing commitment to infrastructure resilience and coastal adaptation.

As summer approached, Edgartown residents and visitors enjoyed the return of cherished traditions. The Edgartown School's annual March to the Sea instilled civic pride in the next generation, while the Edgartown Board of Trade introduced the first-ever "Porch Fest," bringing live music and entertainment to the heart of downtown. Meanwhile, on the regulatory front, The Trustees of Reservations formally appealed environmental conditions imposed by the Town's Conservation Commission, and the Martha's Vineyard Commission launched its inaugural "Capacity Study" in partnership with the Army Corps of Engineers.

In early June, the Town was shaken by the heartbreaking loss of longtime Town Counsel Ron Rappaport. A steadfast presence at Town Meeting and a pillar of Edgartown's governance, Ron's wisdom, dedication, and unparalleled legal expertise shaped the Town's governance and safeguarded its traditions with unmatched legal acumen. His guidance was a source of confidence, his counsel both trusted and invaluable. Though his absence is deeply felt, his legacy of service and integrity will endure for generations to come.

The peak summer season brought another challenge—this time, not from nature, but from human activity. Debris from a Vineyard Wind turbine failure washed ashore, requiring a swift response from the Parks Department and outside agencies. While the impact was not as severe as on our neighboring island of Nantucket, the situation demanded immediate cleanup efforts, including temporary swimming closures to ensure public safety.

On a more positive note, Edgartown's financial strength and strategic planning continued to yield tangible benefits. In recognition of the Town's fiscal responsibility and planning, Standard & Poor's reaffirmed Edgartown's 'AAA' bond rating—ensuring continued financial stability, lower borrowing costs, and expanded opportunities for future infrastructure improvements.

As autumn arrived, the 79th Derby unfolded seamlessly, drawing anglers from near and far to participate in this beloved tradition. Meanwhile, the long-anticipated groundbreaking of the Meshacket affordable housing project marked a significant

milestone. A collaboration between the Town, Island Housing Trust, and Affirmative Investments, this initiative is a crucial step toward increasing housing accessibility for year-round residents. Concurrently, the Highway Department completed long-needed improvements at the Church Street and Pease's Point Way intersection, enhancing both traffic flow and pedestrian safety.

As the year drew to a close, the Edgartown Board of Trade once again delivered a spectacular Christmas in Edgartown, a signature event that brings warmth and festivity to the holiday season. Simultaneously, the Capital Programs Committee began its annual review of Fiscal Year 2026 capital requests, ensuring that the Town's infrastructure and community needs remain well-supported in the years ahead.

Reflecting on the past year, I am reminded of the unwavering dedication of Edgartown's employees, whose commitment to public service is the foundation of our community. Their tireless efforts—

often behind the scenes—ensure that Edgartown remains a place of resilience, progress, and shared purpose. From first responders to public works crews, educators to administrative staff, their contributions sustain the high quality of life we all cherish. It is their dedication, along with the spirit of our residents, that defines the character of this great Town.

Your continued support and engagement are invaluable, and I am honored to serve as your Town Administrator in the 352nd year of Edgartown's history. Together, we will continue to meet challenges head-on, uphold our traditions, and build a strong, vibrant future for generations to come.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES M. HAGERTY
Town Administrator

TOWN CLERK

To the Honorable Selectboard and the Citizens of Edgartown,

2024 – This has been quite a year in the Clerk's office!

January and February were busy as usual with the Town Census and dog licenses. Then it was onto The Presidential Primary on March 5th, which went smoothly thanks to all the help from our wonderful election workers.

In April the Special Town Meeting, Annual Town Meeting and Annual Town Election went smoothly. We then moved on to the busy summer season and lots of weddings.

August through November were extra busy with the September Primary and November Election. We had a very large number of voters vote by mail.

The town's total number of registered voters as of the November 5th election was 4,398; with 2,936 voting gave us an 66.8% voter turnout.

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 really do have a great team!

Assistant Town Clerk, Collette Jordan was a

huge help throughout the year. She resigned in July. In August Amber Medeiros started as Assistant Town Clerk. She has been a wonderful addition to our office and assists me, as well as the public, with a multitude of tasks.

The following is a list of the events held during 2024 and a report of the licenses sold for the year:

Presidential Primary	March 5, 2024
Special Town Meeting	April 9, 2024
Annual Town Meeting	April 9, 2024
Annual Town Election	April 11, 2024
State Primary	September 13 2024
State Election	November 5, 2024
Dog Licenses	
Marriage Licenses	

The following is a complete report of minutes for all Town Meeting and Elections held in 2024

Included are the Marriage and Death reports for 2024.

Respectfully Submitted,

KAREN R. MEDEIROS
Town Clerk

REPORT FOR PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY MARCH 5, 2024

Pursuant to the Warrant, the inhabitants of the Town of Edgartown qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs met at the Polling Place, the Fred B. Morgan, Jr. Meeting Room (Town Hall) on Tuesday, March 5, 2024 at 7:00 A.M., for the purpose of bringing their votes to the Election Officers for the Election of Candidates of Political Parties.

Constables Scott Ellis and William Bishop IV, Warden Wanda Williams, Assistant Town Clerk Collette Jordan, Cindy Bonnell, Ann Tyra, Kevin Searle, Jo-Ann Resendes and Chris White served as checkers, tabulators and counters.

The Polls were declared open at 7:00 A.M. It was voted to dispense with the reading of the Warrant by

Town Clerk Karen R. Medeiros. The Polls were closed at 8:00 P.M.

965 voters were checked as having voted, and 965 Ballots were cast, 583 Democratic Ballots, 370 Republican Ballots, and 12 Libertarian Ballots.

At 9:30 P.M., all ballots having been counted and tallied the Town Clerk announced the results of the election.

DEMOCRATIC PARTY BALLOTS CAST

PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE

Dean Philips	14
Joseph R. Biden	504
Marianne Williamson	10

No Preference	37
Blanks	8
Write-Ins	<u>10</u>
	583

STATE COMMITTEE MAN

<i>Cape & Islands District</i>	
Jeremy Comeau	220
Owen G. Fletcher	211
Miscellaneous Votes	0
Blanks	<u>152</u>
	583

STATE COMMITTEE WOMAN

<i>Cape & Island District</i>	
Robin Louise Hubbard	441
Miscellaneous votes	0
Blanks	<u>142</u>
	583

TOWN COMMITTEE- EDGARTOWN VOTE FOR TEN

Group	583
Carla A. Cooper	413
Diane G. Drake	371
Elizabeth O'Connor	380
Maria A. Black	365
Jonathan Chatinover	381
Keith O'Connor Chatinover	378
Rhonda Iris Cohen	369
Paulo C. DeOliveira	428
Geraldine M. Moriarty	383
Eric Harold Stricoff	350
Joy Thoma	351
Ben Hall Jr.	1
Brian M. Hall	1
Taylor C. Pierce	1
Robert E. Coad	1
Miscellaneous Votes	0
Blanks	<u>7487</u>
	11660

REPUBLICAN PARTY BALLOTS CAST

PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE

Chris Christie	7
Ryan Binkley	0
Vivek Ramaswamy	3
Asa Hutchinson	0
Donald J. Trump	195
Ron DeSantis	2
Nikki Haley	161
No Preference	2
Miscellaneous Votes	0
Blanks	<u>0</u>
	370

STATE COMMITTEE MAN

<i>Cape & Islands District</i>	
Michael Arnold	114

William L. Crocker Jr.	141
Miscellaneous Votes	2
Blanks	<u>113</u>
	370

STATE COMMITTEE WOMAN

<i>Cape & Island District</i>	
Judith A. Crocker	138
Daralyn Andrea Heywood	118
Miscellaneous votes	0
Blanks	<u>114</u>
	370

TOWN COMMITTEE

EDGARTOWN VOTE FOR TEN

Miscellaneous Votes	8
Blanks	<u>3692</u>
	3700

LIBERTARIAN PARTY BALLOTS CAST

PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE

Jacob George Hornberger	2
Michael D. Rectenwald	2
Chase Russel Oliver	1
Michael Terr Maat	0
Lars Damian Mapstead	0
No Preference	7
Miscellaneous Votes	0
Blanks	<u>0</u>
	12

STATE COMMITTEE MAN

<i>Cape & Islands District</i>	
Derek Newhall	9
Miscellaneous	0
Blanks	<u>3</u>
	12

STATE COMMITTEE WOMAN

<i>Cape & Islands District</i>	
Miscellaneous	1
Blanks	<u>11</u>
	12

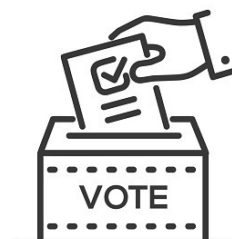
TOWN COMMITTEE

EDGARTOWN VOTE FOR TEN

Miscellaneous	0
Blanks	<u>120</u>
	120

Attest:

KAREN R. MEDEIROS
Town Clerk



REPORT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING APRIL 9, 2024

The Moderator began the Special Town Meeting at 7:13 P.M. when the quorum of 214 (a total of 310 voters were in attendance) was in attendance. Clara Rabeni led the attendees in the pledge of allegiance. 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 appropriate from Free Cash, the sum of \$13,000.00 to be added to the Town's Fiscal Year 2024 Insurance Account as a result of audited worker's compensation costs and carrier deductibles.

Submitted by the Select 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 appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$20,000.00 to be added to the Town's Fiscal Year 2024 Legal Account.

Submitted by the Select 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 \$33,013.00 to be added to the Town's Fiscal Year 2024 Select Board Department Salaries.

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 to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$130,000.00 to reline or replace the main cast iron sewer line and laterals running under the Town Hall.

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 if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$1,106,970.00 to address and repair damage resulting from winter weather activity, which was declared a local emergency on January 17, 2024. An Initial Damage Assessment (IDA) reimbursement request has been submitted to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) through the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA). The free cash funds would be allocated to the following Departments for Summer 2024 as the Town awaits decision from MEMA and FEMA. (see chart)

Submitted by the Select Board

**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 \$10,452.00 to be added to the Town's Fiscal Year 2024 Building Inspector Salaries.

Submitted by the Building Inspector

**RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

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

Department	Cost	Project
Highway Department	\$490,000.00	Repair of Herring Creek Bridge Culvert Repair of Atlantic Drive
Highway Department	\$21,685.00	Debris Removal and Demolition
Dredge Department	\$292,827.00	Operating Expenses to Dredge and Haul at Katama Bay Operating Expenses to Dredge and Haul at Great Pond
Conservation Commission	\$272,458.00	Beach Grass Installation Snow Fencing Pedestrian Walkways Replacement / Repair Additional Sand Hauling Final Grading of Sand Design and Permitting for Second Phase Restorations
Park Commission	\$30,000.00	Temporary Storage Container and Temporary Officer Trailer
Total	\$1,106,970.00	

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Community Preservation Historic Preservation Reserve Fund the sum of \$200,000.00 for further funding due to increase in costs toward the restoration project of the Edgartown Lighthouse. The project was originally approved at Annual Town Meeting April 11, 2023.

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. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$7,000.00 to be added to the Town's Fiscal Year 2024 Council on Aging Expense.

Submitted by the Council on Aging

**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 authorize the Park Department Commissioners and the Select Board to effectuate the terms and conditions of a First Amendment to Memorandum of Understanding with the MVB&GC, dated March __, 2024, which MOU was approved by Article 1, STM April 14, 2020 (the "MOU"), by: a.) changing the location of a non-exclusive right and easement to the MVB&GC over Town land shown on Assessor's Map 20C, Lot 163; b.) changing the location of an approximately 2 acre parcel of land to be transferred to the Town from the MVB&GC; c.) accepting the right and option of an additional portion of the Norton Parcel containing approximately 14.34 acres, of which the location has changed; and d.) exchanging utility easements and utility tie-in rights with the MVB&GC, as further set out in the MOU, as amended.

2/3 Vote Required

Submitted by the Parks Commission

**Neither Recommended nor not recommended by the
financial advisory committee**

**Moved and seconded; thereafter the date was amended
to March 29, 2024. The Article was also amended by
adding the following language after "as amended": ";
and e.) authorizing the Select Board to seek special
legislation to effectuate the purposes of this article, if
necessary."**

**There was discussion of moving the croquet court. The
article was then voted in favor by a vote of 173 YES
and 31 NO**

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to accept a non-exclusive perpetual easement over a portion of land located at 83 North Water Street, abutting North Wharf, to enable the Town to maintain and repair a portion of North Wharf, on the terms and conditions that the Select Board determines are in the best interests of the Town. The easement will be for no monetary consideration and no appropriation of funds is required.

2/3 Vote Required

Submitted by the North Wharf Committee

**NEITHER RECOMMENDED NOR NOT
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 from Free Cash the sum of \$750.00 to pay the following Fiscal Year 2022 unpaid bills:

Electronic Security Systems LLC \$750.00 Select Board

9/10 VOTE REQUIRED

**RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY
COMMITTEE**

**Moved and seconded; thereafter voted in favor by a
vote of 238 YES to 0 NO.**

The Moderator declared the Special Town Meeting
adjourned at 7:43 P.M.

Attest:

KAREN R. MEDEIROS
Town Clerk

REPORT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING APRIL 9, 2024

The Moderator began the Annual Town Meeting at 7:43 P.M. The quorum of 214 (a total of 310 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.

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

1. One Select Board Member for Three Years
2. One Assessor for Three Years
3. One Board of Health Member for Three Years

4. Two Financial Advisory Committee Members for Three Years
5. Two Library Trustees for Three Years
6. One Park Commissioner for Three Years
7. One Planning Board Member for Five Years
8. One Planning Board Member for One Year
9. One Edgartown School Committee Member for Three Years
10. One Edgartown School Committee Member for One Year
11. One Wastewater Treatment Commissioner for Three Years

12. One Water Commissioner for Three Years
13. One Constable 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.

- Adam Darack, Information Technology Manager discussed the Town's new online permitting.
- Lisa Sherman, Library Director reported on the conference the Library staff attended.
- Alex Schaeffer, Fire Chief and Kara Shemeth, Fire Captain reported on the Fire Department and the progress of the new Fire Station.
- Jason Mazar-Kelly, Vice-Chair of the Affordable Housing Committee reported on the housing crisis.

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. To see if the Town will vote to amend the annual salary scales of the Classification Plan of the Personnel By-law, so that they reflect a 5.0% increase, which is a cost of living adjustment becoming effective July 1, 2024.

Submitted by Personnel Board

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL

	<u>FY25 Seasonal Wage Scale</u>					<u>Effective 7/1/2024</u>				
Grade	Step 1		Step 2		Step 3		Step 4		Step 5	Step 6
A	Library Clerk, Receptionist, Laborer, Recreation Asst., Wharfinger, Dep. Fish Warden									
	\$ 14.00		\$ 14.56		\$ 15.14		\$ 15.74		\$ 16.36	\$ 17.01
Proposed	\$ 15.40		\$ 16.02		\$ 16.65		\$ 17.31		\$ 18.00	\$ 18.71
B	Asst Harbormaster, Nightwatch, Laborer,									
	\$ 16.00		\$ 16.64		\$ 17.31		\$ 18.00		\$ 18.72	\$ 19.47
Proposed	\$ 17.60		\$ 18.30		\$ 19.04		\$ 19.80		\$ 20.59	\$ 21.41
C	Traffic Officer, Park Patrol Officer, Tennis Instructor									
	\$ 17.00		\$ 17.68		\$ 18.39		\$ 19.12		\$ 19.89	\$ 20.68
Proposed	\$ 18.70		\$ 19.45		\$ 20.23		\$ 21.03		\$ 21.88	\$ 22.75
D	Deputy Harbormaster, Lifeguard, Recreation Director									
	\$ 18.00		\$ 18.72		\$ 19.47		\$ 20.25		\$ 21.06	\$ 21.90
Proposed	\$ 19.80		\$ 20.59		\$ 21.42		\$ 22.27		\$ 23.16	\$ 24.09
E	Special Officer, Asst. Head Lifeguard, Park Patrol Director									
	\$ 19.00		\$ 19.76		\$ 20.55		\$ 21.37		\$ 22.23	\$ 23.12
Proposed	\$ 20.90		\$ 21.74		\$ 22.61		\$ 23.51		\$ 24.45	\$ 25.43
F	Airfield Assistant, Head Lifeguard, Highway/Cemetery Laborer, Swim Instructor									
	\$ 20.00		\$ 20.80		\$ 21.63		\$ 22.50		\$ 23.40	\$ 24.33
Proposed	\$ 22.00		\$ 22.88		\$ 23.80		\$ 24.75		\$ 25.74	\$ 26.77
G	Beach Director									
	\$ 21.00		\$ 21.84		\$ 22.71		\$ 23.62		\$ 24.57	\$ 25.55
Proposed	\$ 23.10		\$ 24.02		\$ 24.98		\$ 25.98		\$ 27.02	\$ 28.10
H	Airfield Manager									
	\$ 35.00		\$ 36.46		\$ 37.98		\$ 39.57		\$ 41.23	\$ 42.96
I	Constable, Registrar, Warden									
					\$ 15.00	Election Worker				\$ 15.00

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Personnel By-Law Section 25.0 Edgartown Classification and Salary Plan as Follows effective April 10, 2024:

- Delete the position of Council on Aging Administrator Grade J
- Add the position of Council on Aging Director Grade J
- Add the position of Assistant Beach Director Grade C

Submitted by Personnel Board

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Moved and seconded; thereafter amended to read the positions. Moved and seconded voted as amended in favor by an UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to amend the annual salary scales for the Seasonal Edgartown Wage Scale (Section 26) of the Personnel By-Law as printed below effective July 1, 2024: (see chart)

Submitted by Personnel Board

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 amend the Personnel By-Law Section 10.0 (Vacation Leave) as follows effective July 1, 2024:

10.0 Vacation Leave

10-1. **Coverage.** Full-time employees.

10-2. **Vacation Granted.**

~~A. An employee in continuous service shall be granted two (2) work weeks (5 work days, 5 vacation days; 4 work days, 4 vacation days, etc.) of vacation with pay after completion of one year of service but less than five years of continuous service.~~

Employees who have completed fewer than four (4) years of continuous service shall earn two (2) work weeks of vacation days per year. Leave shall be earned at 0.83 days per month.

~~B. An employee in continuous service shall be granted three (3) work weeks (5 work days, 5 vacation days; 4 work days, 4 vacation days, etc.) of vacation with pay after five (5) years of continuous service but less than ten (10) years of service.~~

Employees who have completed at least four (4) years, but fewer than eight (8) years of continuous service shall earn three (3) work weeks of vacation days per year. Leave shall be earned at 1.25 days per month.

~~C. An employee in continuous service shall be granted four (4) work weeks (5 work days, 5 vacation days; 4 work days, 4 vacation days, etc.) of vacation with pay after ten (10) years of continuous service.~~

Employees who have completed at least eight (8) or more of continuous service shall earn four (4) work weeks of vacation days per year. Leave shall be earned

at 1.66 days per month.

Submitted by Personnel Board

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 Personnel By-Law Section 11.0 (Sick Leave) as follows effective July 1, 2024, and to authorize the Personnel Board and Select Board to codify a new policy under the parameters of the Commonwealth's Earned Sick Time regulations, 940 CMR 33.07(8).

11-2. Granting of Sick Leave.

~~Accrual of sick leave for employees who have successfully completed the required probationary period shall be at the rate of one day for each month of service completed. Upon completion of the probationary period an employee shall be credited with six (6) days of sick leave.~~

Submitted by Personnel Board

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 amend the Personnel By-Law Section 25.0 Edgartown Classification and Salary Plan as follows effective July 1, 2024 and authorize the Edgartown Wastewater Commission and the Board of Water Commissioners to provide compensation, in the form of an annual \$1,000.00 stipend, to any administrative employee acquiring and maintaining valid professional licenses not specifically delineated in their job descriptions but contributing to the regulatory and staffing requisites of Water and Wastewater Departments within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Submitted by Personnel Board

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 amend the Personnel By-Law Section 25.0 Edgartown Classification and Salary Plan effective July 1, 2024 and authorize the Personnel Board and Select Board to codify a new, "One-Time Sign-On Incentive Policy" as part of the Town's strategic recruiting strategy that offers a one-time payment not to exceed \$5,000.00 to new full-time employees in hard-to-fill positions with repayment stipulations for early departure.

Submitted by Personnel Board

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 raise the necessary sums of money to defray the general expenses of

the Town for Fiscal Year 2025 and to make appropriations therefore.

Moved and seconded; line #52 was amended to include and Building thereafter ALL voted in favor by an UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 11. To see if 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 2025 revenues in the following amounts to the following reserves.

\$140,000.00 to be appropriated to the Community Preservation Open Space Reserve Fund;

\$140,000.00 to be appropriated to the Community Preservation Affordable Housing Reserve Fund;

\$140,000.00 to be appropriated to the Community Preservation Historic Preservation Reserve Fund;

\$700,000.00 to be appropriated to the Community Preservation Budgeted Reserve;

\$30,000.00 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 12. To see if the Town will vote to close the following Community Preservation Robinson Road Recreation Area project accounts and to put the funds which total \$936,331.53 toward the new Robinson Road Recreation Area project.

Project Account #	Amount
34106056	\$15,431.50
34106070	\$10,965.00
34106078	\$1,410.03
34106089	\$17,800.00
34106100	\$725.00
<u>34106108</u>	<u>\$890,000.00</u>
Total	\$936,331.53

Submitted by the Community Preservation Committee

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Community Preservation Affordable Housing Fund the sum of \$140,000.00 to be paid to The Dukes County Regional Housing Authority to fund the Rental Assistance Program for Edgartown Families for Fiscal Year 2025.

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. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Community Preservation Affordable Housing Fund the amount of \$120,000.00 and from the Community Preservation Fiscal Year 2024 Budgeted Reserve the amount of \$88,800.00, 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 15. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Community Preservation Fiscal Year 2024 Budgeted Reserve the sum of \$50,000.00 to fund Edgartown Affordable Housing Committee's "Housing Heroes" Campaign to recruit landlords for affordable housing rental opportunities.

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. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Community Preservation Unbudgeted Reserve the sum of \$500,000.00 to go toward further funding of the Meshacket Affordable Housing 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 17. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Community Preservation Fiscal Year 2024 Budgeted Reserve the sum of \$175,000.00 to be used for phase two 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 two 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. This article and the upcoming article total \$319,600.00 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 18. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Community Preservation Historic Preservation Fund the sum of \$10,000.00 to the MV Garden Club for rehabilitation of the historic Mill Building in West

Tisbury. This is a regional project. The Edgartown Historic District Commission has deemed the building historically significant to the Town.

Submitted by the Community Preservation Committee

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Community Preservation Historic Preservation Fund the sum of \$40,000.00 for phase two of the Cemetery Fence Project at the Old West Side Cemetery.

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. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Community Preservation Open Space/Recreation Fund the sum of \$30,000.00 to the Parks Department to fund access walkways at South Beach.

Submitted by the Community Preservation Committee

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Community Preservation Open Space/Recreation Fund the sum of \$25,000.00 to Harbormaster Department to remove the dangerous asphalt ramp at Eel Pond and restore the shoreline.

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. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Community Preservation Open Space/Recreation Fund the sum of \$100,000.00 to the Edgartown Public Library toward their Landscape Plan which will enhance the access and usefulness of the library property by providing outdoor recreation, community and learning space.

Submitted by the Community Preservation Committee

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Moved and seconded; thereafter Moved to Indefinitely Postpone. Voted by an unanimous vote to INDEFINITELY POSTPONE

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Community Preservation Open Space/Recreation Fund the amount of \$70,000.00 and from the Community Preservation Fiscal Year 2024 Budgeted Reserve the amount of \$30,000.00 for the sum of \$100,000.00 to go toward phase two of the Edgartown School project to renovate their playgrounds into an Outdoor Learning

Campus.

Submitted by the Community Preservation Committee

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Community Preservation Fiscal Year 2024 Budgeted Reserve the amount of \$350,000.00 to the Parks Department for additional funding for the Robinson Road Recreation Project. This article and the upcoming article total \$500,000.00 in additional funding for this project.

Submitted by the Community Preservation Committee

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

ARTICLE 25. To see if 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 \$763,239.00.

Project Account #	Amount	Fund
34106058	\$15,163.34	Historic Preservation
34106061	\$13,207.38	Historic Preservation
34106050	\$50,000.00	Unbudgeted
34106068	\$26,810.00	Open Space/Recreation
34106066	\$565.04	Historic Preservation
34106076	\$729.00	Historic Preservation
34106077	\$137.00	Historic Preservation
34106081	\$76,530.00	Open Space/Recreation
34106092	\$22,023.02	Open Space/Recreation
34106085	\$100,000.00	Unbudgeted
34106091	\$47,360.00	Open Space/Recreation
34106098	\$2,635.00	Historic Preservation
34106112	\$150,000.00	Affordable Housing
34106113	\$100,000.00	Affordable Housing
34106115	\$1,387.12	Historic Preservation
34106142	\$150,000.00	Affordable Housing
34106138	\$6,693.00	Affordable Housing
Total	\$763,239.90	

This Article funds the following four (4) CPC articles. If it does not pass, those articles will need to be indefinitely postponed.

Submitted by the Community Preservation Committee

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

ARTICLE 26. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the amount of \$150,000.00 to the Parks Department for additional funding for the Robinson Road Recreational Area. This article and the previous article total

\$500,000.00 in additional funding for this project.

Submitted by the Community Preservation Committee

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Moved and seconded; thereafter Kristy Rose made a motion to amend the Article to read “\$150,000.00 from Community Preservation Open Space Fund”. Thereafter voted in favor by the Moderator declaring it CARRIED AS AMENDED

ARTICLE 27. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the amount of \$144,600.00 from the Community Preservation Affordable Housing Fund to be used for phase two 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 two 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. This Article and the previous article total \$319,600.00 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 28. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the amount of \$165,650.00 from the Community Preservation Affordable Housing Fund 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 29. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the amount of \$90,000.00 from the Community Preservation Affordable Housing Fund and \$42,520.00 from the Community Preservation Unbudgeted Fund for the sum of \$132,520.00 to go toward the West Tisbury Senior Housing Project at 401 State Road in West Tisbury. 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 30. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, the sum of \$15,000.00 to match the \$25,000.00 grant from the Commonwealth’s Mass Downtown Initiative to construct and install wayfinding signage in cooperating with the Edgartown Board of

Trade.

Submitted by the Select Board

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

ARTICLE 31. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2025, the sum of \$75,000.00 to pay the cost of the Fourth of July Fireworks.

Submitted by the Select Board

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

ARTICLE 32. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2025, the sum of \$250,000.00 for the exterior maintenance and painting of the Town Hall building.

Submitted by the Select Board

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

ARTICLE 33. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2025, 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 34. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,550,000.00 to purchase a parcel of land, and all improvements thereon, located at 167 Main Street, consisting of approximately 0.39 acres, and identified on Edgartown Assessor’s Map 20C as Lot 14.1 and 14.2, for municipal purposes; provided, however, that a majority of voters cast ballots in the affirmative to allow the Town to exceed its Fiscal Year 2025 Proposition 2½ spending cap at the Annual Town Election to be held on April 11, 2024. (Question 1).

2/3 Vote Required

Submitted by the Select Board

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Moved and seconded; thereafter discussion and clarification that this is a Capital Exclusion the article was voted IN FAVOR by a vote of 228 YES to 1 NO

ARTICLE 35. To see if 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 2025 beginning on July 1, 2024, 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 36. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, the sum of \$2,000,000.00 to the Town's Capital Stabilization Fund under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, Section 5B, effective for Fiscal Year 2025 beginning on July 1, 2024, 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 37. To see if the Town will vote to accept the fourth paragraph of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, Section 5B, which allows the dedication, without further appropriation, of all, or a percentage not less than 25 percent, of particular fees, charges or receipts to a stabilization fund established under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, Section 5B, to be effective for the Fiscal Year beginning on July 1, 2024 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 38: To see if the Town will dedicate 25 percent, of the Room Occupancy Excise revenues collected under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 64G to the Capital Stabilization Fund established under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, Section 5B, effective for fiscal year 2025 beginning on July 1, 2024, or take any other action relative thereto.

2/3 Vote Required

Submitted by the Select Board

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Moved and seconded; then discussion, thereafter voted IN FAVOR by a vote of 281 YES to 4 NO

ARTICLE 39: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to take all necessary steps to lease a portion of the Town's capped landfill, being a portion of the property located at Meshacket Road, 49 Meshacket Road and 57 Meshacket Road, identified on Edgartown Assessor's Map 28, Parcel 55.1, 55.2 and 57, for the design, installation and operation of a Solar PV System, for an initial term of twenty-five years, and for one additional five-year term by the mutual agreement of the parties. The lease will be on such terms and conditions as the Select Board, with input from the Solar Evaluation Team, determines are in the best interest of the Town and consistent with all governing laws.

2/3 Vote Required

Submitted by the Select Board

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

ARTICLE 40. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2025, the sum of \$65,000.00 to purchase and equip a new Animal Control vehicle, and further, to authorize the Animal Control Officer and Select Board to dispose of the current vehicle in the best interest of the Town.

Submitted by the Animal Control Officer

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

ARTICLE 41. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$40,000.00 to be used for valuation updates of real and personal property, revaluations, and Department of Revenue Recertification.

Submitted by the Board of Assessors

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

ARTICLE 42. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2025, the sum of \$25,000.00 to upgrade the downtown electrical wiring for the Holiday lights and \$25,000.00 to refurbish and/or rebuild the Christmas tree stands.

Submitted by the Christmas Decorations Committee

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

ARTICLE 43. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2025, the sum of \$37,500.00 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 44. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$25,000.00 for the Conservation Commission's Property Maintenance account.

Submitted by the Conservation Commission

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

ARTICLE 45. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2025, the sum of \$130,000.00 to repair the exterior ramps, steps, and drainage of 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 46. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, the sum of \$100,000.00 to conduct a comprehensive building feasibility study to determine the best solution to meet the needs of the Council on Aging's current and future programs.

Submitted by the Council on Aging

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

ARTICLE 47. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, the sum of \$50,000.00 for permitting costs associated with increasing the number of dredging and/or disposal locations to the existing 10-year Comprehensive Permit.

Submitted by the Dredge Committee

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

ARTICLE 48. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2025, the sum of \$150,000.00 for a custom trailer that will facilitate the internal mobilization and demobilization of the dredge by the Dredge Committee and the Town.

Submitted by the Dredge Committee

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

ARTICLE 49. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, expenditure in Fiscal Year 2025, the sum of \$182,525.00 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 50. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2025, the sum of \$16,862.00 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 51. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2025, the sum of \$22,932.00 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 52. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2025 the sum of \$218,294.00 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 53. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2025, the sum of \$33,229.00 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 54. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2025, the sum of \$39,114.00 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 55. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2024, the sum of \$16,040.00 to support the Substance Use Disorder Coalition in addressing needs related to substance use

prevention, treatment, recovery support and harm reduction on Martha's Vineyard through Dukes County in accordance with the Inter-municipal Agreement, as the same may be amended from time to time.

Submitted by the Dukes County Commissioners

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

ARTICLE 56. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2025, the sum of \$23,091.00 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 2025.

Submitted by the Dukes County Commissioners

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Moved and seconded; thereafter Martina Thornton motioned to amend to \$39,295.00 voted in favor by an UNANIMOUS VOTE as amended

ARTICLE 57. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2025, the sum of \$53,205.00 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 2025 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 58. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, the sum of \$160,000.00 to the Edgartown Affordable Trust Fund

Submitted by Edgartown Affordable Housing Trust.

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (4 Yes – 2 No)

Moved and seconded; Jason Mazar-Kelly proposed an amendment to \$300,000.00 that was moved and seconded thereafter voted in favor by an unanimous vote. The Article as amended was then voted on and approved with the Moderator declaring it CARRIED.

ARTICLE 59. That the town of Edgartown impose the local room occupancy excise under G.L. c. 64G, § 3A at the rate of (6) six percent to take effect on January 1st 2025.

Submitted by Edgartown Affordable Housing Trust

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

ARTICLE 60. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate

from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2025, the sum of \$20,000.00 for a mold assessment and remediation plan for the Town Hall building.

Submitted by Facilitates Manager

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

ARTICLE 61. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, the sum of \$21,705.00 to purchase one Battery Powered Cutter, along with associated batteries, chargers, and power cords, intended for vehicle extrication and other approved uses. This tool would be part of a three-battery tool set, including a Telescoping Ram and spreader, funded by the Edgartown Fireman's Association and the Department of Fire Services Firefighters Equipment Safety Grant.

Submitted by the Fire Chief

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (4 Yes – 2 No)

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

ARTICLE 62. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, the sum of \$74,119.00 to install two water storage tanks for fire suppression at two separate locations on Chappaquiddick to support Edgartown's ongoing development of Fire Suppression Resources and in congruence with the Community Wildfire Protections Plan's recommendations for the island of Chappaquiddick.

Submitted by the Fire Chief

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

ARTICLE 63. To see if 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 2025 beginning on July 1, 2024, 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 64. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, the sum of \$395,000.00, to be used for the phase two development and construction of the Edgartown's School Outdoor Learning Campus and Playground.

Submitted by the Edgartown School Committee

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

ARTICLE 65. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2025, 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 66. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Receipts Reserved for Waterways, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2025, the sum of \$78,000.00 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 67. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2025, 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 68. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$125,000.00 for permitting, and engineering to prepare a bid package for the bulkheads and piers located at the Dock Street Parking Lot finger piers and the loading zone.

Submitted by the Harbormaster

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

ARTICLE 69. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$55,000.00 to purchase a drop in material spreader with equipment and plumbing to be installed in an existing large dump truck.

Submitted by the Highway Department

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

ARTICLE 70. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$15,000.00 to purchase a new zero-turn mower for road side and Katama Airfield mowing.

Submitted by the Highway Department

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

ARTICLE 71. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2025, the sum of \$8,000.00 to repaint the street light lanterns at various locations including Church Street, Court House Parking Lot, Mayhew Parking Lot, and the Council on Aging.

Submitted by the Highway Department

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

ARTICLE 72. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2025, the sum of \$30,000.00 to clean the catch basins and culverts.

Submitted by the Highway Superintendent

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

ARTICLE 73. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate 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 an UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 74. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate 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 discussion on bike paths, sidewalks and drainage problems the article voted in favor by the Moderator declaring it CARRIES

ARTICLE 75. To see if 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 \$240,492.70.

Submitted by the Highway Superintendent

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

ARTICLE 76. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2025, the sum of \$75,000.00 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 77. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2025, the sum of \$15,000.00 to purchase and equip new Utility Terrain (UTV) and All Terrain (ATV) Vehicles for the Town's managed beaches.

Submitted by the Park Commissioners

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

ARTICLE 78. To see if the Town shall authorize a spending limit of \$500,000.00 to be expended from the Beach Management Revolving Fund for the Fiscal Year 2025 beginning on July 1, 2024 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 79. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2025, the sum of \$159,878.00 to purchase and equip two new police cruisers, and further, to authorize the Chief of Police and Select Board to dispose of the cruisers 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 80. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2025, the sum of \$65,000.00 to purchase and equip a pickup truck, and further to authorize the Shellfish Constable and Select Board to dispose of the surplus vehicle 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 81. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2025, the sum of \$70,000.00 for the Wastewater Department's Equipment and Collection System

Maintenance account.

Submitted by the Wastewater Commissioners

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

ARTICLE 82. To see if the Town will appropriate \$4,876,000.00 or any other amount, to pay costs of designing, replacing, and constructing, (2) two sewer force mains connecting the Chase Road pump station and the Wastewater Treatment Facility including the payment of all other costs incidental and related thereto; to determine whether this amount shall be raised by taxation, transfer from available funds, borrowing or otherwise provided, or to take any other action relative thereto. (Question 2)

2/3 Vote Required

Submitted by the Wastewater Commissioners

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Moved and seconded; thereafter voted IN FAVOR by a vote of 250 YES to 0 No

ARTICLE 83. To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Water Commissioners to expend from the Water Department's surplus, the sum of \$60,000.00 to replace the 2014 pickup truck with a new pickup truck. The 2014 pickup truck will be disposed of in the best interest of the Town. This article will have no impact on 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 84. To see if 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 85. To see if 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 2025 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 86. 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 87. To see if the Town will vote to include in the General Bylaws a section for Large Events in Residential Neighborhoods as follows:

LARGE EVENTS IN RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOODS

126-1. Purpose and Intent.

126-2. Definitions.

126-3. Limitations on Private Residential Events.

126-4. Event Permits.

126-5. Exemptions.

126-6. Enforcement.

126-7. Severability.

126-8. Effective Date.

126-1. Purpose and Intent. The purpose of this bylaw is to promote and protect the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of the Town of Edgartown (the Town) by regulating the frequency, scale, and impact of large events held at private residences located within residential neighborhoods which: a.) are inconsistent with the usual and customary personal and familial uses of residential property; and b.) undermine or detract from the peaceful enjoyment of other citizens' private residences and property. A recent increase in the use of homes in residential neighborhoods to stage large events with relative frequency, which often have loud music, lead to parking congestion, and cause disruption of the peaceful and quiet enjoyment of residential homes, has prompted the Town to enact this bylaw. The excessive use of residential for homes for events that are not occasional social or family gatherings requires additional municipal regulation and oversight, as set out in this Chapter.

126-2. Definitions. For the purposes of this Chapter, the following definitions shall apply:

a) Private Residence: Any dwelling, house, or building primarily used as a place of residence for individuals or families, including accessory uses and structures. Private residences may be owned by individuals, trusts, partnerships, corporations, limited liability or any other

legal form or entity.

b) Event: A gathering or party organized at a private residence for nonprofit, educational, social, fundraising, celebratory, networking, promotional or recreational purposes, including but not limited to, weddings, birthdays, anniversaries, reunions, and similar occasions, in which more than fifty (50) guests are simultaneously present for a period of time in excess of one (1) hour.

c) Guest: An individual attending an event hosted at a private residence.

d) Unlawful Noise: Noise becomes unlawful when it is excessive, unusually loud, disturbing, or injurious for periods of time in excess of one (1) hour so that a reasonably objective person would find that it annoys, disturbs, injures, or endangers the reasonable quiet, comfort, repose, health or safety of others. Unlawful noise must be plainly audible at a distance of fifty (50) feet from the property line of the private residence where the noise is generated.

126-3. Limitations on Private Residential Events.

a) No owner of a Private Residence within the Town shall host, hold, conduct, oversee, or allow:

i) an Event causing unlawful noise as defined in Section 126-2(d) of this chapter; or

ii) more than two (2) Events per calendar month, or more than a total of five (5) events per calendar year (Events in excess of 2 per month or 5 per year are not allowed without a permit even if the noise created is not unlawful under section 126-2(d)).

b) The limitations imposed by Chapter 126-3(a)(i) & (ii) may be exceeded by obtaining an Event Permit as provided for in Section 126-4. An Event Permit must be obtained for every Event exceeding the limitations imposed by Chapter 126-3.

126-4. Event Permits.

a) An owner of a private residence may seek an Event Permit from the Select Board, or its designee(s), if an owner:

i) reasonably believes that more than fifty (50) guests will attend and be simultaneously present for a period of time in excess of one (1) hour;

ii) desires to hold an Event or Events in excess of the limitation imposed by Chapter 126-3(a)(ii);

iii) will hold an Event where the limitation imposed by Chapter 126-3(a)(i) will be exceeded; or

iv) reasonably anticipates that in excess of fifteen (15) vehicles will be parked, outside the limits of the land containing a Private Residence, on public or private ways which abutting properties use for travel, for a period in excess of two (2) hours.

b) The Select Board, or its designee(s), may issue an Event Permit for an Event identified in Chapter 126-4 (a), if it determines that reasonable measures or conditions can protect the purposes for which this Chapter is enacted. All applicants for an event permit at a Private Residence must adhere to the following requirements.

i) submit the application and fee available and specified on the Town's website, as may be amended

from time to time, at least forty-five (45) days before the proposed Event;

ii) appear (or an authorized representative with sufficient knowledge of the event and authority to bind the owner appears) at a public meeting set by the Select Board, or its designee(s), to consider the application for an Event Permit;

iii) agree to all conditions imposed by the Select Board, or its designees(s), in its sole discretion, including but not limited to:

- 1) the provision of off-site parking and transportation services to the Event; and
- 2) the responsibility for the placement of acoustic or other barriers to mitigate excessive noise levels or interference with nearby residents' peaceful enjoyment of their neighborhoods.

c) The Select Board, or its designee(s), will make reasonable efforts to notify all direct abutters prior to the date of the meeting at which the issuance of a permit will be considered.

d) If the Select Board, or its designee(s), finds that sufficient controversy exists regarding any particular application, the Select Board may hold a public hearing, before which the applicant shall notify (and provided sufficient proof of such notification) abutters-to-abutters within three hundred (300) feet of the Private Residence at which the Event will be held. Any person who claims a particular Event will or would have an adverse effect on them may file a statement with the Select Board to support their assertion at least three (3) business days prior to the public hearing.

e) The Town Administrator will furnish copies of all Event Permits to the Building Department, the Fire Department, and the Police Department.

126-5. Exemptions. The following gatherings shall be exempt from the requirements of Chapter 126-4:

- a) Events sponsored by the Town;
- b) An assembly of students sponsored by any public school located in the Dukes County; and
- c) An assembly or gathering held for the sole purpose of exercising activities protected by either the First Amendment to the United States Constitution or Article XLVI of the Articles of Amendment of the Massachusetts Constitution.

126-6. Enforcement.

a) Violations of this bylaw shall be enforced by the Police Department and the Town. The Police Department may seek fines by issuing tickets under the provisions of G. L. c. 40, § 21D, or by seeking criminal complaints in the District Court. The Town may engage counsel to seek injunctive and other relief in the civil courts.

b) Upon receiving a complaint from a resident regarding a violation of this bylaw, the Police Department shall investigate the complaint and, if a violation is confirmed, shall take such action as it deems appropriate, including forwarding a copy of any incident report to the Town Administrator and the Building Official. The Police Report shall serve as prima facie evidence of a violation

of this Chapter.

c) The penalty for violation of this bylaw shall be \$300.00 per violation. Each day constitutes a separate violation.

126-6. Severability. If any section, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase of this bylaw shall be declared invalid for any reason whatsoever, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions, which shall remain in full force and effect.

126-7. Effective Date. This Bylaw shall take effect upon its approval by Town Meeting and the Town's compliance with the provisions of G. L. c. 40, § 32.

Submitted by the Select Board

Neither Recommended nor not recommended by the financial advisory committee

Moved and seconded; thereafter was discussed and moved to indefinitely postpone. Voted to indefinitely postpone; the Moderator declaring the vote to INDEFINITELY POSTPONE carried

Article 88. To see if the Town will amend the Zoning Bylaw of the Town of Edgartown by inserting section 10.3.G "Fractional Ownership, Interval and Time Share Units", as follows:

Section 10.3.G – Fractional Ownership, Interval and Time Share Units

10.3.G.1 – Intent and Purpose

The purpose of this section is to preserve and protect housing stock in the Town from the market pressures attendant to fractional ownership, interval and time share uses and to protect neighborhoods from the impacts of such uses.

- a) Fractional Ownership, Interval and Time Share Units have similar character as commercial hotels, motels, lodges, and other commercial occupancy uses due to their transient nature and multiple short-term occupancies. Such commercial or quasi-commercial use is inappropriate in residential areas due to the increased traffic generation and multiple occupancies disturbing the peace and quiet of residential neighborhoods.
- b) The needs of transient occupants are averse to the interests sought to be protected and preserved in residential neighborhoods, because commercial uses for transient occupants may sacrifice other values critical to residential neighborhoods.
- c) The Town deems it necessary and appropriate to protect the existence of year-round residences and the quiet and peace of the Town by preventing unwarranted commercialization from encroaching therein, including commercialization caused by the misuse of single-family residences.

10.3.G.2 - Definitions:

Fractional Ownership, Interval or Time Share Unit.

Any real or personal property which is owned by a limited liability company, corporation, partnership, or other joint ownership structure in which unrelated persons or entities own, sell, purchase or otherwise for consideration create or acquire any divided property interest including co-

ownership or fractional or divided estates, shares, leaseholds, or memberships which are subject to, or subsequently bound by any agreement limiting the right or functional ability of interest holders or their designees to occupy or use the property to their respective interests or any other agreement which limits interest holders' or their designees' use of the property to fractional reservations through stay limitations of any duration. Such use is established by any of the following elements:

1. co-ownership or fractional or divided estates, shares, leaseholds, or memberships which are openly advertised, marketed, or offered for sale and sold individually at separate times.
2. centralized or professional management.
3. reservation systems.
4. maximum or minimum day limits on each interest holder's occupancy or use of the property; or
5. management agreements or fees reflective of interval use or ownership, irrespective of whether the agreement may be cancelled individually or by any party.

10.3.G.2 – Regulation of fractional ownership, interval, and time share units.

The use of a Fractional Ownership, Interval or Time-Share Unit is conditionally permitted in the B-I, B-II, and B-III Business Districts.

The use of a Fractional Ownership, Interval or Time Share Unit is prohibited in the R-5, R-20, R-60, R-120, and RA-120 residential districts.

10.3.G.3 - Exceptions

This section shall not be deemed to preclude the creation of mortgages, liens, easements or other similar interests encumbering the residential property as a whole to secure a loan or for any other legitimate purposes.

This section shall not apply to non-commercial groups, such as families, partnerships, associations, or trusts with divided interests or agreements in which the real estate is held and transferred within the family, partnership, association or trust, as opposed to sold in fractional or divided interests on the open market.

10.3.G.4 - Severability.

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this section is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by the decision of a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this chapter.

or take any other action relative thereto.

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 Moderator declaring it CARRIED by a vote of 195 YES 8 NO

Article 89. To see if the Town will restrict the ability of Edgartown Special Permit Granting Authorities to

conditionally permit excessively oversized detached accessory dwellings ("guest houses") by

AMENDING the Edgartown Zoning Bylaw, Article II (Residential Districts) Section 2.1.B.9 (R-60, Conditionally Permitted Uses) as follows:

2.1.B.9 One g Guest house larger than 900 square feet in total livable floor space ~~provided~~ may be permitted by the SPGA, provided that

1 - the parcel contains one acre of undisturbed natural land for each additional 50 square feet of livable floor space requested. For this section, "undisturbed natural land" shall mean land in its natural state, and not developed for any other form of vertical or horizontal construction, including structures, outbuildings, driveways, or managed landscaping.

2 - the proposed guest house does not exceed 1,250 square feet in livable floor space; and

3 - that all other requirements of 2.1.A.6 are met.

And further, by

AMENDING the Edgartown Zoning Bylaw, Article II, Section 2.2.B.13 (R-20, Conditionally Permitted Uses) as follows:

One guest house larger than 900 square feet in total livable floor space, ~~provided~~ **may be permitted, provided that**

1 - the parcel contains one acre of undisturbed natural land for each additional 50 square feet of livable floor space requested. For this section, "undisturbed natural land" shall mean land in its natural state, and not developed for any other form of vertical or horizontal construction, including structures, outbuildings, driveways, or managed landscaping.

2 - the proposed guest house does not exceed 1,250 square feet in livable floor space; and

3 - that all other requirements of 2.1.A.6 are met.

and further, by

AMENDING the Edgartown Zoning Bylaw, Article II, Section 2.3.B.9 (R-5, Conditionally Permitted Uses)

One guest house larger than 900 square feet in total livable floor space, provided may be permitted, ~~provided that~~

1 - the parcel contains one acre of undisturbed natural land for each additional 50 square feet of livable floor space requested; For this section, "undisturbed natural land" shall mean land in its natural state, and not developed for any other form of vertical or horizontal construction, including structures, outbuildings, driveways, or managed landscaping.

2 - the proposed guest house does not exceed 1,250 square feet in livable floor space; and

3 - that all other requirements of 2.1.A.6 are met.

or take any other action relative thereto.

2/3 Vote Required

Submitted by the Planning Board

Neither Recommended nor not recommended by the financial advisory committee

Moved and seconded; thereafter a discussion and defeated amendments the Article as written was voted

112 YES 92 NO. The Moderator declared the Article did NOT CARRY by the 2/3 majority needed

Article 90. To see if the Town will vote to amend its Zoning Bylaws by amending Article X – General Regulations, **Section 10.3.E**, Substandard lots as affordable home sites, by deleting text that is shown as strike through and inserting text that is underlined below as, or take any other action relative thereto:

10.3.E. Substandard lots as affordable home sites.

10.3.E.1. Purpose

The purpose of this section is to allow lots that do not comply with minimum lot area requirements for the zoning district in which the lot is located to be developed as a single-family or two-family home ~~homesites to be buildable for people who have lived in Edgartown for a substantial time, who intend to be used as live-year-round residences in Edgartown, to provide a housing option for those but~~ who, because of high land prices, would otherwise be financially unable to establish their homes in Edgartown.

10.3.E.2. Definition

A substandard lot is a lot which 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, a parcel that is not protected under zoning as a preexisting nonconforming)

10.3.E.3. Special Permit Procedures

The Zoning Board of Appeals may approve a special permit for a substandard lot to be ~~buildable~~ developed as a single-family or two-family home in any zoning district, notwithstanding provisions in any other Article of this bylaw provided that the following standards and criteria are met:

- a. The applicant meets the residence and income requirements of the Edgartown Resident Homesite Committee, and is so certified by the Resident Homesite Committee, before submitting application to the Zoning Board of Appeals.
- b. The lot has a minimum of 10,000 square feet.
- c. The minimum requirements of the Edgartown Board of Health for water and septage to the lot are met, and so certified by the Edgartown Board of Health, provided that a two-family dwelling must be served by Town sewer.
- d. The requirements of Section 10.2.A of this bylaw are met.
- e. Exterior Design: Any building containing a two-family dwelling must be consistent with surrounding structures in form and architecture while retaining the appearance of a single-family house.
- f. Parking: Any parking or driveway areas not already paved shall have permeable surfaces.
- g. Under no circumstance shall a substandard lot have more than two dwelling units.

10.3.E.4. Special Permit Condition

- a. ~~Such special permit will be~~ The issuance of a special permit under this Section 10.3.E is subject to the condition that the applicant owner will covenant with the town that resale of the lot will be subject to terms and limitations in accordance with the regulations of the Edgartown Resident Homesite Committee in place at the time. The Zoning Board of Appeals may impose additional conditions to assure that the purposes of this bylaw are met.
- b. If the special permit is for a two-family dwelling, then the covenant with the town described in Section 10.3.E.4.a will also provide that both of the dwelling units (i) shall be either owner-occupied or occupied and rented on a year-round basis, (ii) shall not be used as a short-term rental as defined by G.L. c. 64G, and (iii) shall not be used as a Time Share or Time Interval Ownership Dwelling Unit as defined by the Zoning Bylaw.

Moved and seconded; thereafter discussion was voted in FAVOR by a vote of 123 YES to 42 NO

Article 91. To see if the Town will vote to amend its Zoning Bylaws by striking the term “Staff apartments” and replacing it with “Staff housing” wherever such term appears in the Zoning Bylaw, including as follows:

Article XV – Senior Residential Developments, Section 15.3.D.2

Article XV – Senior Residential Developments, Section 15.4.F

And further, by amending Article X – General Regulations, Section 10.3.F. Staff apartments, by deleting text that is shown as strike through and inserting text that is underlined below as, or take any other action relative thereto:

10.3.F. Staff ~~apartments~~ housing.

10.3.F.1. Purpose

The purpose of this bylaw is to address the significant shortage of affordable housing for employees working in the town of Edgartown, whose work fosters the economic viability of the community, by providing an employer the opportunity to build, own, and maintain, or to rent property from a third-party, for the purpose of providing appropriate apartments housing for such employees which are sensitive to the single family character of the Town of Edgartown. Through the Zoning Board of Appeals process this goal can be met by ~~reconfiguring~~ repurposing existing housing or creating additional housing while maintaining harmony and balance with the surrounding neighborhood.

10.3.F.2. Definition

~~Staff apartments-housing are~~ is defined to mean attached or detached living units owned or rented by a public, private, or non-profit employer, in which employees of that employer are housed.

10.3.F.3. Permitting Procedures and Conditions

The Zoning Board of Appeals may authorize ~~staff apartments-housing~~ for not more than eight (8) dwelling units, either in a single structure or in multiple structures, on a property, by special permit in any zoning district,

notwithstanding provisions in any other Article of this Bylaw, provided that the following standards and criteria are met:

- a. Exterior Design: Staff ~~apartments~~ housing may be located in any district provided that it is in keeping with the surrounding structures in form and architecture while retaining a single family home appearance. For new construction, conversion of existing structures to staff housing or any physical alteration of the footprint or the square footage of Livable Floor Space in connection with the use of an existing structure as staff housing, the facility-building must conform to setbacks, height restrictions, minimum lot sizes and other restrictions which apply within the zoning district in which it lies. The architectural style shall be in harmony with the prevailing character and scale of buildings in the neighboring area through the use of appropriate building materials, screening, breaks in roof, wall lines, landscaping and other architectural techniques which shall be site specific. Variation in detail, form and design shall be used to provide visual interest and avoid monotony from one district to another. Proposed buildings shall relate harmoniously to each other with adequate light, air circulation, and separation between buildings. Buildings shall be designed so as to have the appearance of single family homes and if multiple buildings are to be utilized they shall be clustered so as to minimize visual impact and maximize the preservation of open space.
- b. Size: New structures built for staff ~~apartments~~ housing and structures converted or renovated for use as a staff housing shall may have not more than eight living dwelling units in a building ~~and each building shall have no more than 4,500 gross square feet~~. Conversion of an existing structure shall not increase the gross square footage of the existing structure by more than 20%.
- c. Density: In no event shall the Edgartown Board of Health regulations for sewage be exceeded.
- d. Residency: ~~The building~~ Each individual staff housing unit shall be occupied by at least one employee ~~and staff of the owner/employer who owns or rents the building or unit of the structure(s) only. The number of occupants per housing unit shall be determined by the State Building Code and/or Fire Code.~~ There shall be a resident manager on site, who may also be an employee of the employer who owns or rents the staff housing. Residency will be by written agreement between the ~~owner/employer~~ and the employee/resident and shall be related to the terms of employment. The residency requirement must be assured by a written covenant between the employer and Town deed restriction, running with the land. Failure to comply with the residency requirement herein may be penalized by injunction rendering such units unrentable, unsalable, uninhabitable or otherwise reducing the number of separate units or lowering the allowable number of occupants.
- e. Traffic: The plan shall maximize the convenience and

safety of vehicular and pedestrian movement within the site and in relation to adjacent ways through property layout, location and design of facilities and dwellings. The building(s) shall have access on roads having sufficient width, suitable grades, and adequate construction to provide for the needs of vehicular traffic generated by the site, when added to the existing traffic stream.

- f. Parking: Parking facilities shall be provided in a ratio adequate for the proposed dwelling units, with no more than one space for each bedroom. In all cases the parking will be off-road and screened. Any new parking or driveway areas to be provided as a result of a permit issued pursuant to this Bylaw shall have permeable surfaces. Bike racks will be provided on-site.
- g. Lighting: Lighting shall not negatively impact the neighborhood. Drives, walkways, entryways and parking areas shall not be illuminated by light higher than three (3) feet, which shall be shielded to focus lighted areas only as desired, to provide safety as needed and to protect against glare as viewed from abutting properties.
- h. Site: For new construction of staff housing, ~~t~~The building(s) shall be integrated into the existing terrain and surrounding landscape, and should be designed to preserve abutting properties and community amenities while remaining visually compatible with natural or historic characteristics. The buildings must not adversely affect the natural environment to the detriment of community character and public health and safety. In particular, the buildings shall be sited to preserve the integrity of drinking water, ground water supply, floodplains and any other sensitive environmental features. The building site shall minimize tree, vegetation and soil removal, minimize grade changes and screen objectionable features from neighboring properties and roadways.
- i. General: For new construction of staff housing, Utilities such as electric, telephone and cable T.V. shall be underground. Concerns such as, but not limited to, curb cuts, egress, visibility, emergency vehicle access, streetscapes, lighting, walkways, trash, mail boxes, generator noise, exposed storage areas, service areas, utility buildings, other unsightly uses and such will be considered and made part of the conditions of the special permit.
- j. ~~Special Permit Responsibility: The buildings and site shall be maintained by the owner/employer, which will have on-going responsibility for care of the buildings, conduct of the residents, and adherence to all conditions of the special permit. The owner/employer, as holder of this special permit, shall covenant with the Edgartown Zoning Board of Appeals to accept this responsibility.~~
- k. Inspections: ~~The owner/employer of the building in which staff housing is located, as holder of the special permit, shall file written agreements to allow for inspections by the Board of Health, the Zoning Inspector, and the Fire Department as needed.~~

The Zoning Board of Appeals may issue a special permit if it finds that the proposal meets the intent and provisions of this section. The Zoning Board of Appeals may condition the special permit to meet the intent and provisions of this section.

2/3 Vote Required

Submitted by the Planning Board

**NEITHER RECOMMENDED NOR NOT
RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Moved and seconded; thereafter Benjamin Hall, Jr. proposed three amendments that were then moved and seconded after discussion Mr. Hall withdrew two amendments. The third was voted by a vote of 74 YES 78 NO. The Article as written was voted in favor by an UNANIMOUS VOTE

Article 92. To see if the Town will vote to amend its Zoning Bylaws by amending Article I – General Provisions, Section 1.3, Definition of “Multi-unit dwelling or dwelling units” and Article X – General Regulations, Section 10.3.A, Multi-unit dwellings by deleting text that is shown as strike through and inserting text that is underlined below as, or take any other action relative thereto:

Section 1.3 Definitions

Multi-unit dwelling or dwelling units: shall mean any building consisting of three or more attached single family units with each unit providing independent living facilities.

10.3.A. Multi-unit dwellings.

A multi-unit dwelling shall be allowed in all residential zones by special permit from the Planning Board as long as the following conditions are met:

1. each multi-unit dwelling does not exceed ~~four (4) six (6)~~ units in a single building except in accordance with Section 10.3.F Staff housing; and

~~2. the multi-unit dwelling is to be in a cluster development which has been approved under Article 9 of these bylaws;.~~

~~3-2.~~ Exterior Design: The exterior design of a building containing multi-unit dwellings shall be in keeping with the surrounding structures in form and architecture while retaining a single family home appearance. The architectural style shall be in harmony with the prevailing character and scale of building in the neighboring area through the use of appropriate building materials, screening, breaks in roof and wall lines and other architectural techniques. Variation in detail, form and siting shall be used to provide visual interest and avoid monotony. Proposed buildings shall relate harmoniously to each other with adequate light, air, circulation and separation between buildings.

4 3. Parking: Any parking and/or driveway areas serving a multi-unit dwelling shall have permeable surfaces.

§ 4. Sewer/Septic: The multi-unit dwellings must be connected to and served by Town sewer or an enhanced nitrogen removal septic system. If the buildings are

served by an enhanced nitrogen removal septic system. Applicant must obtain confirmation from the Board of Health or its agent that sewage disposal will be satisfactorily provided for in accordance with the provisions of Title 5 and Board of Health regulations, including provisions for an appropriate reserve area on the site. If the property is served by Town sewer, Applicant shall obtain confirmation from the Wastewater Department that adequate capacity is available to serve the multi-unit dwellings. The multi-unit dwellings shall meet all wastewater requirements for the combined number of bedrooms/ wastewater flow on the lot.

6 5. Deed Restriction: The owner of property seeking permission to develop multi-unit dwellings shall, prior to the issuance of said permit, present to the Building Inspector in a form acceptable to Town Counsel a deed restriction or covenant affecting the title to the property on which the multi-unit dwelling is located and which shall ensure that all of the units shall either be owner-occupied or occupied and rented on a year-round basis, shall not be used as a short-term rental as defined by G.L. c. 64G, and shall not be used as a Time Sharing or Time Interval Ownership Dwelling Unit as defined by the Zoning Bylaw. Said deed restriction or covenant shall indicate that it is enforceable by the Town of Edgartown. Proof of recording of said deed restriction or covenant at the Registry of Deeds or Land Court Registry District shall be presented to the Building Inspector prior to the issuance of an occupancy permit for the multi-unit dwelling. Compliance with this requirements shall be a condition of any special permit issued.

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 93. To see if the Town will vote to amend its Zoning Bylaws by amending Article I – General Provisions, Section 1.3, Definitions, by inserting in alphabetical order a new definition for “Mixed Use Building” and by amending Article X – General Regulations by inserting a new Section 10.3.G “Mixed Use Building” as follows:

Section 1.3 - Definitions

Mixed-Use Building: A building that contains a combination of one or more retail, government, commercial, or other business uses allowed in the underlying zoning district and one or more residential dwelling units.

Section 10.3.G Mixed-Use Buildings

10.3.G.1 Purpose and Intent

The purpose of this bylaw is to add to the diversity of housing stock, to address the significant shortage of affordable housing options, particularly for employees working in the town of Edgartown, by creating dwelling

units in proximity to centers of business, and to maximize the use of existing buildings traditionally restricted to retail, government, business or commercial uses only.

10.3.G.2 Permitting Procedures and Requirements

New and existing buildings located in business zoning districts (B-I, B-II, and B-III) that contain retail, government, commercial, or other business uses shall be permitted to add residential dwelling units provided the following is presented to the Building Inspector at time of application and the Building Inspector is satisfied that the following conditions are met:

- a. The first floor of said building must contain retail, government, commercial, or other business uses.
- b. Residential dwelling units shall not be located on the first floor.
- c. All residential dwelling units must be rented or leased for periods of 12 months or more.
- d. At least one resident of each unit must be employed by a government, non-profit or commercial entity operating on Martha's Vineyard.
- e. The requirements of this Section 10.3.G must be assured by deed restriction, running with the land.
- f. Deed Restriction: The owner of property seeking permission to create the mixed-use building shall, prior to the issuance of said permit, present to the Building Inspector in a form acceptable to Town Counsel, a deed restriction or covenant affecting the title to the property on which the mixed-use building is located and which shall ensure that the residential dwelling units
 - i. will be either owner-occupied or occupied and rented on a year-round basis,
 - ii. shall not be used as a short-term rental shall be occupied and rented on a year-round basis, shall not be used as a short-term rental as defined by G.L. c. 64G,
 - iii. shall not be used as a Time Share or Time Interval Ownership Dwelling Unit as defined by the Zoning Bylaw, and
 - iv. at least one occupant of each unit shall be an employee of a government, non-profit or commercial entity operating on Martha's Vineyard.Said deed restriction or covenant shall indicate that it is enforceable by the Town of Edgartown. Proof of recording of said deed restriction or covenant at the Registry of Deeds or Land Court Registry District shall be presented to the Building Inspector prior to the issuance of an occupancy permit for the mixed-use building.
- g. Sewer: The entire building must be connected to and served by a sewer treatment plant. The building shall meet all wastewater requirements for the combined number of bedrooms and uses on the lot. The property owner shall obtain confirmation from the Wastewater Department that adequate capacity is available to serve the mixed-use building.

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 vote of 144 YES to 18 NO

Article 94. To see if the Town will vote to amend its Zoning Bylaws by amending Article I, Section 1.3 - Definitions by amending the definition of "Protected Tree," deleting the definition of "Tree Yard", inserting in alphabetical order a definition for "Tree Disturbance Activity Area," and by amending Article X – General Regulations, Section 10.1.K - Tree Yard Protection and Preservation, and by deleting text that is shown as strike through and inserting text that is underlined below, or take any other action relative thereto:

Article I General Provisions

1.3 Definitions

Protected Tree - Any existing tree with a DBH of ~~four~~ six (6) inches or greater. ~~that has any portion of its trunk within a Tree Yard at.~~ Invasive Species of trees shall not be considered Protected Trees.

Tree Disturbance Activity Area - The portion of a property within which removal of Protected Trees will occur.

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

10.1.K Tree ~~Yard~~ Protection and Preservation

1. The intent of this section is to preserve and protect ~~sizeable large~~ 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.
2. For the purposes of this section, the Reviewing Agent will be the Edgartown Building Inspector or their designee.
3. In any ~~residential~~ district, it is prohibited to remove a Protected Tree from the ~~Tree Yard~~ of any lot.
 - ~~a. Within 24 months of an application for division of a lot into two or more parcels, where the protected trees are within the Tree Yards of the resulting parcels;~~
 - ~~b. Within 12 months of an application for the demolition of, or a building permit for any structure with a footprint of 240 square feet or greater;~~
 - ~~c. Within 12 months of construction of any building or structure on a vacant lot; or~~
 - ~~d. Within 12 months of construction of one or more structures or additions to structures on a lot that increases the Gross Floor Area by 50% or greater, excluding basements, open or screened porches and decks.~~

4. The requirements of this ~~Tree Bylaw~~ Section 10.1.K shall not apply to:
 - a. Those areas of property under the jurisdiction of the Wetlands Protection Act (Chapter 131 and 310 CMR) and/or the Edgartown Wetlands Protection Bylaw;
 - b. Public Shade Trees pursuant to Chapter 87 of the General Laws;
 - c. Emergency projects necessary for public safety, health and welfare, as determined by the ~~Reviewing Agent~~ Zoning Enforcement Officer and/or the Town Tree Warden;
 - d. Trees severely damaged as the direct result of a natural disaster, as determined by the ~~Reviewing Agent~~ Zoning Enforcement Officer and/or the Town Tree Warden;
 - e. Trees that are dead, hazardous or pose a significant risk of harm to people or adjacent structures and roads as determined in writing by a Certified Arborist, and confirmed by the Reviewing Agent and/or the Town Tree Warden;
 - f. Trees currently infected by a disease or insect infestation of a permanent nature, as determined and confirmed in writing by a Certified Arborist, and confirmed by the Reviewing Agent and/or the Town Tree Warden;
 - g. Trees authorized for removal by the Special Permit Granting Authority after public notice and hearing conducted in accordance with Section 11 of Chapter 40A of the General Laws, and Section 17 of this Bylaw.;
 - h. Any tree removal associated with restoring native ecological habitats approved by the Conservation Commission, the MA Division of Ecological Restoration and/or MA Natural Heritage & Endangered Species Program;
 - i. Maintenance of public and private roads within town -approved roadway layouts and easements;
 - j. Maintenance of or improvements to public utilities;
 - k. Active, existing commercial operation of agricultural and horticultural uses, including (but not limited to), tree nurseries and orchards;
 - l. Maintenance to prevent or reduce the risk of fire per order of the Fire Department;
 - m. Removal of Invasive Species;
 - n. Any tree removal necessary for construction for which a building permit, foundation or demolition permit, or septic system or well permit has been issued, and any tree removal within 15 feet of the outer walls of a residential or commercial building.
5. For the purposes of this section, the Planning Board shall be the Special Permit Granting Authority.
6. Unless exempt from this bylaw under subsection 4 above, a property owner who wishes to remove a Protected Tree shall file an application for a Special Permit with the Planning Board. The applicant shall submit a Tree Disturbance Activity Area plan, which

shall include an inventory of the number, type and size of all trees proposed to be removed whose DBH measures 6 (six) inches or more. If any diseased or damaged trees are to be removed, the Tree Disturbance Activity Area plan shall include photographs, arborist reports or other evidence of such disease or damage. The Tree Disturbance Activity Area plan shall also indicate the number, type and size of trees to be retained within the Tree Disturbance Activity Area and the method for protecting such trees during the tree removal or related construction, if applicable. The applicant shall also provide a brief explanation as to the reason for the tree removal. The Building Inspector or designee shall perform a site inspection prior to the issuance of a Special Permit.

For each Protected Tree that is allowed to be removed pursuant to the Special Permit, the removed tree shall be replaced by one or more trees with total DBH measurements that equal or exceed that of the removed Protected Tree. The types of replacement trees will be determined by the Planning Board in consultation with the Tree Warden, provided that, for this purpose, arbor vitae shall not be acceptable replacement trees. Applicant shall also submit a plan identifying the number, size, type and location of each replacement tree. Applicant's replacement trees shall be planted within two (2) years after the date when the Protected Tree is removed.

In the event that it is not feasible to plant the replacement trees on the same lot from which Protected Trees were removed, the applicant may plant replacement trees off-site with the approval of the Planning Board, in consultation with the Tree Warden, or the applicant may make a payment in lieu of planting replacement trees in the form of a gift to the Town of Edgartown for the purpose of purchasing and planting trees. The amount of the payment in lieu shall be \$1,000 for each Protected Tree that is removed and not replaced as provided in this section 10.1.K.6.

7. Enforcement: Any person who voluntarily demolishes a Protected Tree in violation of the provisions of Section 10.1.K shall be fined, and no building permit shall be issued with respect to any lot upon which a Protected Tree has been voluntarily removed in violation of Section 10.1.K for a period of five years from the date of said removal. The owner of the property from which the Protected Tree has been removed in violation of this bylaw will be subject to a fine of \$300 for each Protected Tree removed until it is replaced as provided in Section 10.1.K.6 or the gift described in Section 10.1.K.6 is made to the Town of Edgartown. Each day that the violation continues shall be deemed a separate offense.

2/3 Vote Required

Submitted by the Planning Board

**NEITHER RECOMMENDED NOR NOT
RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Moved and seconded; thereafter Lucy Morrison moved

to have the Article indefinitely postponed and send it back to the Planning Board for further review. The motion to INDEFINITELY POSTPONE was voted in favor.

Article 95. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaws, Article X – General Regulations, Section 10.1 Lots and Structures, by inserting a new Section 10.1.L Impervious Surface Lot Coverage as follows or take any other action relative thereto:

10.1.L Impervious Surface Lot Coverage

10.1.L.1 Purpose

The intent of this section is to set forth preventative measures and requirements for the purpose of minimizing the risk to public health and the environment, to protect the quantity and quality of ground water, to protect drinking water supply areas, and to protect natural habitats and adjacent properties from flood damage or altered flow patterns by incorporating stormwater management and other best management practices such that there shall be no increase in post-development discharge.

10.1.L.2 Definitions

Impervious Surface: Material or structure on, above, or below the ground that does not allow precipitation or surface water runoff to penetrate into the soil, including without limitation, buildings, swimming pools, spas, plunge pools, patios, hot tubs, hot tub pads, impervious paving and other hardscapes.

10.1.L.3 Permitting Procedures and Conditions

- A. This section applies in all zoning districts to new construction and substantial renovations, including:
 - i. Any relocation or shifting of structures, driveways or parking areas;
 - ii. Any increase in the gross floor area of structures or to the location or configuration of a roof; or
 - iii. Any change that requires additional water or sewer usage or the relocation of water or sewer utilities.
- B. The total amount of impervious surface permitted on a lot is limited to 20% of the total lot area or 3,000 SF, whichever is greater, unless a system of storm water management and artificial recharge of precipitation is developed which is designed to prevent untreated discharges of precipitation and water from swimming pools, spas, plunge pools, hot tubs, and the like to wetlands and surface water; preserve hydrologic conditions that closely resemble pre-development conditions; reduce or prevent flooding by managing peak discharges and volumes of runoff; minimize erosion and sedimentation; not result in significant degradation of groundwater; reduce suspended solids and other pollutants to improve water quality and provide increased protection of sensitive natural resources.
- C. If property has a system of storm water management as described in subsection (B) of this section, then the following impervious surface lot coverage limits shall apply.
 - i. For lots that consist of 10,000 square feet or less of lot area, the portion covered by impervious surface is limited to 60% of the lot area.
 - ii. For lots exceeding 10,000 square feet of lot area, the portion covered by impervious surface is limited to 30% of the lot area.

10.1.L.4 Stormwater Management Standards

- A. These standards may be met using the following or similar best management practices:
 - i. For lots occupied, or proposed to be occupied, by single or two family residences recharge shall be attained through site design that incorporates natural drainage patterns and vegetation in order to maintain pre-development stormwater patterns and water quality to the greatest extent possible. Stormwater runoff from rooftops, driveways and other impervious surfaces shall be routed through grassed water quality swales, as sheet flow over lawn areas or to constructed stormwater wetlands, sand filters, organic filters and/or similar systems capable of removing nitrogen from stormwater.
 - ii. For lots occupied, or proposed to be occupied by other uses a stormwater management plan shall be developed which provides for the artificial recharge of precipitation to groundwater through site design that incorporates natural drainage patterns and vegetation and through the use of constructed (stormwater) wetlands, wet (detention) ponds, water quality swales, sand filters, organic filters or similar site appropriate best management practices capable of removing nitrogen and other contaminants from stormwater and meeting the Stormwater Management Standards and technical guidance contained in the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection's Stormwater Management Handbook, Volumes 1 and 2, dated March 1997 or as amended, for the type of use proposed and the soil types present on the site. Such runoff shall not be discharged directly to rivers, streams, and other surface water bodies, wetlands or vernal pools. Dry wells shall be prohibited.
- B. Except when used for roof runoff from non-galvanized roofs, all such wetlands, ponds, swales or other infiltration facilities shall be preceded by oil, grease and sediment traps or other best management practices to facilitate control of hazardous materials spills and removal of contamination and to avoid sedimentation of treatment and leaching facilities. All such artificial recharge systems shall be maintained in full working order by the owner(s) under the provisions of an operations and maintenance plan approved by the permitting authority to ensure that systems function as designed. Infiltration systems greater than three (3) feet deep shall be located at least one hundred (100) feet from drinking water wells. Any infiltration basins or trenches shall be constructed with a three (3) foot minimum separation between the bottom of the structure and maximum groundwater elevation.

2/3 Vote Required

Submitted by the Planning Board

NEITHER RECOMMENDED NOR NOT RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Moved and seconded; thereafter Benjamin Hall, Jr. made a motion to indefinitely postpone which was moved and seconded; thereafter voted in favor to INDEFINITELY POSTPONE by a vote of 121 YES to 57 NO

Article 96. To see if the Town will vote to amend its Zoning Bylaws by amending Article X, General Regulations, by adding a new Section 10.1.M, Residential Lot Intensity, as follows or take any other action relative thereto:

10.1.M - Residential Lot Intensity

10.1.M.1. Purpose and Intent

Recent patterns in residential development reflect a trend towards larger residential structures and multiple accessory structures, thereby maximizing lot coverage and environmental impacts by disturbing more land area, altering the flow of stormwater and recharge of groundwater, threatening habitats, and typically consuming more energy and water. Accordingly, this bylaw establishes parameters for the design and construction of residential buildings in a manner that does not overwhelm Edgartown's character as a seaside community while promoting responsible use of building materials.

10.1.M.2. Limitations on Residential Structures and Exceptions

The following shall apply in all zoning districts.

- a. Gross Floor Area: Subject to the exceptions noted below, any new construction for residential structures or additions to existing residential structures, shall not, upon completion, result in an aggregate amount of Gross Floor Area in excess of 10,000 square feet (SF), provided, however that this may be increased to a maximum of 12,000 square feet of Gross Floor Area if:
 - i. the only fossil fuel use for the buildings on the lot is to power a back-up generator;
 - ii. all buildings on the lot are either connected to Town sewer or use an enhanced nitrogen removal septic system; and
 - iii. all driveways and parking areas use permeable surfaces.
- b. The limits set forth in subsection (a) of Gross Floor Area shall not apply to the following:
 - i. all accessory structures used exclusively for agriculture; or
 - ii. Cluster developments permitted under Article IX.
- c. Notwithstanding the definition of Gross Floor Area contained in Section 1.3, Definitions, for the purposes of determining Gross Floor Area under this Section 10.1.M, the calculation shall include attics and unfinished basements (provided the ceiling height

satisfies the State Building Code requirement for habitable space), and screened porches with closable louvers, but shall exclude gazebos with open sides, screened porches without closable louvers, and other similar structures whose sides are open to the weather.

10.1.M.3. Special Permit Procedures to Exceed Gross Floor Area Limits

- a. A special permit may be issued, by the Planning Board as the Special Permit Granting Authority, to exceed the limit set forth in 10.1.M.2.

b. Special Permit Criteria

In its review of an application for a special permit, the Planning Board shall consider the application's adherence to the following guidelines; that is, whether:

- i. the completed project would be visible, at any time of year, from public ways, water bodies, cemeteries, and neighboring properties, and if so whether:
 - a. the impact of the project on the existing scenic character of the site and its surroundings has been mitigated through building siting, building design, and landscape design;
 - b. natural buffer areas have been retained to provide landscape screening; and
 - c. the project minimizes the impact of all lighting and glare from windows and reflective materials.
- ii. the project protects the natural features of the site and restores or retains the site's natural landscape after completion of construction;
- iii. the project avoids altering the natural landscape and significant adverse impact on habitat, it minimizes the size of lawns and recreational facilities, uses native species for landscaping and retains natural vegetation on slopes;
- iv. The project minimizes reliance on irrigation;
- v. the project minimizes alteration of the lot's topography and executes grading and excavation so that the contours of the land are relatively the same following construction as those previously existing on the site and adjacent to it;
- vi. the project preserves and protects natural features of the site such as scenic points, water courses, large trees, historic spots, traditional stone walls, significant rocks and boulders, and similar community assets;
- vii. the project incorporates measures to mitigate excessive negative water quality impacts on ponds, wetlands, and streams during and after construction;
- viii. The project is designed to minimize fossil fuel use, such as by incorporating energy efficiency, conservation techniques, and using renewable energy sources; and
- ix. the project protects and preserves historical and archeological resources.

10.1.M.4 Determination By Building Inspector

The Building Inspector will determine the square footage of all projects and the applicability of the Gross Floor Area limits. If the Building Inspector determines that a special

permit is required, the Building Inspector will refer the project to the Planning Board, where the applicant can seek a special permit if they choose to proceed as designed. A building permit will not be issued without the special permit and the accompanying documentation used in granting the special permit. If the Building Inspector determines that the final plans differ significantly from the preliminary plans used during the special permit granting process, the Building Inspector will send the project back to the Planning Board for additional review.

2/3 Vote Required

Submitted by the Planning Board

NEITHER RECOMMENDED NOR NOT RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Moved and seconded; thereafter motion to indefinitely postpone the Article was voted against by 67 yes and 104 no. Thereafter the Article was voted in FAVOR by a vote of 132 YES to 35 NO

ARTICLE 97. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaws by striking the text that is shown as struck through and inserting new text that is shown as underlined as follows or take any other action relative thereto:

- A. Article I – General Provisions, Section 1.3 – Definitions - by amending the definition for “Detached bedroom”:

In any district in Edgartown, a detached bedroom is defined as either a freestanding structure or over or otherwise attached to or a bedroom over a non-habitable accessory structure and meets all of the following criteria:

- only one bedroom(s) and bathroom(s) only
- no sitting rooms, no entrance alcoves, no hallways
- the footprint, measured by the inside perimeter of the proposed livable space, is no larger than 400 square feet (includes bathroom and closets) and including enclosed porches.
- plumbing in the bathroom only and limited to one hand sink, one toilet, and one bathtub/shower
- no stove or refrigerator

- B. Article I, General Provisions, Section 1.3 – Definitions – by amending the definition for “Livable Floor Space”:

Livable Floor Space

Any square footage that is

- ~~served by permanently installed heating or air-conditioning systems,~~
- (a) that is directly accessible from other occupiable areas through an interior door or hallway,
- (b) finished with walls, floors and ceilings of materials generally accepted for interior construction, and
- (c) excluding any area with a ceiling height of less than five feet.,
- (d) Contained within the exterior walls, whether

above or below grade, of a building intended for or capable of being occupied as habitable space,

- (e) 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

- C. Article II, Residential Districts, Section 2.1 – R-60 Residential District, first paragraph:

In the R-60 Residential District, no building or premises shall be used, and not no building or part of a building shall be erected or altered, which is arranged, intended or designed to be used in whole or in part for any uses except the following:

- D. Article II, Residential Districts, Section 2.1.C – R-60 Residential District – Accessory Uses Permitted, by changing the title “Accessory Uses Permitted” to “2.1.C Accessory Uses and Structures Permitted”

- E. Article II, Residential Districts, Section 2.1.C.1 – R-60 Residential District – Accessory Uses Permitted:

2.1.C Accessory Uses Permitted

- Structures which are incidental to the residential use of the premises and not operated for gain, including, without limitation, ~~g~~Garden house, tool house, greenhouse, playhouse, detached bedroom, tennis court, wading pool, temporary or permanent swimming pool. incidental to the residential use of the premises and not operated for gain.

- F. Article II, Residential Districts, Section 2.4.B – R-120 Residential District, Conditionally Permitted Uses:

Conditionally Permitted Uses requiring special permit from the Board of Appeals, in accordance with the regulations appearing in Article 11.5 10.1.F and Article 10.2.A of this Bylaw.

~~Any Accessory Uses Permitted in the R-60 District except that~~ Conditionally Permitted Uses in the R-60 District except:

- the conversion to a two family dwelling is prohibited
- A guest house may be constructed on a lot with an area of less than three acres provided that:
 - all other requirements for a guest house in 2.4.A are met
 - the ground water well and the sanitary disposal system shall each be located at least 200 feet from any groundwater well and any sanitary disposal system and 200 feet from any salt water body
 - no portion of a sanitary disposal system shall be located less than 5 feet above minimum groundwater level
 - The guest house, including its sanitary disposal system and driveways, will not pollute the soil, surface water or groundwater of neighboring properties and will not increase

- surface erosion of neighboring properties.
- G. Article II, Residential Districts, Section 2.5.B - RA-120 Residential District, Conditionally Permitted Uses:
Conditionally Permitted Uses requiring special permit from the Board of Appeals, in accordance with the regulations appearing in Article 11.5 10.1.F and Article 10.2.A of this Bylaw.
- H. Article III, Business Districts, Section 3.1.A.1 B-1 Business District – Permitted Uses:
Permitted Uses
1. Principal and accessory uses permitted in the R-5 Residential District, except those uses which require a special permit under section ~~9.2-3.1.B.~~
 2. ~~Any other principal or accessory use not included under 3.1.B or 3.1.C below.~~
- Reserved.
- I. Article VII, Floodplain Overlay District, Section 7.10 - Permits Required for All Proposed Development in Floodplain Overlay District:
~~G. The Building Inspector shall review all proposed development within the flood district to assure that all necessary permits have been received from those governmental agencies from which approval is required by Federal or State law, including but not limited to Section 404 of the Federal Water Pollution and Control Act Amendments of 1972, U.S.C. 1334, and Reserved~~
- J. For new construction and substantial improvements in the AO Zones, all floodplain permits granted under this section shall require that residential structures shall have the lowest floor elevated above the crown of the nearest street or to the elevation required by the state building code, whichever is higher. ~~the lowest floor elevated above the crown of the nearest street to or above the depth number specified on Edgartown's Flood Insurance Rate Map.~~
- K. Article VII, Floodplain Overlay District, Section 7.16 Local Enforcement, paragraph C:
C. Prosecution of violation. If the notice of violation and order is not complied with promptly, the Selectboard shall authorize and/or institute the appropriate action or proceeding at law or in equity to prevent any unlawful action, use or condition and to restrain, correct, or abate such violation. Any person, firm or corporation violating any of the provisions of this bylaw shall for each violation, upon conviction thereof, pay a fine of ~~\$300 1,000.~~ Each day that a violation is permitted continues to exist after notice to remove or correct the same shall constitute a separate offense.
- K. Article VIII, Beach Area and Wetlands Regulations, Section 8.4.A.8 – Beach Area Regulations – Permitted Uses:
8.4.A Permitted Uses.
8. One or more Additions totaling of 10% or less

to of the floor areas of any building as existing at the time of adoption of this section, ~~or for repairs or alterations totaling 50% or more of the actual cash value of the structure or, if damaged, before damage occurred in each case as determined by the Building Inspector.~~

- L. Article XI, Sign Regulations, Section 11.5.D – Requirements for non-accessory:
D. Sign area and location shall comply with requirements of Section 15.6 11.6 for Accessory Signs

2/3 Vote Required

Submitted by the Planning Board

NEITHER RECOMMENDED NOR NOT RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Moved and seconded; thereafter Benjamin Hall, Jr. made a motion to strike E, moved and seconded did not carry. Benjamin Hall, Jr. made a motion to amend the Article inserting “As may be provided in other sections of the Zoning Bylaws”. This amendment was voted in favor by a vote of 96 yes to 68 no. The Moderator declared that the Article as amended CARRIED by a vote of 161 YES to 5 NO.

Article 98. Gas-powered leaf blowers can produce high levels of noise that disrupt the tranquility of neighborhoods, disturb residents and even have negative effects on wildlife.

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

We, the undersigned registered voters of the Town of Edgartown, petition the Selectboard 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

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 the motion did not carry by a vote of 101 yes to 102 no. Thereafter the Article was voted 89 YES to 94 No. The Moderator declared the Article did NOT CARRY

Article 99. We, the undersigned registered voters of the Town of Edgartown, petition the Selectboard to place the following article on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant:

EDGARTOWN SHORT-TERM RENTAL BY-LAW

Short-term rentals are a permissible commercial use of residential properties in Edgartown within the parameters of this bylaw

PURPOSE AND INTENT

Off island investors are driving the cost of rents and ownership out of reach for year rounders. Short term renters are in fact businesses, operating in residential

neighborhoods and although we depend on tourism, lets make it work for us all.

1. Provide a process through which Edgartown can continue the historic tradition of a vibrant vacation rental market by owner-occupied homes, such that they may be permitted and registered with the town of Edgartown for lawful use as short-term rentals.
2. Enable residents to earn extra money from their properties to better afford to live here, maintain their properties, and contribute to the community.
3. Ensure that short-term rentals will not be detrimental to the character and livability of the town and the residential neighborhoods surrounding such short-term rentals.
4. Ensure the proper regulation of commercial uses of homes in Edgartown residential areas.
5. Deter commercial interests from buying housing to use primarily as short-term rental businesses in order to help ensure equity and sufficiency of housing stock for year-round residents.
6. Protect the health and safety of renters and residents for those lawful short-term rentals.
7. Enable the board of health, the building department, and the fire department to enforce state and local health and safety laws and regulations, and to provide a method for correcting violations when conditions require immediate attention.

DEFINITION

A short-term rental is a rental that is 30 days or fewer. Seasonal rentals of 31 days or longer, year-round rentals, hotels, motels, lodging houses

REGULATIONS

1. Short-term rentals must be registered with the town annually.
2. No short-term rentals may be rented for more than 8 weeks per calendar year.
3. No short-term rentals will have a rental period fewer than seven days
4. The owner must reside at least one month in the property. Owners who are renting a subordinate dwelling unit must reside in the primary dwelling unit at least two months.
5. A short-term rental may not be rented as a commercial event, including weddings, parties, etc. without permission.
6. Owners may not rent their dock to others without a permit.
7. An owner is permitted to rent only one property as a short-term rental. Multiple simultaneous short-term leases on one lot are not permissible, the owner may not rent homes individually as separate short-term rentals. The property may contain several units in a single registration, as long as all dwelling units covered by the registration are located on the same lot and rented to the same person or legal entity. One structure may be rented short-term and another long-term. If an owner owns more than one property in the

town of Edgartown, the owner must choose which one to rent. No owner shall have more than one short-term rental in the town. All names of trusts and LLC's, S-Corp, Partnership, trust included.

8. Short-term rentals may be a primary or a secondary unit.
9. Short term rentals are permitted if owned by an LLC, S-Corp, partnership, trust, or other legal entity if every owner/member is a natural person, confirmed by documentation provided at registration. One person must be designated as the "owner".
10. All bookings must be made via local real estate agencies. AirB&B, VRBO, Home Away, etc. are not permitted.
11. A 5% commission will be charged for all rentals, payable to a lottery fund set up for local residents to find housing.
12. The select board has the authority to create rules and regulations, and to designate an agent to represent the town.

REGISTRATION

1. All short-term rentals must be registered with the town annually. Registration fee is \$1000 per year.
2. Short-term rentals are subject to inspection by the board of health upon registration including functioning, smoke detectors, carbon monoxide, detectors, and fire extinguishers. The Board of Health shall determine the maximum occupancy and the maximum number of cars permitted for the property.
3. Registration shall include the name, address and contact number for the owner and local agent, if applicable
4. Information must be posted in a visible place including:
Certificate of registration, Street address, 911 information
Contact information of local owner or local agent 24/7
Waste disposal and recycling information.
Septic information
Leash law information,
Number of vehicles permitted
Maximum occupancy
Signature of owner, attesting that they have read and will abide by the registration rules and regulations for short-term rentals.

EXEMPT PROPERTIES

Residential properties in the business district.

VIOLATIONS AND FINES

Penalty for violation is \$3,000 per day.

ADOPTION

This by-law will take effect upon adoption by Town Meeting. Any owner with multiple short-term rentals prior to the adoption of this by-law must cancel the reservation.

Submitted by Petition

**NEITHER RECOMMENDED NOR NOT
RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY
COMMITTEE**

Moved and seconded; thereafter Lucy Dahl made a motion to INDEFINITELY POSTPONE the Article; thereafter voted in favor to INDEFINITELY POSTPONE The Moderator declared the Town Meeting adjourned at 12:11 A.M.

Attest:

KAREN R. MEDEIROS

Town Clerk



REPORT OF ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION HELD ON April 11, 2024

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 Ninth day of April, Two Thousand Twenty Four 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; Collette Jordan, Assistant Town Clerk; Jo-Ann Resendes, Kevin Searle, 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 9:15 P.M., all 581 ballots having been accounted for and tallied, the Town Clerk announced the result of the Election.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN FOR THREE YEARS VOTE FOR ONE

Arthur J. Smadbeck	447
Write-Ins	23
Blanks	111

BOARD OF ASSESSORS FOR THREE YEARS VOTE FOR ONE

S. Christopher Scott	482
Write-Ins	2

Blanks	97
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CONSTABLE FOR THREE YEARS VOTE FOR ONE

Scott Allen Ellis	482
Write-Ins	5
Blank	94

BOARD OF HEALTH FOR THREE YEARS VOTE FOR ONE

Christopher S. Edwards	462
Write-Ins	0
Blanks	119

FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR THREE YEARS VOTE FOR THREE

Nedine Cunningham	435
Paul J. Pertile	433
Katherine E. Putnam – Write-In	12
Write-Ins	28
Blanks	835

LIBRARY TRUSTEE FOR THREE YEARS VOTE FOR TWO

Nis Kildegaard	451
Julie L. Lively	437
Write-Ins	1
Blanks	273

PARK COMMISSIONER FOR THREE YEARS VOTE FOR ONE

R. Andrew Kelly	383
Michael D. Magaraci	78

Write-Ins	0
Blanks	116
PLANNINGBOARD FOR FIVE YEARS VOTE FOR ONE	
Julia Livingston	83
Robert Robinson	22
Glenn Searle	63
Write-Ins	23
Blanks	390
PLANNINGBOARD FOR ONE YEAR VOTE FOR ONE	
Michael Jay Shalett	349
Write-Ins	41
Blanks	191
SCHOOL COMMITTEE FOR THREE YEARS VOTE FOR ONE	
Sarah N. Murphy	440
Write-Ins	1
Blanks	140
SCHOOL COMMITTEE FOR ONE YEAR VOTE FOR ONE	
R. Kristin Finley Brown	433
Write-Ins	1
Blanks	147
WASTEWATER COMMISSIONER FOR THREE YEARS VOTE FOR ONE	
Walter Alexander Morrison	470
Write-Ins	4

Blanks	107
WATER COMMISSIONER FOR THREE YEARS VOTE FOR ONE	
James E. Kelleher	451
Write-Ins	1
Blanks	129

BALLOT QUESTION #1

Shall the Town of Edgartown be allowed to assess an additional \$1,550,000.00 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of purchasing a parcel of land, and all improvements thereon, located at 167 Main Street, consisting of approximately 0.39 acres, and identified on Edgartown Assessor's Map 20C as Lot 14.1 and 14.2, for municipal purposes for the Fiscal Year 2025 beginning July 1, 2024?

YES	425
NO	130
BLANK	26

BALLOT QUESTION #2

Shall the Town of Edgartown be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued in order to pay of designing, replacing, and constructing, (2) two sewer force mains connecting the Chase Road pump station and the Wastewater Treatment Facility, including the payment of all other costs incidental and related thereto?

YES	490
NO	66
BLANK	25

Attest:

KAREN R. MEDEIROS

REPORT OF STATE PRIMARY HELD ON SEPTEMBER 13, 2024

Pursuant to the Warrant, the inhabitants of the Town of Edgartown qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs met at the Polling Place, the Fred B. Morgan, Jr. Meeting Room (Town Hall) on Tuesday, September 3, 2024 at 7:00 A.M., for the purpose of bringing their votes to the Election Officers for the Election of Candidates of Political Parties.

Constables Scott Ellis and William Bishop IV, Assistant Town Clerk Amber Medeiros, Cindy Bonnell, Ann Tyra, and JoAnn Resendes served as checkers, tabulators and counters.

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

778 voters were checked as having voted, and 778 Ballots were cast, 644 Democratic Ballots, 128 Republican Ballots, and 6 Libertarian Ballots.

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

DEMOCRATIC PARTY BALLOTS CAST

SENATOR IN CONGRESS	
Elizabeth Warren	585
Miscellaneous Votes	11
Blanks	<u>48</u>
	644

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS

Bill Keating	584
Miscellaneous Votes	3
Blanks	<u>57</u>
	644

COUNCILLOR

Joseph C. Ferreira	513
Miscellaneous Votes	2
Blanks	<u>12</u>
	644

SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT

Julian Andre Cyr	565
Miscellaneous Votes	2
Blanks	<u>77</u>
	644

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT

Arielle Reid Faria	346
Thomas W. Moakley	285
Miscellaneous Votes	0
Blanks	<u>13</u>
	644

CLERK OF COURTS

T. George Davis	568
Miscellaneous Votes	0
Blanks	<u>76</u>
	644

REGISTER OF DEEDS

Paulo C. DeOliveira	579
Miscellaneous Votes	2
Blanks	<u>63</u>
	644

COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Tristan R. Israel	440
Donald Robert Leopold	410
Christine Catherine Todd	459
Richard G. Wharton	416
Randal Milch	20
Julie Vanderhoop	25
Doug Ruskin	5
Miscellaneous Votes	23
Blanks	<u>2710</u>
	4508

REPUBLICAN PARTY
BALLOTS CAST

SENATOR IN CONGRESS

Robert J. Antonellis	27
Ian Cain	5
John Deaton	90
Miscellaneous Votes	1
Blanks	<u>5</u>
	128

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS

Dan Sullivan	108
Miscellaneous Votes	3

Blanks	<u>17</u>
	128

COUNCILLOR

Miscellaneous Votes	11
Blanks	<u>117</u>
	128

SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT

Christopher Robert Lauzon	100
Miscellaneous Votes	2
Blanks	<u>26</u>
	128

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT

Miscellaneous Votes	14
Blanks	<u>114</u>
	128

CLERK OF COURTS

Miscellaneous Votes	8
Blanks	<u>120</u>
	128

REGISTER OF DEEDS

Miscellaneous Votes	8
Blanks	<u>120</u>
	128

COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Miscellaneous Votes	3
Blanks	<u>893</u>
	896

LIBERTARIAN
BALLOTS CAST

SENATOR IN CONGRESS

Miscellaneous Votes	1
Blanks	<u>5</u>
	6

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS

Miscellaneous Votes	1
Blanks	<u>5</u>
	6

COUNCILLOR

Miscellaneous Votes	0
Blanks	<u>6</u>
	6

SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT

Miscellaneous Votes	0
Blanks	<u>6</u>
	6

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT

Miscellaneous Votes	0
Blanks	<u>6</u>
	6

CLERK OF COURTS

Miscellaneous Votes	0
Blanks	<u>6</u>
	6

REGISTER OF DEEDS

Miscellaneous Votes
Blanks

1
5
6

Attest:

KAREN R. MEDEIROS
Town Clerk

COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Miscellaneous Votes
Blanks

0
42
42

**REPORT OF STATE ELECTION
HELD ON
NOVEMBER 5, 2024**

Pursuant to the Warrant, the inhabitants of the Town of Edgartown qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs met at the Polling Place, the Fred B. Morgan, Jr. Meeting Room (Town Hall) on Tuesday, November 5, 2024 at 7:00 A.M., for the purpose of bringing their votes to the Election Officers for the Election of Candidates of Political Parties.

Constables Scott Ellis and William Bishop IV, Warden Wanda Williams, Assistant Town Clerk Amber Medeiros, Cindy Bonnell, Ann Tyra, Chris White, JoAnn Resendes and Erin Hill served as checkers, tabulators and counters.

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

2932 voters were checked as having voted and Ballots were cast. At 11:15 P.M., all ballots having been counted and tallied the Town Clerk announced the results of the election.

**ELECTORS OF PRESIDENT
& VICE PRESIDENT****BALLOTS CAST**

Ayyadurai and Ellis 16
De Le Cruz and Garcia 6
Harris and Walz 1969
Oliver and Ter Maat 10
Stein and Caballero-Roca 25
Trump and Vance 857
Miscellaneous Votes 17
Blanks 36
2936

SENATOR IN CONGRESS

Elizabeth Ann Warren 1840
John Deaton 1014
Miscellaneous Votes 3
Blanks 79
2936

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS

Bill Keating 1946
Dan Sullivan 847

Miscellaneous Votes 0
Blanks 143
2936

COUNCILLOR

Joseph C. Ferreira 1696
Krysten Condon 823
Miscellaneous Votes 1
Blanks 416
2936

**SENATOR IN
GENERAL COURT****BALLOTS CAST**

Julian Andre Cyr 1818
Christopher Robert Lauzon 729
Joe Van Nes 201
Miscellaneous Votes 0
Blanks 188
2936

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT

Thomas W. Moakley 2215
Miscellaneous Votes 17
Blanks 704
2936

CLERK OF COURTS

T. George Davis 2272
Miscellaneous Votes 9
Blanks 655
2936

REGISTER OF DEEDS

Paulo C. DeOliveira 2336
Miscellaneous Votes 6
Blanks 594
2936

COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Tristan R. Israel 1596
Donald Robert Leopold 1325
Douglas Ruskin 1254
Christine Catherine Todd 1519
Richard G. Wharton 1291
Randal Scot Milch 1236

Miscellaneous Votes	77
Blanks	<u>12254</u>
	20552

MARTHA’S VINEYARD COMMISSION

Jeffrey Agnoli	1528
Jay M. Grossman	1022
Benjamin F. Robinson	1057
Ernest Douglas Sederholm	1097
Linda Bauer Sibley	1123
Brian Conway Smith	1030
Michael Carson MacKenty	1232
William Henry O’Brien	830
Mary Bernadette Budinger-Cormie	887
Amy M. Upton	971
Trip Barnes	68
Julie Vanderhoop	24
Miscellaneous Votes	39
Blanks	<u>15516</u>
	26424

QUESTION 1

LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION SUMMARY

This proposed law would specify that the State Auditor has the authority to audit the Legislature. **A YES VOTE** would specify that the State Auditor has the authority to audit the Legislature. **A NO VOTE** would make no change in the law relative to the State Auditor’s authority. **YES NO** Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives before

YES	1876
NO	811
BLANKS	<u>249</u>
	2936

QUESTION 2

LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION SUMMARY

This proposed law would eliminate the requirement that a student pass the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) tests (or other statewide or district-wide assessments) in mathematics, science and technology, and English in order to receive a high school diploma. Instead, in order for a student to receive a high school diploma, the proposed law would require the student to complete coursework certified by the student’s district as demonstrating mastery of the competencies contained in the state academic standards in mathematics, science and technology, and English, as well as any additional areas determined by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education. **A YES VOTE** would eliminate the requirement that students pass the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) in order to graduate

high school but still require students to complete coursework that meets state standards. **A NO VOTE** would make no change in the law relative to the requirement that a student pass the MCAS in order to graduate high school.

YES	1560
NO	1246
BLANKS	<u>130</u>
	2936

QUESTION 3

LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION SUMMARY

Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives before May 1, 2024? **SUMMARY** The proposed law would provide Transportation Network Drivers (“Drivers”) with the right to form unions (“Driver Organizations”) to collectively bargain with Transportation Network Companies (“Companies”)-which are companies that use a digital network to connect riders to drivers for pre-arranged transportation-to create negotiated recommendations concerning wages, benefits and terms and conditions of work. Drivers would not be required to engage in any union activities. Companies would be allowed to form multi- Company associations to represent them when negotiating with Driver Organizations. The state would supervise the labor activities permitted by the proposed law and would have responsibility for approving or disapproving the negotiated recommendations. The proposed law would define certain activities by a Company or a Driver Organization to be unfair work practices. The proposed law would establish a hearing process for the state Employment Relations Board (“Board”) to follow when a Company or Driver Organization is charged with an unfair work practice. The proposed law would permit the Board to take action, including awarding compensation to adversely affected Drivers, if it found that an unfair work practice had been committed. The proposed law would provide for an appeal of a Board decision to the state Appeals Court. This proposed law also would establish a procedure for determining which Drivers are Active Drivers, meaning that they completed more than the median number of rides in the previous six months. The proposed law would establish procedures for the Board to determine that a Driver Organization has signed authorizations from at least five percent of Active Drivers, entitling the Driver Organization to a list of Active Drivers; to

designate a Driver Organization as the exclusive bargaining representative for all Drivers based on signed authorizations from at least twenty-five percent of Active Drivers; to resolve disputes over exclusive bargaining status, including through elections; and to decertify a Driver Organization from exclusive bargaining status. A Driver Organization that has been designated the exclusive bargaining representative would have the exclusive right to represent the Drivers and to receive voluntary membership dues deductions. Once the Board determined that a Driver Organization was the exclusive bargaining representative for all Drivers, the Companies would be required to bargain with that Driver Organization concerning wages, benefits and terms and conditions of work. Once the Driver Organization and Companies reached agreement on wages, benefits, and the terms and conditions of work, that agreement would be voted upon by all Drivers who has completed at least 100 trips the previous quarter. If approved by a majority of votes cast, the recommendations would be submitted to the state Secretary of Labor for approval and if approved, would be effective for three years. The proposed law would establish procedures for the mediation and arbitration if the Driver Organization and Companies failed to reach agreement within a certain period of time. An arbitrator would consider factors set forth in the proposed law, including whether the wages of Drivers would be enough so that Drivers would not need to rely upon any public benefits. The proposed law also sets out procedures for the Secretary of Labor's review and approval of recommendations negotiated by a Driver Organization and the Companies and for judicial review of the Secretary's decision. The proposed law states that neither its provisions, an agreement nor a determination by the Secretary would be able to lessen labor standards established by other laws. If there were any conflict between the proposed law and existing Massachusetts labor relations law, the proposed law would prevail. The Board would make rules and regulations as appropriate to effectuate the proposed law. The proposed law states that, if any of its parts were declared invalid, the other parts would stay in effect. **A YES VOTE** would provide transportation network drivers the option to form unions to collectively bargain with transportation network companies regarding wages, benefits, and terms and conditions of work. **A NO VOTE** would make no change in the law relative to the ability of

transportation network drivers to form unions. **YES NO QUESTION 4 LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION** Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives before May 1, 2024?

YES	1409
NO	1252
BLANKS	<u>275</u>
	2936

QUESTION 4 LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION

Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives before May 1, 2024? **SUMMARY** This proposed law would allow persons aged 21 and older to grow, possess, and use certain natural psychedelic substances in certain circumstances. The psychedelic substances allowed would be two substances found in mushrooms (psilocybin and psilocyn) and three substances found in plants (dimethyltryptamine, mescaline, and ibogaine). These substances could be purchased at an approved location for use under the supervision of a licensed facilitator. This proposed law would otherwise prohibit any retail sale of natural psychedelic substances. This proposed law would also provide for the regulation and taxation of these psychedelic substances. This proposed law would license and regulate facilities offering supervised use of these psychedelic substances and provide for the taxation of proceeds from those facilities' sales of psychedelic substances. It would also allow persons aged 21 and older to grow these psychedelic substances in a 12-foot by 12-foot area at their home and use these psychedelic substances at their home. This proposed law would authorize persons aged 21 or older to possess up to one gram of psilocybin, one gram of psilocyn, one gram of dimethyltryptamine, 18 grams of mescaline, and 30 grams of ibogaine ("personal use amount"), in addition to whatever they might grow at their home, and to give away up to the personal use amount to a person aged 21 or over. This proposed law would create a Natural Psychedelic Substances Commission of five members appointed by the Governor, Attorney General, and Treasurer which would administer the law governing the use and distribution of these psychedelic substances. The Commission would adopt regulations governing licensing qualifications, security, recordkeeping, education and training, health and safety requirements, testing, and age verification. This proposed law would also create a Natural Psychedelic Substances Advisory Board of 20 members appointed by the Governor, Attorney General, and Treasurer

which would study and make recommendations to the Commission on the regulation and taxation of these psychedelic substances. This proposed law would allow cities and towns to reasonably restrict the time, place, and manner of the operation of licensed facilities offering psychedelic substances, but cities and towns could not ban those facilities or their provision of these substances. The proceeds of sales of psychedelic substances at licensed facilities would be subject to the state sales tax and an additional excise tax of 15 percent. In addition, a city or town could impose a separate tax of up to two percent. Revenue received from the additional state excise tax, license application fees, and civil penalties for violations of this proposed law would be deposited in a Natural Psychedelic Substances Regulation Fund and would be used, subject to appropriation, for administration of this proposed law. Using the psychedelic substances as permitted by this proposed law could not be a basis to deny a person medical care or public assistance, impose discipline by a professional licensing board, or enter adverse orders in child custody cases absent clear and convincing evidence that the activities created an unreasonable danger to the safety of a minor child. This proposed law would not affect existing laws regarding the operation of motor vehicles while under the influence, or the ability of employers to enforce workplace policies restricting the consumption of these psychedelic substances by employees. This proposed law would allow property owners to prohibit the use, display, growing, processing, or sale of these psychedelic substances on their premises. State and local governments could continue to restrict the possession and use of these psychedelic substances in public buildings or at schools. This proposed law would take effect on December 15, 2024. **A YES VOTE** would allow persons over age 21 to use certain natural psychedelic substances under licensed supervision and to grow and possess limited quantities of those substances in their home, and would create a commission to regulate those substances. **A NO VOTE** would make no change in the law regarding natural psychedelic substances.

YES	1289
NO	1434
BLANKS	<u>213</u>
	2936

BIRTHS

Births are not published in the Town Report due to the passing of the Acts and Resolves of Massachusetts 1991, which prohibits the sale and distribution of the names of children under the age of seventeen. The total number of births recorded in the town of Edgartown in 2022 was 41.

QUESTION 5 LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION

Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives before May 1, 2024? **SUMMARY** This proposed law would gradually increase the minimum hourly wage an employer must pay a tipped worker, over the course of five years, on the following schedule: • To 64% of the state minimum wage on January 1, 2025; • To 73% of the state minimum wage on January 1, 2026; • To 82% of the state minimum wage on January 1, 2027; • To 91% of the state minimum wage on January 1, 2028; and • To 100% of the state minimum wage on January 1, 2029. The proposed law would require employers to continue to pay tipped workers the difference between the state minimum wage and the total amount a tipped worker receives in hourly wages plus tips through the end of 2028. The proposed law would also permit employers to calculate this difference over the entire weekly or bi-weekly payroll period. The requirement to pay this difference would cease when the required hourly wage for tipped workers would become 100% of the state minimum wage on January 1, 2029. Under the proposed law, if an employer pays its workers an hourly wage that is at least the state minimum wage, the employer would be permitted to administer a “tip pool” that combines all the tips given by customers to tipped workers and distributes them among all the workers, including non-tipped workers. A YES VOTE would increase the minimum hourly wage an employer must pay a tipped worker to the full state minimum wage implemented over five years, at which point employers could pool all tips and distribute them to all non-management workers. A NO VOTE would make no change in the law governing tip pooling or the minimum wage for tipped workers.

YES	984
NO	1755
BLANKS	<u>197</u>
	2936

Attest:

KAREN R. MEDEIROS
Town Clerk

MARRIAGES & DEATHS

MARRIAGES RECORDED IN 2024

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>RESIDENCE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>RESIDENCE</u>
JANUARY			JUNE CONT...		
02	Shelthon Guthyerri Ribeiro Silva	Edgartown, MA	07	Lorraine Isabel Jones	Cambridge, MA
	Leticia Ferreira Cardoso	Edgartown, MA		Elizabeth Halstead	Cambridge, MA
13	Antonio --- Kercel	Tisbury, MA	10	Jameson John Graham	Pembroke, MA
	Madison Claire Raymond	Tisbury, MA		Rachel Jordin Fisher	Pembroke, MA
MARCH			12	James Howard McGarvey	Alto, NM
				Shelley Lenette McGarvey	Alto, NM
04	Romario Teixeira Guimaraes	Edgartown, MA	13	Joseph William De Souza Silveira	Oak Bluffs, MA
	Emily Ferreira Costa	Edgartown, MA		Milene Priscila Macedo Da Silva	Oak Bluffs, MA
08	David Jay Goldstein	Edgartown, MA	14	Richard Grant Thompson	Grand Haven, MI
	Jaqueline Pereira Da Silva	Edgartown, MA		Julie Lynn Kaniff	Grand Haven, MI
10	Benjamin Joseph Hughes	Edgartown, MA	15	Edward Lee Wall	Atlanta, GA
	Joanne Mary Kirkland	Edgartown, MA		Grayson Elizabeth Gibney	Atlanta, GA
15	Marcos Alves Da Silva	Edgartown, MA	15	Nicholas Christian Tocchio	Boston, MA
	Valeria Artiles Miranda	Edgartown, MA		Casey Lynne Youngentob	Boston, MA
19	Rodrigo Silva Honorato	West Tisbury, MA	15	Kevin Ka-Chun Yeun	Ontario, Canada
	Ana Flavia Barbosa De Oliveira	West Tisbury, MA		Holly Alyssa Holtz	Edgartown, MA
APRIL			22	Benjamin Bock Arcano	Bronxville, NY
				Emily Grace Veillette	New York, NY
08	Christopher Steven Stam	Oak Bluffs, MA	23	James Elliott Shelton	Richmond, VA
	Marina Mikhailovich Solovykh	Oak Bluffs, MA		Emily Vaughan Brown	Richmond, VA
24	Diego De Oliveira Souza	Edgartown, MA	29	Jonathan Philip Lees	Weymouth, MA
	Emma Louise Canfield	Edgartown, MA		Robyn Fanton Manley	Weymouth, MA
MAY			JULY		
17	Reinaldo Sales Dos Santos Junior	Tisbury, MA	06	George Arthur Baird	Aquinnah, MA
	Hellen De Castro Rosa Dos Santos	Edgartown, MA		Naomi Beth-EL Higgins	Edgartown, MA
23	Mohammed Imran Khan	Rockville, MD	15	Tyler Cameron Butler	Lakewood, CO
	Sarah Christine Dayhoff	Rockville, MD		Ognjen --- Tomic	Oak Bluffs, MA
29	Richard --- Slusarczyk	New York, NY	15	Jerry Daniel Da Silva	Tisbury, MA
	Finn David Schubert	New York, NY		Alexis Mackenzie Hughes	Tisbury, MA
JUNE			25	Stephen Anthony Smolski	West Palm Beach, FL
				Kristina --- Srdija	West Palm Beach, FL
01	James --- Arsenault	Edgartown, MA	25	Douglas Woodard Loescher	Spring, TX
	Aguimar Alves Borges	Edgartown, MA		Jacqueline Maria Cabarcas	Miami, FL
03	Kelvin Alexander Reynolds	Salt Lake City, UT	26	Eduardo --- Sverdlin Lisker	Brookline, MA
	Hilary Fay Greene	Salt Lake City, UT		Anne Kane Snider	Brookline, MA
04	David Arnold Leon	Ontario, Canada	31	Jamie George Taweel	Northville, MI
	Sandra Lynn Restivo	Ontario, Canada		Aleasha Lynn Hester	Commerce Twp, MI

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>RESIDENCE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>RESIDENCE</u>
AUGUST			SEPTEMBER CONT...		
03	Christian Michael Partenio Ashling Elizabeth O'Connell	Washington, DC Washington, DC	16	Rachawny Fullawny Francis Shaniya Nardia Farquharson	Lakewood, WA West Tisbury, MA
04	David --- Svetlik Taylor Ashtyn Buckley	Edgartown, MA Edgartown, MA	20	Ryan Jeffrey McLeland Tracey Renee Louis	Bloomington, IN Bloomington, IN
08	Egor --- Bolshakov Elise --- Yancey	Chicago, IL Chicago, IL	20	George Guest Keeler Kasey Christina Woodin	Brooklyn, NY Brooklyn, NY
17	Adam George Mignanelli Ivi --- Diamantopoulou	New York, NY New York, NY	20	Evan Michael Memory Anna Elizabeth Hughes	Watertown, MA Watertown, MA
30	Uarlen --- Barboza Gisele Nascimento Dos Reis	Edgartown, MA Edgartown, MA	21	Joseph Daniel Reilly Francesca Noel Mariano	New York, NY New York, NY
31	Collins Agecha Mokaya Jacobi Dawon Bolton	Brooklyn, NY Greenwich, CT	21	Austin Wanbo Liu Sarah Connick Brooks	Durham, NC Durham, NC
SEPTEMBER			21	Richard Huntly Holmes Katherine Ann Fay	West Hartland, CT West Hartland, CT
01	Lucas --- Brewer Tiffani --- Brown	Edgartown, MA Edgartown, MA	21	Michael William King Sarah Rome Coleman	Chicago, IL Chicago, IL
01	Kenneth --- Handy Janelle --- Pine	Edgartown, MA Edgartown, MA	23	Gala Yurieva Yovcheva Zoie Madigan Britt	Tisbury, MA Edgartown, MA
03	Tyrone Anthony Parchment Melissa Sueann Robinson	Tisbury, MA Tisbury, MA	24	Herman Adolphus Wilson Angel Mikell Thomas	Hyannis, MA Hyde Park, MA
05	Mauricio Dos Santos Marcia Da Silva	Edgartown, MA Edgartown, MA	27	Jose Babino Ferreira Flor Ortega Trujillo	Tisbury, MA Tisbury, MA
07	Erik Christian Alfieri Madeleine Shea Blommer	New York, NY New York, NY	28	Brian Gaughan Bissell Katherine Farrington Fearey	Boston, MA Boston, MA
07	Jake Nicholas Concavage Angela Sophia Cipolla	Rye, NY Mamaroneck, NY	30	Dorde --- Grubacic Maria June Lopez	Tisbury, MA Tisbury, MA
13	Riley David Chalifoux Angela --- Sitnovska	Tisbury, MA Oak Bluffs, MA	OCTOBER		
14	Robert Francis Rose Caroline Margaret Ellis	Edgartown, MA Edgartown, MA	01	Enis --- Perla Caitlin Ruth Moran	Oak Bluffs, MA Harrisburg, PA
14	Byron Worthington Lynn Lindsay Anne Wilken	Edgartown, MA Galveston, TX	04	Rafael Rodrigues Bento Rosana DaSilva Alves	Chilmark, MA Chilmark, MA
14	Gabriel James Maggiotto Jane Delano Symmes	San Francisco, CA San Francisco, CA	05	Thomas Dante Hutchison Hannah Sargeant Greene	Santa Monica, CA Santa Monica, CA
14	Paul Bernard Brown Emma Louise Petrillo	St. Petersburg, FL St. Petersburg, FL	07	Durk Wheatcroft Lee Karlene Radhica Khan	Dover, DE Wyoming, DE
14	Zenon --- Godek Patricia DeOliveria Pasinato	Edgartown, MA Edgartown, MA	08	Dmitri --- Kotliarov Michael Teavious Whatley	Oak Bluffs, MA Edgartown, MA
14	Charles Andrew Kroll Terri Lynn Keech	Edgartown, MA Edgartown, MA	12	Blake Patrick Houston Mary Elizabeth Elo	Austin, TX Austin, TX
14	William Fields Reed Ariana Elizabeth Twomey	Kentfield, CA Kentfield, CA			

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DATE NAME RESIDENCE OCTOBER CONT...

19	Jason Richard Benko Shana Jaquelyn Metzger	Edgartown, MA Edgartown, MA
21	Caio --- Costa Maria Eduarda De Almeida Ucelli	Edgartown, MA Edgartown, MA
26	Allen James Ramirez Caroline Bergin Bradford	Edgartown, MA Edgartown, MA
28	Tajay Myeesh Badoo Monique Jolicia Celeste Johnson	Tisbury, MA Tisbury, MA

NOVEMBER

02	Mark Christopher Machesky Mairead McGonagle	Plymouth, MA Plymouth, MA
03	Milan --- Blagojevic Cathleen Elizabeth Garcia	Edgartown, MA Edgartown, MA
13	Julio Cesar Freitas Adriana De Oliveira Silva	Edgartown, MA Edgartown, MA
16	Lucas Schuyler Levy Erica Dale Wilpon	Billerica, MA New York, NY

DATE NAME RESIDENCE NOVEMBER CONT...

23	Anthony Nicholas Morris Martha Ann Lowner Scheffer	Oak Bluffs, MA Edgartown, MA
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DECEMBER

02	Tashana Tamara Johnson Antonette Denise Johnson	Edgartown, MA Edgartown, MA
09	Anthony Alves Bettencourt Rita De Cassia Medeiros Dos Santos	Edgartown, MA Edgartown, MA
10	Ethan Joshua Bass Bridget Catharine Conlon	Newfield, NY Newfield, NY
13	Jorge Luiz Fuzati Ceccatte Suleide Dos Santos	Edgartown, MA Edgartown, MA
13	Gustavo Luciano Pereira De Assis Rayane Ariely Borges Oliveira	Edgartown, MA Edgartown, MA
16	Geoffrey Robert Freeman Ana Karla Caraccioli Cintra	Edgartown, MA Edgartown, MA



DEATHS RECORDED IN 2024

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>AGE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>AGE</u>
JANUARY			JULY cont...		
15	Courtney Stanley Brady	87	09	Sidney Brock Morris	75
30	John William Hudgins	86	15	Mark Francis Lucier	70
FEBRUARY			17	Kirby Frances Thorne-Doyle/Thorne	74
10	Joan Wefald Norton	93	23	Barton --- Heywood	80
24	William Henry Brine	93	27	Cheryl --- Noyes	74
MARCH			AUGUST		
5	Ernest Scott Lamoreaux III	89	09	Frederick J. Pekari	88
14	Jared Nelson Grant	83	10	Edgar Leonard Holmes Jr.	74
18	Carol Vita Forgione	76	SEPTEMBER		
27	Diego Richard Messina	90	16	Amy E. Brown	96
29	Robert Sherman Daniels	99	22	Patricia J. Farley	76
31	Joan D Warchal	98	OCTOBER		
APRIL			17	Marni Rejeanne Noyes	48
01	Addison Robert Teters	88	27	Martha Mary Biros	93
02	Jack Calvin Burton	87	30	Daniel L. Catino	61
17	Linda Marie Williams	72	NOVEMBER		
18	Neil --- Patt	90	09	Patricia Ann Koohy	58
MAY			24	Aileen A Jackson	75
27	Christina --- Brown	83	DECEMBER		
JUNE			07	Margaret J. Winters	74
03	Richard Joseph Kelly	91	08	Linda Marie Cook	72
JULY			26	Eugene Renato Faini Jr.	78
05	Steven Paul Sjorgen	71	26	Elena C. Messina	89
02	Robert Alexandre Ribeiro	54	29	Sara E. Wenner	82
04	Augustus D. Bendavid	80			



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 with two vacancies in 2024. 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.

In 2024, the Town of Edgartown made several changes to personnel policies approved by the Annual Town Meeting. These changes have contributed to the Town's recruitment goals by amending the provisions of the Personnel Bylaw that didn't allow for sick leave for the first half-year an employee works, providing wage increases to essential seasonal staff, and introducing a One-Time Incentive Policy to attract skilled professionals into

hard-to-fill positions. The Town has been fortunate to fill a number vacancies that had arisen over the past year across the organization, enabling the Town to continue providing quality services to its residents. The Town of Edgartown and Personnel Board also welcomed James Robinson as the incoming Human Resource Director.

We acknowledge the following municipal employees who have recently retired: Alison Leslie, Dianne Wall, Bruce McNamee, Kim Lucas, Matthew Poole, Melissa Kuehne, Michael Hathaway, Pia Webster, Shane Ben David, Stephanie Immelt, Thomas Hermann, Warren Gaines, and William Oteri. 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,

SUZANNE CIOFFI, Chairperson
KELLY MCCRACKEN, Vice Chairperson
HALEY DUQUETTE,
Employee Representative

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY MANAGER/ PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER

To the Honorable Selectboard and the Citizens of Edgartown,

Edgartown's IT Department had a busy 2024, including upgrades to software and hardware, as well as incorporating new systems to help staff and processes both internally and more importantly, the public.

Our online permitting system extended to dog licensing and we have begun using the system for our building permit applications. We are continually looking at what works and what needs tweaking, with a goal of having the online permitting system work smoothly for everyone. With approximately 700 dogs licensed in the system in 2024, the resounding feedback we received from those applicants was a hearty and happy "Woof"!

Our messaging system was hard at work again this year and thanks to Fernando Lana in our Health department, we began sending messages out in Portuguese as well as English. We sent 93 different messages over the course of 2024 and we were fortunate enough to receive compliments on our system, even through social media channels (where I also post our messages), so we continue to be happy with the effectiveness of this program.

As a reminder, if you want to receive the general Town messages (road closures, July 4th schedule, etc), text the word Edgartown to 877-550-8627. Want Edgartown Beach updates? Text the word Beach to 877-550-8627. Looking for Edgartown Shellfishing updates? Text the word Shellfish to 877-550-8627.

Looking ahead, some projects I will be working on with multiple departments include adding more online functionality for permitting and pushing forward on a project to have nearly 1 million pages of historical paper town documents (applications,

permits, plans, decisions, and more) scanned and attached to parcels within our online permitting system. It is a fairly massive project and as I sit here writing my IT portion of the Annual Town Report, our grant application is with the State of Massachusetts that would (ideally) cover 75% of the cost of this project. I will also be phasing Windows 10 out, with support and security updates for that operating system scheduled to end on October 14, 2025. A fun find related to this happened when I was counting boxes of papers to be scanned in the aforementioned scanning project. I found a stack of Windows XP CDs (circa 2001 - 2009) along with a stack of 5¼ and 3½ inch floppy disks. For reference, the once revered 3½ inch floppy disk had a "whopping" 1.44MB capacity. For comparison, as I look at my cell phone and pull up a random picture, it is 4.2MB in size, 3 times larger than the capacity of that floppy disk.

Lastly, an interesting project I'm going to be working on with the police in 2025 will be a public online cyber security training initiative. We participate in these as town employees, but the Edgartown Police Department and myself are working on setting up training for the public, as cyber security risks are at an all-time high.

Wishing you all a happy and healthy 2025. 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 FY2025 valuation analysis and review by the Department of Revenue has concluded and FY2025 assessments have been reviewed and certified. The new tax rate is set at \$2.65 per thousand dollars of assessed value, a change from the FY2024 rate of \$2.55.

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 2025 assessed values (valuation date of 1/1/2024) were determined by analyzing market sales from calendar year 2023 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 FY2015 and are working on the next cycle, to be completed by FY2025. Those property visits are in addition to the regular field work of inspecting parcels with new or ongoing construction.

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

Fiscal Year	Applications		Value Abated	% of Taxable Value Abated
	Filed	Granted		
2019	36	19	11,230,080	0.13%
2020	22	14	7,269,179	0.07%
2021	15	08	4,226,351	0.04%
2022	14	05	4,111,682	0.04%
2023	42	07	350,720	0.001%
2024	33	03	3,413,700	0.026%

For a historical perspective, please note the change in total town taxable value for the last ten years. Total Taxable value has risen steadily from FY2015 through FY2025 at an average of 7.4% per year.

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%

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 FY2025 is from building permits issued in 2023

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 \$678,727 for FY2025, an increase of \$125,690 from the FY2024 amount of \$553,037. The average over the last five years is \$491,380.

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

BOAT EXCISE FISCAL YEAR 2024

Boat Excise Commitments	No. of Boats		
FY 2024 Boat Excise	653	\$	28,981.00
Total Boat Excise Issued		\$	28,981.00
Boat Excise Abatements			
Against Levy of FY 2021		\$	3,465.00
Against Levy of FY 2022		\$	1,632.25
Against Levy of FY 2023		\$	1,291.34
Against Levy of FY 2024		\$	859.00
Total Boat Excise Abatements Granted in FY2024		\$	7,247.59

ABATEMENTS & STATUTORY EXEMPTIONS GRANTED IN FY2024			
REAL ESTATE & PERSONAL PROPERTY ABATEMENTS			
Against Tax Levy of Fiscal Year	2022	\$	44,791.80
Against Tax Levy of Fiscal Year	2023	\$	30,981.53
Against Tax Levy of Fiscal Year	2024	\$	44,208.44
Total Real Estate & Personal Property Abatements Granted in FY2024		\$	119,981.77
STATUTORY EXEMPTIONS			
Clause 17 D (Senior)	Against Levy of FY 2024	\$	540.75
Clause 41 C (Elderly)	Against Levy of FY 2024	\$	8,240.00
Clause 18 (Hardship)	Against Levy of FY 2024	\$	9,727.35
Clause 22 (Veteran)	Against Levy of FY 2024	\$	13,390.00
Clause 37(Blind)	Against Levy of FY 2024	\$	1,030.00
Total Statutory Exemptions Granted in FY2024		\$	32,928.10
COMMUNITY PRESERVATION SURTAX ABATED OR EX-EMPTED			
Against Tax Levy of Fiscal Year	2024	\$	309.80
Total CPA abated or exempted in FY2024		\$	309.80
Total All Abatements & Exemptions Granted In FY2024		\$	153,219.67

MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE CALENDAR YEAR 2024			
Issued in Calendar	2024	No. of Vehicles	
2023 Excise		185	\$ 8,377.12
2024 Excise		9814	\$ 1,645,519.35
Total Motor Vehicle Excise Issued			\$ 1,653,896.47
Motor Vehicle Excise Abatements Granted in Calendar 2024			
Against Levy of	2021	\$	53,085.27
Against Levy of	2022	\$	22,412.49
Against Levy of	2023	\$	23,853.23
Against Levy of	2024	\$	32,153.89
Total Motor Vehicle Excise Abatements Granted in Calendar 2024		\$	131,504.88

TAX RATE RECAPITULATION SUMMARIES

	FY2024 (7/1/2023 - 6/30/2024)	FY2025 (7/1/2024 - 6/30/2025)
APPROPRIATIONS		
Raise & Appropriate	\$ 44,127,207	\$ 48,674,489
Free Cash	\$ 7,281,337	\$ 6,849,308
Available Funds	\$ 380,835	\$ 328,000
Other--Community Preservation Fund	\$ 2,978,942	\$ 5,271,141
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$ 54,768,321	\$ 61,122,938
Other Amounts to be Raised:		
Cherry Sheet Offset	\$ 38,626	\$ 27,433
Overlay Deficits/Snow Removal Deficits/Other	\$ -	-
State/County Charges (Cherry Sheet)	\$ 1,491,907	\$ 1,708,821
Overlay	\$ 208,553	\$ 246,185
TOTAL AMOUNT TO BE RAISED	\$ 56,507,407	\$ 63,105,377
ESTIMATED RECEIPTS/OTHER REVENUE		
State Reimbursements (Cherry Sheet)	\$ 4,044,835	\$ 4,210,386
Estimated Local Receipts	\$ 7,932,457	\$ 8,200,000
Community Preservation Funds	\$ 2,978,942	\$ 5,271,141
Appropriations From Free Cash	\$ 7,281,337	\$ 6,849,308
Appropriations From Other Available Funds	\$ 380,835	\$ 328,000
Free Cash Appropriated to Reduce Tax Rate	\$ -	-
TOTAL ESTIMATED RECEIPTS/OTHER REVENUE	\$ 22,618,405	\$ 24,858,835
NET TAX LEVY & TAX RATE		
Total To Be Raised	\$ 56,507,407	\$ 63,105,377
Less Total Estimated Receipts/Other Revenue	\$ 22,618,405	\$ 24,858,835
TAX LEVY	\$ 33,889,002	\$ 38,246,542
TAXABLE VALUE		
Real Property	\$ 13,005,945,076	\$ 14,116,019,493
Personal Property	\$ 283,859,431	\$ 316,637,880
TOTAL TAXABLE VALUE	\$ 13,289,804,507	\$ 14,432,657,373
TAX RATE	\$ 2.55	\$ 2.65



MA Department of Revenue

Division of Local Services
Final Municipal Cherry Sheet Estimates
Data current as 7/31/2024

C.S. 1-ER Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Revenue FY2025

NOTICE TO ASSESSORS OF ESTIMATED RECEIPTS

General Laws, Chapter 58, Section 25A

All Municipalities

A. EDUCATION

Distributions and Reimbursements

Chapter 70	6,001,972,655
School Transportation	254,181
Charter Tuition Reimbursement	188,924,840
Smart Growth School Reimbursement	750,000

Offset Items - Reserve for Direct Expenditure:

School Choice Receiving Tuition	59,228,082
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Sub-Total, All Education Items: 6,251,129,758

B. GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

Distributions and Reimbursements

Unrestricted General Government Aid	1,308,713,668
Local Share of Racing Taxes	1,050,000
Regional Public Libraries	4,850,000
Veterans Benefits	29,119,128
Exemp: VBS and Elderly	24,038,075
State Owned Land	53,000,000

Offset Items - Reserve for Direct Expenditure:

Public Libraries	20,000,000
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Sub-Total, All General Government: 1,440,770,871

C. TOTAL ESTIMATED RECEIPTS: 7,691,900,629

C.S. 1-ER Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Revenue FY2025
NOTICE TO ASSESSORS OF ESTIMATED CHARGES
General Laws, Chapter 59, Section 21

All Municipalities

A. COUNTY ASSESSMENTS:

County Tax	25,147,365
Suffolk County Retirement	2,888,636
Sub-Total, County Assessments:	28,036,001

B. STATE ASSESSMENTS AND CHARGES:

Retired Employees Health Insurance	3,677
Retired Teachers Health Insurance	49,226,716
Mosquito Control Projects	15,638,190
Air Pollution Districts	2,665,114
Metropolitan Area Planning Council	2,010,710
Old Colony Planning Council	160,613
RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge	12,527,040
Sub-Total, State Assessments:	82,232,060

C. TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITIES:

MBTA	193,068,633
Boston Metro. Transit District	25,000
Regional Transit	48,673,953
Sub-Total, Transportation Assessments:	241,767,586

D. ANNUAL CHARGES AGAINST RECEIPTS:

Multi-Year Repayment Program	392,318
Special Education	3,717,344
Sub-Total, Annual Charges Against Receipts:	4,109,662

E. TUITION ASSESSMENTS:

School Choice Sending Tuition	107,401,713
Charter School Sending Tuition	978,125,740
Sub-Total, Tuition Assessments:	1,085,527,453

F. TOTAL ESTIMATED CHARGES:

1,441,672,762

TOWN COLLECTOR

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

I herewith submit the annual report for the fiscal
year 2024 for the Tax Collector,

Total Collections Fiscal 2024

	Real Estate & CPA Betterments & Liens	Personal Property	Motor Vehicle
2020		189.46	847.97
2021		338.59	6757.90
2022	21,186.55	2,956.53	29,452.88
2023	236,599.45	5,206.77	294,410.99
2024	33,413,217.13	684,147.91	1,141,976.58

	Sewer User Charges	Pilot	53,766.06
		Fees & Penalties	20,017.47
2023	83,427.86	Interest	153,802.49
2024	1,772,088.30		
	Boat Excise Tax		
2023	599.10		
2024	22,055.58		

I would like to thank the Selectboard, Town Administrator James Hagerty, and work colleagues for the valuable support they provided. I would also like to thank my Assistant Janelle Agin for her continued service to the department.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

SHEETAL K GRANDE, MPA, CMMT
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, 2024:

GENERAL ACCOUNTS

Rockland Trust	\$ 15,914,334.47
Martha's Vineyard Bank	81,018.55
Unibank for Savings	15,683,774.57
Bristol County Savings Bank	4,291,972.48
HarborOne Bank	17,162,056.21

TRUST/AGENCY ACCOUNTS

Rockland Trust	\$789,569.33
Martha's Vineyard Bank	30,168.40
Bristol County Savings Bank	886,311.50
TOTAL ALL ACCOUNTS	<u>\$ 54,839,205.51</u>

For fiscal year 2024 there was new long term debt issued for the bulkhead project in the amount of \$1,670,000.00. The retired long term debt was \$837,751.68.. The total outstanding debt as of June 30, 2024 was \$10,650,634.63.

The total authorized and unissued debt as of June 30, 2024 was \$28,206,000.00 for the bulkhead, wastewater and new fire station projects.

I would like to thank the Selectboard, employees

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

Respectfully submitted,

PAMELA J. AMARAL
Treasurer

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

To the Honorable Selectboard and the Citizens of Edgartown,

Hereby submitted is the report of the Accounting Department for 2024. During the year, the Accounting Department began succession planning for my retirement. The plan includes an overlap period with the successor accountant in fiscal year 2025. My hope is for a smooth transition period in 2025, and a long retirement period after that.

I extend my gratitude to Assistant Town Accountant, Jennifer Smyth for her continued support to this department and to all other departments of the Town.

Attached is the unaudited Combined Balance Sheet for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024. Final audit documents including all standard accounting reports and many detailed financial notes will be posted on the Town's website upon completion.

Respectfully submitted,

AMELIA C. TIERNEY
Town Accountant

Combined Balance Sheet - All Fund Types and Account Groups
as of June 30, 2024
(Unaudited)

	Governmental Fund Types			Fiduciary Fund Types		Account Groups		Totals (Memorandum Only)
	General	Special	Capital	Trust and Agency	Long-term Debt			
		Revenue	Projects					
<u>ASSETS</u>								
Cash and cash equivalents	25,805,924.54	12,582,599.18	3,422,205.24	10,852,782.65				52,663,511.61
Receivables:								
Personal property taxes	30,989.75							30,989.75
Real estate taxes	709,828.10							709,828.10
Allowance for abatements and exemp- tions	(475,654.14)							(475,654.14)
Tax liens	94,578.40							94,578.40
Motor vehicle excise	488,635.37							488,635.37
Other excises	17,251.46							17,251.46
User fees	146,411.90							146,411.90
Utility liens added to taxes	4,343.22							4,343.22
Departmental	193,397.94	65,560.59						258,958.53
Special assessments	2,689.97	802.35						3,492.32
Other receivables	48,179.96	19,365.03						67,544.99
Foreclosures/Possessions	481,697.98							481,697.98
Amounts to be provided - payment of bonds							10,650,634.62	10,650,634.62
Total Assets	27,548,274.45	12,668,327.15	3,422,205.24	10,852,782.65			10,650,634.62	65,142,224.11

LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY

Liabilities:								
Warrants payable	955.19							955.19
Accrued payroll	859,750.92	8,414.60						868,165.52
Withholdings	245,576.65							245,576.65
Deferred revenue:								
Real and personal property taxes	265,163.71							265,163.71

Combined Balance Sheet - All Fund Types and Account Groups
as of June 30, 2024
(Unaudited)

	Governmental Fund Types			Fiduciary Fund Types		Account Groups		Totals (Memorandum Only)
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Trust and Agency	Long-term Debt			
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Foreclosures/Possessions	481,697.98						481,697.98	
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Special assessments	2,689.97	802.35					3,492.32	
Other receivables	48,179.96	19,365.03					67,544.99	
Prepaid taxes/fees	397,178.89	11,239.54					408,418.43	
Tailings	25,793.91	1,410.45					27,204.36	
Bonds payable					10,650,634.62		10,650,634.62	
Total Liabilities	3,271,605.47	106,792.56	0.00	0.00	10,650,634.62		14,029,032.65	
Reserved for encumbrances	28,550.00						28,550.00	
Reserved for expenditures	5,528,123.00	250,000.00					5,778,123.00	
Reserved for continuing appropriations	3,678,819.52	4,496,741.77					8,175,561.29	
Reserved for debt service	15,661.47						15,661.47	
Undesignated fund balance	15,025,514.99	7,814,792.82	3,422,205.24	10,852,782.65			37,115,295.70	
Total Fund Equity	24,276,668.98	12,561,534.59	3,422,205.24	10,852,782.65	0.00		51,113,191.46	
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	27,548,274.45	12,668,327.15	3,422,205.24	10,852,782.65	10,650,634.62		65,142,224.11	

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 FY24.

The accounting for said funds is as follows:

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

TRANSFERS FY24

Council on Aging – Roof Repair:	\$13,000.00
Human Resources – Department Training:	\$5,000.00
Holiday Committee – Bid Increase:	\$2,200.00
Parks Commissioners – South Beach Expense:	\$10,000.00
Selectboard – Insurance:	<u>\$7,683.47</u>
	Total: \$37,883.47

Balance Reserve Fund returned to Free Cash	
6/30/2023 -	\$62,116.53

Respectfully submitted,

DONNA LOWELL-BETTENCOURT
Chair



PROTECTION OF PERSONS & PROPERTY

BOARD OF FIRE ENGINEERS

To the Honorable Edgartown Selectboard and the Citizens of Edgartown,

On behalf of our membership, I am pleased to present the 2024 annual report on the activities of our Fire Department.

We continue to see an increased pace of our community and its growth while wrestling to maintain our department and the services it provides with our community-based response model. As I mentioned last year, our current service model leans heavily on the generosity of the “on-call” membership to train, cover shifts and respond to a growing number of emergencies. The full-time staff continues to cover gaps in our schedule above their regular commitment while responding to calls off duty.

Fire Station

The Fire Station Building Committee is continuing to be vigilant with proper procedure and process to move closer to the construction start date. I am looking forward to conduct public information sessions this early spring to show where all the work has brought us. To date we have the Owner’s Project Manager working with our design professional on final designs while we are in the final stages of hiring a construction manager under chapter 149A.

Personnel

Recruitment and retention continue to be a serious concern. The high cost of living and lack of housing within our town and on the Island continue to affect our ability to attract new members. Those who do enter in are typically surprised by the required commitment and struggle to maintain minimum standards to be an Edgartown firefighter. Recruitment efforts and some changes in the ways to participate with us are in the development stages. I hope to report on positive outcomes next year.

This July we saw a long-standing department contributor move from a call and per diem status to our newest full time employee. Trulayna Rose is

expected to excel in her new role as a Firefighter Paramedic.

Continuing Education & Training:

In 2024, nine of our members completed 478 hours of Massachusetts Fire Academy training. Four members were certified as Fire Instructors, two members were certified to the Fire Officer I level, and two additional members at the Fire Officer II level. The Assistant Fire Chief attended the 13 week Massachusetts Fire Academy Chief Fire Officer training and now has all the requirements for Fire Chief accreditation.

Our membership completed 208 hours of in-house training for the marine unit, wildland search and rescue, mutual aid response, downed firefighter management, and vehicle extrication while inservicing new battery powered rescue tools. Members also trained with the refurbished wildland tanker and its deployment into the State Forest. This truck and our existing tanker participated in regional “Water Task Force” drills to provide water to areas without hydrants across the Island.

Vehicles and Equipment

We received the wildland tanker that was funded from an ATM article and two Volunteer Fire Assistance Grants in September. I am pleased to report that the project was a success and have placed it in service to support wildland responses, prescribed fires and water tanker shuttles across the entire Island.

With funding approved at the 2024 ATM, we are working toward placing the last two water storage tanks on Chappy and will soon have an established water connection at the Chappy ferry ramp on Chappy Point as a last resort failsafe water supply if it is ever needed.

Call Statistics:

2024 had our membership responding to a variety of calls throughout the year that are representative of our growing community and its needs. Our year included responses to structure fires, brush fires,

motor vehicle fires, appliance fires, medical emergencies and other types of emergencies including CO exposures, motor vehicle accidents, missing person searches, oil spills, arcing wires and water emergencies.

Alarms	802
MVA	54
Fires	20
Investigations	24
Assists	17
Watercraft/Water incidents	9
Illegal Burning	12
Hazardous Conditions	22
Ambulance Calls	673

FPO Inspections/Plan Reviews

Hotels	29
Restaurants	27
Other Inspections	47
Dry Hydrant	8
Sprinkler	3
Educational	7
Propane	120
Smokes	252
Oils	12
Community Outreach/Education	27
Warnings	76
Violations	46
New Construction	96
Tank Installations	105
Photovoltaics	51
Sprinkler System Transmittals	9



Fire Prevention

The Fire Prevention branch was the busiest part of our department in 2024. The burden presented by the amount of new construction, development and renovation within the Town has been spread through all of the full-time staff to manage it. Our new tracking software has been working well and allowed us to more accurately represent the calls to service this division sees.

In Closing:

Our core group of Fire Department members are doing their best to maintain shift coverage and the protection it provides. Membership with our department is difficult for people to commit to in the

fast pace of what it means to live in our community and the burden it creates. We are so fortunate to have people to support our initiatives and maintain their vitality. We recognize the significant challenge this presents to work and family commitments and strive to support the needs of our membership to make this partnership possible.

Respectfully Submitted,

ALEXANDER J. SCHAEFFER
Fire Chief

Edgartown Fire Department Membership

Chief Officers

Chief Alex Schaeffer
Deputy Chief Andrew Kelly
Assistant Chief Josh Baker

Administrative Assistant

Anita Billings

Board of Fire Engineers

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

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

Company Officers

Senior Captain Sam Koohy
Captain Kevin Maciel
Captain Kara Shemeth
Lieutenant Khalid Dore
Lieutenant Jovany Navarrete

Call Members

EMT/FF Ryan Bottary
FF Kevin Cody
FF Joe Delory
EMT/FF Paulo DeOliveira
EMT Marlon Garcia
FF Janick Grabowski
FF Collins Heavener
EMT/FF Graham Lewis
EMT/FF Ashlee Moreis
FF Timothy Penicaud
FF Renata Rovani
EMT Joan Shemit
FF Richard SooHoo
FF Craig Willett

Seasonal Members

Brooks Jordan
Dylan Keusch
Aiden Keusch
Koll Phillips
Atlas Zack

POLICE DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Selectboard and the Citizens of Edgartown,

On behalf of the Edgartown Police Department, as your newly appointed Police Chief, it is my pleasure to submit the 2024 departmental annual report.

I am grateful for the extraordinary opportunity to serve our department and my hometown as the Chief of Police. One of the core reasons I am drawn to this role, and policing in general, is my devotion to the Town of Edgartown. I truly love our town, and my job as an Edgartown Police Officer is deeply personal to me. I am not merely serving and protecting residents of a community, I am serving and protecting family, friends, and a community that helped raise me. Generations of my family have given many years of dedicated service to the Town of Edgartown and Martha's Vineyard. In turn, I endeavor to live up to the high standard of community service that they have set. My 29 years on the department, combined with the knowledge of our town, gives me an extensive understanding and unique perspective on the challenges facing our community. I am committed to encouraging positive relationships between the police department and our community, ensuring that our approach to law enforcement is both ethical and compassionate. We have an exceptional department of professional dedicated men and women who take pride in serving our town. It is an honor to lead them as we move forward into a new chapter at the Edgartown Police Department.

EPD Personnel Changes

Chief Bruce McNamee retired in September after 6 years of service to the Town of Edgartown and 34 total years of service. His years of dedicated service have made this community safer, and we wish him well in his retirement.

This past year the EPD experienced additional personnel changes:

- Officers Zack Moreis was hired as a full-time police officer in January.
- Officer William Oteri retired in April after 25 years of service.
- Officer Gary Kovack resigned in July to become the Harbormaster for the Town of Tisbury.
- Troy Vanderhoop was hired as a full-time police officer in September.
- Officer Alex Guest resigned in November and moved to Florida with his fiancé.

Community Outreach

At 18 years old, I was first hired as a traffic officer by Chief George Searle and Deputy Chief Paul Condlin in 1990. The Police Department had recently moved to our current location from Church Street. The Stop and Shop was the A&P. The movie theater was above the Town Hall. The Atlantic was the Navigator, and the summer Chappy Ferry line wasn't nearly as busy. Since then there have been plenty of changes around town and in policing as well. What hasn't changed however, is our core mission: working in partnership with our community while protecting our residents and visitors, endeavoring to prevent crime, and preserving the quality of life that makes Edgartown an exceptional place to live, work, and visit. There is no partnership that we value more or take more pride in than the partnership we have with the citizens of our community.

The Edgartown Police Department has a long history of interacting and engaging community members outside of the traditional delivery of police services. Our participation in the following programs, activities, and events allow for a positive and relaxed interaction between community residents and our officers. This provides an opportunity for the public to see beyond the uniform and hopefully have a pleasant exchange with the officer. Depending on the subject matter discussed, these interactions are also a great opportunity for the police to explain why we do what we do and promote transparency while doing so. Additionally, we can work together with our residents to address their needs and find solutions to issues they may be confronting. These conversations also provide an excellent opportunity for residents to provide us with feedback on how our department may be able to improve upon our service.

Department personnel, often through the generous and benevolent efforts of the Edgartown Patrolman's Association ("EPA"), participated in numerous community policing initiatives in 2024, to include: "Coffee with a Cop", conducted monthly at our senior center (The Anchors); the annual EPA golf tournament and lobster roll sales – these events allow for interaction between the community and our officers with the added bonus of fundraising to support local charities and our annual scholarship awards to MVRHS seniors heading off to college; Halloween candy handout for downtown trick-or-treaters (promoting Halloween safety); Thanksgiving turkey dinners delivered to approximately 45 area families; annual dinner in honor of our Town's

Senior population held at the Edgartown School; and “Stuff a Bus” Christmas toy collection in support of the island’s Red Stocking Fund.

Several of our officers serve as volunteer coaches and have contributed their time and expertise to coaching football, lacrosse, and hockey for junior high and high school sports teams, providing mentorship and leadership to the next generation of athletes. We are grateful for their dedication to both their law enforcement duties and their commitment to the youth of Martha’s Vineyard. The positive impact of these officers extends far beyond the field or rink, fostering a greater sense of trust and cooperation between our officers and the community they serve. By volunteering in these programs, our officers serve as role models who guide young people not only in sports but also in the development of life skills. Their involvement in coaching helps create lasting connections and ensures that students see officers as supportive figures within the community.

Our Administrative Assistant has generously volunteered his time and talents to teach theatre at both the elementary and high school levels. His passion for the arts and commitment to education have inspired students of all ages to explore their creative potential, while fostering a love for the dramatic arts. Through his leadership, students have not only gained valuable skills in performance and storytelling, but also built confidence and teamwork that will serve them beyond the stage.

Addiction Response Efforts

The EPD remains committed to providing services and support to those impacted by addiction issues. Officers are issued “Narcan,” an opioid overdose antidote. This is the second year in a row without the use of Narcan. The EPD also remains an active participant in both the MV Drug Task Force as well as the Martha’s Vineyard Substance Use Disorder Coalition.

The EPD continues its partnership with Island Health Care, whereby specially trained plain clothes police officers and civilian recovery coaches jointly conduct follow up visits with at-risk individuals within our community. A number of these visits have been conducted and all have seen favorable results. A partnership with Martha’s Vineyard Community Services will see a new “co-responder” program in early 2025. Clinicians will be available to respond with our officers to mental health calls for service. This is a practice that has seen terrific success around the country.

EpiPen: As of November 14, 2024, each cruiser is now equipped with 2 EpiPens, one with an adult dose

of epinephrine and one with a dosage for children. All EPD officers have been trained on their usage. Following the tragic death of Michael Brown last year, his wife Megan Brown coordinated with the Martha’s Vineyard Hospital and the EPD to make EpiPens available in all first responder vehicles on the island. Megan is also working with the Massachusetts legislature to broaden this initiative state-wide.

Edgartown School

The EPD continued to ensure that it worked seamlessly with the Edgartown School. Our assigned School Resource Officer (SRO) maintains an office within the school to better facilitate the manner in which we assist students, their families and school staff. In July, our assigned SRO transitioned to a new role in another town creating a vacancy in the current position. In our ongoing efforts to support the safety and well-being of our students, we have been utilizing all of our officers on a rotating basis to serve in the role of SRO until the position is permanently filled. This approach not only ensures that students continue to have access to a trusted law enforcement presence but also provides all officers with the opportunity to engage with the school community. Through this rotation, students get to know each officer personally, fostering stronger relationships and enhancing the sense of security within the school environment. Until a new officer is assigned to the SRO position, we are committed to ensuring a smooth transition while maintaining a positive and supportive atmosphere for our students.

Training and Technology

Policing in America has changed significantly over the years. Not too long-ago, law enforcement on the Vineyard was often covered by many part-time officers with very minimal training. Present-day policing is a full-time profession requiring extensive training and education. The role of the police officer has evolved significantly.

Police officer training has significantly increased in its focus on areas like de-escalation, crisis intervention, community policing, implicit bias awareness, mental health response, and conflict resolution, moving beyond basic firearms and physical tactics to incorporate more comprehensive problem-solving and communication skills, particularly in response to calls for police reform and community concerns.

The days of fitting all of our training into one 40-hour week of in-service training are long gone. The numerous requirements these days have us training throughout most of the year with an effort to complete the yearly cycle prior to the beginning of

each summer. Once the summer has passed, we're right back at it in the fall. We have a number of officers that are certified trainers in various policing skill sets. We also invite instructors from off-island to conduct training for us here on the Vineyard.

Just as the training has increased exponentially, so has the technology in the profession. Our cruisers used to have one radio and a couple of switches for the lights and siren. Now, these mobile offices resemble something along the lines of a plane cockpit with buttons, switches, computers, printers, radios, less-lethal weapon systems, etc. Common tools of the trade that are now part of standard operating procedures and recommended best practices.

Most recently we have begun a drone program. This year we purchased a DJI Mavic 3 Thermal drone to assist first responders in emergency search and rescue operations. Officers assigned to the drone were able to put the new equipment to use this past summer quickly locating a lost individual and eliminating the need for a costly and time-consuming search involving large groups of personnel. The drone was also paramount in 2 other incidents on Edgartown Great Pond involving overdue parties. The drone was deployed and quickly assisted in locating these missing individuals.

Traffic Safety

Officers have continued to ensure safe conditions for motorists, pedestrians, and bicyclists within our community. The past year, EPD officers responded to 94 motor vehicle accidents, down from 100 accidents in 2024. Of this amount, 16 required medical transport to the Martha's Vineyard Hospital. There were 2 pedestrian vs car accidents, 26 bicycle-related accidents, and 257 traffic stops.

Firearms Licensure

The EPD processed and issued 137 firearms-related permits. This was a 71.25% increase from last year's 80 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 given out over 700 firearm safety kits, which may be obtained at the police station.

2024 Statistics

Alarms	1361
Disturbance/Fights	46
Medical	452
Suspicious	263
Noise Complaints	100
Mental Health	32
Assist Citizen	315
Domestic Related	51
Disputes/Civil Matters	59
Intoxicated Party	29
Protective Custody	30
Weapons Complaint	9
Elder Assist	14
Suicide Threats	4
Liquor Establishment Calls	28
Sexual Assaults	12
Breaking & Entering	15
Stolen MV	4
Stolen Property	17
Trespassing	17
Vandalism	10
MV Accidents (Includes bicycle and mopeds)	94
MV Complaints	29
MV Stops	257
Lockouts	178

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

2024 = 6535 total

2023 = 7609 total

2022 = 7441 total

2021 = 8484 total

2020 = 7453 total

Public Records Requests

With recent changes in the public records laws, the EPD received and processed 574 requests for police reports and documents

In closing, I would like to thank the citizens of Edgartown for your continued support of our police department, and I look forward to serving as your Chief of Police. I will make it a point to be visible in our community and will always make myself available for a conversation if you'd like to stop by the police station.

We also would like to thank the other Edgartown town departments, especially our public safety brothers and sisters of the Edgartown Fire and EMS. Thanks also go to the Dukes County Sheriff's Department and the Massachusetts State Police, as

well as the other island Police and Fire departments for their unwavering assistance as we do our best to protect and serve our community.

Respectfully submitted,

CHRISTOPHER M. DOLBY
Chief of Police



HARBORMASTER

To the Honorable Selectboard and Citizens of Edgartown,

I am saddened to announce that March 27, 2025 will be my last day working as your Harbormaster. Retirement is only 86 days away as I report to you the status of our Harbor. Thirty years on the job was only possible thanks to the great support I received from everyone and I will only list a few here for the list would be too long for this report.

The Selectboard

Has always supported the Department throughout my term, making sure to protect and preserve the Harbor at all costs. Whatever we needed to operate successfully whether it was: equipment, boats, engines, summer staff, rebuilding Town docks and bulkheads they made it happen.

Sara Tiemann and Shelly O'Neil

These two women have been the backbone of the Harbormaster's Department. Sara's thirty years of service to the Harbor made my job possible. Shelly's twenty years is also a milestone. Between the two, paperwork vanished off my desk. Payroll, accounts, waiting lists, telephone traffic and more, enabled me to be on the water where I was able to be in constant contact with the yachting public. It is because of these two women's service that I was able to serve you for so long.

Aqua Marine

Steve Ewing and his crew was in contact with our Department daily for all thirty years that I worked. Our Town Mooring Permit holders are also Aqua's customers. Steve was always there to sound off on my problems. We did not always agree, but preserving the Harbor was the one topic we were 100% sure about. I could not have done my job without him.

Edgartown Yacht Club

This vital membership has supported the Town's positions concerning Harbor policies. The Clubs

managers (only two in 30 years), always gave great support in keeping the Harbor vibrant, hosting Regattas, welcoming visiting yachtsmen and their clubs. Almost every year they put on major sailing championships. The EYC has been and will continue to be a big player in keeping the harbor a place where visitors return year after year.

Boatyard, Fueling, Launch Service

The boatyard is currently owned by Safe Harbor Edgartown. This is the fourth owner during my term and is by far the best in both service and storage. Like Aqua Marine, their customers and the Town's, are all the same. Great communication is the key behind their success. Old Port Launch has held the Town license for 30 years providing unsurpassed service to visitors and Town vessels. R.M. Packer is our lease holder providing great fueling service which they expanded this year to service our commercial shell fishermen during the months of October-November.

Other Town Departments and Committees

Shellfish	Water
Highway	Wastewater
Marine Advisory	Harbor Planning
Com Com	Planning Board

I am sure I missed a few but you can see from the list that it takes a lot of support to operate successfully as a Department. To end this report, I will support the next Harbormaster as best as I am able. Thank you all for making my job one of the most enjoyable ones I could have ever wished for.

Regards,

CHARLIE BLAIR
Harbormaster

WHARF RESTORATION COMMITTEE

To the Honorable Selectboard and Citizens of Edgartown,

2024 saw the completion of the rebuild of the North Wharf where the boatyard Safe Harbor's hauling/launching facility is located. Also at this location is the town fuel pier and the harbormaster office. There is a small boat marina which generates revenue for the town.

North Wharf is the second major town waterfront infrastructure project completed by the Wharf Committee. The first project, Memorial Wharf, was completed in 2022. Similar to Memorial, North Wharf came in on time and within budget.

The project involved the replacement of the failing 19th century stone bulkhead with a new steel and concrete wall that, when the time comes, can accommodate a 2 +/- foot elevation of the property. This is the same approach taken at Memorial; rebuild what has failed in preparation to raise the wharf with a simple extension from the new solid concrete cap. For those unfamiliar the wharf refers to the filled structures, not the timber piers associated with them. These two wharves each form parking and pedestrian areas.

The low bidder, Coastal Marine Construction, was a pleasure for the Committee to work with. Despite adverse conditions over the winter of 2023/24 such as extreme high tides all of February and the collapse of the old stone wall as the new wall was being driven Coastal pushed through with a first-class final product.

The Committee also wants to thank abutters, David Malm and especially Barbara Jordan and Bob Pemberton. Barbara and Bob were kind enough to grant an easement to the town allowing us to encroach on a portion of their property to properly stabilize the new wharf.

As the construction work came to a close the committee accepted a solicited proposal from Joanne Gosser to help the town and Safe Harbor make better use of the existing building on the wharf. Joanne has assisted the Committee on the Memorial project and is familiar with the North Wharf property. After interviewing and assessing the needs of the harbormaster, the boatyard and the fuel service provider she presented us with a report outlining the structural integrity of the building to help us plan for its future best use. She is also refining how the internal use of the building will be shared by the town and the boatyard. This will be valuable information as we anticipate raising the wharf at least

2 feet in the not-too-distant future.

With North Wharf stable we set our sights on the 3rd, and last, town owned structure on the harbor, Osborn's Wharf at the foot of Main Street. We have secured funding, through assorted articles passed over the years at town meetings, have hired Childs Engineering to come up with a design for review and a bid package. The Osborn Wharf project is similar to Memorial and North. In all cases there is a failing old 19th century stone bulkhead that needs a complete rebuild. The parking lot it supports is also too low as it floods at many high tides. We propose to get all necessary permits to rebuild the wall in preparation for raising the lot, at least two feet initially. All of these later phases of the projects, where the parking lots are proposed to be raised will be contingent on adjoining structures or roadways that are lower than the proposed new heights to be accordingly raised as necessary.

The Wharf Committee feels it is important to get in front of the documented rise in sea level and is confident our waterfront is getting well positioned to adapt. What better time to plan for this than when the wharves have reached the end of their useful lives?

As I sign off I would be remiss if I didn't thank James Hagerty, Town Administrator for all his help with these projects. Thanks to Juliet Mulinare, our assistant, we'd be lost without her. Our very special thanks to Charlie Blair, the Edgartown Harbormaster. Charlie first put North Wharf repair on a town warrant in 1997. After 30 years Charlie is stepping off the boat and retiring. He has promised he will continue to assist the Committee moving the waterfront forward into the future. We are going to hold him to that. Hats off to Charlie and Fair Wind.

For the Edgartown Wharf
Rehabilitation Committee,

STEVE EWING, Chair

CHRIS SCOTT

SCOTT ELLIS

JULIET MULINAIRE, Assistant

CHARLIE BLAIR, Harbormaster



Installing new street drain pipe on Pease's Point Way North.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Selectboard and Citizens of Edgartown,

I am pleased to present the annual report for the Edgartown Highway Department for 2024.

January 2024 started out with two more coastal storms along Atlantic Drive on January 10th and 13th. These storms did significant damage to Atlantic Drive as well as washing away the road surface at the end of Herring Creek Road above the culverts closing Atlantic Drive to all traffic.

We continued the New Year with several small snow events in the months of January and February.

When the weather permitted in March, we cleaned Atlantic Drive of storm debris and began making the required repairs to Atlantic Drive. We as well rebuilt the road surface above the Herring Creek Culvert and repaved the damaged sections of roadway to reopen Atlantic Drive to all traffic by Memorial Day.

One new sidewalk was installed on Pease's Point Way North running along the bike parking area up to the end of Church and Winter Street intersection. This sidewalk along with the additional lighting will greatly improve pedestrian safety. Several sections of Cottage Street sidewalk were replaced as well.

The storm water drainage system under the new sidewalk was upgraded with additional drainage

collection structures to eliminate the flooding in the area. We also cleaned and reestablished one storm water retention area in Ocean Heights. The awarded contractor conducted the annual catch basin cleaning as well this year.

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, roadside mowing, tree and brush trimming, dirt road grading, catch basin and culvert cleaning, asphalt patching, and sign maintenance

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

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

Respectfully Submitted,

ALLAN DEBETTENCOURT
Highway Superintendent

TREE WARDEN

To the Honorable Selectboard and Citizens of Edgartown,

During 2024, we saw more of a normal year for weather in our area with no major storms causing damage to Town shade trees. We also saw a more normal volume of applications requesting permission for removal or trimming of public shade trees.

The Town along with property owners continued to be pro-active in the structural pruning of public shade trees with the assistance of professional arborists. The electric utility company's active tree trimming maintenance program around their utility wires was also continued this year resulting in minimal outages.

I am also pleased to report we were able to distribute nearly 800 tree seedlings to the students and staff of the Edgartown Elementary School in

honor of Earth Day. These seedlings included the White Spruce and Red Oak tree.

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

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

Respectfully Submitted,

ALLAN DEBETTENCOURT
Edgartown Tree Warden

BUILDING INSPECTOR

To the Honorable Selectboard and the Citizens of Edgartown,

Submitted herewith is our annual report covering the year ending 31 December 2024.

Building Permits	Issued	#Increase/ Decrease
New Single Family Residences	45	-6
<i>*Includes 14 Guest Houses/Apartments</i>		
Multi-Family Residence	13	+13
Single Family Residence	386	+108
Additions/Alterations/Renovations (71 major, 217 minor, 110 insulation/weatherization)		
Garage/Barn	31	-20
<i>*Includes 2 Detached Bedrooms & 15 Pool Houses</i>		
Shed/Deck/Porch/Fence	44	-9
New Commercial	1	-9
Commercial:	9	-32
Additions/Alterations/Renovations		
Swimming Pool/Tennis Court	49	-23
Miscellaneous:		
Shingle	33	
Demolition/Move	23	
Foundation	27	
Solar Array	63	
Tent	118	
Trench	22	
Sign	20	
Total	872	(increase of 7)
Total Building Permits Receipts:	\$540,364.01	
	(increase of \$163,550.36)	

Miscellaneous Permits & Fees

(Includes Wood Stoves, Sign Permits, Summons, Fines, Additional Inspections, etc.)

Total Miscellaneous Fees **\$5,775.00**
(decrease of \$22,695.00)

Trench Permits **\$1,250.00**
(decrease of \$50.00)

Total Building Inspector's Receipts: **\$546,389.01**
(Increase of \$139,805.36)

Fees Collected by the Building Department for:

Gas Inspector \$40,280.00

Plumbing Inspector \$44,510.00

Electrical Inspector \$119,800.00

**Total Receipts Collected by
the Building Dept:** **\$795,921.00**
(increase of \$116,593.26)

While the number of new single family residences decreased by 6, 13 multifamily structures were permitted in 2024, representing an addition of 80 new dwelling units. Projects continue to increase in complexity and size, as indicated by a greater than 30% increase in revenue generated by the issuance of building permits.

I would like to thank our wiring inspectors Rob Young, Mike Dolby, David Schwab & Cole Powers and our plumbing and gas inspectors Charlie Day, Bill Callahan & Jamie Wallace for their professionalism. I would also like to thank Emma Kristal for stepping into the role of Department Assistant so competently and with unwavering good nature.

They are all a credit to the community they serve.

Respectfully Submitted,
READE KONTJE MILNE
Building Commissioner

ELECTRICAL INSPECTORS

To the Honorable Selectboard and Citizens of Edgartown:

Submitted herewith is our annual report covering the year ending 31 December 2024.

Electrical Permits:	650	\$31,355.00
		(decrease of 58)
Electrical Inspections:	1597	\$119,800.00
		(decrease of 98)
Total Electrical Receipts:		\$151,155.00
		(decrease of \$11,105.00)

Respectfully Submitted,

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

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
New Single Family Residence	41	49	67	42	56	55	61	40	71	68	51	45
Multi-Family Building	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	13
Single Family Residence Additions/ Alterations	217	231	235	238	286	259	316	380	351	303	293	386
Garage/Barn	25	38	52	57	46	51	52	41	74	60	51	31
Shed/Deck/ Porch/Fence	63	78	70	83	56	57	58	42	66	46	53	44
New Commercial	3	2	3	4	2	4	3	2	2	4	10	1
Commercial Additions/ Alterations	28	21	20	34	38	35	66	36	42	39	41	9
Swimming Pools	28	31	34	35	28	28	44	55	75	46	72	49
Miscellaneous	116	74	112	150	140	207	216	172	271	252	294	306
TOTALS	521	524	593	643	654	696	816	768	952	835	865	872

PLUMBING & GAS INSPECTORS

To the Honorable Selectboard and the Citizens of Edgartown,

Submitted herewith is our annual report covering the year ending 31 December 2024.

Plumbing Permits: 272 \$13,150.00
(increase of 40)

Plumbing Inspections: 593 \$45,510.00
(increase of 45)

Total Plumbing Receipts: \$58,660.00
(decrease of \$5,950.00)

Gas Permits: 285 \$14,050.00
(decrease of 30)

Gas Inspections: 537 \$40,280.00
(decrease of 27)

Total Gas Receipts: \$54,330.00
(decrease of \$3,445.00)

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



COFFIN HOUSE AND TOWER OF BAPTIST CHURCH, SCHOOL STREET, EDGARTOWN, MASS.

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PUBLIC WORKS

WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Selectboard and the Citizens of Edgartown,

In 2024 the Plant processed 82.6 million gallons of sewerage. The Plant effluent at the other end of the facility averaged a total Nitrogen level of 3.97 milligrams per liter, resulting in approximately 1175 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 53% of that limit.

SUMMARY OF WASTEWATER FLOWS AND TOTAL NITROGEN			
2024	FLOW	TOTAL N	
JAN	4,343,467	14.58	
FEB	3,401,979	2.97	
MARCH	4,354,028	3.25	
APRIL	4,162,331	2.05	
MAY	7,327,784	1.34	
JUNE	9,606,347	4.05	
JULY	13,300,008	3.55	
AUG	12,975,868	2.15	
SEPT	8,397,493	6.95	
OCT	6,166,782	1.40	
NOV	4,367,990	2.87 for	
DEC	4,237,553	2.50	
TOTAL/YR	82,641,630	AVG/ YR	3.97

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 Massachusetts Department of Environmental Quality (MaDEP) issued new regulations for Nitrogen Sensitive Areas in the summer of 2023 for Cape Cod. The regulations originally were designated to include Martha's Vineyard but the MaDEP deferred including Martha's Vineyard in order to allow the Commonwealth and the island communities to investigate further the origins and effects of excess Nitrogen in their respective watersheds and water bodies. In anticipation of the proposed regulatory changes Edgartown approved and funded a Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan (CWMP) during the April 2022 Annual Town Meeting. The CWMP began in the fall of 2022 in conjunction with an already approved Asset Management Plan, which is a component of the CWMP. At the end of 2023 the Asset Management Plan was complete and the CWMP was nearing the halfway mark. The first public hearing on the CWMP findings was held in October 2023 and the remaining public hearings were staggered across 2024. Martha's Vineyard and Edgartown are currently exempt from the new MaDEP Nitrogen regulations. 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. The Wastewater Commissioners has asked for an additional 3.2 million dollars for funding in FY2026 for preliminary design and environmental permitting to begin the long sought sewerage of the Ocean Heights area and to bring relief to Sengekontacket Pond nitrogen issues.

The Annual Town Meeting in April approved a funding measure for the replacement of the two sewer force mains from the Chase Road pump station to the wastewater treatment plant. It had already been decided the project had to commence and be finished over the winter of 2024-2025. As December 2024 concludes, the replacement project is scheduled to begin in late January and finish before Memorial Day 2025.

The Wastewater Department is currently waiting to finish several projects approved by the 2023 Annual Town Meeting. Chief among the projects are installation of a new rotary screw press and plant water pumping system. These projects have been successfully bid out and are currently scheduled to begin and finish in the spring of 2025.

We wish to thank the Operations crew of Chief Operator Joe Rock, Sebastian Corwin, Matt Barton and Zavian Brown, along with our Administrative

Assistant Cristina Zghibarta, 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.

Respectfully submitted,
W. ALEX MORRISON,
Chair
GLEN SEARLE
SCOTT A. ELLIS

WATER DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Selectboard and the Citizens of Edgartown,

2024 was a busy year for the Water Department. This comes as no surprise, as the demands of the department seem to increase annually. Regulatory requirements, expansion, development and customer service calls have all increased post pandemic and the past trend, with no indications that the responsibilities of the department will lessen. Though the demands increase, we have still stayed true to our mission statement and our dedication and commitment to the community. The operation of a water system is a huge undertaking that requires a team effort. Water systems don't take days off and they can be very problematic at times. Be assured that there is a qualified and competent staff watching over your water system at all times. One must remember that regardless of the technology and redundancy that we may incorporate into our operations, it is the staff that operate these systems and interpret the information. Further, it is the knowledge of a competent water operator that customizes the available technology and resources to be specific with their water system. That said, a fully automated water system is impossible, Water Operators are critical to the sustainability of the community and the community is very fortunate to have employees that possess the skill sets required and the level of licensure they possess.

Our successes and achievements are essentially projected to the community. Whether they be individual or team efforts, competency, compliance and progression is the underlying goal of the department. While there is a degree of predictability in the day to day tasks, certain events and accomplishments stand out and are noteworthy.

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

- It has now been nine consecutive years that the Edgartown Water Department has been recognized by state and federal regulators for exceeding compliance, outstanding performance and achievement. Awards were presented by state representatives and regulators.
- Gordon Brown was recertified as a backflow tester, obtained cross connection surveyor certification and passed both the D2 and D3 Water Operator licensing exams.
- Dylan Thornton obtained a 2A Hoisting Engineer's License, obtained his backflow tester license, and received a D2 Full Water Operator's license.

Having met the requirements of the job description, Dylan was promoted to a Water Operator II within the department.

- Fire hydrants received their annual flushing and inspection. Any defects noted during the inspection were promptly rectified. The hydrant flushing process requires less time and less water each year. This is indicative of an effective program in place. Additionally, hydrants in need of paint were painted. Two fire hydrants that were found to be problematic were replaced and upgraded to new fire hydrants.
- 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.
- 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.
- Bids were accepted and a contract awarded to continue our well maintenance program. The Quenomica Well will be pulled, cleaned and inspected. All components showing signs of stress or wear will be replaced or repaired as necessary. The well will be fully operational to meet the demands of the 2025 summer season.
- The Lily Pond Well received a complete inspection and service. At the same time, the well was cleaned to regain any losses we have experienced in well productivity.
- We began the year and ended the year under Level 1 drought conditions. This declaration was made by the Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs. Though a drought was declared, there was no evidence that our water production ability or the conditions of the aquifer were impacted.
- As per the requirements of MassDEP, our Cross Connection Control Plan was completed and submitted.
- Our Lead Service Line Inventory was completed

and submitted, as required by MassDEP, with the results of the inventory suggesting that there are no lead service lines within Edgartown.

- A Sanitary Survey was conducted by MassDEP. This is an all inclusive inspection of the operations and compliance public water systems. This department received the highest possible score.
- As required of MassDEP, our Cyber Security Assessment was completed and submitted. This was an evaluation of the vulnerabilities of our S.C.A.D.A. system.
- Many classes for license advancement and professional growth were attended by staff members.
- Efforts continued in the lengthy process of increasing our production allotment to keep in stride with the increasing demands of an expanding community.
- At the request of the Parks Department, a yard hydrant was installed at the left fork beach area to rinse equipment.
- Work continued on a project to increase our redundancy and resiliency by looking at alternative power sources to operate the water production facilities in the event of emergencies and power outages of long duration.

Construction and development seem to be at a constant and rapid pace. Many of the recent projects have been large in size and involve multiple units. At the same time, requests continue to come in for guest houses and well conversions. Most water service connections are a direct result of community growth, with five to seven water connections completed each month. With growth of the community comes expansion of the water distribution system. To service undeveloped areas or roads without water mains, private contractors or town crews install water mains and water services. In all cases, the extension is designed to meet the present needs, with future needs in mind. The ultimate goal being a water system design that affords the best possible water quality and fire flows. In total, the water system was expanded by 1,935 feet and six fire hydrants were added to increase fire protection.

STATISICAL SUMMARY

January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024

Water Use – Wells

Meshacket Well #4 (Start-up 1959)

Water Pumped – .810 MG / 810,000 gal.
Peak Day Demand – .184000 MG / 184,000 gal.(7/10/24)
Minimum Day Demand – 0**
Average Daily Flow – 2,219.18 gal.

Lily Pond Well #5 (Start-up 1978)

Water Pumped – 42.792 MG / 42,792,000 gal.
Peak Day Demand – .624000 MG / 624,000 gal. (4/28/24)
Minimum Day Demand – 0 **
Average Daily Flow – 117,238.35 gal.

Wintucket Well #6 (Start-up 1990)

Water Pumped – 71.328 MG / 71,328,300 gal.
Peak Day Demand – .925400 MG / 925,400 gal.(7/21/24)
Minimum Day Demand – 0 **
Average Daily Flow – 195,420.00 gal.

Quenomica Well #7 (Start-up 1995)

Water Pumped – 144.780 MG / 144,780,000 gal.
Peak Day Demand – 1.109000 MG / 1,109,000 gal(7/21/24)
Minimum Day Demand – 0 **
Average Daily Flow – 396,657.5300 gal.

Nunnepog Well #8(Start-up 2007)

Water Pumped – 157.540 MG / 157,540,000 gal.
Peak Day Demand – 1.084000 MG / 1,084,000 gal. (7/3/24)
Minimum Day Demand – 0 **
Average Daily Flow – 431,616.4400 gal.

Water Use – All Sources Combined

Total Water Pumped – 417.250300 MG / 417,250,300 gal.
Peak Day Demand – 3.541 MG / 3,541,000 gal. (7/21/24)
Minimum Day Demand – .1540 MG / 154,000 gal.(1/15/24)
Average Daily Flow – 1.143151 MG / 1,143,151.5100 gal.
Maximum Week of Pumping – 20.1000 MG (7/16/24)
Winter Average (October-May) – 16.152925 MG / Month or .641334 MG / Day
Summer Average (June-September) - 72.006725 MG / Month or 2.360876 MG / Day

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

Water Distribution System

New Mains – Installed by Owner / Developer – (4) 1,935 ft.
New Mains – Contracted by Town of Edgartown - 0
New mains – Installed by Town Crews – 0
Antiquated Mains Replaced – 0
Total Main Installed – (4) 1,935 feet
Total Main Abandoned – 0
Total Miles of Main in Town of Edgartown – Approx. 76.0
Fire Hydrants Installed – 6
Fire Hydrants Replaced – 1
Fire Hydrants Relocated - 1
Fire Hydrants in Service - 375
New Water Service Activations - 47
Number of Current Water Accounts - 3,607

I mentioned the drought declaration in last year's report. As it turns out, it is worth mentioning again. We started the year and ended the year in a Level 1 Drought, though I believe this was unnecessary. To reiterate, I am a conservationist, but at the same time I rely heavily on science, data trends and common sense. The confusing aspect of this is the fact that

this office has constant and current data that indicates the condition of the aquifer, but the decision makers are in Boston. The reason this is concerning is that a drought declaration will ultimately affect what you as a customer is allowed to do with water use. The first impact that the customer would recognize is the banning of outside irrigation. Interestingly enough, my observations would suggest that there is little to no irrigation taking place in winter. That said, it is best to consult the trends and have a basic understanding of the water needs and water usage of Martha's Vineyard. It is relatively easy to understand that water usage is higher in the summer and lesser in the winter and this will have a direct impact on the aquifer. As I write this, we are in January. Population and pumping are down, irrigation is essentially nonexistent and we are well within our recharge cycle. As in the past and as the trends indicate, we will have more than enough water

FIRE HYDRANTS INSTALLED 2024

LOCATION	HYDRANTS
Lenssen Way	2
Meshacket Commons	3
13 th Street South	1
TOTAL	6

WATER MAINS INSTALLED 2024

LOCATION	SIZE/FOOTAGE
Lenssen Way	8" 400'
Simpsons Lane	8" 115'
13 th Street South	8" 120'
Meshacket Commons	8" 1,300'
TOTAL	1,935'

WATER CONSUMPTION MAXIMUM DAY

Date	Gallons
July 12, 2020	2,890,000
August 1, 2021	2,903,000
July 31, 2022	3,732,000
August 6, 2023	3,167,000
July 21, 2024	3,541,000

YEARLY TOTALS

	Gallons
2020	359,396,100
2021	355,283,000
2022	401,933,800
2023	397,902,100
2024	417,250,300

supply to meet the next cycle of high demand water use. One more detail on the subject is that even at the lowest recorded level of the aquifer, we would still meet summer demands easily. That being said, we do not ever want to be in a realistic and critical point. It is for that very reason that the health of the aquifer and water availability is monitored so closely. I believe in source protection but at the same time am against unnecessary water use restrictions on your community.

As this report would indicate, this is a busy department, and justly so. The demands continue to increase annually but your Water Department will continue to operate at the level you have come to expect. As stated in the past, the operations of this department extend far beyond the immediate staff. We have always had the support of the community and it is greatly appreciated, as community support is paramount in the success of local government. Another key element to success is town leadership. This department, as well as the community at large is very fortunate to have the benefit of strong, experienced and functional town leaders. Moving down the ladder, the other departments and entities of the town structure continue to contribute in immeasurable ways. The support and assistance we receive does not go unnoticed, as it is a very vast support team that contributes often. This department and the community are also fortunate to have the contributions of the Board of Water Commissioners. Their involvement with the department may go unnoticed at times, but do not let that diminish their significance. Day and night, they avail themselves for the guidance and assistance necessary to meet the goals of the community. Without their vision, dedication and direction, this department would suffer. Lastly, I'd like to express my sincerest appreciation and gratitude to the staff of the Water Department. This department prides itself on the fact that it is a team. It is an understatement that this is critical to the success of any department. In spite of ever increasing demands, you continue to perform as a unit and without issue. I am proud of the staff of this department and the reputation this department holds within the community and the Commonwealth. 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 2025.

Respectfully submitted,
 WILLIAM R. CHAPMAN
 Water Superintendent

2024 ACTUAL WATER PRODUCTION

MONTH	MESHACKET WELL 4 *	LILY POND WELL 5	WINTUCKET WELL 6	QUENOMICA WELL 7	NUNNEPOG WELL 8	TOTAL PUMPING
Jan	108,000	27,000	1,041,200	45,000	7,091,000	8,312,200
Feb	0	21,000	943,200	459,000	7,228,000	8,651,200
Mar	0	126,000	27,700	5,361,000	3,609,000	9,123,700
Apr	0	3,514,000	1,750,300	9,097,000	1,249,000	15,610,300
May	283,000	5,168,000	639,800	7,498,000	20,251,000	33,839,800
Jun	0	5,986,000	11,702,100	24,089,000	23,978,000	65,755,100
Jul	246,000	9,703,000	19,540,200	25,837,000	27,723,000	83,049,200
Aug	50,000	10,577,000	14,604,500	26,687,000	27,601,000	79,519,500
Sep	39,000	6,962,000	8,542,100	21,852,000	22,308,000	59,703,100
Oct	84,000	688,000	2,350,100	15,356,000	12,344,000	30,822,100
Nov	0	11,000	5,614,600	2,546,000	4,144,000	12,315,600
Dec	0	9,000	4,572,500	5,953,000	14,000	10,548,500
TOTAL	810,000	42,792,000	71,328,300	144,780,000	157,540,000	417,250,300
Monthly Ave.	67,500	3,566,000	5,944,025	12,065,000	13,128,333	34,770,858
Daily Ave.	73,636	243,136	303,525	530,224	574,964	1,143,152
Days Pumped	11	176	235	268	274	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 2024					
	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	1.0	31.0	3.0	176.0
FEB	0	3.0	33.0	9.0	180.0
MAR	0	1.0	1.0	132.0	89.0
APR	0	192.0	37.0	242.0	26.0
MAY	0	278.0	20.0	205.0	486.0
JUN	0	311.0	238.0	713.0	575.0
JUL	0	558.0	425.0	722.0	674.0
AUG	0	740.0	342.0	791.0	672.0
SEP	0	401.0	227.0	663.0	556.0
OCT	0	34.0	51.0	479.0	312.0
NOV	0	1.0	115.0	69.0	107.0
DEC	0	0	105.0	169.0	0
TOTALS	0	2,520.0	1,625.0	4,197.0	3,853.0

* Meshacket Well is on line and tested as per all regulatory requirements. However, while the well presently meets all applicable standards, the well is reserved for emergency use only. In 2022, the well was run for testing and analytical purposes only. The water was not chemically treated and did not enter the distribution system.

CEMETERY DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Selectboard and the Citizens of Edgartown,

This year 10 lots were sold in the New Westside Cemetery. There were 27 burials, 20 cremations and 7 casket burials.

Expansion of the New Westside Cemetery was completed this fall with seeding to be done in the spring.

This spring, Elizabeth Villard choose not to be reappointed to the Cemetery Department. The commissioners would like to thank Elizabeth Villard for her years of service to the department.

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

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 second phase of grave stone restoration and monument restoration in the Old Westside Cemetery.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,
ANDREW KELLY, Chair
SUSAN BROWN
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 SEMAS/ Covanta Waste to Energy Facility in Rochester Ma. With construction materials delivered to J.R.Vinagro in Johnston RI. Our recycling efforts also removed over 800 tons of single stream, 577 tons of various metals, over 200 batteries, 30 tons of tires, and 600 tons of leaves/brush, 949 Mattresses.

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

Our food waste drop-off program has redirected over 60 tons (Down by 20 tons due to the program only ran $\frac{3}{4}$ of the year) collected from all four of the District town's collections sites in 2023.

We are proud to announce that over 600 households participated in the District's Hazardous Household Waste Collection program during 2024. After 35 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 Covanta (SEMAS) Waste to Energy, and are accepted during regular business hours at all (4) of our drop off centers, (Rechargeable batteries, Watch/

Hearing Aid batteries and Fluorescent/ Low Energy bulbs).

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

2025 Schedule

Each event hours are 9am – 12pm

May 17, 2025

July 19, 2025

Oct 18, 2025

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.

Contact for info: Hunter Thomas
(508) 627-4501
MVREFUSE@COMCAST.NET

Respectfully Submitted,

Don Hatch
Manager



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 2024 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 invested in our schools, whether through direct involvement or support, becomes a steward of our children's education. In this way, we build a culture in which a genuine, positive, and caring regard for all children permeates our community.

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 a steward of MVYPS for 23 years, and in my third year as superintendent, I am keenly aware of the privilege and honor it is to serve in this role. I am grateful for the trust you have placed in me, and I embrace the responsibility to uphold the values that guide our work together.

This past fall, we celebrated the opening of the beautifully renovated Tisbury Elementary School. The building is more than just bricks and mortar; it is a testament to the community's collective commitment to education and the future of the children. I want to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to all those who made the Tisbury School a reality. Not only the school staff, town leaders, architects, and builders, but all town folks who contributed in so many ways, that may have otherwise have gone unnoticed. The new building will be a space where minds will be nurtured, friendships will flourish, and futures will be shaped.

This past year, MVYPS staff and school committee members, in concert with our towns, made significant progress in system-wide and school-specific goals in support of our Island's children.

Through thoughtful collaboration and the dedicated efforts of our staff, we have enhanced academic programs, strengthened support systems for students, and continued to build a school environment where all children can thrive. In short, our school system is very healthy.

In 2024, 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 in the high school, and assistant principal Debbie DeBettencourt and interim principal, John Stevens in the Edgartown School. Centrally, Dr. Megan Farrell is serving as our interim assistant superintendent. The culture and climate in our schools remain strong as a result. In 2025, we will look to restructure our central office to better address our growing needs.

In the context of the high school building project, 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 firmly engaged in the comprehensive building project feasibility study. The remaining modules of the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) Process will follow the Feasibility Study phase. These modules of the project are as follows:

- Module 4 – Schematic Design
- Module 5 – Project Scope and Budget and Project Funding Agreements
- Module 6 – Design Development, Construction Documentation, and Bidding
- Module 7 – Construction Administration
- Module 8 – Project Closeout

Additionally, I wish to acknowledge and thank key municipal representatives, school committee members, union leaders, and school administrators as we engage in collective bargaining 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 is much work that will continue throughout this school year to reach contract

agreements with these vital departments of MVYPS.

I would also like to express my gratitude to our town board of health agents, school physician, and school nurses for their continued work to ensure for the safety of our children and fidelity of the learning environment.

Our work in MVYPS will always reflect the best interest of all students. Our schools continue to enact measures to recapture children's learning and strengthen their physical and social-emotional welfare. We have moved forward with Co-teaching to provide alternative instructional methods to better support our children. We continue to train staff in the collaborative problem-solving model, Think:Kids to support our students to better address the behaviors that challenge their learning.

This past year, MVYPS strengthened our culture of feedback from staff, students, and parents to inform and organize strategies and programmatic interventions to guide our schools. The feedback highlighted and summarized strengths and opportunities within our schools and overall system.

Our efforts to gather feedback will increase family and community engagement and inform practices with families through the services provided from our schools, as well informing practices with students and staff regarding the climate in our schools. Feedback will continue to be gathered and coded through the EDSCLS (Ed.Gov School Climate Survey), VOCAL (Voices of Climate and Learning), and SELIS (Social Emotional Learning Indicator System) surveys.

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

Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) will inform student growth and achievement. In 2024, MVYPS made significant improvement in our MCAS accountability scores. The Chilmark School exceeded its improvement targets, our four K-8 schools made substantial progress towards their improvement targets, and our high school made moderate progress. This was a significant improvement over the prior year's accountability reports with some schools improving two accountability categories from 2023 to 2024.

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 has the opportunity to 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, more inclusive, and more supportive of the next generation of leaders, thinkers, and compassionate Island members. I look forward to continuing our work together to create a nurturing and enriching environment for all of our students. Thank you again for your tremendous support.

Sincerely
Richard M. Smith, Ed.D.
Superintendent
Martha's Vineyard Public Schools

EDGARTOWN SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

To the Honorable Selectboard and the Citizens of Edgartown,

It is a pleasure to report the status of the Edgartown School for the 2024-2025 school year in this year's Town Report.

In September, the school opened with 353 students.

The Edgartown School continues to provide this community's children in grades K-8 a rigorous and challenging educational experience. Students are exposed to research based curriculums and participate in rich learning endeavors outside of the classroom. Dedicated teachers and support staff work together to deliver balanced instruction and coordinate learning experiences off campus relevant to all learners. The school works closely with the Town and its departments to maintain the campus while receiving support to purchasing and payroll services. The Police Department provides a school resource officer (SRO) at the school five days a week to make the school safe and secure. The SRO is able to become acquainted with students and their families to give true meaning to the concept of community policing. The Fire Department's EMT unit provides regular assistance to the school's clinic. Both departments share their resources as an investment in the overall quality of services to the school community. School Committee members Kelly Scott, Sarah Murphy and Kristin Brown work collaboratively with members of the Finance Committee and Selectboard to analyze the school budget to ensure prudent spending and the proper allocation of resources.

Each month all the students and staff experience a thematic fun run followed by a whole school community meeting. In September the school invites all parents to its annual open house, health fair, family barbeque and garden tour event. In December the winter concert fills the gym with families ready for the holidays. Following each quarter there is an honor roll breakfast celebrating students in grades 6-8 who have earned high grades. In May the whole school will March to the Sea to honor those who have fallen in past wars and conflicts.

In the spring of 2024, the school administered the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) 2.0 test in grades 3-8. The Edgartown School met 58% of its test improvement targets compared to the previous year's MCAS test. This school ranks in the 39th percentile among all elementary schools in the state. Teachers analyze test data and instruction is driven by this analysis to ensure that students learn the Massachusetts

Curriculum Frameworks.

Students who are not proficient in the English language are provided specialized instruction according to individualized plans. Learners with special needs are taught by highly trained teachers in accordance with state and federal laws. Eligible students in grades 7-8 receive accelerated math instruction. The Edgartown School houses an Island-wide special education program in an effort to make specialized programming cost effective. The Bridge Program services students from across the Island with special needs.

The Parent Teacher Association (PTA) continues to provide remarkable support to the school and community under the leadership of Brooke Leahy. The Pizza and Bingo Night is a fun event run by the PTA. Teacher grants continue to be offered by the PTA to support instruction. The PTA awards four \$500 scholarships each year to graduating high school seniors from Edgartown. The School Advisory Council (SAC) meets each month to address and solve important issues. This Council is comprised of a dedicated group of parents, community members, and school staff. The SAC is also responsible for crafting the School Improvement Plan, (SIP) each year. The SIP is a blueprint for the school to follow and challenges the faculty to strive for excellence in all areas. A copy of this plan can be found on the school's website at www.edgartownschool.org.

Learning often takes place outside of the classroom. The surrounding community and Island's resources afford many opportunities for enriching experiences. After school clubs, directed at the primary grades, expose students to; cooking, arts and crafts, gardening, yoga, fitness, and educational games. Our students continue to visit; the Plymouth Plantation, Felix Neck, Trustees of Reservation properties, Farm Institute, Polly Hill Arboretum and the Science Museum in Boston. Sixth graders travel to Nature's Classroom in Groton, MA to study environmental education and practice team building. The seventh graders learn how to ski in New Hampshire and visit the Freedom Trail in Boston. Eighth graders spend a week in New York City and Philadelphia learning about government and our country's history. The junior high play, directed by Sarah Williams give the students real experiences managing and acting in drama productions. Strings and band instruments instruction is offered to students who wish to take up an instrument. Each year students showcase their talents at strings and

band concerts. I can earnestly say that our students receive a well-rounded education and are exposed to a variety of experiences, both in and out of the classroom.

The school plant is one of the largest buildings in the town with over eighty five thousand square feet of space, which demands constant attention and upkeep. Community groups such as; coed adult volleyball, youth soccer, recreational basketball, and pickle ball use our facility regularly. The school also hosts police and fire department trainings. We hope to expand adult education classes in the future as a service to the community and a way to maximize the use of the facility.

Technology instruction must be an ever changing and regular part of education if we are to properly prepare today's students for tomorrow's job market. The tools of technology and their impact on our world are rapidly evolving. All students, K-8, receive computer instruction on a weekly basis. This instruction, provided by a full time technology teacher, acquaints students with current software and hardware enabling them to become proficient in accessing information and communicating using modern technology devices. A committee meets yearly to plan for technology expenditures in an effort to stay current with this rapidly changing science. The school has a fully equipped and highly utilized computer lab, five computers on wheels (COWS), twenty-three smartboards for classroom use and a variety of other technology tools accessible to students and staff.

On any given school day, our cafeteria, under the direction of Gina deBettencourt, serves over three hundred lunches to students and adults. Gina and her kitchen staff have set the bar high for other cafeterias across the Island and state by offering nutritious lunches that incorporate Island grown vegetables, meat and fish. Meals are well prepared and often include produce from our school garden. Many thanks to the Martha's Vineyard Derby folks for donating fish to our lunch program as students enjoy eating fresh fish caught locally.

Maggie Benoit from the Island Grown Initiative continues to manage our greenhouse and garden. Maggie also collaborates with the teachers to infuse agriculture and nutrition into the classroom curriculums. Planting, garden maintenance and harvesting the school garden are all part of this curriculum. Gina, from the kitchen, and Maggie lead trips to Morning Glory Farm and other local farms in the fall to glean vegetables to be used in the school's lunch program, helping to keep expenses down and provide the students with an appreciation for farm management.

Volunteers in our school provide an invaluable service. From the PTA, to the SAC, to the corps of volunteers who serve the children in so many ways, the school is a better place to learn because of community members who donate their time in support of the school.

The Superintendent, Richie Smith, and his staff deliver a wide range of support services. In addition to augmenting payroll, budgeting, curriculum, bilingual education, special education, and personnel services, the Superintendent's office provides Island wide special education services to needy students in a cost effective manner.

The school's success relies greatly upon its support from the surrounding community and organizations. The taxpayers and voters continue to support the school and its initiatives by advocating a budget that funds top-notch educational services for the children of Edgartown. It is apparent that the citizens of Edgartown value education as a high priority.

It is my pleasure to serve as your principal, and thank you for your continued support.

Respectfully submitted,
JOHN W. STEVENS
Principal

EDGARTOWN SCHOOL STATISTICS 2023-2024

	Average Daily Attendance	Average Membership	% of Attendance
SEPTEMBER	376.05	395.26	95.14
OCTOBER	373.30	701.95	92.87
NOVEMBER	372.58	397.11	93.82
DECEMBER	355.87	392.18	90.74
JANUARY	359.19	393.00	91.40
FEBRUARY	366.06	394.73	92.74
MARCH	370.95	401.55	92.38
APRIL	364.11	396.17	91.91
MAY	378.04	399.50	94.63
JUNE	351.69	370.07	95.03

ENROLLMENT October 1, 2024

Grade	Boys	Girls	Total
KINDERGARTEN	17	20	37
GRADE 1	22	16	38
GRADE 2	11	28	39
GRADE 3	16	19	35
GRADE 4	26	24	50
GRADE 5	21	18	39
GRADE 6	25	13	38
GRADE 7	22	14	36
GRADE 8	21	20	41
TOTAL	181	172	353

EDGARTOWN SCHOOL Faculty & Staff Personnel 2024-2025

John W. Stevens	Principal	Jessica Whiteley	Gr. 1
Deborah DeBettencourt	Assistant Principal	Sarah Williams	Gr. 1
Pamela J. Alwardt	Administrative Assistant	Denise Searle	Gr. 1
Nicole Gullotta	Administrative Assistant	Summer DeSouza	Gr. 2
MaryBeth Naron	Receptionist	Chip Story	Gr. 2
Darren Belisle	Network Administrator	Jenna Vanderhaden	Gr. 2
Kathryn Curelli	School Nurse	Pam Hurley	Gr. 3
Colleen Hickey	School Nurse	JoEllen Meuse	Gr. 3
Eric Butler	Guidance	Allison Hunt	Gr. 4
Carmen Creanga	Guidance	Ryan Leandro	Gr. 4
Lori Ford	Guidance	Heather Majkowski	Gr. 4
Nancy Cole	Librarian	Fabian Garcia	Gr. 4-8 Spanish
Debra Grant	Gr. K	Kara Gelinas	Gr. 5 Science/Math
Katie Kelly	Gr. K	Erin Callahan	Gr. 5 ELA/Social Studies
Sara Smestad	Gr. K	Soraya Miri	Gr. 6 Math/Science

EDGARTOWN SCHOOL CONT...

Faculty & Staff Personnel 2024-2025

Justen Kane
Hannah Vanderlaske
Celia Mercier
Nedine Cunningham
Ken DeBettencourt

Justen Foster
Deb Dunn
Bridget Mello
Melanie Brown
Gail Lachapelle
MaryEllen Guyther
Emilia Giordano
Catherine Doiron
Lara Santos
Jeanette Teta
Abigail Williamson
Gail Gardner
Nichole Shank
Sarah Vail (.5)

David Faber (.20) Bob Yapp (.30)
Derek Chrebet (.8)
Megan McDonald (.8)
Lucas Nascimento
Janet Hurley
Sharon Engler
Laurie Jennings
Helen Greeley
Lindsay Morgan
Kevin Huelsman
Maggie Benoit
Becky Bonds LTS
Renee Habekost
Gabriella Sampiao Da Silva
Amelia Durawa
Rich Pease
Judy Maynard
Brooke Bulawka
Liz Ward
Amy Koenig Da Silva
Linda Wanamaker
Jenny Friedman
Ebony Goldwire
Jessie Merriam
Bill Jacob
Margaret Passafiume LTS
Carina Cataloni
Amanda Cray
Robin Davies
Doug Pease
Sydney Davies
Mary Beth Meehan
Amanda Rose

Gr. 6 ELA/Social Studies
Gr. 7/8 ELA/Reading
Gr. 7/8 Math
Gr. 8 Social Studies
Gr. 7 Pre-Algebra &
Gr. 8 Math/Algebra
Gr. 7/8 Science
Gr. K-2 Literacy Specialist
Gr. 3-5 Literacy Specialist
Gr. 6-8 Literacy Specialist
Gr. K-4 Math Specialist
Gr. 5-8 Math Specialist
Health
English Language Teacher
English Language Teacher
English Language Teacher
English Language Teacher
Gr. K-8 Computer
Gr. K-8 Art
Gr. 5-8 Family &
Consumer Science
Gr. 5-8 Industrial Arts/STEM
Gr. K-3 Physical Education
Gr. 4-8 Physical Education
Gr. K-8 Vocal Music
Gr. K-4 Special Needs
Gr. K-4 Special Needs
Gr. 4-5 Special Needs
Gr. 6-8 Special Needs
Gr. 6-8 Special Needs
Gr. K-8 Instrumental Band
Gr. K-4 Garden Coordinator
ESP - KG
ESP - KK
ESP - KS
ESP - 1S
ESP - 1Wi
ESP - 1Wh
ESP - 2D
ESP - 2S
ESP - 2V
ESP - 3H
ESP - 3M
ESP - 4H
ESP - 4L
ESP - 4M
ESP - K-4
ESP - 5
ESP - 5
ESP - 6
ESP - 6
ESP - 7-8
ESP - 7-8
ESP - 7-8

Libby Stackhouse
Deneen Convery
Marcia DaCosta Borges
Hilary Zotti Scatena
Dwight Kaeka
Kara Best
Jeff Burgoyne
Marjorie Hayes
Robert Vanderloo
Gina deBettencourt
Jean Zandowski
Jill Taney
Dan Townes
Joel DeRoche
Ryan Ruley

ESP - 7-8
ESP - Library
ESP Translator/Interpreter
ESP Translator/Interpreter
Head Custodian
Custodian
Custodian
Custodian
Head Cook/Manager
Assistant Cook
Cook's Helper
Cook's Helper
SRO
SRO

Shared Services

Amy Wood	String Instruments
Mariel Garcia	School Psychologist
Bruce Boren	Occupational Therapist
Melissa Mahoney	Occupational Therapist
Mary Yancey	Occupational Therapist
Molly Chvatal	Physical Therapist
Sarah Norton	Speech/Language Therapist
Holly Holtz	Speech/Language Therapist
Jennifer Lyonais	Speech/Language Therapist
Heather Rodrigues	Inclusion Support Specialist
Kaitlyn Marchand	Inclusion Support Teacher
Kerry Branca	Bridge/Elementary Gr. K-3
Kara Leandro	Bridge/Middle Gr. 4-8
Lyuba Avramova	ESP Bridge
Feza DeChiara	ESP Bridge
Caroline Hurley	ESP Bridge
Collette Jordan	ESP Bridge
Olivia Knight	ESP Bridge
Lisa Nickowal	ESP Bridge
Hailey Rogers	ESP Bridge
Sabrina Scott	ESP Bridge
Caroline Sopp	ESP Bridge
Reann Steenkamp	ESP Bridge
Kara Thibodeau	ESP Bridge
Christel Tomlinson	ESP Bridge
Alyssa Whitney	ESP Bridge

Edgartown School Committee

Kelly Scott
Sarah Murphy
Kristin Findley Brown

MARTHA'S VINEYARD REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

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

Dear Dr. Smith,

We are excited to share an update about Martha's Vineyard Regional High School's programming and accomplishments this year. Our core mission is to safely guide our students through adolescence into adulthood with the skills, knowledge and dispositions that will make them successful in college, career and as island community members. We are unique in that we are a comprehensive high school, which means we offer a wide range of college prep and advanced coursework AND a wide range of state approved career and technical education (CTE) programs. We have advanced both tracks this year, adding several Advanced Placement (AP) courses, added dual enrollment college credit opportunities for juniors and seniors and increased the number of CTE students we have placed in work-based learning.

This year, we also hosted our accrediting body, the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) for our Collaborative Conference, a robust self evaluation to set up our evaluative visit in two years. We had a great visit with the NEASC team, and the self reflection process was a really validating and positive experience for the school staff. We were able to highlight important work that we are proud of, and hone in on areas of focus.

Finally, this year, our school took a significant step in creating a positive and focused school culture by implementing "Away for the Day," which means that student cell phones are away for the entirety of the school day. By balancing this expectation with increased freedoms for seniors—including open campus and flex free Thursdays and Fridays—we are creating an atmosphere where students can thrive by developing independence and health habits.

Art, Design & Technology

The department expanded with four new courses and hosted innovative events like the first student fashion show. Students excelled in local and national competitions, winning 24 Scholastic Art Awards, including three Gold Keys. Partnerships included the MV Museum, Vineyard Conservation Society, and the "Art Class" newspaper supplement. Highlights also included field trips, Portfolio Day in Boston, and the SEABREEZES magazine's Superior award from NCTE.

Athletics

This year saw four teams winning league championships, boys basketball, boys tennis, and football. Boys swimming won its first ever league championship and put a banner on the wall in the gym. Many programs saw postseason play: boys basketball, boys hockey, girls hockey, girls lacrosse, boys lacrosse, boys tennis, and girls tennis. In track and field, Camille Brand qualified for Nationals. We saw the addition of several new head coaches joining our coaching ranks: Lauren Pineau, girls lacrosse; Kaitlyn Benoit, field hockey; Mallory Watts, girls hockey; and Mary Korba, girls basketball. This past year we had two teams play their Nantucket rivals in two of the most prestigious arenas in sports. The boys basketball team traveled to the Boston Garden, while the football team played the Island Cup game in Fenway Park as part of their High School Rivalry series. Although neither team was able to beat the Whalers, the experience of playing in these hallowed halls is an experience no one will ever forget. During the past year the athletic department has instituted the use of SAFESPORT and sportsYou. SAFESPORT program for all coaches to insure the safety of our athletes and sportsYou is a communication tool that all programs are now using to better communicate with athletes and their parents.

Career & Technical Education

This year we wish Fran Finnegan, who retired from the CTE office, well. Susana Crowell will assist with our new student scheduling software. CTE programs saw exciting developments, including new equipment funded by grants and student projects like "friendship benches" for elementary schools. Culinary students engaged with the community, and horticulture students prepared for the annual plant sale. A new Early Childhood Education & Care program is in development.

Driver's Education

The On The Road program, supported by grant funding, enables students to complete all driving requirements at MVRHS. Approximately 60 students participate in classroom instruction each semester, learning RMV-approved curriculum and vehicle ownership responsibilities.

English Department

The department offers a rigorous curriculum that enhances students' reading, writing, speaking, and listening skills, with many outperforming state and national exam averages. In the national Poetry Out Loud competition, a student advanced to the regional

finals. Student publications received state and national honors, with Seabreezes earning a "Superior" designation and The High School View winning top awards. Several faculty members participated in professional development, including the Bread Loaf Winter Institute and Bard College. We also welcomed three new teachers: Dale Burcalow, Holly Rendle, and Haley Hewson.

ELL Department

At the close of the 2023-2024 school year, the department rebranded from ESL to ELL to better reflect the diversity of our students, many of whom speak multiple languages before arriving at MVRHS. In May, ELL, Special Education, and Biology teachers presented at the MATSOL conference, sharing their experiences with co-planning and co-teaching in Biology to support the needs of ELL, special education, and general education students. This collaboration, supported by district professional development and team coaching, focused on differentiated instruction for multilingual learners. In August, the ELL team attended a three-day Professional Development session with the Center for Applied Linguistics, which provided practical strategies for creating an inclusive and supportive learning environment. After 12 years as department chair, Dianne Norton stepped down to focus on instruction. Jane McGroarty Sampaio, a long-time World Language teacher, is now the ELL Department Chair.

Guidance Department

The guidance team, working closely with teachers and administration, provides both academic and emotional support to keep students engaged. They continue to implement a comprehensive transition program for incoming 9th graders and develop individualized post-secondary plans. The guidance department has focused on supporting the island's growing ELL population and addressing chronic absenteeism to ensure students remain connected to their education. Each student meets with counselors to explore personality profiles, career paths, and college options. The Class of 2024 graduated 157 students, with 73% continuing to two- or four-year colleges. Nearly 30% of graduates have chosen alternative pathways, including work or further professional development. The guidance team has strengthened its partnership with ACE MV and Cape Cod Community College, offering students exposure to various career pathway programs. This year's Class Night celebrated the MVRHS scholarship program, which raised \$1.1 million in scholarships, grants, and awards for 1,114 students.

History

The History department has worked closely this

year to implement a pilot program for the 2024/2025 school year. This program allows 9th grade students to take Global Studies within Honors credit within the heterogeneous grouped class. Throughout the year, the department will review student and teacher feedback and data to determine the viability of implementing this choice at the 10th and 11th grade levels as well. The department has introduced a new AP Psychology 12th grade elective course which has been in high demand this year. As part of our goals, we are collaborating on training in the Harkness model in an attempt to grow and strengthen students' communication and discussion skills. The Civics classes were invited by producers of the documentary "Banned Together" as the first group of students to pre-screen the movie and provide feedback. The History department is reestablishing a second round of interviews in collaboration with the MVDC BI-POC Oral History project; we will be interviewing Dr. Jessica B. Harris and Barbara Phillips.

Library

The Library supported the school community through lending, collection management, and instruction. The school librarian co-teaches the Capstone course for juniors and seniors and offers a mini-course for 9th graders, focusing on foundational research skills. This course covers using library databases, distinguishing news from other information sources, and combating misinformation. Book circulation continues to rise, with over 1,400 books checked out to date, reflecting increased student engagement in reading. The introduction of Sora, an eBook and audiobook platform, has further expanded access to books, especially in Portuguese, supporting our growing ELL and Portuguese-speaking populations. The library also provides access to WeVideo, a collaborative video-editing tool, and state-funded research databases. The librarian offers research instruction to all grade levels.

Math

The Math Department had a productive year with exciting new initiatives and transitions. We introduced a full-year Algebra program to better support incoming freshmen, aiming to strengthen their foundational math skills for future success. To support our ELL students, Kelly Magnuson and Jane Sampaio revised the Algebra curriculum over the summer, incorporating structured routines and speaking practices. The department also focused on standardizing mathematical vocabulary for consistency across courses. Carole Flanders enhanced the Algebra 2 curriculum with more student-led, project-based learning, fostering inquiry, problem-solving, and higher-order thinking, while students were trained to use technology to deepen their understanding. We

bid farewell to Mike Innes, who retired, and Ellen Muir, who took a new position on the Cape after years of dedicated service, but we are excited to welcome three new members: Bob Thistle, Nicole Macy, and MVRHS graduate Kenny Hatt. Each brings enthusiasm, collaboration, and a passion for mathematics that will benefit our students.

Performing Arts

The Performing Arts Department continued to provide exciting opportunities for collaboration, preparation, and performance across various ensembles and classes. The year began with 12 students performing at the South East Music Festival and 16 students participating in the All Cape and Islands Music Festival. The department's biggest event of the year was the annual February musical, a revival of *Chicago*, featuring over 70 students both on stage and behind the scenes. The Minnesingers and Concert Band also performed at the MICCA Competition, earning Silver and Bronze, respectively. The Minnesingers then embarked on a biennial European tour to Austria, Germany, and France, performing in multiple venues and experiencing the beauty of Europe. The year-end department concert showcased seven different performing groups, and the choruses, band, and orchestra celebrated the graduates at the Tabernacle. This fall, the Pep Band performed at football games, a long-awaited initiative, and both the Minnesingers and Pep Band are excited to perform at Fenway before the football game in November. The Honors Orchestra is preparing for their first MICCA performance in the spring. Additionally, all classes are running smoothly, with increased enrollment across all groups.

Physical Education

The Physical Education Department is adapting to meet the evolving needs of high school learners. Our focus is on expanding curriculum offerings to support general education students, student athletes, and those with IEPs and 504 plans, while preparing students for college or the workforce. A major shift has been the development of the Junior Seminar course, which offers Juniors a PE credit through a non-traditional track, combining an abridged PE and Health curriculum with job and life skills. Adapted PE has also grown, now called Unified PE, which is open to a broader range of students and builds on the success of the Unified Athletics program. Additionally, we've introduced two new classes: Competitive PE for students who enjoy higher-level play and Strength and Conditioning for student athletes looking to train for their sports. In collaboration with guidance, we're also providing Sophomores with Teen Mental Health First Aid coursework, focusing on suicide prevention.

Project Vine

Project Vine is entering an exciting new phase, building on the strong foundation laid by the previous team. With new leadership composed of experienced youth development professionals in alternative education, we are poised for growth and innovation. Our students are navigating this transition with resilience, forming authentic relationships with our dedicated staff. We are enhancing our programs with a stronger emphasis on academic, social-emotional, and life skills development, guided by our mantra: "Our curriculum is each other - it's not what you learn, it's who you are learning with." This philosophy drives our project-based learning experiences, including the Camp Hale Trip, Senior Documentary Project, and interdisciplinary initiatives. We are also expanding service learning opportunities, such as the San Diego Trip with Global Vision, where students will support refugees. Project Vine is increasingly involved in school-wide activities, fostering a more inclusive educational environment. We are enhancing parent and community engagement and introducing new fundraising efforts to support our goals. With this renewed focus, Project Vine continues to meet the evolving needs of our students and community.

Science

The MVRHS Science Department is excited to share updates from a fun and engaging year. This year, our students have participated in exciting field trips to BiodiversityWorks, Felix Neck, Sheriff's Meadow, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute, and a whale watch to Stellwagen Bank, where they observed Finback whales, the second largest creatures on Earth. Over the summer, Anna Cotton and Natalie Munn worked to revamp the infrastructure supporting our upcoming science fair, ensuring a seamless and exciting event for all participants. We are also excited to welcome our new hire, William Reich, who is teaching Honors Biology and Honors Earth Science. Looking ahead, Jennifer MacFarlane and Lizzy Schule are developing a new curriculum for the 2025-2026 school year designed to support ELL and SLIFE students. This focused two-year biology program will help guide their educational journey as they transition into MVRHS.

Special Education

The Special Education Department has been undergoing training for the development and implementation of the new IEP. The new IEP is a student-driven process based on the student/teacher collaborative identification of the student's strengths, interests, and challenges relevant to their special education program. Our prime directive continues to be the inclusion of all students relative to their strengths and needs. We also have programming that addresses

more complex challenges. The Navigator, Voyager, and Compass programs continue to meet students' developmental, cognitive, social, and emotional needs. The more student-driven approach has led to great success for at least one of our students. This student was recognized as our first student from the Voyager program to attend Cape Cod Community College. Our liaisons support students in academic support classes and co-teach in core content areas. So far this year, our students have participated in a variety of school community activities, clubs, and organizations. Our special education students continue to be excellent ambassadors for a greater understanding of diverse ways of thinking and learning.

Wellness Program

The Wellness Department works to support the social-emotional well being of our students by offering 1:1 support in both English and Portuguese. Collaborating with our community partners when additional therapeutic support is warranted. On any given day you will see counselors, recovery coaches and/or counselors from CONNECT To End Violence; ICC; IWYC, IHC, Hospice, and private clinicians utilizing our ICare Suite. This past year we began a partnership with Kinship Heals to offer affinity group support for our Wampanoag students. Our peer to peer programming continues to be an important element in our school. The SWEAR program held its annual retreat in March. The retreat focused on deconstructing masculinity and exploring the myths and repercussions of gender based violence. Our team is in the fourth year of TMHFA (Teen Mental Health First Aid) teaching mental health literacy to sophomore students and SBIRT, screening all freshmen for substance use. We continue to engage in racial equity and social justice work and held our annual Race Culture Diversity retreat at the YMCA Teen Center in November. Our bi-weekly WOC (Women of Color), BSA (Black Student Alliance), SWEAR and Rethink Manhood groups continue to meet during flex. The 10 week STRONG (Supporting Transition Resilience of Newcomer Group) curriculum for

Newcomers continues to support their development of resilience and adjustment to the United States.

World Language Department

The World Language Department continues to focus on the three modes of communication—Interpretive, Interpersonal, and Presentational—to enhance students' language skills. We are proud of our students' achievements, with 13 graduates earning the Massachusetts State Seal of Biliteracy in Spanish, 12 in Portuguese, and several earning the Seal in both languages, including two with Distinction. The department had great success with students taking the AP Spanish exam. Last spring, 18 students participated in a Spanish immersion program in Valencia and explored Madrid. This spring, Latin 3 and culinary students will travel to Italy to explore the language and culture. We also piloted an introductory Russian course and expanded the Latin program with Level 3. Additionally, we continue to offer American Sign Language in partnership with the American School for the Deaf and are refining the Portuguese Language Arts and Brazilian Portuguese Heritage curriculum for the 2024-2025 school year. We are also excited to welcome two new members: Samuel Allison, Spanish teacher, and Ellis Oliver, who will teach Portuguese and Model UN.

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

Respectfully,

SARA DINGLEDY,
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, 2024.

FY2024 Assessment
FY2024 Expenditures – Budget vs Actual

Respectfully submitted,

MARYLEE SCHROEDER
Treasurer

Martha's Vineyard Regional High School District
Budget and Actual Expenditures
June 30, 2024

Expenditure	Original Budget	Actual	Variance
Supt/Shared Services: Administration: Salaries	\$ 218,676.48	\$ 211,139.92	\$ 7,536.56
Supt/Shared Services: Administration: Expenses	\$ 11,140.63	\$ 15,642.89	\$ (4,502.26)
Administration Subtotal	\$ 229,817.11	\$ 226,782.81	\$ 3,034.30
Supt/Shared Services: Instruction: Salaries	\$ 330,694.96	\$ 328,842.91	\$ 1,852.05
Supt/Shared Services: Instruction: Expenses	\$ 30,040.00	\$ 25,926.04	\$ 4,113.96
Instruction Subtotal	\$ 360,734.96	\$ 354,768.95	\$ 5,966.01
Supt/Shared Services: Operation & Maint of Plant: Salaries	\$ -	\$ 2,250.00	\$ (2,250.00)
Supt/Shared Services: Operation & Maint of Plant: Expenses	\$ 31,561.85	\$ 24,373.92	\$ 7,187.93
Operation & Maint of Plant Subtotal	\$ 31,561.85	\$ 26,623.92	\$ 4,937.93
Supt/Shared Services: Fixed Costs: Salaries	\$ 23,338.45	\$ 23,688.38	\$ (349.93)
Supt/Shared Services: Fixed Costs: Expenses	\$ 45,970.06	\$ 56,313.70	\$ (10,343.64)
Fixed Costs Subtotal	\$ 69,308.51	\$ 80,002.08	\$ (10,693.57)
TOTAL Supt/Shared Services	\$ 691,422.43	\$ 688,177.76	\$ 3,244.67
High School Programs: Administration: Salaries	\$ 140,557.00	\$ 141,175.00	\$ (618.00)
High School Programs: Administration: Expenses	\$ 154,604.46	\$ 190,024.04	\$ (35,419.58)
Administration Subtotal	\$ 295,161.46	\$ 331,199.04	\$ (36,037.58)
High School Programs: Instruction: Salaries	\$ 11,856,795.10	\$ 11,872,384.87	\$ (15,589.77)
High School Programs: Instruction: Expenses	\$ 859,317.97	\$ 832,034.45	\$ 27,283.52
Instruction Subtotal	\$ 12,716,113.07	\$ 12,704,419.32	\$ 11,693.75
High School Programs: Operation & Maint of Plant: Salaries	\$ 748,400.40	\$ 784,221.03	\$ (35,820.63)
High School Programs: Operation & Maint of Plant: Expenses	\$ 1,249,388.01	\$ 1,109,736.18	\$ 139,651.83
Operation & Maint of Plant Subtotal	\$ 1,997,788.41	\$ 1,893,957.21	\$ 103,831.20
High School Programs: Other School & Community Services: Salaries	\$ 2,352,799.80	\$ 2,394,600.35	\$ (41,800.55)
High School Programs: Other School & Community Services: Expenses	\$ 860,001.53	\$ 808,846.08	\$ 51,155.45
High School Programs: Other School & Community Services: Bus Reimb	\$ (1,385,326.71)	\$ (1,219,238.83)	\$ (166,087.88)
Other School & Community Service Subtotal	\$ 1,827,474.62	\$ 1,984,207.60	\$ (156,732.98)
High School Programs: Fixed Costs: Employee Retirement	\$ 396,780.83	\$ 373,296.31	\$ 23,484.52
High School Programs: Fixed Costs: Retired Municipal Teachers	\$ 832,090.37	\$ 875,192.62	\$ (43,102.25)
High School Programs: Fixed Costs: Other Post Employment Benefits	\$ 1,012,314.00	\$ 1,088,845.95	\$ (76,531.95)
High School Programs: Fixed Costs: Employee Separation Costs	\$ 10,430.00	\$ -	\$ 10,430.00
High School Programs: Fixed Costs: Insurance - Employee Related	\$ 2,665,213.72	\$ 2,785,369.34	\$ (120,155.62)
High School Programs: Fixed Costs: Insurance - School Related	\$ 469,353.31	\$ 499,234.50	\$ (29,881.19)
High School Programs: Fixed Costs: Miscellaneous Fixed Charges	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 4,412.90	\$ (1,912.90)
High School Programs: Fixed Costs: Bus/Vehicle Capital Purchases	\$ 278,054.00	\$ 277,875.77	\$ 178.23
High School Programs: Fixed Costs: Roof Project: Principal	\$ 180,000.00	\$ 180,000.00	\$ -
High School Programs: Fixed Costs: Roof Project: Interest	\$ 2,700.00	\$ 2,700.00	\$ -
High School Programs: Fixed Costs: Residential Care Tuitions	\$ 1,346,897.00	\$ 1,346,897.00	\$ -
High School Programs: Fixed Costs: Contingency/Reserve	\$ 375,000.00	\$ -	\$ 375,000.00
Fixed Cost Subtotal	\$ 7,571,333.23	\$ 7,433,824.39	\$ 137,508.84
TOTAL High School Programs	\$ 24,407,870.79	\$ 24,347,607.56	\$ 60,263.23
TOTAL Operating Expenses	\$ 25,099,293.22	\$ 25,035,785.32	\$ 63,507.90

Martha's Vineyard Regional High School District
FY24 Assessment

DESCRIPTION	FY24 AMOUNT						
Operating & Capital Budget	\$	25,259,654.22					
Charter School/School Choice Tuition		<u>778,829.00</u>	26,038,483.22				
Less							
Chapter 70 State Aid		2,968,090.00					
Chapter 71 Regional Transportation Aid		436,469.00					
Other Revenues		369,931.97					
E&D Offset		<u>669,390.00</u>	<u>4,443,880.97</u>				
FY23 Net Amount for Assessments	\$		<u><u>21,594,602.25</u></u>				
Town Apportionments							
(i) Required Minimum Local Contribution		236,778.00	517,952.00	2,782,145.00	2,969,056.00	2,663,666.00	1,775,837.00
(ii) Excess of NSS over Required Minimum		188,829.79	458,586.64	2,427,811.61	2,940,349.61	2,697,568.45	1,564,589.70
(iii) Transportation		10,611.49	25,770.77	136,433.49	165,236.12	151,592.77	87,923.81
(iii) Capital		8,465.30	20,558.58	108,839.53	131,816.76	120,932.81	70,141.03
(iii) Other Costs		45.93	111.55	590.55	715.22	656.17	380.58
Gross Assessments		444,730.51	1,022,979.53	5,455,820.18	6,207,173.71	5,634,416.20	3,498,872.11
Less E&D Offset		12,298.50	29,867.80	158,123.62	191,505.28	175,692.91	101,901.89
FY24 Assessments Per Statutory Assmt Method	\$	<u><u>432,432.02</u></u>	<u><u>993,111.73</u></u>	<u><u>5,297,696.56</u></u>	<u><u>6,015,668.43</u></u>	<u><u>5,458,723.29</u></u>	<u><u>3,396,970.22</u></u>
This schedule presents the town apportionments consistent with DESE's Statutory Assessment Methodology, format.							
Member Town % Based on Statutory Assessment Method (voted by School Committee)							
Numbers may be off due to rounding.							
		1.73%	4.26%	26.23%	28.63%	24.10%	15.05%
School Population based on Town Census (10/1/23)	13	32	197	215	181	113	751

PUBLIC LIBRARY



In summer 2024, the library partnered with the Edgartown Shellfish Department to take patrons out on Edgartown waters for an introduction to quahog harvesting.

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, organizations, and services. With a strong commitment to fostering lifelong learning, we strive 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 transaction.

In April, seven full-time staff members attended the Public Library Association Conference in Columbus, Ohio, supported in part by a grant from the Herb and Anita Foster Staff Education Fund. Professional development is essential for keeping pace with evolving trends and technologies in libraries, ensuring that staff continue to meet the needs of our community and stay innovative in our work. Whether it's learning about new programs for helping families during early childhood, enhancing digital literacy, or discovering new ways to engage with diverse populations, ongoing education strengthens our ability to serve you.

Visitors to the children's room continue to experience an extremely busy hub that rarely loses its energy. During the summer months, story hour attendee numbers often exceed 60+ young listeners, and the Summer Reading Program this year drew 570 signups, up from 408 signups in 2023—demonstrating that the program's growing impact and continued success is not slowing down. Local businesses including Edgartown Meat & Fish, Edgartown Pizza, Great Harbor Market, and the Ice Cream and Candy Bazaar supplied

prizes for readers. The library deeply appreciates their generous and ongoing support of our Summer Reading Program.

Children's Librarian Elyce Retmier also offered a year-round weekly lineup of programs that extended to six days a week, including Move it Mondays, Tuesday Play Doh Group, Wednesday Crafts, Pint-Sized Picassos, Big Little Muscles, Cooking with Maria Moreira, Active Moves with Jenna Robichau, and Fit Camp with Bonnie Kingsbury. During the busy school year, between thirty to fifty kids ranging from third through eighth grade use the space daily to do homework, unwind, and visit with friends.

In June, Adult Programs Coordinator Claudia Taylor was appointed as the Martha's Vineyard Poet Laureate, a role that reflects her exceptional talent and deep connection to the art of poetry. She plans to incorporate poetry into a variety of programs during her two-year tenure, offering patrons a chance to engage with poetry in new and inspiring ways.

Claudia also launched an adult programs survey this year, in order to gain valuable information about how our adult programs can best serve our patrons and community. The survey, in addition to recognizing our friendly and helpful staff, offered feedback on existing programs that Claudia will utilize as she continues to build on well-loved signature programming while making space for new and creative initiatives and collaborations with community organizations.

The library offered a rich variety of adult programs this year, covering a range of topics and interests. In collaboration with the Anchors, the library offered AARP's Tax Aide program, as well as iPad workshops with Kathy Lavieri and monthly tech sessions held at the Anchors with Reference

Librarian Rizwan Malik. The library also offered a monthly international film series, art exhibits in the Program Room featuring local artists, writing and poetry workshops, and painting classes. Yoga continued to be a popular draw and the library offered three separate classes that covered a broad range of abilities, including an adaptive series in collaboration with Island Autism Group. The library also partnered with the Edgartown Shellfish Department to offer quahog harvesting instruction at the Edgartown Great Pond. Former chef and Library Assistant Chris Look continued to provide popular cooking classes and how-to seafood shucking lessons, also in partnership with the Edgartown Shellfish Department. The Sounds Like Summer music on the lawn series enjoyed a very successful sixteenth year, and the library collaborated with the Board of Trade to produce an exciting weekend of concerts during the town's first Porchfest Edgartown. In August, a series of author talks including Dawn Tripp, Wendy Benchley, Ala Stanford, M.D., and Martha Hall Kelly were popular. Ongoing weekly programs such as drop-in Mah Jongg and knitting with Cindy Bonnell brought those together with shared interests and talents in a casual and welcoming environment.

Outreach efforts this year included participating in the MV Farm Passport program during the summer months, in partnership with the Martha's Vineyard Agricultural Society, hosting a Jaws Photo Scan-A-Thon for Amity Week in collaboration with the Edgartown

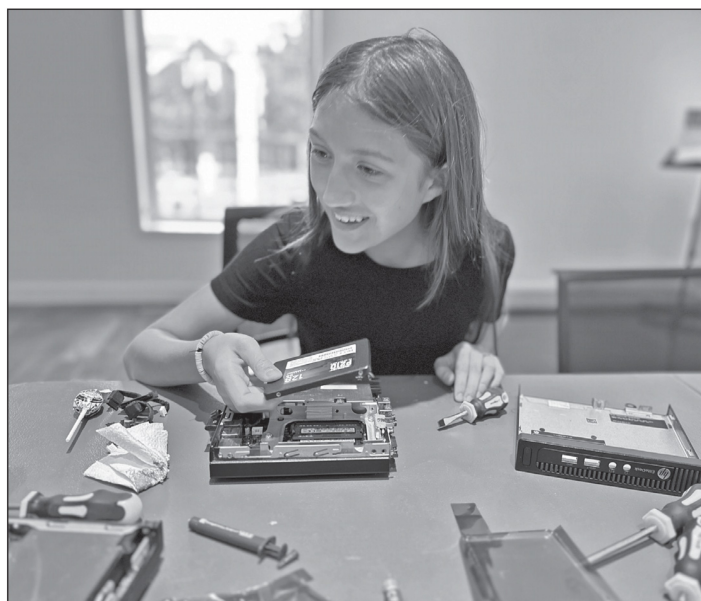


Mah Jongg players gathered weekly for games at the library.

Board of Trade, holding a Foster Parent Informational Table in partnership with the MA Department of Children and Families during our holiday Open House, and hosting Septics for Skeptics, one of several programs offered around



The library's yoga programs were popular in 2024.



Clockwise, from top left: The Children's Room continues to be a bustling hub of activity after school. Chris Look provides weekly Tech Time help for patrons. A young patron enjoys a lesson in computer building. And several free concerts deepened the library's collaboration with the MV Chamber Music Society.

the Island by the Down Island Coastal Ponds Speaker Series. The library's partnership with the MV Chamber Music Society blossomed this year with several well-attended classical music concerts.

The Friends of the Library's generous financial support had a remarkable impact on the success of our programs throughout the year. 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.

Through all of these efforts, the library remains a warm, inclusive, and evolving space that is dedicated to the growth and enrichment of 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.



With support from the Herb and Anita Foster Staff Education Fund, the library’s full-time staff attended the biennial Public Library Association convention in Columbus, Ohio.



Reading together in the Children’s Room.

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Trustees meet on the second Thursday of each month.

Facts at a Glance	
<i>fiscal year ending 6/30/2024</i>	
Library Visitors	82,242
Library Card Holders	5,645
Total Collection Size.....	95,528
Library Checkouts.....	109,833
Libby Checkouts	26,869
Adult Programs Offered	387
Adult Programs Attendance	5,578
Children’s/Youth	
Programs Offered.....	355
Children’s Youth Programs	
Attendance.....	8,102
Social Media Followers	3,852
Summer Reading	
Registrations	570



HUMAN RESOURCES

BOARD OF HEALTH

To the Honorable Selectboard and the Citizens of Edgartown,

The Board of Health respectfully submits the following calendar year 2024 report to the voters and taxpayers of Edgartown.

2024 saw new hires settle into new positions, while receiving training and developing skills to better utilize modern technology such as online permitting and inspection software, ensuring the day-to-day operations were carried out effectively and efficiently. Leveraging local partnerships and regional collaboration ensured the community continued to benefit from promotion of human health and protection of the environment.

New Hires

Brice Boutot began working with the Board of Health in January of 2024 as the new Island-Wide Public Health Inspector. Having a background in nonprofits and the hospitality industry, he hit the ground running with opening inspections of more than 100 food establishments, semi-public pools, and summer camps, as well as collection of water samples at bathing beaches and coastal ponds across the Island. In July he took over as Health Agent in Edgartown. In addition to housing, pool, and food safety trainings, Brice obtained his Soil Evaluator certification in the fall and enrolled in Title 5 Systems Inspector training this winter to support the Board's responsibilities regarding oversight of onsite wastewater disposal systems.

Fernando Lana began as Board of Health Assistant in August 2024 after serving as Island-Wide Public Health Educator since July of 2023. His experience with health and human services including caregiving, contact tracing, and disease monitoring, as well as his trilingual fluency, had an immediate impact on the promotion of health equity in Edgartown and across the Island. He has also played an important role in the organization, translation, and certification of Portuguese-speaking food safety managers and fertilizer applicators.

Inter-Island Public Health Excellence Collaborative

The Inter-Island Public Health Excellence Collaborative (IIPHEC) began its second three-year cycle and continues to support shared services across the Island, including the workforce development of the Edgartown Board of Health staff. Furthermore, IIPHEC supports the ongoing work of Biologist Patrick Roden-Reynolds, Epidemiologist Lea Hamner, Nurse/Case Investigation Coordinator Betsy Vanlandingham, and Carrie Welch, who was hired in November to fill the role of Health Inspector recently vacated by Brice Boutot and has begun development into a significant asset for food safety on the Island.

Since June 2023, the Inter-Island Public Health Excellence Collaborative has used the state-provided Contact Tracing Grant to hire Lea Hamner, contract epidemiologist across the Cape & Islands. Lea leverages local data and public health science to track and address tickborne conditions on Martha's Vineyard. Adding to public health biologist Patrick Roden-Reynolds' expertise on tick ecology and tick-bite prevention, Lea focuses on the population-level human impact of tickborne diseases, including Alpha-Gal Syndrome. This work involves public presentations and educational programming, public health surveys and data analysis, and collaboration with the CDC and academic institutions to better understand trends. Lea provides expertise to transform data to action and inform public health strategies. She also played a pivotal role in managing a case of tuberculosis in the Island in 2024. This foundational work highlights the importance of data-informed approaches to public health challenges in Martha's Vineyard and beyond.

As Public Health Nurse and Case Investigator, Betsy Vanlandingham's responsibilities include investigation and contact tracing where rapid transmission must be controlled to prevent an outbreak of infectious disease. This was the case in 2024 with the occurrence of Pertussis (whooping cough) cases and food-borne illnesses involving local food establishments or shellfish harvesting across the Island. She also monitors trends in the number of

tickborne illnesses that occur on Martha's Vineyard, since this region is especially active.

Cyanobacteria Monitoring in Coastal Ponds

The MV CYANO program, a partnership between the Island Boards of Health and Great Pond Foundation (GPF), completed its 4th consecutive year in 2024. Through MV CYANO, over 475 samples were collected and analyzed from Edgartown Great Pond, Crackatuxet Pond, and for the first time, Jacob's Pond, which experienced a persistent bloom of cyanobacteria during peak summer months. MV CYANO conducted a pilot study collecting nutrient and cyanobacteria samples throughout Edgartown Great Pond during the off-season months (Feb-Apr and Nov-Dec) as part of an ongoing investigation into how nutrient cycling during the winter and early spring impact cyanobacteria growth trends the following summer. As MV CYANO enters its 5th year, we look forward to continuing the collaborative and community-driven approach to tackling challenges that threaten the health of Edgartown's precious wetland and estuarine natural resources.

Nitrogen Mitigation Program for Martha's Vineyard Hospital & Navigator Homes

A nitrogen mitigation program funded by the Martha's Vineyard Hospital/Navigator Homes project located at 490 Edgartown Vineyard Haven Rd., and administered by The Resource Inc. got underway in November. The program will fund no less than 8 innovative/alternative enhanced denitrifying septic tanks for single family homes earning less than 240% area median income located

in specific geographical areas within the Sengekontacket watershed. The program emphasizes commitment to preserving and protecting the groundwater in and around Edgartown.

Thanks to volunteers, staff, and partners

On October 27, Board of Health workers from across the Island and local volunteers hosted the annual Mobile Vaccination Clinic at the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School with help from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. 362 people were administered a combined total of 579 Covid and flu vaccines. We thank community partners such as Island Health Care, particularly Amelia Hambrecht for her public health nursing services.

Annual thanks are due to Darren Morris and Tom Pierce who continue to serve as Edgartown's representatives to the Martha's Vineyard Refuse District.

Connor Downing and Emily Godfrey departed the Board of Health in March and July respectively, having each served the Town of Edgartown for a year. The Board thanks them for their work and wishes them well.

Respectfully submitted,

CANDACE NICHOLS, Chair
CHRIS EDWARDS
GRETCHEN REGAN
Board of Health

BOARD OF HEALTH QUICK FACTS

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Septic Permits (Total)	116	154	165	169	118	118
Septic Permit Applications (New Construction)	36	34	55	53	28	31
Septic Repair or Up-grade Permits	30	54	46	66	48	64
Enhanced Treatment Septic System with Nitrogen Removal	18	23	41	15	11	21
Septic System Abandonment Permit	30	20	20	35	32	21
Septic Application Withdrawn Prior to Action	0	0	3	0	0	2
Variance Hearings by Board	8	28	23	20	7	8
Variance for repairs/renovations to existing homes (septic)	7	15	12	9	4	13
Variance for new construction (septic)	1	13	11	11	3	5
Sale and Transfer Septic System Inspection Reports Received	79	56	79	79	103	122
Passing Transfer Inspections	71	49	66	74	93	108
Failed Transfer Inspections	4	5	4	4	4	7
“Needs Further Evaluation” Transfer Inspections	4	0	2	1	3	4
“Conditionally Passes” Transfer Inspections	0	2	3	0	3	3
Well Construction Permits (New and Replacement)	10	19	18	19	10	18
Food Establishment Permits	103	78	86	90	49*	103
Temporary Food Event permits	15	13	9	9	0	2
Tobacco Sale Permits	10	1	9	10	10	11
Verified under-age tobacco sale violations via "Compliance Checks"	0	0	0	0	0	3
Residential Pool Const.	46	64	66	64	55	41
Body Art Establishment (tattoo)	1	0	1	1	1	0
Fertilizer Applicator Permit (2015 first year required, 3 yr. lifespan)	0	9	0	0	0	0
Department revenue from fees	70,845	84,880	74,800	73,005	55,344	67,625

TICK PROGRAM

To the Honorable Selectboard and Citizens of Edgartown,

The MV Tick Program completed 94 yard surveys from May-July and continued regular monitoring of 6 public hiking trails March-October. I continued to find lone star ticks regularly in down-island communities.

We collected 32 Longhorned ticks (*Haemaphysalis longicornis*) in the past year. The newest arrival to Martha's Vineyard. Only four individuals were first collected in 2023. At the moment, they are not considered a major threat to human health but do have the potential to carry and transmit germs to humans and animals, particularly in their native ranges. Longhorned ticks may be more of a concern for pets or livestock, and we will continue to monitor their abundances.

Much effort was put towards publishing research efforts with partners this past year. Most notable of the research articles was "The Spread of Lone Star Ticks (*Amblyomma americanum*) and Persistence of Blacklegged Ticks (*Ixodes scapularis*) on a Coastal Island in Massachusetts, USA" documenting the spread of lone star ticks across MV the past decade.

I worked with Amelia Hambrecht/Island Health Care to create an Alpha-gal community support group in July, conducting monthly meetings and

spreading information via presentations and a 50+ person mailing list for those affected by the tickborne "red meat allergy."

Deer Cooler

The venison donation program is officially under the MassWildlife's Share the Harvest program. Island Growth Initiative is listed as the official subcontractor. Through this program IGI will be receiving compensation for each deer processed which will help secure the longevity of the program and gives us support to hopefully expand.

I checked in 80 deer this season and we had 17 donations to IGI totaling approximately 450 pounds of meat. Venison was distributed to Island Food Pantry and Kinship Heals. I 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 100 deer were collected between the community deer cooler, MV Hunt Club cooler, and State Forest Check Station. Research 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

Table 1. Number of yard surveys conducted in each town and those where 1 tick of any species was collected.

	2022			2023			2024		
Town	Yard Surveys	Yards w/ ticks	% w/ ticks	Yard Surveys	Yards w/ ticks	% w/ ticks	Yard Surveys	Yards w/ ticks	% w/ ticks
Aquinnah	5	5	100	8	7	87.5	3	3	100
Chilmark	10	9	90	26	26	100	17	15	88
Chappaquiddick	10	10	100	10	10	100	10	5	50
Edgartown	28	20	71	25	19	76	19	13	68
Oak Bluffs	8	5	62	12	10	83	23	21	91
Tisbury	14	9	64	19	13	68	3	1	33
West Tisbury	22	20	91	20	16	80	19	15	79

Table 2. Number of Yard Surveys with at least 1 Lonestar Tick (Larvae, Nymph, Adult).

2022				2023			2024		
Town	Yard Surveys	Yards w/ Lone stars	% w/ Lone stars	Yard Surveys	Yards w/ lone stars	% w/ Lone stars	Yard Surveys	Yards w/ lone stars	% w/ Lone stars
Aquinnah	5	5	100	8	7	87.5	3	1	33
Chilmark	10	8	80	26	26	100	17	14	82
Chappaquiddick	10	10	100	10	10	100	10	5	50
Edgartown	28	14	50	25	12	48	19	9	47
Oak Bluffs	8	2	25	12	8	67	23	15	65
Tisbury	14	5	36	19	8	42	3	1	33
West Tisbury	22	9	41	20	15	75	19	11	58

pathogens.

were recorded, a positive outcome for the Island.

Mosquitoes

In 2024, 282 Aedes and 522 Culex Mosquitoes were collected from 66 Pools in all towns. None teste positive for Eastern Equine Encephalitis. Two mosquitoes caught in the Edgartown Cemetery area tested positive for West Nile Virus, one in July and one in September. No cases of human transmission

Respectfully submitted,
 PATRICK RODEN-REYNOLDS
 Public Health Biologist,
 Martha's Vineyard and
 Nantucket
 Inter-Island Public Health
 Excellence Collaborative

COUNCIL ON AGING

To the Honorable Selectboard and Citizens of Edgartown,

In 2024, 1038 older adults (306 of whom were new to our COA) participated over 10,530 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 took over the helm as Chair of the Board after Rosemary Cunningham stepped down in February. The COA is very grateful for Ms. Cunningham's leadership and commitment to the Anchors, its participants, and staff. The positive effects of her contributions will be felt for years to come. Board members Marvene O'Rourke (Co-Chair), John Dropick, Lisa Sherman, Sue Carroll, and 2024 new member Steve Snelgrove round out the 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.

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 2024, the committee met monthly and provided support for the feasibility study warrant article leading up to April's Town Meeting. The article passed unanimously, and the committee set its sights on gathering knowledge about other senior centers in similar communities across the state. With the Town's search for the feasibility study consultants underway, the board paused the committee's efforts, standing ready to get involved as needed in the process of figuring out the COA's

next steps.

The Anchors' staff is grateful to our dedicated Board members and their generous donations of time, expertise, guidance, and enthusiasm that inform our work at 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, gleaners, 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 delivery drivers, surplus food handlers, 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 2024, the Anchors community benefited from the generosity of 66 dedicated and caring volunteers. The economic value of their 1,963 volunteer hours in 2024 was \$34,859. We are ever grateful for the ECOA volunteers and the enthusiasm, knowledge, and hard work they contribute to enrich our community.

FRIENDS OF THE ECOA

The Friends of the Edgartown Council on Aging is a 501c3 organization that assists the COA in serving and supporting our community's seniors. Until long-time Friends leader Barbara Phillips stepped down from her position, Co-Presidents Barbara Phillips and Madeline Fisher led a group of dedicated Edgartown volunteers including Patti Dean, Linda Smith, Cheryl Best, Pat Johnson, Carol Koser, Janice Donaroma, Joanne Carroll, and Dianne Durawa) who work to ensure the unmet needs of Edgartown's most vulnerable residents. We wish to express our sincere gratitude to Barbara Phillips for her ten years of service as co-president of the Friends, and we look forward to working with Barbara as an ongoing committee member. Janice Belisle adeptly juggles the roles of Friends' Treasurer, acting Secretary (taking the reins from trusted longtime Secretary Patti Dean - our deep thanks to Patti for her work), as well as serving as the

representative to the ECOA board.

In 2024, in response to the rising price of goods and services, the Friends voted to increase the yearly programming budget at the ECOA by 25%. The Friends also renewed their commitment to making all programs at the Anchors accessible for older adults on fixed incomes. In an illustration of this commitment, they voted to make all ECOA exercise classes free for participants. The Friends continue to support and subsidize such programs as: our weekly in-house prepared meals and soups, supplemental food for our surplus food program, art and craft supplies, plants, flowers, off-island trips, gardening program supplies, a lengthier monthly newsletter, and complimentary annual planners. In addition, the Friends contribute to older adults' emergency needs for utilities, as well as gift cards for acute food needs at Stop & Shop supermarket. They offered financial support for transportation to off-island medical appointments when all other available resources had been utilized. They work in collaboration with the ECOA and EMTs to fund smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, fire extinguishers, and lock boxes for Edgartown's older adults.

2024 STAFF

Lyndsay Famariss, Director	September 2020
Meris Keating, Director of Senior Services	July 2019
Victoria Haeselbarth, Outreach Worker	January 2012
Donna Paulson, Clerk	March 2009
Chris McMahon, Cook	April 2023
Bill Glazier, Part-time Outreach Worker (temporary, grant-funded)	January 2023
Santanna Sterling, Intern	September 2024

OUTREACH

One of the most important components in the Council on Aging's mission is its community outreach. Staffing its Outreach Department are Victoria Haeselbarth, Bill Glazier, and Santanna Sterling. Victoria has served at the Council on Aging since 1996 and in the Outreach Department since 2012. Bill joined the team part-time in January of 2023, to help meet the needs of our growing number of older adult residents. Santanna is a student at Simmons College and is completing an internship as part of her degree requirement for Social Work. Santanna provides departmental support and writes a monthly column for the Anchors newsletter entitled Promoting Healthy Aging.

Victoria and Bill are well-versed on the many important services available to our older adults and share this information readily with the community. They help facilitate access to these services, often serving as intermediaries between the client and the agency providing the service. These services include, but are not limited to, requesting and monitoring the

delivery of Meals on Wheels, in-home care, and homemaking; distributing soups and surplus food; helping older adults with their transportation needs; assisting with fuel assistance applications; making and monitoring referrals to Healthy Aging MV's Home Safety Modification Program, Go-Go Grandparent, Home Share Program and Call the Tech Pro; and working with emergency responders to ensure our older adults remain safe. The Outreach Department provides case management to individuals and families with complex issues, serving as advocates and intermediaries between the client and other helping agencies. They provide reassurance during difficult times and help ensure that our residents have adequate supports to age in place. Support includes storm calls, and wellness checks through phone calls, home and hospital visits, family assistance, and office consultations. As the number of older adults in our community grows, there is a proportionate increase in demand for the services of the Outreach Department. In 2024, 837 individuals were served, an increase of 22% from 2023.

NOTABLE PROGRAMS AND OTHER EVENTS

Off-Island trips The Edgartown COA continues to offer trips throughout the year. The staff and Friends strive to provide accessible cultural and recreational opportunities for all older adults on Martha's Vineyard. In 2024, 42 people went on a day trip to Nantucket and its Whaling Museum.

Arts Classes and Craft Groups were a favorite in 2024, with 76 people registering and participating in painting, candle making, a scallop shell light-making workshop, sea glass art making, Talavera, Knitting and Fiber Arts, and attending Artist Lunches.

Education and Cultural Programs are among the most well-attended, with at least 184 individuals participating throughout the year, altogether 1,827 times. The popular Lunch and Learn series educates the public on services available to older adults, often at low or no cost. Popular programs in 2024 include Apple Watch Tips, Nordic Walking Demonstration, Falls Prevention with Natasha Snowden, PT, The Anchors Guest Chef Series (featuring Joe DaSilva and Jesse Martin), Lecturer Michael Quinlan, Vineyard Power, Roberta Kirn, and CPR. The MV Times donated 1200 complementary 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 2024 Open House was a success, with chef Chris McMahon wowing attendees with his delicious clam chowder. Thanks to the Friends, and in particular, volunteers Marvene

O'Rourke, 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: 124 individuals participated a total of 892 times in exercise classes including Tai Chi and Intro to Tai Chi with Nan Doty, Yoga with Carol Vega, Seated Yoga with Jennifer Fingado, Nordic Walking Group, A Matter of Balance, Mindful Meditation, and Bowling at The Barn. The Anchors community would like to express our gratitude for Ed Merck who faithfully led the weekly meditation group, until his unexpected passing in the Spring of 2024. Our community was deeply saddened and will miss him greatly.

Recreation and Social Activities: 260 people participated in a number of social activities and events throughout the year, including a Solar Eclipse Watch Party, St Paddy's Day Lunch, Bridge, MahJongg, Bingo, Movies, and Games.

Technology: In 2024 16 individuals joined Meris Keating for an Apple Watch Tips class to learn more about using their Apple watches in addition to maximizing the usefulness of their smart phones. Rizwan Malik from the Edgartown Public Library consulted with 34 individuals during his monthly Drop-In Tech Time at the Anchors. 39 referrals were made to HAMV's Call the Tech Pro.

Music: 133 people enjoyed various musical offerings throughout the year thanks to the Friends of the Edgartown Council on Aging, including a fabulous drum circle led by Rick Bausman on the Anchors lawn and boasting a circle of nearly 40 percussionists, Susan Grunthal's Opera Appreciation classes, Adele Dreyer who frequently bestows the lunch room with an impressive variety of musical genres, Michael Haydn on Piano Voice Guitar, 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, Black Sheep, Edgartown Meat and Fish, Donaroma's, Rob Morrison, Alex Morrison, and the many individuals, gardeners, and farmers who brought us fresh vegetables and flowers from their gardens and farms, including the donation of four beautiful gift baskets to be raffled at our annual open house. 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

- 2,287 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.
- 2,114 meals were served at the Anchors through our congregate lunches
- 3171 frozen soups, chowders, and meals went out to residents from the Anchors in 2024.
- This includes outreach meals, holiday meals from MVH, and Edgartown Police Department's Turkey program.
- 41 people attended our annual Veteran's Day luncheon, including MVCS Veteran advocates Bob Tankard and Tom Bennett of MVCS. Thanks to all of the veterans who joined us and shared their stories of service. We appreciate you!

TOWN DEPARTMENTS WORKING TOGETHER

The COA does not work in a vacuum, and we're fortunate to work in a town with many valuable partners. The Edgartown Board of Health funds our public health nurse and blood pressure clinics, case management, and home visits. They also provide our participants with free Covid tests and they help us to navigate public health challenges.

We partner 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. The Edgartown Police Department regularly partners with us to better meet the needs of our more vulnerable community members. The Edgartown Fire Department and EMTs join the EPD in working with our COA to provide outreach, well-being checks, and community building to our town's older adults. Sergeant Will Bishop has hosted his popular, informative monthly program 'Coffee with a Cop' for several years, much to the delight of the participants. The Edgartown Fire Department and EMTs treat Edgartown's elders to holiday gift totes that the COA helps to distribute. We serve as a part of the Duke's County Emergency Management Team to help coordinate emergency responses to major storms and inclement weather events.

PARTNERSHIPS

The COA is grateful for its many community partners and the significant impact they contribute to the work that we do. 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, and the Martha's Vineyard Center for Living.

We continued our productive collaborations with Healthy Aging MV as active members of their island

-wide coalitions, including Transportation, Older Adult Digital Equity, Falls Prevention, Home Safety Modification, and Beach Within Reach.

Respectfully submitted,

NANCY IGNACIO
Chair, Board of Directors

LYNDSAY FAMARISS,
Director

ELDER SERVICES OF CAPE COD & THE ISLANDS, INC.

To the Honorable Selectboard and Citizens of Edgartown,

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

In FY24 Elder Services' Nutrition program (Meals-on-Wheels, Senior Dining) served 47,010 meals on Martha's Vineyard. 299 seniors received meals delivered to their homes by a corps of over 105 Meals-on-Wheels volunteers. Under the oversight of the Elder Services' registered Dietitian, all meals are prepared through our contract with the Martha's Vineyard Hospital and are delivered to homes and dining sites in all six towns by our volunteers. Our Senior Dining sites are located at the Oak Bluffs, Tisbury, and Up Island Councils on Aging. Our Senior Dining program serves luncheon on Thursdays at both the Tisbury COA and up-island COA. Our Senior Nutrition Program provided 40 farmer's market coupons worth \$50 each and distributed 45 bags of fresh produce, supplied by Morning Glory Farm, to Island residents.

Our Home Care Program provides eligible elders with the supportive services they need to live safely

and independently at home. Professional Care Managers assess needs, develop a service plan, arrange for necessary support, and see elders on going to ensure continuous management of services. In FY24, the Home Care Program served 255 elders on Martha's Vineyard. There were 22,104 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, 120 elders were enrolled with a Personal Emergency Response System (PERS). Home Care can also include services provided by the Martha's Vineyard Center for Living, including their Supportive Day program and Alzheimer's and Dementia coaching.

A volunteer Nursing Home Ombudsman regularly visits residents of Windemere Nursing and Rehabilitation Center to provide advocacy and support. 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.

We provide bill paying services for 4 elders in their homes on Martha's Vineyard, through our Money Management Program. Betina Michalowski, one of our Protective Services Managers, provided training on Elder Abuse Awareness and Prevention to the staff at the Martha's Vineyard Center for Living, which was very well received. Lyndsay Farmariss, Director of the Edgartown Council on Aging, serves

on our Board of Directors.

In addition to the Elder Services' in-house programs that serve the elder population, the AAA distributes Older America Act Title III funds to other community agencies/organizations to provide needed care and assistance. Martha's Vineyard Center for Community Living was awarded \$5000 in funding to support its full island shopping shuttle service for older and disabled adults. Martha's Vineyard Community Services was awarded \$5000 to help underwrite home/community short-term assessment, intervention, and referral for mental health and substance abuse issues for elders 60 and over.

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,
Martha's Vineyard 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 an elder remain safely in the community; Care Managers assess the needs, develop a service plan, arrange for supports, and see elders on going to manage services, and help with resources. To

qualify, individuals must be sixty or older, meet financial eligibility guidelines, and have specific unmet care needs.

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

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

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

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 in order to determine medical eligibility for Medicaid funding of nursing home care.

MV CENTER FOR LIVING

To the Honorable Selectboard and Citizens of Edgartown,

Our Mission

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

The Center for Living (MVCL) is generously supported by all six island towns and governed by a Board of Directors consisting of members from each island town and one County representative. In 2024, board members included Sandra Joyce, President; Martha Solinger, Treasurer; Risë Terney, Clerk; Gail Barmakian; Christine Burke; Martina Thornton; Beverly Wright.

Martha's Vineyard Center for Living Programs & Services

Supportive Day Program: M-F 9am to 3pm: The Supportive Day Program (SDP) is a day program for older adults who may experience memory challenges and a level of disability where they are unable to participate independently in community activities and programs. The SDP provides community-based support and opportunities for social connections to combat isolation and loneliness, the greatest threats to the wellbeing of our clients and their caregivers. Just as important is the respite we provide for caregivers. Our clients come to us with varying levels of ability; some with multiple medical conditions and chronic illnesses, including Alzheimer's and other dementias. The respite and support the caregiver receives by sending their loved one to the Supportive Day Program is critical for their overall well-being and that of their loved one. When a caregiver has a few hours for rest and self-care, the quality of life for both the caregiver and care recipient improves significantly.

In 2024, MVCL received a Supportive Day Program Expansion Grant from the Executive Office of Elder Affairs in the amount of \$30,290 to extend the day program hours to 3pm, and purchase program management software to better track our service activities. Early efforts were focused on outreach to increase the number of families served in our programs. We successfully brought our numbers up, reaching over 72 families and providing over 26,000 hours of socialization, enrichment, and care for our clients, and as many hours of respite for their caregivers.

The private pay daily cost for the Supportive Day Program was increased to \$75 per day (6-hour day), with an additional \$10 fee for transportation. Elder Services of Cape Cod & the Islands (the regional home care agency for low to moderate income clients) increased the reimbursement to \$85/day plus the \$10 transportation fee. The private pay fees will be brought in line with the Elder Services reimbursement at the beginning of FY26 (July 2025).

At the Center for Living, we are "person centered" which means careful attention is paid to the physical and emotional needs of each client, with a care plan designed to meet those needs is in place. Everyone, regardless of ability, can engage in community and enjoy the company of friends and peers in a safe environment free of stigma. The Supportive Day program offers a wide range of activities tailored to individual needs and interests, including exercise and yoga, music, singing, dancing, arts and crafts, discussion groups and games. We regularly engage other community organizations and talented individuals such as musicians and artists, to share their talents and expertise with us. A morning snack and nutritious, home-made noon meal are prepared on-site and served family style. With a van at our disposal, we've added weekly outings to our schedule and take small groups out to local libraries, Senior Centers, MV Museum, the Carnegie, Polly Hill, Misty Meadows, YMCA, and the Oak Bluffs Pier or just for a ride to enjoy fresh air and our beautiful island.

Respite Innovations: In November of 2023, MVCL received grant funding which gave us the go-ahead to hire a Coordinator and two Respite Workers for Respite Innovations, adding to our caregiver respite options by offering our services in the home setting. Due to various circumstances, the Supportive Day program may not always be the right fit for, or be accessible to some families, and a home-based option is another opportunity for caregiver support. The physical and emotional effects of long-term caregiving can be debilitating and even life threatening for 24/7 family caregivers. Despite the challenges, many families choose to care for their loved ones at home for as long as possible and the reality is on Martha's Vineyard there are few other options. Caregivers experience increased depression, anxiety, stress, and heart disease, exacerbated by decreased levels of self-care and immune response. They are routinely faced with psychological, social, physical, and often financial hardship. Respite Innovations brings a trained respite worker into the home for two-hour sessions to provide

companionship and person-centered activities for the care recipient, so the caregiver can get a break. In its first year, Respite Innovations served 19 families with a high-quality, person-centered companion service that gives caregivers two hours off for self-care and respite.

SDP Transportation: MVCL provides some transportation to and from the Supportive Day Program using a VTA Lift van and a MVCL paid driver. Some transportation is also provided by the VTA. The VTA manages the maintenance and upkeep of the MVCL van as well as the training and testing required of all Lift drivers.

Shopping Shuttle: MVCL operates the Shopping Shuttle, a service for older adults in the community, provided on behalf of the Councils on Aging. This service is for community members who no longer drive to do their own shopping and errands. The Shopping Shuttle was initially funded with a grant from the MV Community Foundation. In 2024 we received a combination of two grants, one from Elder Services of Cape Cod & the Islands Title IIIB (\$5,000 for each of two years) and one from MaDOT (\$24,000) to fund this service. We are working closely with Healthy Aging MV and anticipate more local support and future funding to continue through a combination of local resources and government grants. The Shopping Shuttle is available three days a week with a different shopping destination each day; Wednesdays/Tisbury; Thursdays/Edgartown, and Fridays/Oak Bluffs (including the Island Food Pantry). In line with our mission, the Shopping Shuttle helps to reduce isolation, promote independence, and provides an opportunity for older adults to enjoy the social aspects of being out and about in the community. Shopping Shuttle capacity is 6 riders per trip and 29 community members are registered to use the Shopping Shuttle

Memory and Music Café: The Memory and Music Café is an “open house” format on the third Thursday every month from 10am to 12pm. SDP clients enjoy the Café as part of their SDP routine, and caregivers and community members are welcome to join us every week for music, dancing and companionship. We are often joined by members of the island’s disabled adult community, including the Seven Hills band, providing live music for these events. Memory Cafés have spread across Massachusetts, the country, and the world, as an inclusive community engagement model for those experiencing disability, memory loss and/or cognitive impairment, along with their caregivers.

Dementia Family Support Services: Dementia Family Support Services is funded by grants and donations outside of the town funded MVCL

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

Dementia Caregiver Support Group: Meeting weekly on Zoom, Fridays 10am-11:15am. In 2024, 32 individual caregivers joined us to find a community of support with others experiencing the challenges and concerns raised by caring for a loved one with dementia. This group is available to both local and long-distance caregivers. We have caregivers, all of whom are connected to Martha’s Vineyard in some way, join us from Georgia, New Hampshire, Falmouth, Chicago, throughout Massachusetts and of course MV.

Early Memory Loss Support Group: A support group for people experiencing early memory loss and speech and language challenges due to an Alzheimer’s or other dementia diagnosis, stroke, seizure disorder or other brain disease or injury that affect memory and communication. The group meets weekly on Wednesdays from 10am to 11:30am at the Tisbury Council on Aging. Participants share experiences and strategies to create a community of support, without stigma, to help face these challenges and live their best lives.

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

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

Martha’s Vineyard Regional High School Luncheon Program: Martha’s Vineyard Center for

Living coordinates with the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School Culinary Arts Department to offer a three-course gourmet meal for \$15 per person once a month in the Culinary Arts dining room at the High School. Under the direction of Chefs Jack O'Malley and Kevin Crowell, culinary arts students plan, prepare and serve this delicious meal. Students from the Music Department occasionally provide musical entertainment as their schedule allows. Between 25 and 35 seniors attend these luncheons each month. Proceeds go to the Culinary Arts Department.

Home Delivered Holiday Meals: Martha's Vineyard Center for Living coordinates with the local Councils on Aging and Martha's Vineyard Hospital to provide a home delivered holiday meal to older adults who are alone or homebound on the Thanksgiving, December and Easter holidays. The Martha's Vineyard Hospital food service prepares and packages the meals and the Councils on Aging coordinate volunteers to deliver the meals in their towns. In 2024 173 meals were delivered for Easter;

193 for Thanksgiving; and 200 for the Christmas holiday.

Older Americans Act / Senior Nutrition Program: The Elder Services Nutrition Program, (Meals on Wheels and Senior Dining Centers), is supported financially by the six island towns through the Martha's Vineyard Center for Living annual budget. In FY2024, the island towns contributed \$36,750 to Elder Services of Cape Cod & the Islands in support of this vital nutrition program.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Leslie Clapp, Executive Director

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PLANNING BOARD

To the Honorable Selectboard and the Citizens of Edgartown,

The Planning Board respectfully submits the report of its activities for 2024.

2024 saw multiple changes in the makeup of the Planning Board. In April, Alternate Board Member Michael Shalett was elected to fill the remaining year of long-time member Fred Mascolo's term. New member Julia Livingston was elected for a five-year term. For the year, there were three resignations from the Board: James Cisek, Scott Morgan, and Lucy Morrison. David Ignacio and Robbie Robinson were appointed to fill the vacant voting member seats. Mike McCourt continues to serve in his 15 th year on the Board.

Elected positions coming up for renewal are Michael Shalett, for a 5-year term, David Ignacio, for a 3-year term, and Robbie Robinson, for a 2-year term.

In October, Mr. Shalett was selected by the Board to be the Chair.

The Planning Board undertook many projects this year. Its Zoning Bylaw Review Committee recommended a Comprehensive Review of the Town's Bylaws which the Planning Board has now commenced. Working with the Planning Board, multiple amendments were presented at the Town Meeting. The Planning Board heard an application from the Trustees of Reservation seeking to re-issue a 1990 Special Permit for properties it manages on Cape Pogue. The Board approved a mixed-income subdivision on Jernegan Pond Road that includes deed-restricted lots for purchases by year-round residents at below-market rates.

The Planning Board meets twice a month, on the first and third Tuesdays of each month, beginning at 5:30 p.m. Our meeting schedules and agendas are posted and easily accessible on the Town's website.

During the 2024 Calendar Year, the Planning Board took up or acted upon the following applications:

Assessors Parcel(s)	Address / Details
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Curb Cut

11B-243	490 Edgartown VH Road - Navigator Homes
29A-34	120 Peases Point Way
20A-30	Curtis Lane and Clark Drive
20C-40	124 Cooke Street
34-64	Pimpneymouse Farm

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27-9.22	5 Briggs Road - Kruppers, LLC
36-101	Mattakesett Realty Trust II - 268 Katama Road
53-8.1	17 Garden Cove Road - R & D Studio

Deliberation

Swimming Place Path - MV Land Bank and Bill Veno

FORM A - Division of Land

11B-58	9 Weeks Lane
13-2	145 Cow Bay Road - Solar Properties
20C-141.1, 20C-137.2	4 M Daniels Way - Boy and Girls Club of Martha's Vineyard
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20C-218 107	Edgartown West Tisbury Road - Galley
20C-40	124 Cooke Street
21-38.15 314	Edgartown Vineyard Haven Road - Valencia
25-10.1, 25-10.2, 25-10.3	41 Watcha Path
28-173	6 Marsh Hawk Circle
29-135, 29-136.1, 136.2 & 138.2	39 Green Hollow Road - Reily Family Limited Partnership and Green Hollow, LLC.
31-30	3 Jeffers Lane - MV Land Bank
34-252, 35-41.2, 46-41.1	Jeremiah Way & Old Pocha Road
36-136B, 137.2A	3 Muskoday Lane- Weiss
44-12.2	41 Slough Cove Road
44-44, 44-45.11, 44-45.12	Beach Farm LLC, Forever Wild LLC, Forever Wild Way LLC

FORM B - Preliminary Subdivision

21-128.2	422 Edgartown/Vineyard Haven Road - Laughing Cow LLC, and Lots 12 & 13 of The First Division LLC
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FORM C - Definitive Subdivision

20C-134.2	Edg. Parks Department/MV Boys & Girls Club.
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Assessors Parcel(s)	Address / Details
21-75, 21-76, 21-124.211	15 & 33 Jernegan Pond Road - Jean Cohen Family Trust
29-61.1	182 Katama Road
33-6, 33-7.11, 33-7.2, 33-8, 33-9, 34-64, 34-65.1, 34-65.2, 34-87.1, 34-88.1, 31-27.231-27.3, 31-34.3, 31-34.4, 48-44	Pimpneymouse Farm
34-65.2, 34-88.1, 33-66	Pimpneymouse Farm Lane
37-47, 47.1, 47.2, 47.3, 47.4	Division Road (Katama Meadows - Meeting House Way LLC)
FORM O - Release of Lots	
20C-110 87 West Tisbury Road - 87 West Tisbury Road LLC	
Site Plan Review (Solar PV)	
20D-3	15 Oliver Street - Livingston
28-235 24 Louis Field Road - Matthew and Grethen Regan	
45-27.2	11 Mattakesett Road
Special Permit	
20A-57.1	227 Upper Main Street - Stop & Shop
28-68.1	117 Pennywise Path Lot #1
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3-13.2	30 Lighthouse Road
No M&L	Katama Road at Atlantic Drive, County of Dukes County
20A-77 254 Upper Main Street - Mister Harry, LLC	
21-10 Haven Road Realty Trust d/b/a Cozy Corner Café.	
28-68.1	117 Pennywise Path Lot #2
Special Permit (Cape Pogue DCPC)	
3-13.2	30 Lighthouse Road - Rachel Self
49-1, 32-2	23 Poucha Rd Ext and 10 Lighthouse Road - The Trustees of Reservations
Special Permit (Cluster Subdivision)	
21-76, 21-124.211	15 and 33 Jernegan Pond Road
Special Permit (Coastal District)	
11A-399.3	The Boulevard Realty Trust
11B-58	77 Washque Avenue
13-1.2	139 & 145 Cow Bay Rd - Solar Properties, LLC
13-1.2	139 & 145 Cow Bay Rd - Solar Properties, LLC (Pool)
13-3	153 Cow Bay Road - Azur Properties LLC
13-3	153 Cow Bay Road - Azur Properties LLC (Pool)
27-7 LLC	59 Seth's Way - Wintucket Cove
30-20	6 Armstrong Lane
30-20	6 Armstrong Lane (Pool)
30-44	30 Caleb Pond Road
33-2 Road	59 Dike Bridge
35-33.3	22 Leland's Path (Pool)

Assessors Parcel(s)	Address / Details
37-117	118 Meetinghouse Way - Audmer, LLC
38-8.6	69 Kanomica Road (Pool)
45-130.4	415 Katama Road - Charles and Amanda Kane
45-159.34	315 Katama Road - Edgartown Harbor Nominee Trust (Pool)
46-41	76 Edgartown Bay Road - Brown
49-1	The Trustees of Reservations - Wasque Reservation
51-40	91 Edgartown Bay Road - The Beatrice K. Brown Realty Trust
51-41	93 Edgartown Bay Road - Two Wheeler Holdings, LLC
53-17	20 Garden Cove Road - Patkin
Special Permit (Extension)	
46-8	31 Edgartown Bay Road
52-26.51	13 Navy Way - Andrew W. & Cathy B. Burch
Special Permit (Katama Airfield District)	
45-25	12 Mattakesett Way, Katama Kitchen MV Corporation - Shai Family
Special Permit (Modification)	
20A-92 227	Upper Main Street, Town Restaurant
20C-29	218 Upper Main Street - Lucky Hanks
45-25	Katama Kitchen
52-26.1	Winnetu Oceanside Resort - MV Food & Wine Festival
52-26.1	12 Mattakesett Way - Katama Kitchen MV Corporation
52-261	Marthas Vineyard Community Services
Special Permit (Pier)	
29-134	44 Green Hollow Road, LLC
36-159.12	26 Bayside South
29-125.21	189 Katama Road
30-53.211	44 Caleb Pond Road, Waterman Nominee Trust.
Special Permit (Tree Bylaw)	
20C -202	23 Pinehurst Road

Respectfully submitted,

MICHAEL SHALETT,
Chair
MICHAEL MCCOURT
JULIA LIVINGSTON
DAVID IGNACIO
ROBBIE ROBINSON

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 2024:

[The numbers that appear in parentheses after the applicant's address represent the town's assessor's map and lot numbers]

- 38-23 SABRA – 8 MILIKIN WAY [36-342.1] Remand hearing: a request to reconsider allowing a guest house when the main house has been in existence for less than five years (Section 2.1 B of the Zoning Bylaw) was granted.
- 49-23 GARRISON – 3 FOURTH ST. NORTH [11A-99] A special permit under 10.1 G of the bylaw to allow the construction of a pool and pool equipment shed on a preexisting, nonconforming lot was granted.
- 1-24 COWAN – 8 CROCKER DR. [36-115] A special permit under section 10.1 G of the bylaw for additions to a preexisting, nonconforming structure on a preexisting, nonconforming lot were granted.
- 2-24 TORCIA d.b.a Portside Builders – 9 HOLLOW WAY [11-2.33] A special permit to install a pool on a preexisting, nonconforming lot was granted under section 10.1 G.
- 3-24 MORRIS – 18 LEAH'S LN. [25-19.2] An application for a special permit to construct a 30 x 80 s.f. barn to be used as a kennel under sections 2.1B 6 & 10.2 A2 was postponed at the request of the applicant.
- 4-24 PASTYRNAK – 16 VICKERS ST. GARRISON – 3 FOURTH STREET NORTH [11A-99] A special permit under 10.1 G of the bylaw to allow the construction of a pool and pool equipment shed on a preexisting, nonconforming lot was granted.
- 5-24 MONTEIRO & FRAZER – 26 CODMAN SPRING RD. [22-6] A request for a special permit for retroactive approval to allow a guest house and the construction of a new dormer was granted under section 10.1 G of the bylaw.
- 6-24 FLOYD – 6 TOM'S NECK FARM WAY [32-1.126] A special permit to designate the existing farm house as a guest house and construct a new main house on a nonconforming lot was granted under section 2.4 B 2 of the zoning bylaw.
- 7-24 ULYATT & CULKINS – 65 WHALER'S WALK [22-13] A special permit under 10.1 G of the bylaw to allow the construction of a 872 s.f. guest house on a preexisting, nonconforming lot was granted.
- 8-24 EDGARTOWN YACHT CLUB – 26 CURTIS LN [20A-97.1] A request for a special permit under section 10.3 F to convert an existing structure currently used as a dance studio to employee housing was postponed.
- 9-24 VUKOJE – 13 BRIARWOOD DR [11-37] A special permit under 10.1 G to install an in-ground swimming pool and sound-proofed pool equipment shed on a preexisting, nonconforming lot was approved.
- 10-24 JUBIN & ARAGONA – 49 DAVIS LN [20D-135.2] A request to reinstate a special permit allowing the construction of a one-story, one-bay garage was approved under section 10.1 G of the bylaw.
- 11-24 LYNN – 49 NORTH SUMMER ST [20D-219] A special permit under section 3.1 D 3 of the bylaw to replace a dilapidated 6-foot fence with a new 7-foot fence was approved.
- 12-24 DA SILVA – 52 TENTH ST. N. [11A-253] A special permit under 10.1 G of the bylaw to allow the construction of a 22 x 17 s.f. one-story addition on a preexisting, nonconforming lot was granted.
- 13-24 ADDAZIO – 8 BRIARWOOD DR. [11-36] A request for a special permit under section 10.1 G to construct a two-bay, two-story detached garage with storage above on a preexisting, nonconforming lot was approved with the condition that the second floor of the garage will not be converted to living space without prior approval from the board.
- 14-24 WALK TO TOWN LLC (HANAN) – 7 CURTIS LN [20C-22] A special permit under 10.1 G of the bylaw to allow the construction of a two-story addition to an existing residence, the construction of a guest house with attached garage (to replace an existing dilapidated guest house with carport), and a pool and spa were approved. With consent from abutters, an exemption was granted at a later meeting allowing minor modifications to the special permit, including the relocation of the main house and garage.
- 15-24 MV COLONIAL INN LLC d.b.a CHESCA'S RESTAURANT– 38 NORTH WATER ST. [20D-216] A request for a special permit under section 10.2 E to allow the use of a rear courtyard for outdoor seating and the service of food and alcohol was approved with a condition that the operation be reviewed in October. As per the requirements of the special permit, a review of outdoor seating with the service of food and alcohol was undertaken. The applicant said that because of staff shortages very little outdoor dining took place this season. The board voted unanimously to allow outdoor dining for the upcoming season with an additional review to be

scheduled in the fall of 2025.

- 16-24 LINTON – 64 WHALERS WALK [21-97] a request for a special permit under section 10.1 G of the bylaw to allow the construction of a two-story addition to an existing residence on a preexisting, nonconforming lot was approved.
- 17-24 WEISS, ROBERT C., TRUSTEE OF 3 MUSKODAY WAY NOMINEE TRUST [36-137.2] A request for a variance to allow the demolition of a single-family dwelling and the construction of a new dwelling on a substandard lot was denied.
- 18-24 COLANTONIO, VICTOR, TRUSTEE OF THE DAWN ROBERTA COLANTONIO REVOCABLE TRUST – 55 LIGHTHOUSE ROAD [3-11] AND 0 ROAD TO THE GUT [3-2.2]. The board voted unanimously to uphold the decision of the Building Inspector not to issue a cease and desist and to modify her decision by requiring the Trustees of Reservations to file for a new special permit with the Planning Board. In September, the board held a hearing on the remand order from the Land Court [25MISC 000381] and amended a decision by extending the deadline for the Trustees of Reservations to file with the Planning Board until 1 November 2024.
- 19-24 CHAPPY CHAC LLC (OSBORNE) – 61 BAY VIEW AVE [47-15] A special permit was granted to allow the construction of a barn with loft storage above on a preexisting, nonconforming .92 acre lot.
- 20-24 QUINTUS – 84 SOUTH WATER ST [29B-13] A request for a special permit to renovate and expand an existing residence and construct a garden room with detached bedroom above was withdrawn.
- 21-24 KNAPP – 10 DORY CIR [21-25] A special permit to allow the conversion of an existing two-story garage into a one-bedroom guest house was granted with conditions.
- 22-24 MANCINI – DiGREGORIO – 19 SPARROW LN [10-63] A special permit to allow the construction of an in-ground pool and pool cabana on a preexisting, nonconforming lot was granted.
- 23-24 CAVANARO – 149 LITCHFIELD RD [34-29] A special permit to allow the construction of an in-ground pool and equipment shed on a preexisting, nonconforming lot was granted with a condition.
- 24-24 OLIVEIRA – 18 FOURTEENTH ST NORTH [11B-19 & 26] A request to construct a garage with a two-bedroom apartment above was postponed.
- 25-24 FREEDMAN, Joel & Susan – 6 BAY LOT CIR [51-34] A request for a special permit to construct a second floor addition over an attached garage was approved with a deed restriction.
- 26-24 JOHNSON, Joseph A. & Elizabeth – 29 OLD DUNHAMS CORNER [37-157.37] A special permit to allow the construction of an in-ground pool, pool equipment shed, and a storage shed with half-bath on a preexisting, nonconforming .75-acre lot was approved.
- 27-24 SCOTT E. CARSON 2018 TRUST Scott & Elizabeth Carson, Trs. – 7 KENT HARBOR [36-317] A special permit to allow the demolition of an existing 4-bedroom residence and garage with detached bedroom above and the construction of a new 5-bedroom residence and detached garage with storage above, and the installation of a swimming pool on a preexisting, nonconforming .82 acre lot was approved with a condition.
- 28-24 ROSENBERG Jessica – 240 UPPER MAIN ST [20A-83] A request for a special permit to demolish an existing residence and construct a new residence was postponed at the applicant's request.
- 29-24 KATAMA ACQUISITIONS LLC (Chapps) – 61 HERRING CREEK RD [36-32] A request for a variance to allow a nonconforming lot to be buildable was denied.
- 30-24 BRUSH David M. & Karen L. – 36 GREEN HOLLOW [29-131] A special permit under section 10.1 G to allow the demolition of an existing one-story residence and permit the construction of a new two-story residence and a three-bay garage with a one-bedroom accessory dwelling above was granted.
- 31-24 CALLAGHAN Peter & Tenley - 321 CHAPPAQUIDDICK RD [34-209] A special permit under section 10.1. G to allow the construction of a primary bedroom addition on a preexisting nonconforming lot was granted.
- 32-24 FINDLAY Pamela S. – 6 CUMMINGS WAY [29B-39] A special permit under section 10.1 G to allow the construction of a detached bedroom on a preexisting, nonconforming garage on a preexisting, nonconforming lot was granted.
- 33-24 JOHNSON Rudolph L. & Maureen – 134 KATAMA RD [29A-33] A request to construct a two-story addition, an attached two-car garage, a swimming pool, and pool house/equipment shed was withdrawn.
- 34-24 ETHERINGTON, LUCAS – 61 SIMPSONS LN [20D-102] A request for a special permit under section 10.1 G to construct one-story additions was approved.
- 35-24 EDGARTOWN YACHT CLUB – 149 EDGARTOWN-WEST TISBURY RD [21-86] A special permit under section 10.3 F 3 to allow the construction of two buildings to house a maximum of 30 staff members was approved with conditions.

Respectfully submitted,

LISA MORRISON
Assistant

ZONING BY-LAW REVIEW COMMITTEE

To the Honorable Selectboard and the Citizens of Edgartown,

This Committee was created by the Planning Board to gather information, discuss, and make recommendations to the Planning Board about possible changes to the Edgartown zoning bylaw.

The Committee began its work for 2024 on May 6. The Committee was asked to propose no more than four zoning bylaw changes for the 2025 Spring Town Meeting. Many possibilities were discussed at hybrid meetings (in person and on Zoom) twice a month until December 12, when four proposed zoning bylaw changes were forwarded to the Planning Board for their consideration: (1) requiring fencing around residential construction sites, (2) allowing substandard lots to be combined to reach the 10,000 sq. ft. size required for affordable home sites, (3) implementing the Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) provisions of the new Massachusetts Affordable Homes Act, and (4) regulating the clear cutting of land.

The work of the Committee was greatly enhanced this year, as it was in 2023, by the participation at meetings of invited guests and members of the public, this year including Norman Rankow, Ted Rosbeck,

Gary Conover, Alex Morrison, Peter Fletcher, Sarah Hughes, Mike MacKenty, Woody Filley, Ellen Price, Jennifer Blum, Adam Moore, Roger Becker, Julia Tarka, Erin Ready, Diane Durawa, John Schaeffer, Dr. Lance Willis, Michael Shalett, David Ignacio, Mike McCourt, Robbie Robinson, Zeb Landsman, Carolyn Murray, Rob Moriarty, Reade Milne, and others. The Committee extends its thanks to all who attended meetings and contributed ideas.

An important action of the Committee in 2024 was to recommend to the Planning Board that Carolyn Murray of KP Law, PC be engaged to undertake a comprehensive diagnostic review of the entire Edgartown Zoning Bylaw. The Planning Board accepted this recommendation, and a report is expected in the late Spring or early Summer of 2025.

Respectfully submitted,
JULIA LIVINGSTON
BEN HALL
JULIET MULINARE
STEVE (BOO) REYNOLDS
JOE SIEBER

MV COMMISSION

To the Honorable Selectboard and Citizens of Edgartown,

The Martha's Vineyard Commission (MVC or Commission) is the Regional Planning Agency (RPA) for Dukes County, offering planning services to the seven towns in Dukes County (including Gosnold); and to the County itself. The Commission's enabling legislation also allows Island towns to adopt special regulations targeting Districts of Critical Planning Concern (DCPCs) and requires the Commission to review Developments of Regional Impact (DRIs) on the Vineyard.

The 17-member Commission includes nine members elected Island-wide biennially, and one appointed member each from the Dukes County Commission, each Island Select Board, and the Governor of Massachusetts. Commission officers in 2024 were Fred Hancock of Oak Bluffs, Chair; Peter Wharton, County Appointee, Vice-Chair; and Ernie Thomas of West Tisbury, Clerk-Treasurer. The Commission is supported by a professional staff of fifteen, three of whom are vision fellows.

Below portions are edited for space available. More in depth information and the full report are available on the Commission's website, www.mvcommission.org.

COMMISSION FOCUS 2024

Remembering Christina Brown: Christina Brown served on the MVC as an elected member from Edgartown for 28 years. She passed away in May 2024, and will be greatly missed by staff and her fellow Commissioners. To honor her decades of service, a commemorative Nantucket shadbush, one of her favorite trees, will be planted on the MVC lawn.

MVC 50th Anniversary Celebrations: 2024 marked the 50th anniversary of the MVC, which Islanders voted to create on March 14, 1974. State legislation approved that summer formally established the MVC as the Island's regional planning agency, with unique regulatory powers over the land and waters of Martha's Vineyard.

Improved Website Coming Soon: The Commission has been working with the software company Granicus to develop a new website, which is expected to be launched in the summer of 2025. The main goal is to improve the user experience while maintaining key features, such as the archive of Developments of Regional Impact and planning resources.

Town Data Reports: To shed light on recent

economic and municipal finance trends on the Island, the MVC developed a series of data reports based on local, state and federal sources. The reports are meant to be used by Town officials, businesses, nonprofits, and members of the public for general planning purposes.

Seasonal Population Estimate: The MVC updated its seasonal population estimate for the Island using a new methodology based on guidance from the UMass Donahue Institute. The estimate generally follows a structure-based framework, where housing units and other structures, according to FY24 assessor data, are used as a basis for estimating population by type. The new estimate indicates a likely peak of about 94,650 people in August, or 4.6 times the year-round population of 20,530.

Manuel Correllus State Forest Task Force: The MVC formed a task force to advance four primary goals related to the State Forest: to promote public safety through wildfire risk mitigation, to restore native habitat through the removal of non-native conifer plants, to ensure a strengthened management presence by occupying the existing residence, and to repave the remaining miles of shared use path in disrepair.

Removal of Nitrogen from Island Ponds : The Commission continues to focus on the development of a robust pond monitoring program and participating in innovative technologies designed to address nitrogen contamination.

Finances: The Commission's FY2024 income was \$3,058,758 and expenses totaled \$2,993,716 comprised of the following components:

FY2023		
Total Revenues	\$2,130,998	100%
Town Assessments	\$1,365,389	64.07%
Grants and Contracts	\$615,356	28.88%
DRI Fees	\$30,074	1.41%
Other Income	\$120,179	5.64%
Total Expenses	\$2,448,126	100%
Salaries	\$1,203,645	49.17%
Salary Related Costs	\$428,902	17.52%
Legal Fees	\$209,534	8.56%
Other Expenses	\$563,234	23.00%
Mortgage Interest payments for two MVC-owned properties	\$42,811	1.75%

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

SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES FOR EDGARTOWN

Geographic Information Systems: The MVC set up various Town departments with ArcGIS OnLine, assisted with configuring the data for use in the Town's permitting software, and digitized the Board of Health's regulation zones for use in interactive maps. This information indicates the number of bedrooms permitted based on the location and size of the parcel. The MVC also assisted the Conservation Commission with utilizing high accuracy GPS equipment, and developed regulatory GIS datasets, and created Potential Aquaculture Siting maps in Sengekontacket Pond.

Climate Change

Edgartown Harbor Plan: The MVC assistance, work progressed on an update of the Edgartown Harbor Plan that includes climate change resilience in the harbor planning area.

Aquaculture Siting: As part of the Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Program grant, the MVC mapped eel grass and potential aquaculture sites in Sengekontacket Pond in collaboration with the MV Shellfish Group, the Great Pond Foundation and the Town Shellfish constable. The identification of potential sites will be valuable if the Town decides to expand aquaculture.

District of Critical Planning Concern

The MVC is working with the Cape Pogue DCPC Advisory Committee to introduce proposed bylaw amendments to the Cape Pogue DCPC zoning bylaws and Guidelines found in the DCPC decision to allow the application of herbicides and pesticides in certain situations.

Transportation

Data Collection: The MVC conducted Automated Traffic Recorder (ATR) counts at roughly 37 locations along Town roadways, Chappaquiddick, and 14 locations on the Town Shared-Use Paths. The current 2024 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) includes continued data collection efforts throughout the municipality.

Local Technical Assistance: The MVC is working with the Town's Highway Superintendent, Town Administrator, and Planning Board on a scope of work that focuses on traffic and bicycle and pedestrian improvements along the Edgartown-West Tisbury Road corridor, specifically at the intersections of Barnes Road and Edgartown-West

Tisbury Road, and Airport Road and Edgartown-West Tisbury Road. Staff is currently evaluating the crash history as well as existing conditions to set up future meetings with all stakeholders.

Water Quality

The Commission continued its scientific and community work helping to protect Edgartown's water quality, especially the threatened coastal ponds. **Water Sampling:** In cooperation with the Edgartown Shellfish Warden, water quality samples and on-station field data were collected from Sengekontacket Pond, Katama Bay, and Edgartown Great Pond. In 2024, samples were taken four times over the summer season. In Edgartown Great Pond, this included a sample prior to and after the Pond was opened. This data helps determine whether the water quality goals from the Massachusetts Estuaries Project's study are achieved. The Water Resource Planner collaborates and shares sampling data with the MV Shellfish Group, Friends of Sengekontacket, Shellfish wardens and the Town.

Coastal Ponds: MVC Staff participates in, and advises as needed, the Friends of Sengekontacket, Chappaquiddick Island Association, Edgartown Shellfish Committee, Water Alliance, and the Vineyard Golf Club Review Committee. The Water Resource Planner collaborates with staff from the Edgartown Great Pond foundation.

Developments of Regional Impact

13 Edgartown projects were reviewed by the MVC in 2024:

- 134 Katama Road Demolition (C.R. 13-2023) Demolition of a dwelling built circa 1918. The concurrence application was accepted as a full DRI on May 2, 2024 and subsequently withdrawn by the applicant before a public hearing was scheduled.
- New England Wind 2 Connector Cable (C.R. 12-2023/DRI 758) Installation of three 275 kV export cables below the seabed in Muskeget Channel off Chappaquiddick. The concurrence application was accepted as a full DRI on March 21, and approved with conditions after one public hearing; the written decision was approved on June 6, 2024.
- Pimpneymouse Farm Subdivision (DRI 755) Subdivision of approximately 217 acres to create or adjust seven residential lots, 171 acres of protected open space and a private road. The application was approved with conditions after one public hearing; the written decision was approved on June 6, 2024.
- MV Hospital/Navigator Homes (DRI 720) Construction of a skilled nursing facility and workforce housing. A final lighting plan was approved by the LUPC on June 10, 2024.
- New England Wind 1 Connector Cable (DRI 732)

Installation of two undersea export cables associated with the Park City Wind project. The application was granted a three-year extension to the validity of the 2022 decision.

- Meshacket Commons Nitrogen Mitigation (DRI 734-M2) Modification to allow the creation of an escrow account to hold funds for nitrogen mitigation due to difficulty finding eligible properties. The application was approved as a minor modification on July 18, 2024.
- Edgartown Parks and Rec Lot Modification (DRI 698-M) Lot line and easement adjustments on a two-acre parcel. The application was approved as a minor modification on August 8, 2024.
- 134 Katama Road Relocation (C.R. 6-2024) Relocation of a dwelling built circa 1918 to a new position on the parcel. This concurrence application was accepted as a full DRI on September 5, 2024 and subsequently withdrawn by the applicant before a public hearing was scheduled.
- Free People (C.R. 8-2024) Evaluation of a formula retail business and signage. The concurrence application was remanded to the Town with no action on September 12, 2024.
- Cohen Family Trust Subdivision (DRI 753) Cluster subdivision of approximately 17 acres into 15 vacant lots, two lots with pre-existing structures, and an open space lot totaling more than 10 acres. The application was approved with conditions after two public hearings; the written decision was approved on December 12, 2024.
- Miller's Professionals Airport Lot (DRI 735) Construction of two warehouses with showrooms, an office building, and a parking area. The application remains under review at the end of the year; a public hearing has not been scheduled.
- Edgartown Gardens 40B (DRI 746) 40B development for 64 units (90 bedrooms) with a mix of affordable and market rate units on 3.19 acres. The application remains under review at the end of the year; a public hearing has not been scheduled.
- Boys & Girls Club New Facility (DRI 747) Construction of a club campus including main structure, outdoor recreational facilities, and parking area. The application remains under review

at the end of the year; a public hearing has not been scheduled.

Respectfully submitted,
COMMISSIONERS

Jeff Agnoli	Edgartown, elected at-large
Trip Barnes	Tisbury, elected at-large
Christina Brown	Edgartown, elected at-large
Jay Grossman	Chilmark, elected at-large
Fred Hancock	Chair, Oak Bluffs, elected at-large
Michael Kim	Governor's Appointee
Michael MacKenty	Edgartown, app. by the Planning Board to fill a vacancy
	Chilmark appointed by the Select Board
Joan Malkin	Tisbury, appointed by the Select Board
Greg Martino	Aquinnah, appointed by the Select Board
Kathy Newman	Edgartown, appointed by the Select Board
Kate Putnam	
Ben Robinson	Tisbury, elected at-large
Doug Sederholm	West Tisbury, elected at-large
Linda Sibley	West Tisbury, elected at-large
Brian Smith	Oak Bluffs, appointed by the Select Board
Ernie Thomas	Clerk-Treasurer, West Tisbury appointed by the Select Board
Carole Vandal	Aquinnah elected at-large
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Bill Veno	Senior Planner
Kate Warner	Energy Planner - Vision Fellow

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.

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.

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 \$897,388 in 2023. 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 2024 the match received was 24.52% or \$234,035.

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 we estimated a match of 25% based on the downturn in Real Estate transactions. We were not far off for FY25. In FY26 we've estimated a match of 22%. 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.

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At Town Meeting in April of 2024, the following articles were approved by the Town:

- The FY2025 CPC Budget:
 - \$140,000 to be appropriated to the Community Preservation Open Space Reserve Fund;
 - \$140,000 to be appropriated to the Community Preservation Affordable Housing Reserve Fund;
 - \$140,000 to be appropriated to the Community Preservation Historic Preservation Reserve Fund;
 - \$700,000 to be appropriated to the Community Preservation Budgeted Reserve;
- \$30,000 to be appropriated to the Community Preservation Administrative Expenses Account.
- To close some older Community Preservation Robinson Road Recreation Area project accounts and to put the funds which total \$936,331.53 toward the new Robinson Road Recreation Area project.
- \$140,000.00 to be paid to The Dukes County Regional Housing Authority to fund the Rental Assistance Program for Edgartown Families for FY25.
- \$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.
- \$50,000.00 to fund Edgartown Affordable Housing Committee's "Housing Heroes" Campaign to recruit landlords for affordable housing rental opportunities.
- \$500,000.00 to go toward further funding of the Meshacket Affordable Housing Project.
- \$319,600.00 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.

- \$10,000.00 to the MV Garden Club for rehabilitation of the historic Mill Building in West Tisbury. This is a regional project. The Edgartown Historic District Commission has deemed the building historically significant to the town.
- \$30,000.00 to the Parks Department to fund access walkways at the Bend in the Road Beach.
- \$25,000.00 to Harbormaster Department to remove the dangerous asphalt ramp at the Eel Pond and restore the shoreline.
- \$100,000.00 to go toward Phase 2 of the Edgartown School project to renovate their playgrounds into an Outdoor Learning Campus.
- \$500,000.00 to the Parks Department for additional funding for the Robinson Road Recreation Project.

- \$165,650.00 from the Community Preservation Affordable Housing Fund 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.

- \$132,520.00 to go toward the West Tisbury Senior Housing Project at 401 State Road in West Tisbury. The funding includes preference for at least one unit be given to a qualifying Edgartown Resident.

The Fall 2024 application period was robust with fourteen applications. The Committee held public meetings to hear presentations and held an advertised public hearing on December 12th. They are presenting fifteen articles for Annual Town Meeting in April of 2025.

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

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMITTEE

To the Honorable Selectboard and Citizens of Edgartown,

This year, 138 applications were made for proposed work within the Historic District. We had 45 Public Hearings, 3 denied applications, 40 applications for routine repairs and maintenance, typically granted through expedited approval. The Commission reviewed 98 applications for new work at public meetings, with a 97.8% approval rate in granting Certificates of Appropriateness.

The Historic District Commission (HDC) engages residential and commercial property owners in detailed discussions during the project review. This collaborative approach, which values the input of all stakeholders, balances the individual's interest in making improvements to the property with the need to preserve Edgartown's architectural heritage for present and future generations. It has successfully guided the continuing trend of significant renovation in new construction within the District.

The private investment in properties within the District is significant, and the Commission looks forward to working with owners, their architects,

and builders to preserve Edgartown's essential historic character. Our goal is to assist in maintaining these resources, which make Edgartown a viable community and a nationally prominent destination for years to come.

We wish to acknowledge the efforts and service of former Commission members Hilary Grannis, who stepped off the Board this year and Carole Berger, who started in 2005 as an alternate for the HDC and served as a full board member until 2025. Carol provided invaluable insights, balanced reasoning and a commitment to preservation. Her participation was much appreciated. We would like to welcome Ezra Sherman who was appointed this year as a full board member.

Respectfully submitted,

JULIA TARKA, Co-Chair
PETER ROSBECK, Co-Chair
KEN MAGNUSON
SUSAN CATLING
JAMES CISEK
CARI WILLIAMSON

AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMITTEE

To the Honorable Selectboard and the Citizens of Edgartown,

The Edgartown Affordable Housing Committee (AHC) is dedicated to facilitating affordable 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.

In 2024, the Committee regretfully accepted the resignation of Cornelius Moriarty, whose service and dedication were greatly appreciated. The Committee welcomed a new member, Justin Kush.

The AHC achieved several significant milestones in Affordable Housing Homeownership this year. One of the key accomplishments was the groundbreaking ceremony for the Meshacket Project, marking a major step forward in addressing Edgartown's housing needs. This project is expected to provide homes for 40 families by 2026, contributing significantly to the availability of affordable housing options in the community. Additionally, the Committee accepted the role of Monitoring Agent for the privately developed Walking Man Close Project. This position reflects the AHC's ongoing commitment to ensuring the success and compliance of affordable housing initiatives in Edgartown. The Committee also initiated land surveying and planning for the 294 Chappaquiddick Rd. (Chappy) Lot project, which

received grant approval from Massachusetts' Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities (EOHLC).

A notable success of the Edgartown Housing Heroes campaign was securing a home placement for a senior citizen. The AHC has also revisited feedback from Edgartown homeowners and is currently focusing on a program designed to provide financial incentives to property owners for converting short-term rentals, guest houses, or accessory dwelling units (ADUs) into year-round rental housing.

The AHC remains focused in addressing the housing crisis through partnerships, research, and innovative solutions. Its ultimate goal is to ensure that Edgartown achieves sufficient affordable and attainable housing for all its residents.

As your appointed Committee, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to the townspeople of Edgartown for their consistent support of all our affordable housing efforts.

Respectfully Submitted,
MARK HESS, Chair
JASON MAZAR-KELLY, Vice-Chair
MARIA VENTURA
MELISSA VINCENT
CASEY O'CONNOR
JUSTIN KUSH

AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST

To the Honorable Selectboard and the Citizens of Edgartown,

The Edgartown Affordable Housing Trust serves 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 community housing within the Town of Edgartown. As new housing plans are formulated, the board will continue to diligently oversee and monitor the funds utilized to achieve the town's affordable and community 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 Jason Mazar-Kelly, and Cornelius Moriarty. The board extends its deepest gratitude to these members for their dedicated service and invaluable contributions to the Trust's mission.

Despite these changes, the Trust achieved a significant milestone this year by securing the additional contributions required for the Meshacket Project. These funds were obtained from both the Community Preservation Committee funds and the Trust Account. The Trust will continue to monitor these funds to ensure they are utilized effectively. The Edgartown Affordable Housing Trust eagerly anticipates the Meshacket Project's open house,

scheduled for 2026.

Looking ahead, the Trust remains steadfast in its commitment to seeking new opportunities to expand affordable housing options. One of our current focuses includes working on raising the Trust's maximum allowable Area Median Income (AMI). The board will continue its diligent efforts to ensure we meet the town's affordable housing goals and address the pressing housing needs of our 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 community housing initiatives.

Respectfully Submitted,

MARIA VENTURA, Chair
MARK HESS, Vice-Chair
ARTHUR SMADBECK
MELISSA VINCENT
JUSTIN KUSH



Aerial view of the Meshacket Affordable Housing Project.

ENERGY COMMITTEE

To the Honorable Selectboard and the Citizens of Edgartown,

In 2024, the Edgartown Energy Committee directed its work toward planning and actions in two related areas: (1) migrating fossil fuel usage for space heating and domestic water heating in Town buildings to electric power, thus saving cost and energy, and (2) developing microgrids that use energy from solar panels with battery energy storage to provide both resilience in the event of line power outage and income to the Town from the sale of renewable energy. The Committee focused primarily on the Highway Department campus and its buildings, requesting and receiving a feasibility study from federal energy experts for a microgrid at the site. The federal report then led to proposing and receiving further funds for a more detailed engineering study that will be carried out in 2025. In addition, the Committee guided the Town to propose an action grant for replacing fossil fuel heating with heat pumps on the Highway Department campus, as well as the Chappaquiddick Fire Station and the Harbormaster building at North Wharf.

In other areas, the Energy Committee pursued the possibility of the Town's joining the Commonwealth's Climate Leaders program in order to take advantage of the program's grants for solar, battery, and electrical microgrid equipment. Action also focused on development of a 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.

Outreach to Town citizens and other interested members of the public included release of a new edition of a new and updated edition of the Committee's Energy Actions Report, updates to the Committee's page on the Town website, and participation in the Climate Action Fair in May.

In personnel actions, the Committee welcomed Mark Sawers as a new Associate Member in June. Member Jack Ensor resigned from the Committee in November. Associate Members Jack Connell, Erich Mettler, and Alan Strahler continued to work with Members Ellen and Richard Price and Bonni Widdoes toward Committee goals. The Committee also welcomed the Town's Facilities Manager, Hollis McLaughlin, as a participant and partner in Town energy actions.

Heat Pumps and Solar-Powered Microgrids for Town Buildings

During 2024, the Committee continued to work toward electrifying the heating of Town buildings to save energy and cost, coupled with 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 sends excess 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.

First Studies

In late 2023, Cape Light Compact (CLC) agreed to support feasibility studies for three Town buildings to replace fossil fuel energy with electricity and add solar and battery systems with microgrid equipment. The first of these studies concerned the Chappaquiddick Fire Station, with a draft feasibility study delivered in April, 2024. However, It became apparent to Committee members, including Associates Jack Connell and Erich Mettler, that the scope of these studies, which is constrained by Department of Energy Resources (DOER) qualifications, might not be sufficient to provide, on their own, the basis for grant proposals and contractor bids to do the work required. Rather, more specific engineering detail was needed that was beyond the scope of the Cape Light Compact funding.

Expert Match Microgrid Study on Highway Campus

In July of 2023, the Energy Committee submitted a request on behalf of the Town to the Community-to-Community Expert Match program of the U.S. Department of Energy National Renewable Energy Laboratories for a preliminary expert study of a microgrid at the Highway Department campus. The microgrid would include solar panels, battery energy storage, and microgrid equipment to connect building energy demand with solar, storage, and line power supply. In November, the request was granted.

The Expert Match study was received in late July of 2024. It examined four general scenarios involving varying amounts of solar power and battery storage for the microgrid, and it estimated that a maximum solar capacity of 490 kilowatts could be provided at an annualized cost of about \$87,000. That capacity would yield about \$127,000 of annual income from

sales of excess renewable energy to grid buyers. The study did not consider the impact of grant funding to provide the necessary equipment, nor did it consider incentives such as cashable energy tax credits for energy investments and renewable energy production provided by the Inflation Reduction Act. These programs for funding would significantly reduce the annualized cost and increase income. A microgrid of this size and configuration would also provide full power to the facility during line power outages of any duration, thus ensuring resilience.

EECBG Engineering Study Grant

The Expert Match preliminary study led the Energy Committee to focus on an engineering-level study and report for a microgrid on the Highway Department Campus that would confirm and expand upon the conclusions of the Expert Match report. The new study would also consider grant and tax-credit funding, as well as the alternative of obtaining the microgrid through a lease or power purchase agreement with a developer. In July and early August, the Energy Committee developed an application on behalf of the Town to the DOER Energy Efficiency Community Block Grant (EECBG) program to fund such a study. In October, the Town received word that the engineering study was funded in the amount of \$30,500 from that program with an additional \$20,000 from Cape Light Compact incentives. The process of awarding the grant funds required a number of steps that were not completed until early December. Work on the study by RISE Engineering is expected to begin in mid- to late January of 2025.

Green Communities Competitive Grant Application

To continue its program of reducing the release of greenhouse gases and saving energy and cost for the Town, the Energy Committee developed an application in October to the Green Communities Competitive Grant program on behalf of the Town that would replace propane- and oil-burning heating in three Town buildings: the Highway Department, Chappaquiddick fire station, and Harbormaster building at North Wharf. Prepared in cooperation with Cape Light Compact and RISE Engineering, the application requested \$217,640 in addition to total incentives of \$93,167 provided by the Compact. Funds requested also included a \$10,000 administrative cost recovery for the Town. A decision is expected in January or February of 2025.

Climate Leaders Program

In 2023, the Commonwealth's Department of Energy Resources introduced the Climate Leaders program. Like the Green Communities program that precedes it, the Climate Leaders program requests a

municipality to take certain steps to reduce energy demand and provide greenhouse gas savings. In return, the Green Communities program provides grants to replace fossil-fuel-burning equipment with more efficient electrical equipment, such as heat pumps, as well as other energy-savings actions. Going beyond the Green Communities program, the Climate Leaders program also provides grants for generating renewable energy that can further reduce the release of greenhouse gases. Joining the Climate Leaders program thus opens the door to municipalities for grant funding of solar and battery microgrids.

Throughout 2024, the Energy Committee devoted considerable time and effort to understanding the requirements of the Climate Leaders program and the guiding the Town toward them. However, one of the requirements proved to be problematic. The Zero-Emission First Vehicle Policy requires a participating town to purchase new vehicles in this order, if they are available and suitable: battery electric vehicles, plug-in hybrids, conventional hybrids, and conventional gasoline-fired vehicles in order of highest fuel efficiency.

While many mainland municipalities have been able to adopt this policy, Edgartown's location on Martha's Vineyard makes adhering to this requirement quite difficult. On-Island repair shops are unable to accommodate electric vehicles, as they lack needed equipment and specially-trained technicians. Battery electric vehicles and hybrids must be taken off Island by steamship for repairs and maintenance, requiring Town personnel to take time from regular duties and vehicles to be out of service for longer periods. If an electric vehicle is damaged by collision, Steamship Authority captains routinely deny passage on their vessels, requiring off-Island transportation by barge. These conditions prevent the Town from adopting the vehicle policy in its present form. The Committee has thus decided to defer efforts to pursue Climate Leader status for the Town until the situation changes.

Electric Vehicle (EV) Chargers

Level-2 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. In 2024, the chargers dispensed 31.7 MWh of electrical energy. At least 62.3 percent of that electrical energy was generated from renewable sources, resulting in a savings of about 14.8 metric tonnes of greenhouse gases that were not released by burning fossil fuels. The year saw a total of 1,342 charging sessions by 617 unique drivers. Not surprisingly, heaviest usage was in the months of

July, August, and September, with 286, 352, and 122 charging sessions respectively.

Investigating Level-3 EV Chargers

Early in 2025, the Town and Energy Committee were approached by several commercial vendors of Level-3 electric vehicle chargers promising free chargers and installation in return for the Town's provision of five-year maintenance and software contracts for the equipment. Level-3 vehicle chargers are direct current fast chargers (DCFCs), which are presently unavailable on the Island and can charge electric vehicles much more rapidly than the Level-2 chargers at the Park and Ride lot. According to the vendors, Commonwealth rebates cover the needed equipment and installation, as well as interconnection costs incurred by Eversource.

In response, the Committee, led by Associate Member Erich Mettler, endeavored to obtain more information about the Commonwealth's EV Make Ready Rebate Program underlying these offers and investigate the hardware that was to be provided. Based on information obtained, the Committee decided to assess the possibilities of a Town purchase of ChargePoint equipment using the rebate program, as well as possible sites for location of the chargers near existing power lines that provide the needed 480v three-phase electrical power for the required pair of fast chargers. An internal committee report prepared by Erich estimated that the cost of two Level-3 ChargePoint chargers and associated infrastructure would be approximately \$387,000, which would be offset by incentive rebates of approximately \$218,000 and result in a final cost of approximately \$169,000. However, the rebate was on hold in December of 2024 and the Committee decided to wait for the return of the rebate, which must occur no later than 2027, for further action.

Tracking Town Solar Energy

The Committee continued to track the energy provided by the Town's solar fields at Katama Farm and Nunnepog Well in 2024. During the year, the two solar fields generated 1,704 and 1,472 MWh of energy respectively, which is enough energy to supply more than 99 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 242 homes. Erich Mettler monitored the operations and maintenance of the solar fields, and alerted the vendor of those services when problems arose.

The renewable energy is sold to distributors through the Eversource grid. From the startup of the solar fields in June, 2014, through fiscal year 2024,

they have generated 28,715 MWh of energy and earned \$2,427,916 in benefits to the Town. This renewable energy reduced greenhouse gas emissions by more than 123,000 metric tonnes – equivalent to not burning nearly 14 million gallons of gasoline.

Electric Leaf Blower Bylaw

In 2023, the Committee became interested in the electrification of landscaping equipment, with an eye toward saving energy and reducing 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 that proceeded through 2024 to draft a town bylaw that would ban gas-powered leaf blowers over time. They communicated with landscapers using electric equipment to gather information on this possibility, and assembled bylaws passed by other towns in Massachusetts that had banned the gasoline-powered blowers. Meanwhile, other Edgartown citizens submitted an article by petition for the 2024 Town Meeting Warrant to ban gas-powered leaf blowers in favor of battery-powered electric leaf blowers. Although the article was not passed in a close vote, it demonstrated the widespread interest of Edgartown residents in taking action.

Collaborating with the Edgartown Climate Committee on the possible bylaw, it was decided that noise was the best criterion to use to ban the blowers. Subsequent collaboration late in 2024 with a larger group, including the Vineyard Conservation Society and Climate and Energy Committees of other Island towns, led to a sample bylaw that might be used in all Vineyard towns and placed on Spring 2025 town meeting warrants. In December, both the Energy and Climate Committees voted support for the bylaw and obtained Selectboard approval to place the bylaw on the 2025 Annual Town Warrant.

Other Projects

Microgrid on the Fire-Police Campus

At the 2023 Annual Town Meeting and following Town Election, voters approved a replacement for the Town's Firehouse. This new construction will provide an opportunity for a microgrid for resilience and cost savings on the Fire-Police campus using solar power and battery storage. To facilitate the planning for a microgrid including both the new firehouse and the Police Department's adjacent headquarters, the Energy Committee, working with Cape Light Compact, obtained a grant for the Town in September 2022 for \$10,585 from the Department

CAPE LIGHT COMPACT

To the Honorable Selectboard and Citizens of Edgartown,

Cape Light Compact JPE is an intergovernmental organization consisting of the 21 towns on Cape Cod and Martha's Vineyard and Duke's County. The Compact's mission is to serve our 205,000 customers through the delivery of proven energy efficiency programs, effective consumer advocacy, and renewable competitive electricity supply.

Effective July 1, 2017, the Cape Light Compact reorganized itself as a joint powers entity pursuant to Massachusetts General Law Chapter 40 Section 4A1/2, becoming the first joint powers entity in Massachusetts. Reorganizing as a joint powers entity protects member towns from potential liabilities and mandates greater financial accountability through expanded reporting requirements to the Massachusetts Department of Revenue and member Towns, and designation of Treasury functions to an independent entity.

POWER SUPPLY

During calendar year 2024 (CY24), the Compact's power supplier for all residential, commercial, and industrial customers was NextEra Energy Services of Massachusetts (NextEra). The Compact is pleased that our residential price in CY24 remained below the utility's basic service residential price, while also being 100% renewable.

The Compact has been a green aggregation since January 2017, matching Compact power supply customers' annual electricity usage above the mandated state requirements with voluntary renewable energy certificates (RECs) to provide a 100% renewable product. By retiring RECs to match the Compact's customers' usage, Compact customers are financially supporting renewable energy resources, including resources located on Cape Cod. In addition, NextEra deposits all premiums paid for voluntary RECs, plus their supplier and retail fees (expected to total over \$3 million per year), into a trust fund to be used solely for the development of new renewable energy resources. By purchasing electricity through the Compact, all Compact power supply customers are supporting renewable energy and acting locally to combat climate change.

As part of its power 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 supply shortage of natural gas for electricity production during winter cold snaps, and therefore increases prices for electric generators, which is passed on to all New England power supply customers. Until such time as this issue is resolved, either through additional natural gas, 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.

While power supply prices did not dramatically spike this past winter (2023-2024) and are not anticipated to spike for the upcoming winter (2024-2025), they remain elevated when compared to past years 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 2024, the Compact had approximately 4,557 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 CY24, 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 CY24, the Compact participated in monthly AMI stakeholder working group sessions that were required as part of the DPU's order in this docket regarding TVR and data access for competitive

suppliers.

Cape Cod Capital Investment Project (DPU Docket 22-55): The Compact participated in this docket advocating for the approval of Eversource's Cape Cod Capital Investment Project (CIP). The Cape Cod CIP seeks to resolve the significant barriers to interconnection faced by distributed energy resource facilities, such as solar PV, requesting to interconnect to the electric power system in the Cape Cod and Martha's Vineyard area. In CY24, the DPU issued an Order approving the Cape Cod CIP.

Municipal Aggregation Investigation (DPU Docket 23-67): The Compact and several other Massachusetts cities and towns participated in an investigation the DPU opened into Municipal Aggregation. Specifically, the DPU proposed a draft Guideline and Template Plan for Municipal Aggregations that the Compact viewed as being overly prescriptive.

The Compact, in collaboration with a group of stakeholders, advocated for recognition of municipal control and decision-making in the operation of aggregations and was ultimately successful in securing updates to the proposed Guidelines that allow for the flexibility required to effectively operate its Program.

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 CY24, the DPU issued an Order approving Eversource's ESMP. Many of the issues of interest to the Compact will be addressed through Phase II of the proceeding which will begin in January 2025.

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.

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. The redesigned CVEO will serve approximately 55 non-gas heated low- and moderate-income participants, installing cold climate heat pumps and solar PV. A limited number of customers will also receive battery storage. As of August 2024, the program was fully subscribed.

In February 2024, the Compact received a second round of funding from the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center to launch Phase 2 of its Income Eligible E-bike Program. Under Phase 2, the Compact issued vouchers to income-eligible participants that can be used at participating bike shops. Depending on the customer's income-eligibility, a standard voucher covers 75% of the cost of a Class 1 e-bike, up to \$1,200, and an enhanced voucher covers 90% of the cost of a Class 1 e-bike, up to \$1,500. As of August 2024, the Compact had issued all vouchers for which it received funding under Phase 2, approximately 250 vouchers.

ENERGY EFFICIENCY

Funding for the energy efficiency programs (i.e. energy assessments for homes and businesses, rebates on the purchase of energy efficient appliances and energy education in our schools) comes from the monthly customer "energy conservation" charge on each customers' electric bill, which is multiplied by the number of kilowatt hours used during the month (\$2.091 for residential customers and \$1.179 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 2024 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.

2024 Accomplishments

Zoning Bylaw updates to respond to climate change

- Climate Committee Chair Julia Livingston is also Chair of the Zoning Bylaw Review Committee created and appointed by the Planning Board
- The Planning Board approved submission of 8 zoning bylaw changes for the April 2024 Town Meeting warrant, with 3 bylaws which were climate related:
 - * Tree Protection Amendment - withdrawn by the Planning Board and sent back to the Zoning Bylaw Review Committee to re-orient the amendment to the regulation of clear cutting - revised amendment submitted for the 2025 Annual Town Meeting.
 - * Impervious Surface Lot Coverage Limitation - defeated
 - * Residential Lot Intensity (“big house”) bylaw-approved This limits the aggregate amount of Gross Floor Area of residential structures on a lot to 10,000 square feet, or 12,000 square feet if the only fossil fuel use is for a backup generator, all buildings are either connected to the Town sewer or use an enhanced nitrogen removal septic system, and all driveways and parking areas have permeable surfaces

Climate Committee participation in Edgartown Master Plan and Harbor Management Plan

- Climate Committee Chair Julia Livingston continued to participate in the final stages of the new Edgartown Master Plan. She advocated for a plan to protect Dock Street and the Dock Street

parking lot from anticipated sea level rise and more intense and more frequent storms.

- Climate Committee Member Peter Kirn participates in Harbor Management Plan meetings. He advocated for including the electrification of the Chappy Ferry.

Climate Change Action Flyer updated for 2024 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
 - * Flyers available at Edgartown Library, Church Street and Triangle Post Offices, and Town Hall
 - * Town businesses were provided with flyers to display

Work with fellow Island towns’ 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 2024 Island Climate Action Fair at the Ag 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
- Leaf Blower Regulations Island Wide Weekly Zoom Meetings
 - * Participated in weekly zoom meetings with other Island towns’ Climate and Energy Committees, interested citizens and the Vineyard Conservation Society to create consistent Leaf Blower Regulations which all towns can submit for 2025 Town Meeting warrants
 - * Met with Edgartown Board of Health Agent and Assistant and with Acting Chief of Police to gain input and support for the proposed regulations prior

to article submission

- * Met with several landscape companies to request input and support prior to article submission
- * Planned multiple public information sessions to alert and inform town residents/homeowners/landscapers/businesses of the proposed regulations in advance of Town Meeting

Continued Conversations with Town Department Chairs

- 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
- Department meetings included:
 - * Board of Health: As of September 2024, our Health Agent and Assistant are already implementing CAP actions and incorporating them into their work plan with a focus on education and compliance. They now offer English and Portuguese fertilizer/pesticide application class required for licensing, and note dual language communication of all public health info is essential. They are also working with all island communities on septic guidelines education to include septic use and maintenance.
 - * Fire Department and the Climate Committee shared concerns about increasing forest fire risk from lack of maintenance in the State Forest, especially given the increase in frequency and scale of fires across the country and in Canada. The Climate Committee wrote and called the offices of both Representative Dylan Fernandes and Senator Julian Cyr requesting action to remove dead trees and brush from the State Forest in coordination with the MV Fire Chiefs, and remains in contact with the MVC State Forest Task Force about its efforts. The Climate Committee contacted newly elected State Representative Thomas Moakley who is aware of and shares the fire risk concerns and is responsive. The Climate Committee attended the DCR 'listening session' at the Regional High School, and is monitoring the DCR's plans to remove the stand of white pines which has received mixed reviews.
 - * Council on Aging is planning a Feasibility Study to identify the best options for their future building needs. Ongoing street flooding, traffic, and inaccessibility create hurdles at the current Anchors building. Also, the Council on Aging continues to work with the Police and Fire Departments to build a database of vulnerable older adult residents to be managed by Chief Schaeffer, the Town Emergency

Manager.

- * Board of Trade has a project to develop cohesive signage for the whole Town, and the Climate Committee suggested signage relating to historic and predicted storm tides and sea levels and was encouraged to forward a proposal for that kind of signage after the first round of signage which will be safety oriented and focused on pedestrians, bikes and cars. The Climate Committee suggested signs indicating the location of public EV chargers and the Park and Ride and VTA shuttle service to try to mitigate the number of cars circling downtown seeking parking.
- * Affordable Housing Committee included Climate Committee on their March agenda. The Climate Committee shared 4 climate issues which are germane to housing planning: 1. reduce use of fossil fuels; 2. reuse existing buildings and minimize disturbance of otherwise undisturbed land; 3. enable sewer connection or addition of Innovative Alternative (IA) Septic Systems to existing 1500 gallon septic in order to stop nitrogen from entering the watershed and causing harmful algae blooms; 4. locate housing near public transportation and town centers to reduce reliance on private automobiles. The Affordable Housing Committee Chairman noted that the delay in the Meshacket Road housing project enabled design improvements, and the project will have solar panels and electric heat pumps.
- * Shellfish Department discussed the effect that the Southerly storms had on their projects. The Climate Committee asked about the oyster reef projects that are ongoing for Nantucket and New York City, and the Shellfish Department agreed that it would be worth looking into this, possibly for the Fuller Street Beach area or in Sengekontacket or the Edgartown Great Pond.
- * Police Department: Early in the year Chief McNamee directed our attention to the need to make the Chappy Ferry more resilient to sea level rise and more frequent high winds. The Police Department sometimes is in the position of relying on the Harbormaster for transportation to Chappy when there is a need and the Chappy Ferry is not available. Also, the Police Department usually replaces 2 vehicles a year. They cannot yet purchase electric vehicles because of concerns about the availability of service and repair facilities on the Island. Later in the year the committee met with Acting (and now new) Chief Dolby to get his input on the proposed leaf blower regulations and discuss police enforcement of the regulations as part of the Town's Noise Code. Chief Dolby attended the January leaf blower public information session

which the Climate and Energy Committees held.

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 very valuable 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 climate change. We remain committed to helping our community adapt to and plan for the harmful effects of climate change.

Respectfully Submitted,
JULIA LIVINGSTON, Chair
KEVIN LOUGHLIN, Associate Chair
JENNIFER BLUM
JOSEY KIRKLAND
PETER KIRN

Climate Change

2024

Edgartown climate actions this year:

- Edgartown voted at Town Meeting to ban the sale of "nip" bottles to cut down on single use plastic and reduce litter across the Island.
- Edgartown voters approved funds to develop and propose updates to the Zoning Bylaw to enable the Town to respond to ongoing climate change.
- Edgartown is now part of the Massachusetts Green Communities program. A Green Communities grant will provide LED lighting at the Edgartown School and contribute to the cost of six new pumps for the wastewater treatment plant, significantly reducing Town electricity use.
- The Town's ranking matrix for capital programs was updated to include a 10% weight value for projects that support climate resiliency.
- A ten acre solar array is in the works at the capped Meshacket landfill. It will generate roughly 4.8 million kilowatt hours of energy per year, saving more than 3,400 metric tons of carbon dioxide emissions.



2024

Climate Change

Actions you can take:

- **REFUSE** items which will become trash; **REDUCE** what you use/ buy; **REUSE** what you can; **RECYCLE** what you can't reuse.
- Bring **reusable** shopping bags and recycle clean plastic bags at Stop & Shop.
- **Shop local** to support Island farms, local fisheries, and small businesses and to reduce your carbon footprint.
- Buy a shellfish license and **harvest** some shellfish.
- Carry a personal **water bottle** and go to vineyardconservation.org/tap-map to find FREE water bottle refill stations.
- **Compost** food scraps; don't put grease down the drain; and don't use a garbage disposal.
- **Use less water** to wash dishes, shower, shave, and brush your teeth.
- **Only** toilet tissue goes 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 our **electric** public buses and bike or walk when possible.
- **Keep 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.

2024 Wild Commercial Shellfish harvest:

Species	Quantity Harvested
Bay Scallops	*5,417 bushels
Oysters	19,000 pieces
Steamer Clams	44 bushels
Quahogs	889 bushels

**Commercial Bay Scallop harvest is reported for the 2023/2024 Season. October 30, 2023- March 31, 2024.*

2024 Oyster (Aquaculture) harvest: Oyster farmers in Edgartown harvested a total of 12,680 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.

2024 Recreational Shellfish Harvest:

Species	Quantity Harvested
Bay Scallops	150 bushels
Oysters	197 bushels
Steamer Clams	44 bushels
Quahogs	711 bushels

The 2024/2025 recreational bay scallop season began on October 1st 2024. The season began with an excellent bay scallop harvest from Cape Pogue

and Sengekontacket Ponds. This bumper crop of bay scallops indicates that there was good survival of last year's exceptional seed set. During the first two months of the recreational season 112 bushels of scallops were harvested.

The 2024/2025 commercial bay scallop season began on October 21, 2024. The majority of the commercial bay scallop catch came from Cape Pogue, with 25-30 limits taken daily. There was also a commercial bay scallop harvest in Sengekontacket Pond, with 2-3 limits taken daily by dip net during the beginning of the season.

Commercial and recreational harvest of quahogs takes place in Edgartown mostly in the warmer months. A handful of commercial fishermen rake quahogs in Sengekontacket and Cape 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 twelve 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.

2024 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 fourth year in a row, scallop seed was overwintered and grown to adult size. Growing bay scallops to adult and large seed size improves survival rate when planted. Seeing an abundant scallop population in Sengekontacket and Cape Pogue is very encouraging, and has led the department to expand its work with bay scallop grow out next season.

The Shellfish Department continued to assist the Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries and the MV Commission with water sampling. The DMF tests all shellfish 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 2024 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 Adam with the IT department and everyone else who helped to create the online shellfish license purchasing system for the Town of Edgartown. The ability to purchase licenses online has been a great service for people looking to go shellfishing in Edgartown, and in its second year has proven to create more license sales for the Town. 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, Parker and Marissa, for the summer of 2024.

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. And Seasonal Deputies: Ralph Peckham and Ron Domurat.

Respectfully Submitted,

ROB MORRISON
Shellfish Constable



MV SHELLFISH GROUP

To the Honorable Selectboard and Citizens of Edgartown,

MVSG is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization formed in 1976 to preserve, enhance and restore shellfish resources on Martha's Vineyard. MVSG believes that shellfish are essential to 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. In 2024, the fee was \$40,000 and all six Island towns were members of MVSG. To make up the other 40% of our annual budget, funding was received through contracts, grants or donations from both government agencies, private foundations and over 300 individual donors. Our annual spring fundraiser at the Chilmark Community Center—the Bivalve Ball—hosted 250 guests and raised \$25,800. 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 spawns local shellfish to produce seed for the town propagation programs and participate in fisheries research. In 2024 MVSG



Summer staff watching the spawning table in Solar Hatchery in Tisbury.

produced over 23 million quahogs, bay scallops and oysters that were provided to the towns at 1-3mm in size. West Tisbury lacks quahog and scallop habitat, and so receives only oyster seed. The remaining five towns receive quahog and scallop seed only. The town shellfish departments use nursery systems to grow the tiny shellfish to a larger size and then plant in their respective shellfish habitat, each fall. Recreational and commercial harvesters benefit from annual shellfish stocking by fortifying natural resources and local food. For the first time in many years, MVSG produced an additional 1.5 million oyster seed for local farmers who were at the mercy of a regional seed shortage.

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

16 years. The addition of aged shell to the Great Ponds hardens the bottoms, providing a calcium-rich substrate that acts like an antacid against acidic mud, and provides a hard surface for wild oyster larvae to cement to and grow.



Hatchery grown oysters

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 2024, **11,167 gallons** of local 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 on the retail market.

Eelgrass restoration efforts, supported in part by the Vineyard Vision Fellowship, continue to grow. This year, more seeds were collected, site mapping continued and MVSG was tapped by the National Parks Service to cooperate with genetic sampling, and DMF to conduct a flowering shoot density survey. For the fourth-year, eelgrass seedlings emerged in the unheated greenhouse at the Hughes Hatchery.

MVSG provided education and outreach in 2024 through school visits, afterschool clubs, community programs and collaboration with local agencies. MVSG staff engaged **4,123 individuals**



with the history, culture, and biology of shellfish on Martha's Vineyard. A highlight was 30 volunteers in field and lab work by emphasizing place-based, hands-on learning and participatory science for all ages across 60 events, as well as a collaborative down-island talk series, and collaboration to utilize a NOAA eeBLUE grant to expand Aquaculture Literacy.

MVSG operates three distinct facilities, in

collaboration with other entities, in order to fulfil our mission. This year, the Chappy Point Nursery on Chappaquiddick, a M.V. Land Bank property, received new siding and windows on the ocean-facing side, and the John T. Hughes Hatchery, a state-owned property received a new roof.

MVSG lost one of our greatest advocates when Virginia (Ginny) Jones passed away in November. Jones, a long-time member and chair of the West Tisbury Shellfish Committee, fought tirelessly for preservation of the Vineyard's rural character and environmental health, including the role of shellfish in both. MVSG was honored to have Ginny attend (and approve of) a pondside program in October, where West Tisbury's propagation agent and the Chilmark Constable taught 15 attendees about the shared municipal oyster farm in Tisbury Great Pond.



In 2025, we look forward to continuing community programming and school visits, increasing the climate resiliency and capacity of our hatcheries, studying an emergent bay scallop parasite with Stony Brook University, and monitoring Dermo disease in the Great Ponds. 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 and join our mailing list and stay involved! Visit www.mvshellfishgroup.org, call (508) 693-0391 or email mvshellfishgroup@gmail.com.



Visit our website for more

Respectfully submitted,
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Shellfish Seed Produced and Distributed in 2024					
	Total Bay Scallops	Total Quahogs	Oysters remote set	Oyster singles	Surf Clams
Edgartown, Tisbury, Oak Bluffs, Aquinnah, Chilmark	11,100,000	11,500,000	-	-	-
West Tisbury (Great Pond) ¹	-	-	5,000,000	720,000	-
Wampanoag Tribe NRD ²	95,000	50,000	-	-	-
Local growers ²	25,000	-	-	1,400,000	-
Stony Brook University ³	2,000	-	-	-	-
Chatham ²	-	500,000	-	-	-
Edgartown Great Pond ³	-	-	2,000,000	5,000	-
SEMAC/NOAA/NMFS ²	-	-	-	-	215,000
Total Seed	11,222,000	12,050,000	7,000,000	2,125,000	215,000
Univ. of Rhode Island ³	-	-	5,000,000 (larvae)		-
Eggs released	2,000,000	32,000,000	446,000,000	-	-
Larvae released	11,300,000	-	15,400,000	-	-
Provided under: ¹ West Tisbury sole oyster share ² contract; ³ grant funding					
Education & Outreach Numbers for 2024					
	School-based engagement	On-site engagement	All ages in-person small groups	All ages large events	Total engagement
Participants	521	252	1655	1720	4,148
Events	33	33	56	5	127
Shell Recovery Partnership Numbers for 2024					
	Hughes Hatchery	Restaurants	Other events	Total participants & volume	
Participants	1	13	3	17 locations	
Gallons	797	9,542	828.5	11,167.5 gallons	
Eelgrass Program Numbers for 2024 and 2023					
	Collaborating organizations	Seeds collected & planted	Shoots collected & planted	Underwater restoration area (Lagoon Pond & Tashmoo)	
2023	7	2,000	800	10 m ²	
2024	12	12,000	1,000	20 m ²	

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

To the Honorable Selectboard and the Citizens of Edgartown,

In one of its primary and founding capacities as the administrator and enforcer of the Massachusetts wetlands Protection Act and the Edgartown Wetlands bylaw, the Conservation Commission reviews proposed projects within 200 feet of any resource area, and within 300 feet of a resource area in the Great Pond overlay district. This year the Commission received 80 Notices of Intent (61 last year) and 12 Requests for Determination of Applicability (11 last year) for a total of 27 meetings.

Much of the Commission's attention and meeting time was the review of TTOR's applications for Wasque/Leland and Cape Pogue Wildlife Refuge. These meetings were attended by many interested parties and spanned 10 public meetings over many months. At least 180 written comments were submitted by the public and interested parties and many oral comments were voiced as well. The Commission allowed access by OSV's dependent on weather conditions, trail conditions, and staffing, among other things consistent with State regulations and guidelines. TTOR has appealed the Commission's decisions to DEP and we are awaiting a site visit by DEP staff and their critique of the conditions the Commission imposed on the type and level of use for OSV access. Ms. Varkonda was appointed to the Cape Pogue DCPC committee and attended their monthly meetings.

The Commissioners and community was saddened by the death of longtime Conservation Commissioner Christina Brown in May. Christina joined the Commission in 1984 and for forty years worked tirelessly on many significant property acquisitions such as, the Waller Farm, Katama Farm, and Katama Airfield. Her efforts included keeping active on many of the subcommittees and stewardship efforts to maintain and improve the properties she worked so hard to preserve. Her institutional knowledge and love for all of nature's creatures will be fondly remembered and honored.

This office, as with many others in town, were stunned to witness the damage inflicted on the south shore of Edgartown after a series of unexpected and unprecedented storms walloped the beaches, dunes and landward infrastructure. Three storms, some with waves offshore at the highest levels recently recorded, battered the south shore from Norton Point to Oyster Pond over a one-month period. Town departments came together to repair damage to the left fork and Atlantic Drive, removing debris, sand,

boardwalks, fencing and assessing damage to the left fork bath house and the Donnelly shack. Ms. Varkonda and Ms. Shemeth were instrumental in securing the emergency permit needed to excavate the her-ring creek and dredging of the Katama channel in effort to restore the flow of the creek and get some much needed sand on the leveled portions of Norton Point and South Beach. Staff at DEP were understanding and helpful in resolving issues regarding marine fisheries concerns with much input from Rob Morrison, Shellfish Warden and Marine Biologist. Sand from these areas was placed and sculpted into dunes, with technical assistance from the Woods Hole Group. Restored areas were planted with beach grass and snowfence to help stabilize the area and create limited trails to the shore. Private contractors such as Keene's, Handy Trucking and Clover Landscaping were instrumental in the restoration efforts. Without the town's dredge and crew, this project would have never gotten off the ground.

Ms Shemeth assisted Ms Varkonda with a presentation regarding these storms, our restoration efforts and subsequent retreat from the immediate shoreline to the Cape Cod and Martha's Vineyard Coastal Conference sponsored by the State Coastal Zone Management office in October 2024.

Ms. Varkonda and Ms. Shemeth assisted the Park Department with the management of Norton Point in accordance with the Beach Management plan. For the second season of the town's management of wildlife, OSVs and beach goers on Norton Point. They both spent a considerable amount of time on the beach delineating habitat, routing trails around sensitive habitat and locating and monitoring nesting and hatched birds as part of our responsibility to protect listed species such as the piping plover, least, common and roseate terns. Although the birds did not match the successes from the previous season, it was expected as the beach was completely different from last year, and the birds faced challenges with a beach with limited areas to hide from predators and take shelter during storm events. Predators, including birds of prey, also led to low productivity. The town hired an outside consultant to trap skunks and rats that regularly marched up and down the beach finding and eating many eggs and young birds. More intense work on predator control and removal is anticipated this season.

Our lease holders at Katama Farm, TTOR and the farm institute (which runs the summer and year round programming for children and adults), Slough Farm (who with assists with the flerd for the summer

program and the friendship garden. Morning Glory farms cattle and pigs continue to work and improve the agricultural fields and produce animal products grown and made available locally. They also hayed some fields and worked on hand removal and moving of invasive vegetation and other plants eager to take over the open fields. Grey barn continues to work on their lease at the western end of the southern field. The Commission plans to hold a public review of the leases this winter or early spring.

Biodiversity Works continues to monitor and manage the shorebirds that nest in the vicinity of the Edgartown Lighthouse in a longstanding partnership with the town since 2011. Four pairs of plovers nested and fledged 14 chicks, setting a record for piping plover on the Vineyard in 2024. Least terns were not as lucky with 8 nests all depredated by skunks. In comparison 3 of the 4 plover nests and chicks were protected by exclosures. Two determined least terns who used the site for feeding and loafing did nest again later in the season and one lone chick survived.

Ms. Varkonda and Ms. Shemeth attend Marine Advisory Committee meetings and area working with the MAC on the longstanding public access to the shoreline at the Atlantic and the town access rights to the Harborside waterfront.

The town dredge and the dredge committee con-

tinues to prove the importance of owning a dredge. Edgartown and the County of Barnstable own and operate the only 3 public dredges in the State. Our regulatory agencies, those who grant permits for the dredging have instituted additional and somewhat onerous requirements to renew our permits. Nothing has changed in the dredging locations, yet DEP and the Army Corps are requiring all new testing and chemical and grain size analysis which costs many tens of thousands of dollars, money that towns don't have. Ms. Varkonda attends the dredge meetings and she and Ms. Shemeth have been assisting the committee in reaching out to the regulatory agency staff in efforts to cut through and limit some of the issues that have resulted in failure of the agencies to renew our dredging permits.

The Conservation Commission thanks the Edgartown Highway Department, Parks Department, dredge Commission and crew, harbormasters office, Planning Board, Shellfish Office, Building Department and MV Landbank for their continued support and cooperation in protecting the town's natural resources and working together to ensure that the community will be able to enjoy them for years to come.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD VINCENT, JR.,
Chair

CAPE POGUE DCPC COMMITTEE

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

The Cape Pogue District of Critical Planning Concern Advisory Committee is pleased to report upon its third year of meetings.

The District of Critical Planning Concern was first established in order to prevent damage to structures, land, and water as a result of erosion; to preserve and enhance the character of views, to maintain the quality of well water, to prevent pollution, to enhance and protect recreation uses, to minimize adverse impacts of recreational use, to protect the quality of adjacent fin and shell fisher industries, and to maintain and enhance the fishing economy and promote and protect wildlife habitats. The Advisory Committee, as established by the Martha's Vineyard Commission, exists to advise regarding issues affecting the District, to propose studies of regional uses of Cape Pogue, and propose amended district guidelines concerning wildlife management and recreation and work with all property owners involved. We foster cooperation in management of public and private lands in the District, advise the Planning Board on applications for Special Permits, and propose wildlife management and recreational guidelines.

In 2024, the Committee continued its work of reaching out to and building relationships with other stakeholder groups. It continued to receive updates on the system of centralized reporting of complaints and violations within the District. The Committee also continued to discuss NOI SE20-1702, and SE20-1703, the Notice of Intent currently under review for Cape Pogue for continued recreational uses as it makes its way through various regulatory processes, as well as other current and future projects occurring within the District. It also continued to receive reports and updates regarding the shellfish season. 2024 has been a particularly excellent scallop season. The Committee also received updates by the town and TTOR to determine responsibility for repairs to the Dyke Bridge repair; and regarding efforts by the town and TTOR to use available dredge spoils to remediate trails within the DCPC. In March of 2024 The Committee formed a subcommittee , consisting

of Matt Pelikan, Jane Varkonda, Matt Bass and Darci Schofield. Charged originally with “developing and proposing district guidelines for required resources necessary for recreational OSV corridors” in March of 2024, the subcommittee’s charge evolved in the May 2024 to “considering beach and beach bird management wildlife guidelines in the context of the specific values of the DCPC designation, and make recommendations to the full DCPC committee with regard to any potential changes or recommendations on what we need for clarifying language”. In December 2024 a special meeting was held to work out one subcommittee’s proposed changes, a change to the district guidelines to allow for the use of pesticides and herbicides in exceptional circumstances. This proposed change in language was forwarded to the Edgartown Planning Board for consideration in generating proposed changes to the Edgartown Zoning Bylaw to allow for the use of pesticides and herbicides within the DCPC when very specific occasions may warrant said use. The Committee voted on and passed a motion to recommend that its proposed changes be adopted and the bylaw be amended.

All minutes and agenda materials are available on the Town of Edgartown’s website at: <https://www.edgartown-ma.us/downloads/-folder-487>

In November of 2024 after three years as Chair, Rachel Self gave notice that she would be stepping down as Chair in January 2025 due to anticipated need to focus all her bandwidth and attention to her job protecting and defending immigrants in the coming years. Matt Pelikan was voted in as the new Chair in January 2025.

The Committee would once again like to thank all those who offered their invaluable input during its meetings over the course of the year — particularly members of the public, whose commentary and engagement is essential to the achievement of the Committee’s mission.

Respectfully Submitted:

RACHEL M. SELF, Chair

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

To the Honorable Selectboard and Citizens of Edgartown,

The Edgartown Beautification Committee warmly welcomes the coming year. 2024 proved to be a year of progress and collaboration, and looks forward to continuing the momentum in 2025.

The Committee developed and refined the revitalization plan for Cannonball Park, informed by the Parks Department. The group continues to seek outside funding opportunities to implement these improvements, which aim to better utilize the stately park that connects downtown and Upper Main Street.

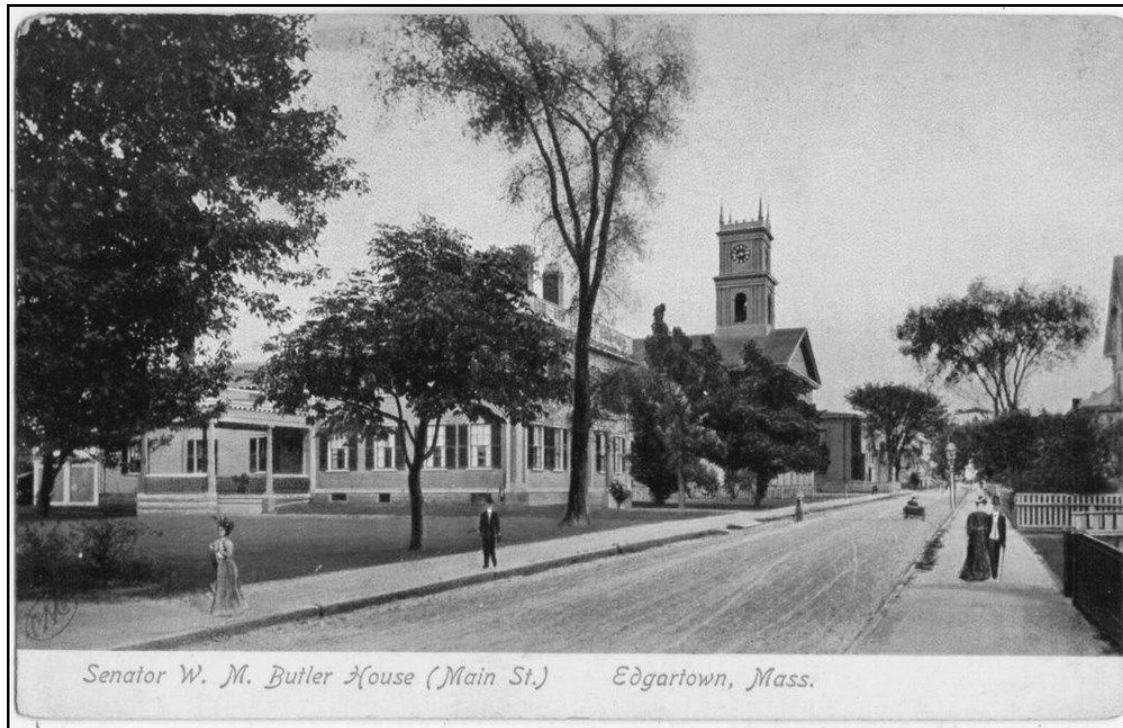
Throughout town the Committee continues the subtle, but appreciated, work of seasonal flower

baskets, welcoming plantings at Edgartown's entrance points, and maintaining spaces enjoyed by all across town.

Dedicated plaques on town benches and lampposts, as well as engraved bricks at Whale's Tail Park, are still available to the general public for personal dedication. If you are interested in this meaningful way to honor someone, please inquire about availability, or view the town website for additional details.

Respectfully Submitted

ERIN READY, Chair



PARKS DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Selectboard and the Citizens of Edgartown,

The Park Commissioners had a very busy 2024, and with the full-time hirings of Beach Director David Espindle and Assistant Beach Director Anthony Cimeno, along with the continued efforts of Administrative Assistant Jessica McGroarty, the Parks Department is transforming into a robust year-round department, with a constant focus on managing the properties and recreation at South Beach, Norton Point, the Robinson Road Recreation Area, the Bend in the Road, Wilson's Landing and Cannonball Park.

2024 began with a significant emergency beach and dune restoration project across South Beach, following storms in December and January. With the help of the Dredge Department and Conservation Commission, the Parks Department undertook and completed a lengthy and significant dune rebuild to restore adequate protection to both South Beach and Atlantic Drive. In addition to this, the Parks Department managed the demolition of The Donnelly Shack at Right Fork after it became clear that erosion was placing the long-time beach headquarters in imminent danger of destruction. The department redesigned and relocated its beach operations to a series of temporary structures at the Right Fork grass parking lot. The summer and fall seasons at South Beach proved to be both busy and successful with many thousands of beach patrons enjoying the area with the support of our team of lifeguards and rangers.

In our second year of management of Norton Point, significant winter weather briefly caused a second breach in the barrier beach between Katama and Chappaquidick. Ultimately both breaches closed and unified the land connection to Chappy. As endangered shorebirds worked to navigate these new developments along the shoreline, the Department worked closely with the Conservation Department and the Massachusetts Audubon Society to help track and manage these birds per State and Federal guidelines. With their guidance and a capable staff of rangers, the we were able to keep a significant portion of Norton Point open to OSV traffic for nearly the entirety of the high season. In the fall, we were even able to secure OSV access along the entire property for the annual fishing derby. This resulted in a high number of beach access permits purchased this season. The Parks Department, with the help of the Conservation Department, continues to expand our knowledge and practices of how to best manage the property and the shorebirds each season and looks forward to another successful summer at the property

in 2025.

The Robinson Road Recreation Area redevelopment project made significant progress in 2024 and is moving at a faster pace. An easement for a change of roadway access was granted and a construction access road was approved and created. The Parks Department has hired a project manager (CHA) and a design firm (Warner Larsen) as we move forward with our vision for the Rec. Area. We are working closely with the Boys and Girls Club and the Edgartown School with ambitions of breaking ground by this fall.

The Bend in the Road Beach was a popular destination for families this summer. In August, two town lifeguards stationed there were complimented for their assistance of town EMS personnel in the response to a significant moped and vehicle accident in the area.

Wilson's Landing remains an important area for boaters, kayakers and shellfishing. We are constantly working to improve the area so it may be enjoyed by all. Cannonball Park's improvement will continue as the department works closely with the Beautification Committee to open and revitalize this park.

The commissioners would like to thank our lifeguard staff: Brooks Jordan; Head Lifeguard, Avery Newcomer; Assistant Head lifeguard, Lizzie Williamson; Assistant Head Lifeguard, Bryce Beal, Matthew Casey, Kenya Clark, Riley Coffey, Cassidy Coffee, William Cronin, Ryan Driscoll, Shea Driscoll, William Durawa, Bailey Herrmann, Madelyn Kohler, Sophia Manning, Aquinnah McDermott, Lucia McMullen, Sean O'Neill, Charlie Reed, Catherine Riseborough, Braden Sayles, Chris Rickard, Matthew Rickard, and Samara Walshe.

We would also like to thank the Park Patrol Rangers: Gene Townes, Donald Herman, Benjamin Albro, Blake Axtell, Jim Cilfone, Benjamin Brittle, Garrett Rice, Kevin Morris, Kierstin Healey, Summer O'Neill, Andrew Sullivan, Chuck Lewis, Spencer Linton, Isabel O'Donnell and Amelia Anslow. Thank you for keeping the beaches safe and clean.

The commissioners would like to thank the Edgartown Highway Department, The Edgartown Fire & EMS Department, the Edgartown Police Department, the Harbormaster, the Selectboard and the Citizens of Edgartown.

Respectfully Submitted,
JANE VARKONDA, Chair
GLEN SEARLE
ANDREW KELLY

MV LAND BANK EDGARTOWN ADVISORY BOARD

To the Honorable Selectboard and Citizens of Edgartown,

Three properties occupied the board's attention in 2024.

The land bank signed a contract with Gerry Jeffers' heirs for his land on Chappaquiddick Road. A cleanup is underway and a closing is expected in 2025.

The second was an addition to the Quammox Preserve. \$1,100,000 bought seven acres off of Wasque Road, abutting existing conservation land. The land comprised two lots, one owned by the Vineyard Open Land Foundation and the other by the heirs of Vance and Virginia Packard. The transaction would have cost more but the Packard family donated back \$150,000 of their price. A two-mile trail loop was accomplished with the acquisition, which includes a length along Katama Bay.

Edo Potter was a long-serving land bank commissioner — and also served as a selectman,

planning board member and conservation commissioner. Her family property, Pimpneymouse Farm, was divided among its eight heirs in 2024 and five sold their portions to conservation. The Sheriff's Meadow Foundation paid \$5,731,776 to purchase 83 acres, which included a good deal of salt-marsh, and the land bank paid \$8,000,000 to purchase 87 acres. The land bank acreage was split between the Poucha Pond Reservation and Trentfield Farm.

The land bank sold its former office, at 167 Main Street, to the town for \$1,550,000. Because the town was the buyer, the land bank discounted the price.

Each of the land bank's town advisory boards, including Edgartown's, reviewed and approved the land bank budget. Anyone wishing to make recommendations or suggestions is invited to join the board at one of its meetings.

Respectfully submitted,
MICHAEL DONAROMA, Chair

MV LAND BANK

To the Honorable Selectboard and Citizens of Edgartown,

4206 acres, representing 7% of Martha's Vineyard, have been conserved by the land bank since voters created it in 1986. Please visit them; maps are available at town halls and libraries; online at www.mvlandbank.com; and at the land bank office in Edgartown.

Acquisitions

A prize for the most wicked title? When Henry Bradley died in 1889 he left six children, who ignored his 5.0-acre woodlot on the Red Coat Hill Path. 120 years hence, the forgotten woodlot became a priority for the land bank, as it abutted its Ripley's Field Preserve — but by that time his heirs' heirs had had heirs. And most were untraceable. Through dint of effort the land bank managed to secure a quid of the title, at a cost of \$15,805; in 2024 the probate court, acting on behalf of the unknown balance and via a designated commissioner, sold the remainder to the land bank for \$291,276.30.

The land bank purchased the Chilmark Associates Trust's 5.4-acre pond lot off the East Pasture Road for \$995,000. Because the trust had used it for years as riparian access, the property, now named the East Pasture Preserve, came to the land bank already pre-managed, requiring only the upgrading of existing infrastructure. A stream, carved into the slope, wigwags under multiple boardwalks as it drips down to the salt-marsh.

Pimpneymouse Farm was divided among its heirs, five of whom opted to sell their portions into conservation. Four of the five are the children of Edith Potter, who served the land bank until 2015 — on the land bank commission starting in 1990 but on its Edgartown town advisory board starting at inception in 1986. The conservation area was trisected: the Sheriff's Meadow Foundation (SMF), the land bank's private-sector counterpart, purchased 83.2 acres, while the land bank added 56.1 acres to its existing Poucha Pond Reservation and consolidated 30.7 acres into a new property called Trentfield Farm. A mile of Poucha Pond shoreline was conserved in the former and 17 acres of arable land, ready for leasing, were protected in the latter. The land bank paid \$8,000,000.

SMF's Packard Preserve, on the Wasque Road, rises forty feet off its Katama Bay beach, with a westerly orientation over the water. The land bank bolstered the preserve by purchasing two lots at its

rear, comprising 6.9 acres. The sellers of each — the heirs of Vance and Virginia Packard for the southerly lot and the Vineyard Open Land Foundation for the northerly — had been in litigation and the conservation sale quelled the dispute. The pricing was attractive ... and then the Packard family took the extra measure of donating back \$150,000. The land bank's total outlay was \$1,100,000 and the acreage has been assimilated into its Quammox Preserve. The purchase, combined with an earlier and generous gift of a trail easement from neighbor Harold Wilmerding, creates a 2.0-mile trail loop, which includes a stretch on the beach itself.

The Town of Edgartown purchased the land bank's former office at 167 Main Street in Edgartown center. The price, discounted by the land bank for the particular buyer, was \$1,550,000.

Land management

Ecological inventories and studies continued at many land bank properties: Aquinnah Headlands Preserve, Black Brook Preserve, Christiantown Woods Preserve, Cove Meadow Preserve, Eachpoquassit Hill Preserve, East Pasture Preserve, Edgartown Great Pond Beach, Gay Head Moraine, Great Rock Bight Preserve, Manaquayak Preserve, Ocean View Farm Preserve, Paint Mill Brook Preserve, Peaked Hill Reservation, Pecoy Point Preserve, Pennywise Preserve, Priester's Pond Preserve, Poucha Pond Reservation, Quenonica Preserve, Squibnocket Pond Reservation, Tashmoo Preserve, Tisbury Great Pond Beach, Tisbury Meadow Preserve, Trade Wind Fields Preserve, Trentfield Farm, Waskosim's Rock Reservation and Wilfrid's Pond Preserve.

Ponds figured prominently. Trails were installed or improved at Caleb's Pond (Caleb's Pond Preserve) and Menemsha Pond (East Pasture Preserve) ... but the premier pond event was the first-ever summertime access to the James Pond Preserve and its beach along Lamberts Cove.

Hundreds of pounds of scotch broom — glossy, florid, xenophonically invasive — were uprooted at the Three Ponds Reservation. On the opposite end of the island, an opposite clearing occurred: in order to create living space for the Vineyard-endemic cleft-leaved hawthorn, staff pared back encroaching vegetation. Vista management — to broaden scenic views — took place at the Farm Pond Preserve, Middle Ridge Preserve and Peaked Hill Reservation. Screening was supplied at James Pond and Christiantown Woods via cedars that were scooped

out of the Little Duarte's Pond Preserve.

The war on rot continued. Staff replaced the entire Fulling Mill Brook Preserve boardwalk system, and likewise the Chilmark Pond Preserve beach-stairs. The old belvedere at the Gay Head Moraine was pulled down and new kayak racks replaced the originals at the Quammos Preserve.

At last, all of the permits necessary for public access to the Squibnocket Pond Reservation were obtained — from the commonwealth endangered species office and from the town planning board plan review committee and conservation commission. The first spade hit the ground in November. Staff installed the trail that connects the Christiantown Woods Preserve with the Vineyard Sound, via SMF's Cedar Tree Neck Sanctuary. If the land bank can someday succeed in connecting Christiantown and its Manaquayak Preserve a continuous trail will span from Vineyard Haven center to Cedar Tree Neck. Management plans were approved or updated for the Quenomica and Tashmoo Preserves.

The land bank tacked. Its goat herd, which served the institution well for nine years in keeping

Preserve. Approximately 135 people participated in the cross-island trek. Some 99 started; 42 completed the entire hike. The route passed along 17 conservation properties and five named ancient ways.

Budget and related matters

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

As of December 1, 2024 the land bank treasury contained some \$12,100,000 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 36 transactions qualified for it in 2024. The 2025 threshold will likewise be \$900,000.

	fiscal year 2024 budgeted	fiscal year 2024 actual	fiscal year 2025 budgeted
<i>Cash amount and percentage of total</i>			
revenues	\$13,000,000	\$14,110,292	\$13,000,000 *
administrative expenses	(\$ 754,698) 6%	(\$ 684,990) 5%	(\$ 752,137) 6%
land management expenses	(\$ 2,771,535) 21%	(\$ 2,164,656) 15%	(\$ 3,120,099) 24%
debt service expenses	(\$ 8,190,837) 62%	(\$ 8,129,760) 58%	(\$ 8,390,487) 64%
reserve expenses	(\$ 50,000) 1%	(\$ 50,000) 0%	
unencumbered new receipts	\$ 1,232,930 10%	\$ 3,130,887 22%	\$ 787,275 6%

grassy its various wild fields, aged out and was sold at auction. Commissioners voted to swap goats for pineywoods cattle, who will strike the fields come spring 2025.

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

XIH

The 32nd annual XIH ranged 19.2 miles from the Hillman's Point Preserve to the Chilmark Pond

Gifts

The land bank gratefully accepted the following gifts: (1.) \$100 from Tammy Kallman, in memory of Wayne Kallman; (2.) \$50,000 from Carolyn and Randall Packard; (3.) \$50,000 from Cynthia and Harvey Richmond; and (4.) \$50,000 from Barbara Smith.

Transfer fee revenues

Fiscal Year 2024 transfer fee revenues were:

	transfer fee revenues received July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024	percent of total
Aquinnah fund	\$ 144,331	1 %
Chilmark fund	\$ 713,369	5 %
Edgartown fund	\$ 2,623,800	19 %
Oak Bluffs fund	\$ 1,365,851	10 %
Tisbury fund	\$ 1,485,343	10 %
West Tisbury fund	\$ 722,452	5 %
central fund	<u>\$ 7,055,146</u>	<u>50%</u>
	\$ 14,110,292	100%

This represented a 14% decrease over the previous year.

Commissioners and staff

One of the original “mothers of the land bank,” Pamela Goff, representing Chilmark, decided after 13 terms not to run again; her leadership was long appreciated. And the land bank suffered another loss

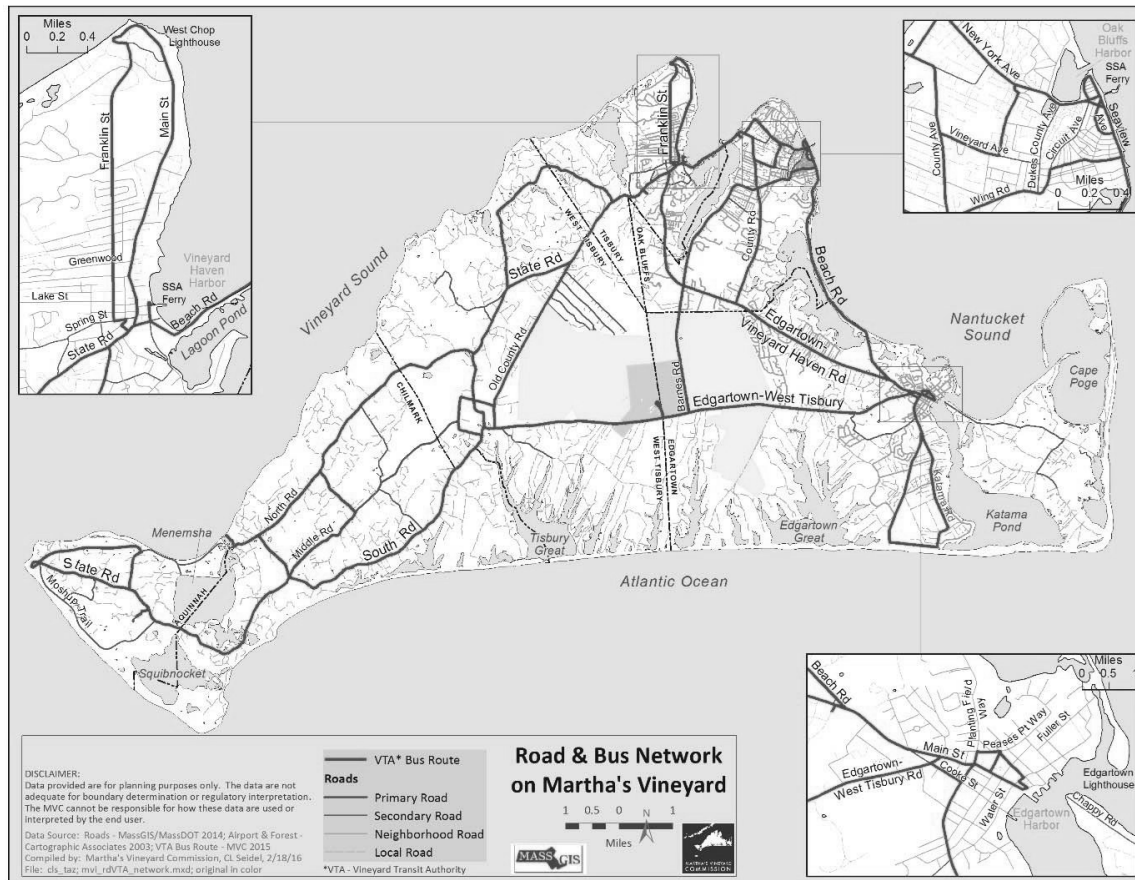
of leadership when its esteemed long-term counsel and advisor Ronald Rappaport died.

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

MV TRANSIT AUTHORITY



To the Honorable Selectboard and Citizens of the of Edgartown,

The Martha's Vineyard Transit Authority (VTA) provides fixed-route bus and ADA demand-responsive van service to the six towns on the Island of Martha's Vineyard. The VTA was created by the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 161B and is funded through local, state, and federal sources.

Leadership

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

Oak Bluffs
West Tisbury
Aquinnah
Tisbury
Chilmark

Robert Mackay
Robert Wasserman
Kristina Hook
Elaine Miller
Leonard Jason

Edgartown
Rider Community Representative
Disabled Community Representative
Administrator

Mark Snider
Kim Leaird
Vacant
Angela E. Gompert

Mission

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

Description of Services

During Fiscal Year 2024, the VTA operated ten year-round routes, plus four additional summer peak season routes and paratransit service in accordance with Americans with Disability Act (ADA). The fixed routes are organized into a hub and spoke system around four hubs, which are located in the

Vineyard's largest communities (Vineyard Haven, Oak Bluffs, Edgartown and West Tisbury). With one exception, all VTA routes serve at least one hub. Connecting to and between hubs allows passengers to transfer between routes and increases accessibility to the Island's major services and destinations. The VTA also interlines buses to offer one-seat rides between key destinations. The VTA's annual Operating expenses for budget for FY24 were \$8,192,375 plus \$9.595 million in capital funds. VTA ridership continues to make a gradual recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic, carrying **1,038,650 RIDERS OVER 1,094,578 REVENUE MILES OF SERVICE.**

Federal Funding

The VTA expended \$2,071,630 in Federal Operating Assistance in FY 24. Of that amount, \$1,140,484 was American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding and the remaining was Section 5311 Rural Operating Assistance.

Service Modifications

Each fiscal year starts with the VTA's busiest peak season months, goes through the Off-Season and ends with the very beginning of the next year's In-Season. The VTA changes the timetable for each route seasonally. This comparison breaks down the service modifications by route across the seasons of the fiscal year, as compared to the previous fiscal year. Fiscal Year 2024 saw the VTA restore more service that had been eliminated during the pandemic as labor restrictions became less severe and travel demand continued to slowly rebound.

Fare Free Program

The FY24 State budget included \$15M in funding to support a fare free program for the 15 Massachusetts RTA's for up to 6 months. Based on this, and with hopes of encouraging and increasing ridership, the VTA was fare free from November 24, 2023 through March 31, 2024; with the State paying the VTA for the lost revenues during this period. On average, ridership increased over 25% during this program.

Clean Transportation Initiatives

In 2017, the VTA commenced an ambitious project to electrify its transit fleet and fuel the fleet with renewable solar energy and integrated energy storage. This system of locally generated

renewables, storage and vehicle charging will create a first-of-its-kind fully integrated, clean, resilient, and flexible public transportation system. The VTA has updated its operations and maintenance facility and now has an electrical distribution system capable of supplying electricity for charging stations for 40 buses, 7 vans and 6 cars. The installation of Energy Storage Systems (ESS), solar canopies and inductive charging included a central control system manages vehicle charging, reduces peak demand by ESS discharge, and supplies emergency power through an island-able micro grid.

The VTA currently has 24 electric buses and three (3) E-Jest electric minibuses in service, which accounts for about 75% of the total bus fleet. Additionally, the VTA expects delivery of four (4) more electric buses in FY25.

In March 2023, construction commenced for the installation of in-ground inductive chargers at the West Tisbury Town Hall bus stop.

Partnerships & Community Outreach

The VTA continues to partner with the Island's councils on aging, elderly and disabled housing authorities, and schools to provide reduced fare annual passes for the Island's elderly, disabled and youth. Reduced fare passes are available for purchase through the councils on aging and all Island schools. The VTA also offers a Military reduced fare.

For the past 22 years, the VTA has maintained the Island's school bus fleet, saving the school district money and the complications of getting vehicles to the mainland for repair services, as viable and affordable alternatives do not exist in the private sector on the Island.

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

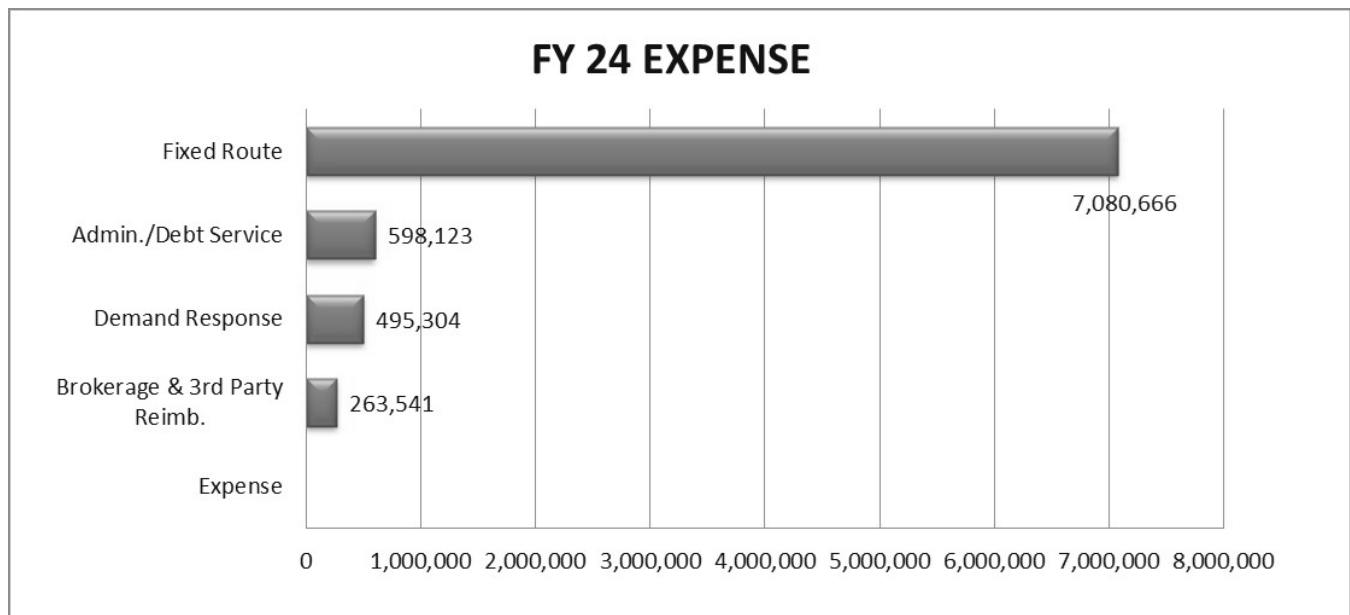
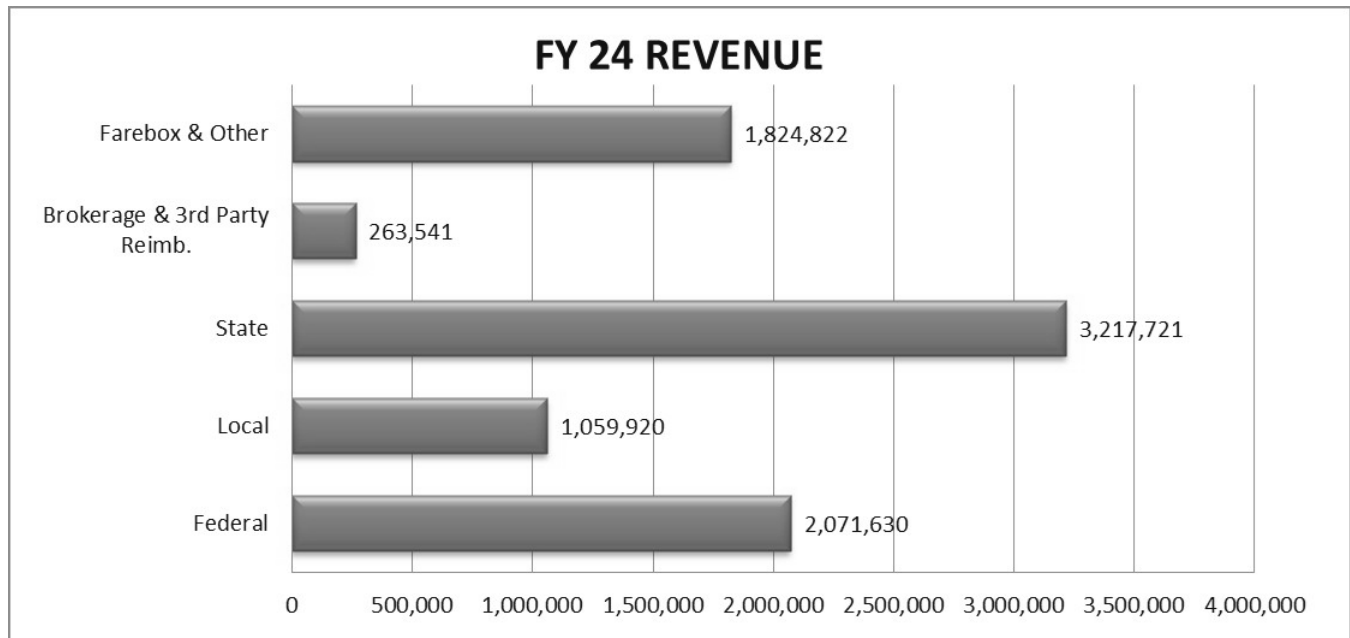
The VTA maintains its own fuel island on the property, with above-ground diesel and unleaded fuel tanks. We are the largest consumer of fuel on the Island. We allow other public agencies to fuel at our facility which, with the pooling of our fuel purchases saves tens of thousands of dollars annually for these public agencies: the Martha's Vineyard School District, the Airport, Dukes County Sheriff's Department, several Towns

police, fire and highway departments, Island Elderly Housing, the Land Bank and the County. A computerized fuel authorization system allows access for these agencies to fuel twenty-four hours a day.

The VTA property is host to training exercises for MV Tactical Response Team and fire department drills. The VTA has provided vehicles and drivers, as needed, to the Airport so they can coordinate their MCI Drills, as required

by FAA. We are a member of the County and all Island Towns' Emergency Management plans for evacuations, transportation and cooling/warming rehabilitation vehicles in the event of an emergency.

The VTA is home to the Island's only Commercial Driver's License (CDL) course. The VTA allows private, as well as other public agencies, to train on and use the course for licensing.



OPERATIONAL FACTS AND FIGURES

FIXED ROUTE

Facts:

Annual Ridership
Annual Farebox-Revenue
Annual Cost of Operations
% of Fare Box Recovery of Operating Costs
Fleet Size

FY 24	FY 23
1,038,650	899,699
\$1,747,795.87	\$1,502,838.68
\$7,079,103	\$6,978,323
25%	20%
34	33

Fixed Route:

Number of Fixed Routes
Annual Passenger Trips
Annual Revenue Hours
Annual Revenue Miles
Annual Vehicle Hours
Annual Vehicle Miles

14	14
1,038,650	899,699
67,615	62,693
1,094,578	997,479
71,626	66,755
1,159,511	1,056,651

Performance Measures:

Operating Expense Per Passenger Trip
Operating Expense Per Revenue Hour
Operating Expense Per Revenue Mile
Passenger Trips Per Revenue Hour
Passenger Trips Per Revenue Mile
Required Subsidy Per Passenger Trip

\$8.70	\$11.59
\$97.92	\$116.39
\$5.78	\$7.07
11.13211782	12.72
0.68	0.81
\$7.33	\$10.27

Fare Information:

Fixed Routes Fares:

\$2 / \$1.25 zone	\$2 / \$1.25 zone
\$1 / \$0.75 zone	\$1 / \$0.75 zone
\$1 / \$0.75 zone	\$1 / \$0.75 zone
\$2 / \$1.25 zone	\$2 / \$1.25 zone
Free	Free
Reduced Fare	Reduced Fare

OPERATIONAL FACTS AND FIGURES

ADA - DEMAND RESPONSE

Facts:

	FY 24	FY 23
Annual Ridership	10,157	10,266
Annual Farebox-Revenue	\$16,700.75	\$15,314.00
Annual Cost of Operations	\$641,882	\$601,017
% of Fare Box Recovery of Operating Costs	2.60%	2.62%
Fleet Size	5	8

Demand Response Statistics:

Annual Passenger Trips	10,157	10,266
Annual Revenue Hours	4,870	5,184
Annual Revenue Miles	73,088	74,089
Annual Vehicle Hours	5,411	5,760
Annual Vehicle Miles	77,699	82,321

Performance Measures:

Operating Expense Per Passenger Trip	\$63.82	\$59.07
Operating Expense Per Revenue Hour	\$131.65	\$116.14
Operating Expense Per Revenue Mile	\$8.85	\$8.23
Passenger Trips Per Revenue Hour	2.09	1.99
Passenger Trips Per Revenue Mile	0.14	0.14
Required Subsidy Per Passenger Trip	\$62.15	\$57.54

Fare Information:

Paratransit:

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

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

ASSETS		2024	2023
Current Assets			
	Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 905,151	\$ 65,850
	Receivable for operating assistance	\$ 2,424,105	\$ 2,442,324
	Inventory	\$ 516,861	\$ 372,110
	Prepaid expense	\$ 584,721	\$ 251,611
	Prepaid fuel hedge	\$ 30,332	\$ -
	Lease receivable		\$ 30,332
	Total current assets	\$ 4,461,170	\$ 3,162,227
Restricted & Noncurrent Assets			
Restricted assets			
	Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,835,911	\$ 319,454
	Receivable for capital assistance	\$ 4,922,987	\$ 5,143,791
	Total restricted assets	\$ 7,758,898	\$ 5,463,245
	Receivable for operating assistance	\$ 516,654	\$ 558,904
	Capital assets, net	\$ 33,288,343	\$ 27,841,623
	Net OPEB asset	\$ 400,741	\$ 242,424
	Lease receivable, less current portion	\$ 35,835	\$ 66,166
	Right to use asset	\$ 121,995	\$ 182,993
	Total restricted assets & noncurrent assets	\$ 42,122,466	\$ 34,355,355
	Total assets	\$ 46,583,636	\$ 37,517,582
Deferred Outflows of Resources			
	Deferred outflows of resources related to pension	\$ 145,628	\$ 265,887
	Deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB	\$ 158,533	\$ 165,898
	Total assets & deferred outflows of resources	\$ 46,887,797	\$ 37,949,367
LIABILITIES			
Current liabilities			
	Accounts payable and accrued expense	\$ 305,113	\$ 910,161
	Lease liability	\$ 80,232	\$ 77,352
	Total current liabilities	\$ 385,345	\$ 987,513
Restricted and noncurrent liabilities			
	Liabilities payable from restricted assets		
	Accounts payable and accrued expense	\$ 7,434,399	\$ 3,299,449
	Total liabilities payable from restricted assets	\$ 7,434,399	\$ 3,299,449
	Lease liability, less current portion	\$ -	\$ 80,232
	Net pension liability	\$ 352,751	\$ 456,041
	Revenue Anticipation Notes	\$ 2,750,000	\$ 2,767,676
	Total restricted and noncurrent liabilities	\$ 10,537,150	\$ 6,603,398
	Total liabilities	\$ 10,922,495	\$ 7,590,911
Deferred Inflows of Resources			
	Deferred inflows of resources related to pension	\$ 49,071	\$ 50,050
	Deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB	\$ 97,169	\$ 93,160
	Deferred inflows of resources related to leases	\$ 61,004	\$ 91,507
		\$ 207,244	\$ 234,717
	Total liabilities & deferred inflows of resources	\$ 11,129,739	\$ 7,825,628
NET POSITION			
	Invested in capital assets	\$ 33,288,343	\$ 27,841,623
	Restricted	\$ 324,499	\$ 2,163,796
	Other current assets	\$ 2,145,216	\$ 118,320
	Total net position	\$ 35,758,058	\$ 30,123,739

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