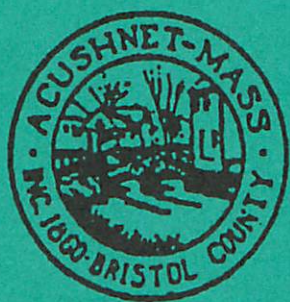


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**TOWN OF ACUSHNET**



**1996**

## TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

Fire Department (Emergency) .....	9-1-1
Fire Department. (Business) .....	998-0250
Police Department (Emergency) .....	9-1-1
Police Department (Business) .....	998-0240
Acushnet Emergency Medical Service (Ambulance) .....	9-1-1
Acushnet Emergency Medical Service (Business) .....	998-0235

## TOWN SERVICES

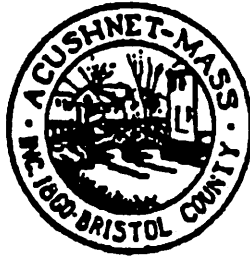
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Assessors .....	998-0205
Building Department .....	998-0225
Cemetery Department .....	995-0052
Emergency Management Agency (Civil Defense) .....	998-0295
Council on Aging .....	998-0280
Animal Control Officer .....	990-1175
Russell Memorial Library .....	998-0270
Health Board .....	998-0275
Board of Public Works .....	998-0230
Park Department .....	998-0285
Planning Board .....	998-0230
Plumbing / Gas Inspector .....	998-0225
Selectmen (Board of) .....	998-0200
Superintendent of Schools .....	998-0260
School Department - Business Manager .....	998-0261
Tax Collector / Treasurer .....	998-0210
Town Clerk .....	998-0215
Tree Warden .....	998-8379
Veterans' Services .....	998-0225
Visiting Nurse .....	998-0275
Wire Department .....	998-0225

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## *In Memoriam*

### **Beatrice Edna May Rawcliffe**

Clerk

1943 - 1969

Registrar of Voters

1973 - 1974

Date of Death -- January 4, 1996

### **Joseph Norman Richard**

Volunteer Firefighter

1965 - 1994

Historical Commission

1993 - 1996

Date of Death -- January 5, 1996

### **Paul Philabaum**

School Department

1989 - 1993

D.P.W. Water Department

1995 - 1996

Date of Death -- January 21, 1996

### **Raymond Kuthan**

School Department

1963 - 1979

Date of Death -- February 13, 1996

### **Stephen Olivier**

Arts Council

1995

Date of Death -- April 6, 1996

### **Edwin W. Church, Jr.**

Park Commission

1962 - 1968

Police Department

1963 - 1967

Board of Health

1966 - 1968

Board of Selectmen

1968 - 1971

Date of Death -- May 17, 1996

## *In Memoriam*

**Raymond LaPalme**

Volunteer Firefighter

1942 - 1965

Date of Death -- June 24, 1996

**Norman R. Cormier**

Council on Aging

1980 - 1996

Date of Death -- July 16, 1996

**Jessie C. Dahlberg**

School Department

1955 - 1968

Date of Death -- July 30, 1996

**Mary Viera**

Clerk

1942 - 1962

Date of Death -- August 14, 1996

## **TOWN OFFICERS 1995 - 1996**

### **Town Clerk - Treasurer - Collector**

Lillian Garbaciak

January 1 - September 30, 1996

### **Town Clerk**

Richard Threlfall

October 1 - April 1998

### **Board of Selectmen**

Everett L. Hardy, Jr.

Term Expires 1997

Robert St. Jean

Term Expires 1998

Peter W. Koczera

Term Expires 1999

### **Board of Assessors**

George H. Perry, Jr.

Term Expires 1997

Michael A. Cioper

Term Expires 1998

Eugene L. Dabrowski

Term Expires 1999

### **Board of Health**

Gerald L. Toussaint

Term Expires 1997

Thomas J. Fortin

Term Expires 1998

Robert Medeiros

Term Expires 1999

### **School Committee**

Mary Ellen Viera

Term Expires 1997

Paul L. Robitaille

Term Expires 1998

David Moura (resigned 7/16/96)

Term Expires 1998

Luis G. DaRosa

Term Expires 1999

Robert M. Lanzoni

Term Expires 1999

Patricia Scott (appointed 8/19/96)

Term Expires 1997

### **Commissioner of Trust Funds**

Howard Plaud

Term Expires 1997

Diane Barlow

Term Expires 1998

Maria Otocky

Term Expires 1999

### **Trustees of Free Public Library**

Alfred H. Robichaud

Term Expires 1997

Bertha Y. Machado

Term Expires 1998

Christina Gaudette

Term Expires 1999

### **Cemetery Board**

Paul H. Fortin

Term Expires 1997

George M. Cote

Term Expires 1998

Joanne Cioper

Term Expires 1999

### **Park Commissioners**

Donald J. Guenette  
Gary Rousseau  
Raymond Cabral

Term Expires 1997  
Term Expires 1998  
Term Expires 1999

### **Housing Authority**

David R. Souza  
Mary E. Ouellette  
David White  
James Vieira  
Nancy Brightman

Term Expires 1996  
Term Expires 1997  
Term Expires 1998  
Term Expires 2000  
Term Expires 2001

### **Planning Board**

Marc Cenerizio  
Richard P. Forand  
Garry Rawcliffe  
Richard H. Ellis  
Richard A. Ellis

Term Expires 1997  
Term Expires 1998  
Term Expires 1999  
Term Expires 2000  
Term Expires 2001

### **Moderator**

Robert E. Francis

Term Expires 1999

### **Tree Warden**

Robert M. Lanzoni

Term Expires 1999

### **Board of Public Works**

Rene Racine  
Albert R. Rivet  
Glen Alferes  
Janet Mello  
Manuel P. Raposa

Term Expires 1997  
Term Expires 1997  
Term Expires 1998  
Term Expires 1998  
Term Expires 1999

**TOWN OATHS ADMINISTERED  
BY LILLIAN B. GARBACIAK, TOWN CLERK 1996**

<b>Date of Oath 1996</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Office</b>	<b>Date of Election or Appointment</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
9-Jan.	Juliana Perry	Clerk - Precinct I (R)	Appointed	7/20/97
22-Jan.	Elizabeth Gatenby	Finance Committee Member	"	11/29/98
29-Jan.	Herve W. Vandal, Jr.	Constable	"	1/16/98
7-Feb.	Lorraine Santos	Housing Local Partnership Committee	"	12/4/96
7-Feb.	Lorraine Santos	Local Partnership Member	"	12/4/96
7-Mar.	Raymond LeBlanc	By-Law Review Committee Member	"	4/1/96
11-Mar.	Gary Coppa	Permanent Part Time Police Officer	"	5/1/98
18-Mar.	Richard Moniz	Constable	"	3/11/96
18-Mar.	Louise Richard	Historical Commission Member	"	3/11/96
21-Mar.	Susan Forgues	By-Law Review Committee	"	2/26/96
1-Apr.	Robert Lanzoni	School Committee	Elected	3/18/96
1-Apr.	Robert Lanzoni	Tree Warden	"	4/1/96
2-Apr.	Manuel P. Rapoza	Board of Public Works	"	4/1/96
2-Apr.	Eugene L. Dabrowski	Board of Assessors	"	4/1/96
2-Apr.	Michael Coutinho	Constable	Appointed	3/25/99
2-Apr.	Peter W. Koczera	Board of Selectmen	Elected	4/1/96
2-Apr.	Robert Francis	Moderator	"	4/1/96
2-Apr.	Robert Medeiros	Board of Health	"	4/1/96
3-Apr.	Janet Mello	Board of Public Works	"	4/1/96
3-Apr.	Gary Rawcliffe	Planning Board	"	4/1/96
4-Apr.	Mary Niemic	Housing Authority	"	4/1/96
4-Apr.	Nancy Brown	Inspector at Precinct II	Appointed	7/20/97
5-Apr.	Luis G. Darosa	School Committee	Elected	4/1/96
5-Apr.	Maria Otock	Commissioner of Trust Funds	"	4/1/96



<b>Date of Oath 1996</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Office</b>	<b>Date of Election or Appointment</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
5-Apr.	Christina Gaudette	Trustee of Free Public Library	Appointed	5/1/97
10-Apr.	Robert H. Bertrand	Conservation Commission Member	Elected	4/0/99
10-Apr.	Joanne Cioper	Cemetery Board	"	4/0/99
16-Apr.	Robert Medeiros	Deputy Shellfish Warden	Appointed	5/1/98
18-Apr.	Raymond D. Cabral	Park Commissioner	Elected	4/1/99
24-Apr.	George Marshall	Acushnet Cultural Council	Appointed	5/1/98
29-Apr.	Nancy Brightman	Housing Authority	Elected	4/1/01
14-May	Ruth Gilmore	Council on Aging Member	Appointed	5/1/98
14-May	Raymond F. LeBlanc	Building Board of Appeals Member	"	5/1/01
15-May	Milton Reynolds	Council on Aging Member	"	5/1/99
15-May	Irene Bouchard	Council on Aging Member	"	5/1/98
15-May	Antonio Camara	Inspector of Animals	"	5/1/98
16-May	Arthur Calheta	Special Police Officer - N.B. Water Works	"	5/1/97
17-May	Patricia Scott	Capital Expenditure Committee Member	"	5/1/98
20-May	David M. Tomlinson	Constable	"	5/6/98
20-May	Edward Macomber	Acushnet Cultural Council	"	5/1/99
21-May	Nicolangela DeCastro	By-Law Review Committee	"	5/1/98
22-May	Stella Bertrand	Council on Aging Member	4/8/96	5/20/96
22-May	David Rawcliffe	Council on Aging Member	"	4/29/96
29-May	Norman Fredette	Capital Expenditure Committee Member	"	5/1/99
10-June	Christopher Renfree	Deputy Building Inspector	"	5/1/98
17-June	Donna J. Cicchese	Feasibility Power Study Committee	"	8/5/96
17-June	David Dennis	Feasibility Power Study Committee	6/3/96	6/10/96
17-June	Elmer D. Paul	Feasibility Power Study Committee	"	6/10/96
19-June	Lorraine Daniel	Registrar of Voters	"	6/10/96
26-June	Mary Emsley	Housing Partnership Committee Member	"	5/1/99
28-June	Irwin Marks	Feasibility Power Study Committee	4/29/96	5/1/98

<b>Date of Oath 1996</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Office</b>	<b>Date of Election or Appointment</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
1-July	Marianne Marshall	Sealer of Weights & Measures	Appointed 4/29/96	5/1/97
1-July	Alice Barboza	Feasibility Power Study Committee	" 6/10/96	
1-July	Ken Shankweiler	Feasibility Power Study Committee	" 6/10/96	
12-July	David Davignon	Conservation Commission Member	" 7/8/96	5/1/98
22-July	Kristen Joseph	Assistant Animal Control Officer	" 4/29/96	5/1/97
23-July	Frank Knox	Deputy Wiring Inspector	" 7/22/96	5/1/97
23-July	Christopher Renfree	Deputy Building Inspector	" 8/5/96	5/1/97
14-Aug.	Michael Moses	V.A. Agent & Director of V.A. Services	" 4/29/96	5/1/97
14-Aug.	Michael Moses	V.A. Burial Agent for Indigent Soldiers & Sailors & V.A. Grave Officer	" 4/29/96	5/1/97
16-Aug.	Madeline Gwozdz	Historical Commission Member	" 7/22/96	5/1/98
19-Aug.	Patricia Scott	School Committee Member	" 8/19/96	4/6/97
27-Jan.	William Contois	Building Committee Member	" 8/19/96	8/20/97
9-Sept.	Joseph G. O'Brien	Building Committee Member	" 8/19/96	8/20/97
12-Sept.	Marc Cenerizio	Building Committee Member	" 8/19/96	8/20/97
12-Sept.	Marc E. LaPlante	By-Law Review Committee	" 9/9/96	5/1/98
17-Sept.	Gary Lemos	Board of Appeals	" 4/22/96	5/1/99
30-Sept.	Susan Hallet	Safety Committee Member	" 9/23/96	5/1/98
30-Sept.	Geraldine Reed	Safety Committee Member	" 9/23/96	5/1/98
7-Oct.	David Rawcliffe	Building Committee Member	" 8/19/96	8/20/97

Respectfully submitted,

Lillian B. Garbaciak  
Town Clerk

# **RESULTS OF PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION**

## **TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 1996**

Register of voters as of Close of Registration February 14, 1996

	<b>Democrats</b>	<b>Republicans</b>	<b>Libertarian</b>	<b>Unenrolled</b>	<b>Total</b>
Precinct I	940	78	0	845	1863
Precinct II	942	132	2	870	1946
Precinct III	674	114	0	956	1744
Totals	2556	324	2	2671	5553

Specimen ballots were posted in Parting Ways Building, St. Francis Xavier School and the Acushnet Elementary School.

### **CLERK'S REPORT - PRECINCT I**

To the Town Clerk of Acushnet:

The undersigned submit the following report of the Presidential Primary Election held this day in Precinct I.

Polls were opened at 7:00 A.M. by Eva Mach.

Ballot box register when polls were opened 0.

Number of votes cast to be counted 236.

Number of votes cast by Males 113.

Number of votes cast by Females 123.

Number of ballots spoiled 0.

Number of ballots void or not used 1270.

Total number of ballots received 1500 plus 6 absentees and ballots returned 1270.

The following officers were present:

Warden: Eva Mach

Clerk: Juliana Perry

Inspectors: Antoinette Boissoneau, Nora Gaouette, Arlette LaPalme and Aline Saulnier.

Police Officers: Michael Alves and Joseph Pontes

Remarks: Voting machine did not work first thing in the morning. A spare was brought in.

Polls were closed at 8:00 P.M. and the ballot box registered 236.

A true record, Attest: /s/

Juliana Perry

Clerk of Election Officers

Attest:

Lillian B. Garbaciak, Town Clerk

## **CLERK'S REPORT - PRECINCT II**

To the Town Clerk of Acushnet:

The undersigned submit the following report of the Presidential Primary Election held this day in Precinct II.

Polls were opened at 7:00 A.M. by Warden Wanda Bourgeois.

Ballot box register when polls were opened 0.

Number of votes cast to be counted 252.

Number of ballots spoiled 3.

Number of ballots void or not used 1357.

Total number of ballots received 1609 and ballots returned 1357.

The following officers were present:

Warden: Wanda Bourgeois

Clerk: Virginia Baird

Clerk: John Tavares

Inspectors: Isabele Forand, Nancy Brown, Stella Bertrand and Cecilia Tavares.

Police Officers: Gilbert Marques

A true record, Attest /s/

Warden Wanda Bourgeois

Clerk of Election Officers

Lillian B. Garbacisk, Town Clerk

## **CLERK'S REPORT - PRECINCT III**

To the Town Clerk of Acushnet:

The undersigned submit the following report of the Presidential Primary Election held this day in Precinct III.

Polls were opened at 7:00 A.M. by Warden Mary Jane Rymut.

Ballot box register when polls were opened 0.

Number of votes cast to be counted 191.

Number of ballots spoiled 2.

Number of ballots void or not used 1407.

Number of ballots received 1600 and ballots returned 1409.

The following officers were present:

Warden: Mary Jane Rymut

Clerk: Dorothy L. Lackie

Inspectors: Olive Laycock, Janice Richard, Hope Reynolds, Lina Bertrand.

Police Officers: Thomas Carreau, Mark Antone, Lou Ann Jenkinson

Polls were closed at 8 P.M. and the ballot box registered 191.

A true record, Attest /s/

Dorothy L. Lackie

Clerk of Election Officers

Lillian B. Garbaciak

**RESULTS OF THE PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION  
TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 1996**

<b>DEMOCRATIC RESULTS</b>	<b>Prec. I</b>	<b>Prec. II</b>	<b>Prec. III</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Presidential Preference</b>				
Blanks	16	6	6	28
Bill Clinton	151	143	75	369
Lyndon H. Larouche, Jr.	4	5	0	9
No Preference	3	7	4	14
Write Ins				
Buchanan	0	3	3	6
Bill Bradley	1	0	0	1
Matthew C. Goulet	1	0	0	1
Total	176	164	88	428
<b>State Committee Man</b>				
Blanks	64	60	29	153
John R. Desimas	112	103	59	274
Write Ins				
John Howcroft	0	1	0	1
Total	176	164	88	428
<b>State Committee Woman</b>				
Blanks	168	154	82	404
Write Ins				
Madeline Cioper	1	0	2	3
Rosemary Tierney	0	0	1	1
Beverly Driscoll	0	0	1	1
Rosemary Sullivan	0	0	1	1
Julie Taylor	0	0	1	1
Clementine Ponte	1	4	0	5
Theresa St. Jean	0	2	0	2
R. Panek	0	1	0	1
Patricia Scott	0	1	0	1
Irene Parker	0	1	0	1
Arlette Lapalme	0	1	0	1
Theodore Przystas	1	0	0	1
Annette Richard	1	0	0	1
Lucille Hardy	1	0	0	1
Linda Patistea	1	0	0	1
Tina Ponte	2	0	0	2
Total	176	164	88	428

<b>TOWN COMMITTEE</b>	<b>Prec. I</b>	<b>Prec. II</b>	<b>Prec. III</b>	<b>Total</b>
Blanks	1796	3672	1604	7072
Group	0	0	0	0
Robert St. Jean	146	98	58	302
Geraldine Frates	135	70	46	251
Francisco Bento	131	58	41	230
Robert Lanzone	135	75	44	254
Mary Lou Medeiros	135	63	43	241
Raymond St. Onge	136	75	47	258
Matthew Goulet	135	67	54	256
John C. Howcroft	131	57	40	228
Roland Fouquette	128	52	43	223
Michael X. Medeiros	134	57	42	234
Kenneth J. Souza	134	62	49	245
Luis G. DaRosa	133	55	42	230
Teresa St. Jean	135	71	45	251
Kanen Neagus	128	57	41	226
Joseph M. Zekus	126	55	40	221
Margaret R. Bonner	130	55	40	225
Norman H. Soucy	131	64	44	239
Sandra Soucy	131	59	44	234
Michelle Neagus	131	57	41	229
Richard Neagus, Jr.	129	55	43	227
Kerrie Neagus	129	57	44	230
Barbara Przystas	131	52	42	225
Theadore Przystas	129	47	43	219
Paul H. Reed	126	52	40	218
Richard Neagus	128	58	43	229
Alice Neagus	129	58	43	230
Mark DaSilva	129	53	45	227
Rochelle St. Jean	132	63	44	239
Danielle St. Jean	132	62	43	237
Robert St. Jean, Jr.	135	69	45	249
Rebecca Panek	129	53	41	223
Anthony Lanzoni	129	62	44	235
Madeline Cioper	136	89	57	282
Write-Ins				
Ted Cioper	0	0	3	3
Fred Duguay	0	0	1	1
John Sylvia	10	15	4	29
Julie Taylor	0	0	1	1
Garry Rawcliffe	0	0	1	1
William Hunter	0	0	1	1
Donald Canastra	0	0	1	1
Kristy Dlusosinski	0	0	1	1

	<b>Prec. I</b>	<b>Prec. II</b>	<b>Prec. III</b>	<b>Total</b>
Peter Koczera	3	4	0	7
Eugene St. Jean	0	1	0	1
Patricia Scott	0	4	0	4
Denise Botelho	0	3	3	3
Raymond Lapalme	0	1	0	1
Arlette Lapalme	0	1	0	1
Hazel Sylvia	0	2	0	2
Eugene Dabrowski	1	0	0	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>6160</b>	<b>5740</b>	<b>3080</b>	<b>14980</b>

## **REPUBLICAN RESULTS**

### **Presidential Preference**

Blanks	0	0	0	0
Richard G. Lugar	1	0	2	3
Morry Taylor	0	0	0	0
Phil Gramm	1	0	1	2
Patrick J. Buchanan	28	30	38	96
Bob Dole	11	34	37	82
Steve Forbes	10	10	11	31
Lamar Alexander	6	11	10	27
Alan Keys	1	1	1	3
Robert K. Dornan	0	0	1	1
No Preference	1	1	2	5
Write-Ins				
Collin Powell	0	1	0	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>251</b>

### **State Committee Man**

Blanks	21	34	37	92
Arthur C. Larrivee	39	54	66	159
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>251</b>

### **State Committee Woman**

Blanks	21	33	36	90
Jacquiline H. Beckmann	39	55	67	161
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>251</b>

### **TOWN COMMITTEE**

Blanks	470	702	814	1986
Write-Ins				
Patricia Braley	0	1	0	1
Diane Barlow	0	1	1	2

	Prec. I	Prec. II	Prec. III	Total
Walton Braley	0	0	1	1
David R. White	0	0	1	1
Pat Braley	0	0	1	1
Paul St. Don	0	0	1	1
Pat Scott	0	0	1	1
Garry Rawcliffe	0	0	1	1
Richard Threlfall	0	0	1	1
Julie Taylor	0	0	1	1
Mike Cioper	0	0	1	1
Jacqueline Beckman	1	0	0	1
Jerry Bergeron	1	0	0	1
Bob Medeiros	0	0	0	1
Total	473	704	824	2001

## LIBERTARIAN RESULTS

### Presidential Preference

Blanks	0	0	0	0
Harry Browne	0	0	0	0
Rick Tompkins	0	0	0	0
Irwin Schiff	0	0	0	0
No Preference	0	0	0	0
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0

### State Committee Man

Blanks	0	0	0	0
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0

### State Committee Woman

Blanks	0	0	0	0
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0

### TOWN COMMITTEE

Blanks	0	0	0	0
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0

A true copy, Attest:

Lillian B. Garbaciak  
Town Clerk



# RESULTS OF ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION

## HELD APRIL 1, 1996

	Democrats	Republicans	Libertarians	Unenrolled	Total
Precinct I	929	78	0	844	1851
Precinct II	942	132	0	868	1944
Precinct III	668	113	0	949	1730
Totals	2539	323	0	2661	5525

### CLERK'S REPORT - PRECINCT I

To the Town Clerk of Acushnet:

The undersigned submit the following report of the Annual Town Election held this day in Precinct I.

Polls were opened at 10:00 A.M. by Warden Eva Mach.

Ballot box register when polls were opened 0.

Number of votes cast to be counted 806.

Ballots returned 911.

Total number of ballots received 1700 + 17 Absentee ballots.

The following officers were present:

Warden: Eva Mach

Clerk: Juliana Perry

Inspectors: Antoinette Boissonneau, Arlette LaPalme, Aline Saulnier,  
Joyce Tillet, Genevieve Linhares.

Police Officers: Gil Marques, Jim Vieira.

Polls were closed at 8:00 P.M. and the ballot box registered 806

A true record, Attest: /s/      Juliana Perry, Clerk  
Clerk of Election Officers  
Lillian B. Garbaciak, Town Clerk

### CLERK'S REPORT - PRECINCT II

To the Town Clerk of Acushnet:

The undersigned submit the following report of the Annual Town Election held this day in Precinct II.

Polls were opened at 10 A.M. by Warden Wanda Bourgeois.

Ballot box register when polls were opened 0.  
Number of votes cast to be counted 900.  
Number of ballots spoiled 1.  
Number of ballots void or not used 914.  
Total number of ballots received 1800 + 15 absentee and ballots returned 915.

The following officers were present:

Warden: Wanda Bourgeois

Clerk: Dorothy Daniels and John Tavares

Inspectors: Dorothy Daniels, Stella Bertrand, Isabelle Forand, Nancy Brown, Cecelia Tavares, Alice Kut, Jeannette Pepin and Deborah M. Pelletier.

Police Officer Gary S. Copa

Polls were closed at 8:00 P.M. and the ballot box registered 900.

A true record, Attest: /s/ John Tavares  
Clerk of Election Officers  
Lillian B. Garbaciak, Town Clerk

### **CLERK'S REPORT - PRECINCT III**

To the Town Clerk of Acushnet:

The undersigned submit the following report of the Annual Town Election held this day in Precinct III.

Polls were opened 10:00 A.M. by Acting Warden Dorothy L. Lackie.

Ballot box registered when polls opened 0.

Number of votes cast to be counted 519.

Number of ballots spoiled 1.

Number of ballots void or not used 1.

Total number of ballots received 1600 + 10 absentee ballots and ballots returned 1089.

The following officers were present:

Warden (Acting) Dorothy L. Lackie

Warden (1:30 P.M.) Mary Jane Rymut

Clerk (Acting) Janice Richard

Inspectors: Olive Laycock, Hope Reynolds, Lina Bertrand

Police Officers: Mark Antone, David Swift and John Bolarinho

Polls were closed at 8:00 P.M. and the ballot box registered 519.

A true record, Attest: Dorothy L. Lackie  
Clerk of Election Officers  
Lillian B. Garbaciak, Town Clerk

	Prec. I	Prec. II	Prec. III	Total
<b>TOWN CLERK - TREASURER/COLLECTOR</b>				
Blanks	147	168	92	407
Lillian B. Garbaciak	659	731	425	1815
Write-ins				
Alan Coutinho	0	1	0	1
Thomas Faria	0	0	1	1
Richard Threlfall	0	0	1	1
Total	806	900	519	2225
<b>SELECTMEN</b>				
Blanks	13	10	7	30
Peter W. Kocera	520	587	363	1470
Howard Plaud	269	295	149	713
Write-ins				
Paul Cote	1	0	0	1
Paul Bonnaville	1	0	0	1
Frank Knox	1	0	0	1
Roland Pepin	1	6	0	7
Walter Tomkeiwicz	0	1	0	1
John Tavares	0	1	0	1
Total	806	900	519	2225
<b>ASSESSORS</b>				
Blanks	194	226	110	530
Eugene Dabrowski	611	673	408	1692
Write-ins				
Matthew Kut	1	1	0	2
Paul Trahan	0	0	1	1
Total	806	900	519	2225
<b>BOARD OF HEALTH</b>				
Blanks	168	217	120	505
Robert Medeiros	637	680	398	1715
Write-ins				
Sam Trantham	1	0	0	1
Louis Elgar	0	1	0	1
Paul Trahan	0	1	0	1
Bill Elgar	0	1	0	1
Alan Duarte	0	0	1	1
Total	806	900	519	2225

	Prec. I	Prec. II	Prec. III	Total
<b>SCHOOL COMMITTEE</b>				
Blanks	687	810	428	1925
Luis G. DaRosa	460	463	298	1221
Robert M. Lanzoni	463	523	306	1292
Write-ins				
Fred Duguay III	1	0	0	1
Leo Cormier, Jr.	1	0	0	1
Roland Pepin	0	1	0	1
Jeanne Bertrand	0	1	0	1
Robert Meunier	0	2	6	8
Total	1612	1800	1038	4450
<b>COMMISSIONER OF TRUST FUND</b>				
Blanks	193	211	111	515
Maria Otocky	613	688	408	1709
Write-ins				
Roland Pepin	0	1	0	1
Total	806	900	519	2225
<b>TRUSTEE OF FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY</b>				
Blanks	85	116	56	257
Christina Gaudette	498	483	285	1266
Joann C. Bertrand	223	301	178	702
Write-ins				
Total	806	900	519	2225
<b>CEMETERY BOARD</b>				
Blanks	206	243	114	563
Joanne Cioper	598	655	404	1657
Write-ins				
Diane Barlow	1	0	0	1
Kenneth Souza	1	0	0	1
Paul Fortin	0	1	0	1
Roland Pepin	0	1	0	1
John Sylvia	0	0	1	1
Total	806	900	519	2225
<b>PARK COMMISSIONER</b>				
Blanks	192	253	119	564
Raymond D. Cabral	614	647	400	1661
Write-ins				
Total	806	900	519	2225

	Prec. I	Prec. II	Prec. III	Total
<b>HOUSING AUTHORITY - Five Year</b>				
Blanks	236	285	143	664
Nancy Brightman	553	595	363	1511
Write-ins				
Eleanor Mank	6	7	1	14
Mary Niemic	11	11	10	32
Steve Sylvia	0	2	0	2
Richard Ellis	0	0	1	1
Paul Trahan	0	0	1	1
Total	806	900	519	2225
<b>HOUSING AUTHORITY - One Year</b>				
Blanks	680	768	471	1919
Mary Niemic	80	66	31	177
Write-ins				
Eleanor Mank	41	57	8	106
Ramora DeMedeiros	3	0	0	3
Raymond R. Belliveau	1	0	0	1
Ernest Jarvis	1	0	0	1
John Sylvia	0	1	0	1
Steve Sylvia	0	2	0	2
Mike LeBlanc	0	1	0	1
Ralph Brown	0	1	0	1
Raymond St. Onge	0	2	0	2
Irene Parker	0	1	0	1
Patricia Scott	0	1	0	1
Rosemary Sullivan	0	0	1	1
Robert Meunier	0	0	1	1
Paul Trahan	0	0	2	2
Arthur Plant	0	0	1	1
Irwin Marks	0	0	1	1
Richard Driscoll	0	0	1	1
Wayne Hamel	0	0	1	1
William Hunter	0	0	1	1
Total	806	900	519	2225

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	<b>Prec. I</b>	<b>Prec. II</b>	<b>Prec. III</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>PLANNING BOARD - Five Year</b>				
Blanks	239	288	171	698
Richard A. Ellis	558	602	342	1502
Write-ins				
Richard Ellis	3	0	0	3
Gary Rawcliffe	3	6	3	12
Amos Souza	1	0	0	1
John DeSimas	1	0	0	1
Hillary	1	0	0	1
Koczera	0	1	0	1
Alan Rawcliffe	0	1	0	1
Steve Raposa	0	1	0	1
Ray Cabral	0	1	0	1
Scott Timms	0	0	1	1
Tom Kirk	0	0	1	1
Mary Niemic	0	0	1	1
Total	806	900	519	2225

<b>PLANNING BOARD - Three Year</b>				
Blanks	775	852	488	2115
Write-ins				
Gary Rawcliffe	29	38	24	91
Stephen Coleman	2	0	0	2
Steve Raposa	0	1	0	1
Mary Niemic	0	1	0	1
John Acucena	0	1	0	1
David Davignon	0	1	0	1
Andy Gomes	0	1	0	1
Denis Freitas	0	1	0	1
Ellis	0	1	0	1
Alan Rawcliffe	0	1	0	1
Koczera	0	1	0	1
Paul St. Don	0	1	0	1
Manuel Raposa	0	0	1	1
Tom Kirk	0	0	1	1
Richard Ellis	0	0	1	1
Robert Meunier	0	0	1	1
David Souza	0	0	1	1
Richard Driscoll	0	0	1	1
Rosemary Sullivan	0	0	1	1
Total	806	900	519	2225

	Prec. I	Prec. II	Prec. III	Total
<b>BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS - Three Year</b>				
Blanks	204	267	127	598
Manual P. Raposa	600	631	391	1622
Write-ins				
Gary Rawcliffe	1	1	0	2
Andrew Gomes	1	0	0	1
Roland Pepin	0	1	0	1
John Golda	0	0	1	1
Total	806	900	519	2225

<b>BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS - Two Year</b>				
Blanks	56	76	49	181
Janet Mello	371	427	253	1051
Kenneth J. Souza	379	397	217	993
Write-ins				
Totals	806	900	519	2225

<b>MODERATOR</b>				
Blanks	207	240	135	582
Robert E. Francis	597	660	382	1639
Write-ins				
Fred Duguay, Jr.	1	0	0	1
Dean Gilmore	1	0	0	1
Leo Rousseau	0	0	1	1
Bo Bo Toussaint	0	0	1	1
Total	806	900	519	2225

<b>TREE WARDEN</b>				
Blanks	186	221	105	512
Robert M. Lanzoni	619	672	413	1704
Write-ins				
Marcel Bonlin	1	0	0	1
L'Homme	0	1	0	1
George Cote	0	1	0	1
Ray Colvin	0	1	0	1
Roland Pepin	0	3	0	3
Gary Lemos	0	1	0	1
Robert Meunier	0	0	1	1
Total	806	900	519	2225

A true copy, Attest:

Lillian B. Garbaciak  
Town Clerk

# RESULTS OF THE STATE PRIMARY ELECTION

## TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 1996

**Register of Voters as of Close of Registration on August 28, 1996**

	<b>Democrats</b>	<b>Republicans</b>	<b>Unenrolled</b>	<b>Libertarian</b>	<b>Total</b>
Precinct I	929	80	875	0	1884
Precinct II	945	135	916	8	2004
Precinct III	686	113	997	0	1796
Total	2560	328	2788	8	5684

Specimen ballots were posted in Parting Ways Building, Post Office, Pop Casey's Lunch, Gagnon's Liquors Inc., Town Hall, St. Francis Xavier School, Acushnet Elementary School, White's Country Store.

### CLERK'S REPORT - PRECINCT I

To the Town Clerk of Acushnet:

The undersigned submit the following report of the State Primary Election held this day in Precinct I.

Polls were opened at 7:00 A.M. by Warden Eva Mach.

Ballot box register when polls were opened 0.

Number of votes cast to be counted 490.

Number of ballots spoiled 0.

Number of ballots void or not used 1298.

Total number of ballots received 1500 Democrat, 251 Republican, 25 Libertarian and 12 Absentee ballots.

The following officers were present:

Warden: Eva Mach

Clerk: Juliana Perry

Inspectors: Antoinette Boissoneau, Nora Gauoette, Arlette LaPalme,  
Joyce Tillet

Police Officers: Michael Alves, Christopher Richmond

A true record, Attest: /w/

Juliana Perry

Clerk of Election Officers

Attest:

Lillian B. Garbaciak, Town Clerk



## **CLERK'S REPORT - PRECINCT II**

To the Town Clerk of Acushnet:

The undersigned submit the following report of the State Primary Election held this day in Precinct II.

Polls were opened at 7:00 A.M. by Warden Wanda Bourgeois.

Ballot box register when polls opened 0.

Number of votes cast to be counted 544.

Number of ballots spoiled 0.

Number of ballots void or not used 1338.

Total number of ballots received 160 - 0 Democrat, 250 Republican, 25 Libertarian and 7 Absentee Ballots.

The following officers were present:

Warden: Wanda Bourgeois

Clerk: Dorothy Daniels, John Tavares

Inspectors: Stella Bertrand, Isabelle Forand, Nancy Brown, Ernest A. Bourgeois

Police Officers: Marc Antone, James Vieira

A true record, Attest: /s/

John J. Tavares

Clerk of Election Officers

Attest:

Lillian B. Garbaciak, Town Clerk

## **CLERK'S REPORT - PRECINCT III**

To the Town Clerk of Acushnet:

The undersigned submit the following report of the State Primary Election held this day in Precinct III.

Polls were opened at 7:00 A.M. by Warden Mary Jane Rymut.

Ballot box register when polls were opened 0.

Number of votes cast to be counted 352.

Number of ballots spoiled 1.

Total number of ballots received 1725 and ballots returned 1381.

The following officers were present:

Warden: Mary Jane Rymut

Clerk: Dorothy Lackie

Inspectors: Olive Laycock, Lina Bertrand, Hope Reynolds, Geraldine Frates

Police Officers: Charles Pelletier, Joe Pontes, Barry Monty

A true record, Attest: /s/

Dorothy L. Lackie

Clerk of Election Officer

Attest:

Lillian B. Garbaciak, Town Clerk

**DEMOCRATIC RESULTS****Prec. I   Prec. II   Prec. III   Total****SENATOR IN CONGRESS**

Blanks	75	107	73	255
John F. Kerry	394	403	243	1040
Write-Ins				
Ralph Nadar			1	1
William Weld	4	5	5	14
Total	473	515	322	1310

**REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS**

Blanks	90	117	87	294
Barney Frank	382	398	234	1014
Write-Ins				
Carbone	1			1
Anita Bryant			1	1
Total	473	515	322	1310

**COUNCILLOR**

Blanks	123	153	80	356
David F. Constantine	349	362	242	953
Write-Ins				
Jeanne Saulnier	1			1
Total	473	515	322	1310

**SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT**

Blanks	92	115	61	268
Mark C. Montigny	381	399	260	1040
Write-Ins				
Walter Ramos		1		1
Paul Hipolito			1	1
Total	473	515	322	1310

**REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT**

Blanks	9	8	7	24
Robert M. Koczera	257	287	172	716
David J. Gerwatowski	207	220	143	570
Write-Ins				
Total	473	515	322	1310

**REGISTER OF PROBATE**

Blanks	119	149	88	356
Robert E. Peck	354	366	234	954
Write-Ins				
Total	473	515	322	1310

	Prec. I	Prec. II	Prec. III	Total
<b>COUNTY TREASURER</b>				
Blanks	44	58	23	135
Patrick J. Foley	57	62	31	150
Leo O. Pelletier	52	62	27	141
J. Mark Treadup	320	333	231	884
Write-Ins				
Total	473	515	322	1310
<b>COUNTY COMMISSIONER</b>				
Blanks	285	352	200	837
Arthur R. Machado	45	40	33	118
James W. Coyne, Jr.	36	22	19	77
John R. DeSimas	203	261	121	585
Leonard Gonsalves	86	88	65	239
Robert M. Hunt	114	76	64	254
Christopher T. Saunders	176	190	142	508
Write-Ins				
M. S. Lopes		1		1
John M. Stalato	1			1
Total	946	1030	644	2620
<b>REPUBLICAN RESULTS</b>				
<b>SENATOR IN CONGRESS</b>				
Blanks	1	3	2	6
William F. Weld	16	25	26	67
Write-Ins				
Bob Dole		1		1
Total	17	29	28	74
<b>REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS</b>				
Blanks	3	10	9	22
Guy A. Carbone	3	11	11	25
Jonathan P. Raymond	11	8	8	27
Write-Ins				
Total	17	29	28	74
<b>COUNCILLOR</b>				
Blanks	17	29	28	74
Write-Ins				
Total	17	29	28	74
<b>SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT</b>				
Blanks	17	29	28	74
Write-Ins				
Total	17	29	28	74

	Prec. I	Prec. II	Prec. III	Total
<b>REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT</b>				
Blanks	17	29	27	73
Write-Ins				
David Gerwatowski			1	1
Total	17	29	28	74
<b>REGISTER OF PROBATE</b>				
Blanks	17	29	28	74
Write-Ins				
Total	17	29	28	74
<b>COUNTY TREASURER</b>				
Blanks	17	29	27	73
Write-Ins				
Mark Treadup			1	1
Total	17	29	28	74
<b>COUNTY COMMISSIONER</b>				
Blanks	34	58	54	146
Write-Ins				
Mark Treadup			1	1
John DeSimas			1	1
Total	34	58	56	148
<b>LIBERTARIAN RESULTS</b>				

THERE WERE NO CANDIDATE NAMES ON THE BALLOT,  
THUS, THERE ARE NO RESULTS.

# RESULTS OF THE SPECIAL TOWN ELECTION

## MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 1996

Register of Voters as of Close of Registration on September 25, 1996

	<b>Democrats</b>	<b>Republicans</b>	<b>Unenrolled</b>	<b>Libertarian</b>	<b>Total</b>
Precinct I	929	80	875	0	1884
Precinct II	945	135	916	8	2004
Precinct III	686	113	997	0	1796
Total	2560	328	2788	8	5684

Specimen ballots were posted in Parting Ways Building Post Office, Pop Casey's Lunch, Gagnon's Liquors Inc., Town Hall, St. Francis Xavier School, Acushnet Elementary School, White's Country Store.

### CLERK'S REPORT - PRECINCT I

To the Town Clerk of Acushnet:

The undersigned submit the following report of the Special Town Election held this day in Precinct I.

Polls were opened at 10:00 A.M. by Warden Eva Mach.

Ballot box register when polls were opened 0.

Number of votes cast to be counted 50.

Number of ballots spoiled 0.

Number of ballots void or not used 951.

Total number of ballots received 1001.

The following officers were present:

Warden Eva Mach

Clerk Juliana Perry

Inspectors Antoinette Boissoneau, Nora Gaouette, Arlette LaPalme,

Joyce Tillet

Police Officers Jim Costa, Charles Pelletier

A true record, Attest: /s/

Juliana Perry

Clerk of Election Officers

Attest:

Lillian B. Garbaciak, Town Clerk

### CLERK'S REPORT - PRECINCT II

To the Town Clerk of Acushnet:

The undersigned submit the following report of the Special Town Election held this day in Precinct II.

Polls were opened at 10:00 A.M. by Warden Wanda Bourgeois.  
 Ballot box register when polls opened 0.  
 Number of votes cast to be counted 54.  
 Number of ballots spoiled 0.  
 Number of ballots void or not used 946.  
 Total number of ballots received 1000.  
 The following officers were present:  
     Warden Wanda Bourgeois  
     Clerk Virginia Baird, Dorothy Daniels  
     Inspectors Ernest Bourgeois, Stella Bertrand, Isabelle Forand,  
         Nancy Brown  
     Police Officers Paul Mello, James M. Vieira

**CLERK'S REPORT - PRECINCT III**

To the Town Clerk of Acushnet:

The undersigned submit the following report of the Special Town Election held  
 this day in Precinct III.  
 Polls were opened at 10:00 A.M. by Warden Mary Jane Rymut.  
 Ballot box register when polls opened 0.  
 Number of votes cast to be counted 29.  
 Number of ballots spoiled 0.  
 Number of ballots void or not used 971.  
 Total number of ballots received 1000.  
 The following officers were present:  
     Warden Mary Jane Rymut  
     Clerk Dorothy L. Lackie  
     Inspectors Olive Laycock, Hope Reynolds, Lina Bertrand, Janice  
         Richard  
     Police Officers Marc Antone, David Swift

	Prec. I	Prec. II	Prec. III	Total
<b>TOWN CLERK</b>				
Blanks	1	3		4
Jacqueline Contois	10	4	3	17
Richard Threlfall	38	46	26	110
Write-Ins				
William Jenkinson	1			1
Irwin Marks		1		1
Total	50	54	29	133

A true copy, Attest:  
     Lillian B. Garbaciak  
     Town Clerk

# RESULTS OF STATE ELECTION

## NOVEMBER 5, 1996

### REGISTER OF VOTERS AS OF CLOSE OF REGISTRATION ON OCTOBER 16, 1996

	Democrats	Rupublicans	Libertarian	Unenrolled	Total
Precinct I	950	84	0	914	1948
Precinct II	957	136	7	960	2060
Precinct III	707	121	0	1022	1850
Total	2614	341	7	2896	5858

### RESULTS

	Prec. I	Prec. II	Prec. III	Total
<b>PRESIDENT &amp; VICE PRESIDENT</b>				
Blanks	16	30	16	62
Browne & Jorgensen	5	6	10	21
Clinton & Gore	1067	1039	954	3060
Dole & Kemp	207	288	247	742
Hagelin & Tompkins	2	0	1	3
Moorehead & LaRiva	1	1	0	2
Perot & Choate	161	205	180	546
Write-ins	3	4	3	10
Total	1462	1573	1411	4446

### SENATOR IN CONGRESS

Blanks	22	20	20	62
John F. Kerry	1007	936	860	2803
William F. Weld	380	549	502	1431
Susan C. Gallagher	50	64	26	140
Robert C. Stowe	3	3	2	8
Write-ins	0	1	1	2
Total	1462	1573	1411	4446

### REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS

Blanks	58	58	50	166
Barney Franks	1160	1171	1082	3413
Jonathan P. Raymond	243	343	279	865
Write-ins	1	1	0	2
Total	1462	1573	1411	4446

	Prec. I	Prec. II	Prec. III	Total
<b>COUNCILLOR</b>				
Blanks	337	413	319	1069
David F. Constantine	1122	1160	1090	3372
Write-ins	3	0	2	5
Total	1462	1573	1411	4446
<b>SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT</b>				
Blanks	270	317	253	840
Mark C. Montigny	1190	1256	1151	3597
Write-ins	2	0	7	9
Total	1462	1573	1411	4446
<b>REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT</b>				
Blanks	292	362	298	952
Robert M. Koczera	1163	1208	1101	3472
Write-ins	7	3	12	22
Total	1462	1573	1411	4446
<b>REGISTER OF PROBATE</b>				
Blanks	367	449	345	1161
Robert E. Peck	1094	1123	1058	3275
Write-ins	1	1	8	10
Total	1462	1573	1411	4446
<b>COUNTY TREASURER</b>				
Blanks	149	166	145	460
Patrick H. Harrington	309	383	325	1017
J. Mark Treadup	896	920	865	2681
George E. Foster	108	104	73	285
Write-ins	0	0	3	3
Total	1462	1573	1411	4446
<b>COUNTY COMMISSIONER</b>				
Blanks	1486	1672	1438	4596
Arthur R. Machado	574	545	518	1637
Christopher T. Saunders	862	929	858	2649
Write-ins	2	0	8	10
Total	2924	3146	2822	8892
<b>QUESTION #1</b>				
Blanks	247	300	131	678
Yes	683	618	706	2007
No	532	655	574	1761
Total	1462	1573	1411	4446

Attest:

Richard Threlfall  
Town Clerk



## **REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

The Town Election in April saw the election of Peter W. Koczera for his second term. The Board of Selectmen re-organized and Everett L. Hardy, Jr., was voted as Chairman for 1996-1997.

A good part of 1996 the department heads faced budget constraints but still managed to run their departments with a minimal amount of financial stress to our taxpayers. Our department heads worked very hard to give the townspeople all the necessary services and still stay within the budgets.

The Board of Selectmen in 1996 purchased a new townwide computer system, including new hardware and software, to allow total integration between departments. This facilitates departments sharing data to make it easier to obtain reports and required records. The Collector's office is now able to scan all tax, excise and utility bills, reducing the chance for error and improving cash flow.

In 1996 the Board still worked hand in hand with the Acushnet Golf Recreation Development Committee (A.G.R.D.C.) reviewing plans and meeting with State officials; presently we are facing a number of architectural and environmental changes, thus prolonging the construction phase probably by two to three months.

For some time the Board of Selectmen has been working together with our grant consultant and COA Director in applying for a grant to refurbish the Mason W. Burt School in order to house our senior citizens and give them a more spacious COA Center where they can serve more meals and hold additional activities for our seniors to enjoy. Hopefully the Town will receive a grant in 1997-1998 which will enable us to renovate and relocate the COA Center to 59 1/2 South Main Street sometime in 1998.

This office is continuously working with Jim Simmons from Hands Across The River (HATR) and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to clean up the PCB's in the Acushnet River in order to give townspeople a clean and healthy environment in which to live.

At the end of 1995 and the beginning of 1996 the Selectmen renovated the second floor of the Town Hall, thus establishing an accounting/billing department and a conference room which department heads can utilize at their convenience.

Also in 1996 the Selectmen split the position of Town Clerk/Treasurer/Collector, with the Town Clerk becoming an elected position and

Treasurer and Collector being appointed positions. This was done to alleviate work load problems.

Finally, in closing, the Board of Selectmen would like to thank all the department heads, employees and volunteers for their continuous support and hard work throughout the year to better serve the taxpayers and residents of Acushnet. We, as elected officials, continue to serve our townspeople to the best of our ability, with all elected boards, committees, commissions, etc., working as a team to make Acushnet a prosperous and desirable town in which to live and raise the future officials of Acushnet.

Respectfully submitted,

Everett L. Hardy, Jr.  
Robert J. St. Jean  
Peter W. Koczera  
Acushnet Board of Selectmen

Elaine Miranda  
Executive Secretary

Leanne Pereira  
Secretary

# **OFFICERS APPOINTED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

## **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

John Howcroft (Chairman) .....	1997
Eugene Perry .....	1997
Hector Roy .....	1997
Elizabeth Gatenby .....	1998
Russell Goyette .....	1998
Cynthia Leonard .....	1998
Mary Lou Marques (Vice Chairman) .....	1999
Nicholas Wagner. ....	1999

Richard Threlfall (Resigned)

## **POLICE COMMISSIONERS**

Everett L. Hardy, Jr. ....	1997
Robert J. St. Jean .....	1998
Peter W. Koczera .....	1999

## **EXECUTIVE SECRETARY**

Elaine Miranda

## **TOWN ACCOUNTANT**

Alan G. Coutinho

## **TOWN COUNSEL**

Kopelman & Paige

## **CONSTABLES**

Antone John Kolz .....	1997
Marc E. LaPlante .....	1997
George Souza .....	1997
Frank Adesso .....	1998
Richard Moniz .....	1998
David M. Tomlinson .....	1998
Herve W. Vandal, Jr. ....	1998
Michael Coutinho .....	1999
George H. Grew .....	1999

## **KEEPER OF THE LOCKUP**

Sheriff David R. Nelson

## **ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER**

Alfred Brouillette  
Kristen Joseph (Fairhaven)

**DEPUTY ANIMAL INSPECTOR/OFFICERS**

Kristen Joseph (Fairhaven)

Macey Joseph (Fairhaven)

**ASSISTANT DEPUTY ANIMAL OFFICER/INSPECTOR**

Alfred Brouillette

**REGISTRAR OF VOTERS**

Joao Acucena .....	1997
Dorothy Renfree .....	1997
Lorraine L. Daniel .....	1999

**FIRE CHIEF, FOREST WARDEN, INSPECTOR OF GARAGES**

Paul R. Cote

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

Mary Allison (Associate) .....	1997
Robert Bertrand .....	1997
Cynthia Haskell .....	1997
Joyce Reynolds .....	1997
David Davignon .....	1998
Paul Picard .....	1998
Walton Braley .....	1999
Ted Cioper .....	1999

**MOTH SUPERINTENDENT**

Robert Lanzoni

**ENFORCEMENT AGENT FOR THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

James Buckles

**VETERANS' AGENT, DIRECTOR OF VETERANS' SERVICES**

Veterans' Burial Agent for Indigent Soldiers & Sailors

& Veterans' Grave Officer (C115 S7 & 9)

Michael P. Moses

**ACUSHNET EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES DIRECTOR**

Adrienne Y. Rivet

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (CIVIL DEFENSE)**

**DEPUTY CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR**

Gerard Bergeron

John Genereux

## **PUBLIC WEIGHERS**

Donat A. Desrochers

Paul R. Fredette, Jr.

Ruth Harkins

## **ELECTION OFFICERS**

### **PRECINCT 1**

Eva Mach (D) .....	Warden
Juliana Perry (R).....	Clerk
Antoinette Boissoneau (R) .....	Inspector
Honora Gaouette (I) .....	Inspector
Arlette LaPalme (D) .....	Inspector
Joyce Heidkamp Tillet (D) .....	Inspector

### **PRECINCT 2**

Wanda Bourgeois (D) .....	Warden
John Tavares (D) .....	Clerk
Virginia Baird (R) .....	Inspector
Stella Bertrand (D) .....	Inspector
Nancy Brown (R) .....	Inspector
Dorothy Daniels .....	Inspector
Isabelle Forand (R) .....	Inspector
Cecilia Tavares (D) .....	Inspector

### **PRECINCT 3**

Mary Jane Rymut (D) .....	Warden
Dorothy L. Lackie .....	Clerk
Charlotte Coutinho (I) .....	Inspector
Lucille Harris (D) .....	Inspector
Alice Hebert (R) .....	Inspector
Olive M. Laycock (R) .....	Inspector
Hope Reynolds (R) .....	Inspector
Janice Richard (R) .....	Inspector
Anna Samerio (D) .....	Inspector

## **BOARD OF APPEALS**

Henry T. Preston .....	1997
Gerard Toussaint .....	1997
Lawrence Marshall (Chairman) .....	1998
Barbara Mello .....	1998
Carol Westgate .....	1998
Patricia Braley .....	1999
Gary G. Lemos .....	1999

### **COUNCIL ON AGING**

William Contois (Chairman) .....	1997
Norman R. Cormier .....	1997
Stella Bertrand .....	1998
Irene Bouchard .....	1998
Ruth Gilmore .....	1998
Dorothy Gomes .....	1998
David Rawcliffe .....	1999
Milton Reynolds .....	1999

### **COUNCIL ON AGING BUILDING COMMITTEE**

Marc Cenerizio .....	1997
William Contois .....	1997
Everett L. Hardy, Jr. ....	1997
Lucille Hardy .....	1997
Joseph G. O'Brien .....	1997
David Rawcliffe .....	1997
Richard Threlfall .....	1997

### **WIRE INSPECTOR**

Albert Hubert (Temporary Wire Inspector)  
Frank Knox (Temporary Emergency Wire Inspector)  
James Knox (Deputy Wire Inspector)

### **GAS INSPECTOR**

Raymond N. LaFrance, Gas Inspector  
(Appointed by Building Commissioner)

Henry Daigle, Alternate Gas Inspector  
(Appointed by Building Commissioner)

### **INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS**

James Buckles  
Christopher Renfree, Deputy Building Inspector

### **PLUMBING DEPARTMENT**

Raymond N. LaFrance, (Acting) Plumbing Inspector  
(Appointed by Building Commissioner)

Henry Daigle, Alternate Plumbing Inspector  
(Appointed by Building Commissioner)

## **HISTORICAL COMMISSION**

Stephen Gilmore .....	1997
Roberta E. Leonard .....	1997
Helen Prachniak .....	1997
Joyce Reynolds .....	1997
Marvin Allison .....	1998
Irwin Marks .....	1998
Madeline Gwozdz .....	1998
Louise Richard .....	1998

Dean Gilmore (Resigned)  
Norman Richard (Deceased)

## **O.C.V.R.T.H.S. DISTRICT COMMITTEE**

Leo Coons                      Mark Rogers  
Louise Desroches (Resigned)

## **SAFETY COMMITTEE**

Lewis Elgar, Jr. ....	1997
Brenda Raposa .....	1997
Susan Hallett .....	1998
Paul Melo (Police Department) .....	1998
Gerrie Reed .....	1998

Abel D. Jacintho (Resigned)

## **STREET NAME COMMITTEE**

Madeline Gwozdz .....	1997
William Hunter .....	1997
Dorothy Koczera .....	1998
Patricia Scott .....	1998

Manuel A. Goulart (Resigned)  
Donald Guenette (Resigned)  
Alfred Robichaud (Resigned)

## **BUILDING BOARD OF APPEALS**

Ronald Labonte .....	1998
Conrad Desroches .....	1999
Amos Souza .....	1999
Frederick Law .....	2000
Raymond F. LeBlanc (Chairman) .....	2001

## **INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS**

Antonio Camara

## **SEALER OF WEIGHTS & MEASURES**

Marianne Marshall

## **YOUTH COMMISSION**

Nancy Francis

Everett L. Hardy, Jr.

Reverend Robert Hardy

Mark Kochanek

Charles Pelletier

## **ARTS COUNCIL**

Walton S. Dalton, Jr. (Advisor / Administrator) .....	1997
George Marshall .....	1998
Norman Pimental .....	1998
Edward Macomber .....	1999
Claudette Saulnier .....	1999

Stephen Olivier (Deceased)

## **RIGHT TO KNOW COORDINATOR**

Paul R. Cote (Fire Chief)

## **SOLID WASTE/COMPOSTING ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Jacueline Brightman (Advisor)	Charles Peters
Tom Fortin	Henry Preston
Robert Medeiros	Gary Rawcliffe

## **BY-LAW REVIEW COMMITTEE**

Christopher Renfree .....	1997
Leo M. Rousseau .....	1997
Nicolangela Filippone .....	1998
Marc LaPlant .....	1998
Raymond LeBlanc .....	1998
Leo Lyonnais .....	1998
Everett L. Hardy, Jr. ....	1999
Richard Threlfall .....	1999
Carol Westgate .....	1999
Susan Forgues .....	2000

## **PARTING WAYS BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE**

Charlotte Coutinho	Matthew Goulet
Pearl Goulet	William Murphy
Connie Preston	
Norma Pimental (Resigned)	
Rose Trahan (Resigned)	



**S.R.P.E.D.D. - J.T.P.G. MEMBER**  
Robert St. Jean (Board of Selectmen)

**S.R.T.A. ADVISORY COMMISSION MEMBER**  
Everett L. Hardy, Jr.

**GOLF COURSE/RECREATION DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

Mary Ruth Allison .....	1998
Marc Cenerizo .....	1998
Manuel Goulart .....	1998
Everett L. Hardy, III .....	1998
Edward Issac .....	1998
Lawrence Mulvey .....	1998
Barry Paine .....	1998
George Perry .....	1998
Kathleen Perry .....	1998
Gary Rousseau .....	1998
Alice Soja .....	1998
David Trinidad .....	1998

**SOIL CONSERVATION BOARD**

Raymond Barlow	Walton Braley
Madeleine Cioper	Alfred Fernandes, Jr.
Robert Medeiros	Paul Picard
Harold Westgate	

**TOWN INSURANCE BROKER**  
Feitelberg Agency, Inc.

**WELLFIELD STUDY COMMITTEE**

Barbara Bonville	Gerard DaCosta
Richard H. Ellis	David Gump
Mitchell Kut	

**CABLE T.V. COMMITTEE**

Jose Castelo	Luis DaRosa
Matt Goulet	Donald Lopes
Kenneth Souza	

**COAL PLANT DESIGNER**  
Walton Braley

### **CAPITAL EXPENDITURE COMMITTEE**

Norman Fredette .....	1998
Matthew Goulet .....	1998
Edward Govoni .....	1998
Robert Lanzoni .....	1998
Patricia Scott .....	1998

### **GROWTH MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

Jacqueline Brightman	Marc Cenerizio
Madeleine Cioper	Paul Cote
Richard Ellis	Susan Forgues
Lawrence Marshall	William Murphy
George Perry	Kathleen Perry
Michael Poitras	Adrienne Rivet
Gladys Varrieur	

### **POWER STUDY COMMITTEE**

Alice Barboza	Donald J. Cacchese
David Dennis	Peter W. Koczera
Irwin Marks	Elmer D. Paul
Ken Shankweiler	

### **HOUSING PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE**

Raymond Barlow .....	1997
Jacqueline S. Brightman .....	1997
Mary Crapo .....	1997
Susan Forgues .....	1997
Mary Emsley .....	1998
Peter W. Koczera .....	1998
Robert Medeiros .....	1998
Joyce Reynolds .....	1998
Lorraine Santos .....	1998
Everett L. Hardy, Jr.	

### **PORTABLE SIGN COMMITTEE**

James Buckles	Richard A. Ellis
Robert Hall	Peter Koczera
Paul Melo	Henry Preston

### **TAX SHIFT STUDY COMMITTEE**

Marc Cenerizio .....	1997
Michael Cioper .....	1997
Everett L. Hardy, Jr. ....	1997
Richard Threlfall .....	1997
Paul Trahan .....	1997

### **ADA COORDINATORS**

Joao Acucena  
Marc Cenerizio  
Paul R. Cote  
Valdene Kane

James Buckles  
Madeleine Cioper  
Stephen Gilmore  
Elaine Miranda

Claudette Oliver (Alternate)  
Howard Renfree (Deceased)

### **TRASH FEE COMMITTEE**

Matthew Goulet  
Deborah Pelletier

Adelard Jacques  
Leo Rousseau

Kenneth Souza

### **HERRING WARDEN**

John Mello

### **ASSISTANT HERRING WARDEN**

Ted Govoni

### **SHELLFISH WARDEN / HARBOR MASTER**

Alfred Braley

### **DEPUTY SHELLFISH WARDEN**

Robert Medeiros

### **ASSISTANT SHELLFISH WARDEN / HARBOR MASTER**

Peter W. Koczera

### **PPWG - HARBOR TRUSTEE COUNCIL MEMBER**

Alfred Braley

### **PCB REPRESENTATIVE**

Peter W. Koczera

### **SPECIAL POLICE OFFICER OF NEW BEDFORD WATER WORKS**

Arthur Calheta

### **SPECIAL POLICE OFFICER ACUSHNET METHODIST CHURCH**

David Rawcliffe

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

To the Officers and Residents of the Town of Acushnet:

Following is a recapitulation of the Fiscal 1997 Tax Rate

### TAX RATE SUMMARY

Gross Amount to be Raised	13,431,075.09
Estimated Receipts and Available Funds	7,544,497.16
Net Amount to be Raised by Taxation	5,886,577.93

### LEVY BY CLASSIFICATION

	Tax Levy	Valuation	Tax/M
Residential	5,149,209.85	390,683,600	13.18
Open Space	-0-	-0-	-0-
Commercial	266,042.01	17,230,700	15.44
Industrial	248,793.98	16,113,600	15.44
Sub Total	5,664,045.84	424,027,900	
Personal Property	222,532.09	14,412,700	15.44
TOTAL	5,886,577.93	438,440,600	

### EXPENDITURES

Appropriations at Town Meeting	13,075,362.16
Other Local Expenditures	58,290.82
State & County Charges	123,173.00
Overlay	174,249.11
Gross Amount to be Raised	13,431,075.09

### ESTIMATED RECEIPTS AND AVAILABLE FUNDS

Estimated Receipts from State	4,979,045.00
Prior Years Over Estimates, State/County	274.00
Local Estimated Receipts	1,570,644.00
Enterprise Funds	305,552.00
Revolving Funds	-0-
Free Cash	457,248.00
Available Funds	231,734.16
TOTAL RECEIPTS	7,544,497.16

**LOCAL ESTIMATED RECEIPTS**

Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise	485,591.00
Penalty & Interest on Tax & Excise	63,195.00
Water	610,633.00
Licenses & Permits	83,541.00
Fines, Forfeits & Fees	63,383.00
Investment Income	106,657.00
Other Departmental Revenue	157,644.00
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<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED RECEIPTS</b>	<b>1,570,644.00</b>

The Board of Assessors received approval of valuation in the month of August, enabling the Town to have actual tax bills sent, rather than estimated bills.

The value of the Town of Acushnet went up less than seven million dollars. This happened due to sales of previous year and also more dwellings being built from subdivisions in town. The tax rate, on the other hand, has risen due to the amount spent at Town Meeting. The amount spent is allowed to rise 2 1/2% each and every year.

The whole town began using a new computer software system this year. The conversion of information took longer than expected, which helped to cause the delay of sending the actual tax bills.

The consultant to the Board of Assessors is continuing to make in-house inspections to update the Assessors' records as required by the Department of Revenue. With this ongoing updating, the Board will be right up to date for the FY'98 valuation approval.

The Board of Assessors are also continuing work on taking new pictures of all houses in town in order to better identify each property.

Respectfully submitted,

Board of Assessors  
George H. Perry, Jr., Chairman  
Michael Cioper  
Eugene L. Dabrowski

Office Staff  
Susanne Y. Sounik, Adm. Assistant  
Nicolangela Filippone, Senior Clerk

Consultant  
Catherine M. Salmon

# **REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK**

## **Births, Marriages and Deaths Vital Statistics**

### **BIRTHS:**

In Acushnet	0	
In other municipalities	78	78
Resident		
Non-Resident	0	78
Male	36	
Female	42	78

### **MARRIAGES:**

In Acushnet	16	
In other municipalities	35	51
Resident Bride and Groom	16	
Resident Groom	9	
Resident Bride	7	
Non-Resident Bride and Groom	19	51

### **DEATHS:**

In Acushnet	23	
In other municipalities	62	85
Resident Deaths - Women	38	
Resident Deaths - Men	47	
Non-Resident Deaths - Women	0	
Non-Resident Deaths - Men	0	85

Attest:

Richard Threlfall  
Town Clerk

**REPORT OF THE TREASURER**  
**LONG TERM DEBT**  
**AS OF JUNE 30, 1996**

Date of Issue	Date of Maturity	Purposes	Balance As Of 6/30/95	Principal Paid FY'96	Interest Paid FY'96	Principal Balance Due 6/30/96
September 15, 1984	September 15, 1995	Sewer Project - Phase II	25,000.00	25,000.00	1,150.00	0.00
September 15, 1984	September 15, 1995	Water Improvement	10,000.00	10,000.00	460.00	0.00
October 2, 1992	October 2, 1997	Municipal Purposes	63,300.00	25,000.00	1,348.29 815.79	38,300.00
			98,300.00	60,000.00	3,774.08	38,300.00

Summary		Debt	Interest	Total
TOWN		25,000.00	2,164.08	27,164.08
WATER		10,000.00	460.00	10,460.00
SEWER		25,000.00	1,150.00	26,150.00
		60,000.00	3,774.08	63,774.08

Respectfully submitted,  
Lillian B. Garbaciak, Treasurer

## RECEIPTS FISCAL YEAR 1996

### GENERAL FUND

#### PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES

1993	11.76
1994	16.07
1995	2,252.43
1996	<u>202,115.48</u>
	204,395.74

#### REAL ESTATE TAXES

1992	1,407.72
1994	4,143.09
1995	205,434.69
1996	<u>5,071,609.05</u>
	5,282,594.55

#### TAX LIENS REDEEMED

Prior Years	0.00
1986	1,271.56
1990	5,758.38
1991	7,927.43
1992	8,370.91
1993	16,564.56
1994	33,466.79
1995	<u>27,803.58</u>
	101,163.21

#### MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE

Prior Years	994.33
1991	346.98
1992	478.65
1993	740.85
1994	8,114.05
1995	81,426.92
1996	<u>393,488.78</u>
	485,590.56

#### PENALTY AND INTEREST

Property Tax	32,392.26
Excise	10,389.84
Tax Liens Red.	20,393.14
Other	<u>20.00</u>
	63,195.24



**FEES**

Police Detail	3,760.85
Cable	1,578.50
Lien Certificates	8,025.00
Non-renewal Motor Vehicle	<u>3,905.00</u>
	17,269.35

**OTHER DEPARTMENTAL REVENUE**

Assessors	581.85
Selectmen	50.00
Treasurer	492.00
Collector	(39.62)
Clerk	4,970.99
Conservation	387.39
Planning Board	5,461.00
Appeal Board	3,920.00
Police	1,302.50
Fire	2,455.00
Building	0.17
Weights & Measures	429.00
Recycling	564.96
Board of Health	23,031.50
Miscellaneous	4,744.68
Library	<u>301.29</u>
	48,652.71

**LICENSES AND PERMITS**

Dog	1,684.00
Liquor	15,275.00
Victuallers	475.00
Gun	1,890.00
Blasting	90.00
Oil Burners	1,185.00
Building	27,164.49
Electrical	9,566.00
Gas	3,313.00
Board of Health	10,353.50
Motor Vehicle	1,575.00
Plumbing	8,160.00
Amusement	1,775.00
Other	<u>1,035.00</u>
	83,540.99

<b>FINES AND FORFEITURES</b>	
Court	21,315.00
Library	1,260.10
Parking	1,744.00
Other Registry	<u>21,795.00</u>
	46,114.10
 <b>FEDERAL REVENUE</b>	 6,098.00
 <b>ABATEMENTS TO VETERANS</b>	 4,478.00
 <b>ABATEMENTS TO SURVIVING SPOUSES</b>	 350.00
 <b>ABATEMENTS TO THE BLIND</b>	 613.00
 <b>ABATEMENTS TO THE ELDERLY</b>	 34,218.00
 <b>CHAPTER 70</b>	 3,099,662.00
 <b>SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION</b>	 168,444.00
 <b>COMM. OF MASSACHUSETTS HIGHWAY FUNDS</b>	 111,540.00
 <b>OTHER REVENUE FROM STATE</b>	 549.00
 <b>MUNICIPAL MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT</b>	 24,474.95
 <b>ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE</b>	 67,589.00
 <b>LOTTERY FUNDS</b>	 943,825.00
 <b>EARNINGS ON INVESTMENTS</b>	 106,656.65
 <b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	 \$10,901,014.05
 <u><b>SCHOOL LUNCH FUND</b></u>	 \$189,554.80
 <u><b>HIGHWAY CHAPTER 90</b></u>	 \$66,732.00
 <u><b>SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b></u>	
Rubbish Revenue	238,717.36
E.M.S.	133,428.27
D.A.R.E. Grant	10,000.00
COPS Grant	2,576.40
Community Development	22,500.00
Council on Aging	9,064.00

Library Grants & Gift Fund	11,315.82
Arts Lottery Council	7,571.90
Law Enforcement Trust	105.32
Composite Bins	631.94
Insurance Reimbursement	7,622.17
Medical Exams	400.00
Outside Ads	191.65
Notice of Intent - Conservation	3,500.50
Partingways Beautification	25.00
Building Maintenance	<u>13,125.00</u>
<b>TOTAL SPECIAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$460,775.33</b>

**SCHOOL SPECIAL REVENUE**

Chapter I	65,443.00
Title II	39,865.00
Early Childhood	6,695.00
Chapter II	4,667.00
D.D.E. - Title II	2,776.00
Health Project	27,573.00
Drug Free School	4,798.00
School Building Rental	6,025.75
Tuition Fund	4,855.00
Ford Middle School	5,560.81
Elementary School Fund	19,931.24
Comm. Partnership Grant	31,016.27
Education Reform Study Group	<u>3,247.00</u>
<b>TOTAL SCHOOL SPECIAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$222,453.07</b>

**WATER FUND**

**\$735,399.40**

**SEWER FUND**

**\$250,697.54**

**GOLF ENTERPRISE**

**\$522,493.07**

**TRUST FUNDS**

Contributions	1,000.00
Interest	<u>42,889.88</u>
	<b>\$43,889.88</b>

**TOTAL**

**\$13,393,009.14**

**Attest:**

**Alan G. Coutinho**  
**Town Accountant**

**APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES  
FISCAL YEAR 1996**

	<b>FY 1996 Actual Approp.</b>	<b>FY 1996 Actual Expend.</b>
<b>RESERVE FUND .3240</b>		
F.B. RESERVE FUND	1,397.53	0.00
<b>TOWN MEETING .5113</b>		
Town Meeting /Election	6,500.00	6,381.74
<b>MODERATOR .5114</b>		
Salary	371.00	371.00
Supplies	15.00	0.00
In State Travel	19.00	0.00
Dues / Memberships	15.00	0.00
Total	420.00	371.00
<b>SELECTMEN .5122</b>		
Salaries - Selectmen	10,176.00	10,176.00
Salaries - Executive Secretary	31,107.00	31,107.00
Salaries - Clerical	10,551.00	10,510.76
Longevity	700.00	700.00
Training / Seminars	200.00	171.00
Telephone	1,020.65	969.45
Communications - Advertising	740.62	740.62
Consulting / Grant Writer	4,105.31	4,105.31
Office Supply	600.00	600.00
Town Report / Warrant	3,000.00	2,760.00
In-State Travel	50.00	46.00
Dues / Sub. / Membership	1,300.00	1,269.00
Land Middle Road	70,000.00	70,000.00
Total	133,550.58	133,155.14
<b>FINANCE COMMITTEE .5131</b>		
Salaries - Clerical	1,200.00	348.00
Office Supplies	200.00	176.40
In State Travel	300.00	99.40
Dues / Sub. / Memberships	200.00	135.00
Total	1,900.00	758.80

<b>FY 1996</b>	<b>FY 1996</b>
<b>Actual Approp.</b>	<b>Actual Expend.</b>

**TOWN ACCOUNTANT .5135**

Salaries - Town Accountant	41,655.00	41,655.00
Salaries - Clerical	21,870.00	21,785.40
Salaries - Billing Clerk	5,375.00	4,338.19
Longevity	175.00	175.00
Auditing	9,500.00	9,500.00
Telephone	744.00	743.89
Office Supplies	1,000.00	912.12
In State Travel	1,200.00	618.02
Dues/ Sub. / Memberships	115.00	95.00
Additional Equipment	2,500.00	2,464.98
Total	84,134.00	82,287.60

**ASSESSORS .5141**

Salaries - Assessors	8,326.00	8,326.00
Salaries - Administrative Assistant	24,431.00	24,431.00
Salaries - Clerical	21,102.00	21,021.00
Longevity	700.00	700.00
Fr. Ben. - Wage Reimbursement, Comp.	500.00	0.00
Training	50.00	0.00
Repairs / Maintenance	175.00	159.00
Telephone	600.00	431.59
Printing & Binding	450.00	105.00
Marshall & Swift	2,703.76	2,703.76
Plot Plans	1,800.00	1,327.50
Registry of Deeds / Probate	150.00	55.96
Annual Update / Consultant	32,500.00	29,550.00
Office Supplies	1,700.00	1,055.82
Photo Supplies	500.00	494.87
In-State Travel	400.00	297.60
Other In-State Travel	150.00	0.00
Dues	200.00	195.00
Total	96,437.76	90,854.10

**TOWN COLLECTOR / TREASURER .5145**

Salaries - Town Collector / Treasurer	42,073.00	42,073.00
Salaries - Assistant Collector / Treasurer	24,042.24	24,042.24
Salaries - Clerical	84,555.00	83,392.64
Salaries - Temporary	8,374.00	8,374.00
Salaries - Additional Gross	2,500.95	2,500.95

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In-State Travel	400.00	297.60
Other In-State Travel	150.00	0.00
Dues	200.00	195.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>96,437.76</b>	<b>90,854.10</b>

### **TOWN COLLECTOR / TREASURER .5145**

Salaries - Town Collector / Treasurer	42,073.00	42,073.00
Salaries - Assistant Collector / Treasurer	24,042.24	24,042.24
Salaries - Clerical	84,555.00	83,392.64
Salaries - Temporary	8,374.00	8,374.00
Salaries - Additional Gross	2,500.95	2,500.95

	<b>FY 1996 Actual Approp.</b>	<b>FY 1996 Actual Expend.</b>
Longevity	525.00	525.00
Repairs / Maintenance	627.00	626.96
Legal - Land Court	9,500.00	7,494.68
Payroll / Microfiche	11,692.36	11,692.36
Low Value Property	800.00	0.00
Loan Expense	2,000.00	1,823.00
Tax Bills	4,800.00	4,800.00
Ballots	1,500.00	1,125.75
Vital Statistics	200.00	179.50
Telephone	2,600.00	2,324.32
Postage	14,000.00	13,721.70
Communications - Advertising	550.00	0.00
Registry Recordings	400.00	100.96
Office Supplies	3,500.00	3,462.97
Update Law Books	729.60	729.60
In-State Travel	1,900.00	1,899.26
Dues	400.00	95.00
Bonding	2,000.00	1,735.50
Office Equipment	<u>1,500.00</u>	<u>1,493.53</u>
Total	220,769.15	214,212.92

#### **TOWN COUNSEL .5151**

Legal	<u>104,443.55</u>	<u>104,443.55</u>
Total	104,443.55	104,443.55

#### **DATA PROCESSING .5155**

Repair / Maintenance Copier	3,000.00	2,944.89
Maintenance Agreement	4,172.00	2,825.00
Software Maintenance	8,652.00	8,652.00
Photo-copier Supply	1,827.21	1,827.21
Wiring Expense	200.00	191.18
Software Expense	1,000.00	820.490
Other Supplies	2,275.29	2,140.49
Computer Exp. Training Cons.	1,000.00	900.00
In-State Travel	75.00	48.35
Additional Equipment	<u>7,542.19</u>	<u>5,737.78</u>
Total	29,743.69	26,087.39

<b>FY 1996</b>	<b>FY 1996</b>
<b>Actual</b>	<b>Approp.</b>
<b>Actual</b>	<b>Expend.</b>

### REGISTRAR OF VOTERS .5163

Salaries - Temporary	2,500.00	2,500.00
Census Taker	1,600.00	1,374.98
Street Voting / Census	2,500.00	1,802.19
Office Supplies	200.00	195.95
Postage	1,500.00	1,500.00
Total	8,300.00	7,373.12

### CONSERVATION .5171

Salaries - Clerical	1,500.00	1,500.00
Consultant Services	5,700.00	5,700.00
Telephone	400.00	400.00
Communications - Advertising	75.00	21.00
Office Supplies	200.00	200.00
Photo Supplies	100.00	92.25
In-State Travel	350.00	266.60
Dues	125.00	95.00
Site Improvement - Land Development	1,000.00	1,000.00
Additional Equipment	150.00	145.57
Total	9,600.00	9,420.42

### SOIL BOARD .5172

Salaries - Clerical	184.00	0.00
Office Supplies	26.00	0.00
Total	210.00	0.00

### PLANNING BOARD .5175

Salaries - Clerical	4,000.00	3,949.00
Training - Seminars - Meetings	100.00	100.00
Communications - Advertising	400.00	364.38
Recording	400.00	108.00
Registrar of Deeds / Update Maps	500.00	100.32
Consultant /Zoning Pack.	2,000.00	1,547.46
Office Supplies	800.00	701.41
In-State Travel	205.00	79.00
Dues	100.00	80.00
Total	8,505.00	7,029.57



<b>FY 1996</b>	<b>FY 1996</b>
<b>Actual Approp.</b>	<b>Actual Expend.</b>

**BOARD OF APPEALS .5176**

Salaries - Clerical	1,588.00	874.85
Communications - Advertising	939.84	939.84
Office Supplies	50.00	38.50
Total	2,577.94	1,653.19

**TOWN HALL / PARTING WAYS BUILDING .5192**

Salaries - Custodian	23,407.00	23,317.32
Salaries - Temporary	300.00	160.00
Overtime	200.00	99.47
Longevity	0.00	0.00
Electricity	26,000.00	24,903.60
Repairs & Maintenance Bldgs & Grnds.	4,576.95	4,576.48
Supplies	4,200.00	4,199.88
In-State Travel	50.00	32.25
Total	58,733.95	57,289.00

**BY-LAWS .5197**

Office Supplies	1.00	0.00
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**POLICE DEPARTMENT .5210**

Salaries - Permanent Position / Chief	46,356.00	46,356.00
Salaries - Permanent Positions	666,544.00	638,774.75
Longevity	3,425.00	3,425.00
Clothing Allowance	7,900.00	7,707.86
Vehicle Maintenance	11,000.00	7,249.63
Maintenance Agreement	4,000.00	3,992.16
Software Maintenance	1,725.00	1,725.00
Telephone	4,500.00	4,454.38
Office Supplies	2,175.00	1,826.73
Gasoline	12,070.38	12,070.38
Meals	1,465.00	1,026.16
Other Supplies - Hardware / Lockup	13,500.00	13,093.17
In-State Travel	2,000.00	1,255.70
Dues	250.00	250.00
Police Computers	3,500.00	3,500.00
Enhanced "911"	48.99	0.00
Equipment	24,350.00	24,111.30
Total	804,809.37	770,818.22

<b>FY 1996</b>	<b>FY 1996</b>
<b>Actual Approp.</b>	<b>Actual Expend.</b>

**FIRE DEPARTMENT .5220**

Salaries - Permanent Position	43,248.00	42,498.00
Salaries - Permanent	111,375.00	110,771.42
Salaries - Callmen	39,679.15	39,679.15
Overtime	22,456.00	17,208.54
Longevity	1,000.00	900.00
Clothing Allowance	2,677.00	2,050.00
Training / CPR / 1st Aid	7,000.00	5,301.67
Energy	5,300.00	5,280.42
Water	125.00	116.90
Repairs Equipment / Maintenance	4,000.00	3,974.11
Repairs & Maintenance Bldgs. & Grnds	2,820.78	2,820.78
Vehicle Maintenance	3,000.00	2,914.83
Radio Repair	1,000.00	999.94
Telephone	2,600.00	2,421.07
Office Supply	800.00	778.96
Gasoline	3,564.27	2,725.22
Other Supplies	300.00	254.42
Dues	1,100.00	985.50
Refurbish Station #2	10,000.00	998.04
Medical Exams	1,048.89	444.00
Hepatitis B Shots	8,360.00	5,269.50
Dry Hydrants	707.92	0.00
Additional Equipment	8,950.00	8,928.10
Total	281,112.01	257,320.57

**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES .5232**

Salaries - Director	26,458.00	26,458.00
Salaries - EMT's	79,160.00	79,027.71
Salaries - Billing Clerk	5,375.00	4,338.19
Additional Gross Longevity	350.00	350.00
Clothing Allowance	2,000.00	1,555.89
Repairs Equipment / Maintenance	850.00	800.00
Telephone	800.00	800.00
Collection Expense	1,000.00	999.06
Office Supplies	300.00	272.98
Vehicle Supplies - Maintenance	2,200.00	2,053.65
Gasoline	1,300.00	1,300.00
Medical & Surgical Supplies	4,850.00	4,836.08
Oxygen	1,800.00	1,758.93
In-State Travel / Training	2,200.00	2,196.70

	<b>FY 1996 Actual Apropr.</b>	<b>FY 1996 Actual Expend.</b>
Dues / Sub. / Membership	1,500.00	1,493.34
Additional Equipment / Furniture	<u>550.00</u>	<u>468.40</u>
Total	130,693.00	128,708.93

From Taxation: \$60,489.71

From E.M.S. Revolving Account: \$68,219.22

#### **BUILDING DEPARTMENT .5241**

Salaries - Permanent Position	26,894.00	26,894.00
Salaries - Clerical	21,102.00	21,021.00
Salary - Wire Inspector	3,180.00	3,180.00
Salary - Deputy Wire Inspector	5,425.00	2,375.00
Salaries - Deputy Building Inspector	1,166.00	1,166.00
Salary - Gas / Plumbing Inspector	6,069.00	6,069.00
Salary - Deputy Gas / Plumbing Inspector	1,500.00	495.00
Longevity	350.00	350.00
Compensation Time	600.00	360.00
Training	915.00	465.00
Repairs / Equipment / Maintenance	255.00	179.95
Telephone	600.00	580.86
Plot Plans	1.00	0.00
Office Supplies	972.00	970.25
Vehicle Supplies	500.00	491.15
Gasoline	500.00	233.88
Meals	229.00	60.17
Other Supplies	100.00	94.47
In-State Travel	433.00	267.50
Dues	275.00	275.00
Additional Equipment	<u>1,135.00</u>	<u>961.81</u>
Total	72,201.00	66,490.04

#### **SEALER OF WEIGHTS & MEASURES .5244**

Salaries - Permanent Position	700.00	700.00
Office Supplies	52.59	52.59
Dues	<u>50.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total	802.59	752.59

#### **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY .5291**

Other Personal Services	250.00	146.53
Utilities	1,200.00	1,183.81

	<b>FY 1996 Actual Approp.</b>	<b>FY 1996 Actual Expend.</b>
Repairs / Equipment Maintenance	1,000.00	990.00
Repairs & Maintenance - Building	2,000.00	0.00
Telephone	625.00	599.58
Office Supplies	100.00	94.60
Gasoline	300.00	300.00
Disaster Fund	50.00	0.00
In-State Travel	50.00	33.00
Additional Equipment / Gear	<u>1,000.00</u>	<u>999.00</u>
Total	6,575.00	4,346.52

#### **ANIMAL CONTROL / DOG OFFICER .5292**

Salaries - Temporary	3,021.00	3,021.00
Salaries - Mutual Aid	600.00	300.00
Repair Maintenance Equipment	850.00	762.74
Telephone	471.31	471.31
Board Services	3,000.00	1,695.20
Office Supplies	50.00	47.95
Gasoline	800.00	405.90
Services - Burial of Animals	100.00	64.29
Dues	<u>30.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total	8,922.31	6,768.39

#### **FORESTRY .5294**

Salary Tree Warden	530.00	530.00
Tree Removal	<u>3,045.00</u>	<u>2,800.00</u>
Total	3,575.00	3,330.00

#### **SCHOOL DEPARTMENT .5350**

Regional School	835,505.56	835,505.36
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#### **ACUSHNET SCHOOL DEPARTMENT .5350**

Expenses	6,195,756.32	6,076,503.52
Roof Principal	49,500.00	49,500.00
Roof Interest	<u>34,650.00</u>	<u>15,672.44</u>
Total	6,279,906.32	6,141,675.96

#### **HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT .5420**

Salaries - Permanent Position	26,250.00	26,250.00
Salaries - Permanent	136,336.00	136,336.00

	<b>FY 1996 Actual Approp.</b>	<b>FY 1996 Actual Expend.</b>
Salaries - Clerical	15,827.00	8,796.39
Salaries Additional Gross	2,000.00	1,960.88
Additional Gross Longevity	1,000.00	650.00
Training	200.00	153.80
Clothing Allowance	1,400.00	1,386.36
Electricity	5,494.43	5,473.06
Building Improvements	500.00	500.00
Repairs & Maintenance Bldgs. & Grnds	500.00	500.00
Radio Repair	620.00	575.98
Repairs / Maintenance - Road Construction	16,000.00	15,993.32
Repairs / Maintenance - Line Painting	6,000.00	2,334.40
Rentals & Leases	6,000.00	5,817.30
Grass Cutting	500.00	494.82
Recycling	31,000.00	27,593.31
Engineering Fees	4,000.00	760.08
Telephone	865.00	860.92
Communications - Advertising	276.80	276.10
Police Detail	1,086.00	1,086.00
Office Supplies	829.50	829.50
Gasoline	8,000.00	7,754.44
P.W. Supplies - Oil & Grits	10,000.00	2,237.50
WK Safety Equipment	1,580.00	1,573.25
Public Works / Street Signs Materials	1,500.00	1,500.00
Public Works / Welding	400.00	377.87
Public Works / Guardrail	988.42	988.42
Public Works Drain Supplies	1,000.00	995.15
P.W. Suppl. Oper. - Road Materials	15,000.00	14,846.85
Dues / Sub. / Mem. / Licenses	315.00	310.00
Additional Equipment	30,000.00	0.00
Total	325,468.15	269,211.70

#### **HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION .5421**

Engineering Fees Hamlin Street	11,097.59	880.44
Highway Construction & Improvement	6,398.21	2,664.64
Total	17,495.80	3,545.08

#### **HIGHWAY ROAD EQUIPMENT .5429**

O.P.R.S. - Snow Removal Emergency	68,644.00	87,332.82
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	<b>FY 1996 Actual Approp.</b>	<b>FY 1996 Actual Expend.</b>
<b>STREET LIGHTS .5424</b>		
Electricity	60,000.00	53,402.26
<b>SEMASS .5431</b>		
Salaries - Clerical	10,551.00	10,510.24
R./L/ - Incinerator - Semass	85,000.00	92,168.39
O.P.R.S. - Heavy Pick-up, etc.	10,000.00	6,593.50
Rubbish Removal	91,020.00	91,020.00
Office Supplies	<u>1,500.00</u>	<u>262.04</u>
Total	198,071.00	200,554.17
<b>CEMETERY .5491</b>		
Salaries - Temporary	5,400.00	5,400.00
Repairs - Equipment / Maintenance	400.00	400.00
Building/Grnds/Maint./Serv. & Chrg.	650.00	397.81
Office Supply	100.00	15.00
Building Repairs / Maintenance / Supplies	225.00	225.00
Gasoline	<u>250.00</u>	<u>195.54</u>
Total	7,025.00	6,633.35
<b>HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE .5510</b>		
Board of Health	6,195.00	6,195.00
Salaries - Clerical	21,102.00	21,021.00
Salaries - Temporary	6,650.00	4,958.50
Salaries - Additional Gross	1,200.00	1,186.72
Longevity	150.00	150.00
Physician	3,000.00	2,571.42
Professional Public Health Agency	12,000.00	12,000.00
Clinic Expense - Rabies Control	2,000.00	618.78
Telephone	922.00	671.07
Postage	500.00	494.00
Communications - Advertising	400.00	395.54
Office Supply	1,700.00	1,584.76
Photocopying Supplies	600.00	429.25
Medical & Surgical Supplies	400.00	329.18
Water Testing	50.00	0.00
In-State Travel	25.00	0.00
Dues	125.00	50.00
Additional Equipment	<u>400.00</u>	<u>381.94</u>
Total	57,419.00	53,037.16

<b>FY 1996</b>	<b>FY 1996</b>
<b>Actual Approp.</b>	<b>Actual Expend.</b>

### **ANIMAL INSPECTOR .5519**

Salaries - Permanent Position	1,855.00	1,855.00
In-State Travel / Training	75.00	34.80
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,930.00</b>	<b>1,889.80</b>

### **COUNCIL ON AGING .5541**

Salaries - Department Head	5,000.00	5,000.00
Salaries - Temporary	6,400.00	6,301.00
Vehicle Maintenance	450.00	237.94
Nutrition	3,000.00	2,682.21
Telephone	480.00	414.23
Postage	115.00	83.46
Office Supplies	200.00	185.69
Gasoline	1,500.00	1,314.04
Meals Share	500.00	469.30
In-State Travel	2,150.00	2,140.00
Additional Equipment	8,000.00	0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>27,795.00</b>	<b>18,827.77</b>

### **VETERANS .5543**

Salaries - Permanent Position	2,650.00	2,649.96
Office Supplies	200.00	17.96
Veterans' Benefits	8,900.00	8,449.03
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,750.00</b>	<b>11,116.95</b>

### **LIBRARY .5610**

Salaries - Director	10,827.00	10,827.00
Salaries - Assistant Director	13,371.25	13,371.25
Salaries - Education	1,000.00	932.50
Salaries - Tech.	14,169.07	14,169.07
Salaries - Custodian	3,555.00	3,541.20
Longevity	500.00	500.00
Electricity	3,280.02	3,270.80
Telephone	1,280.46	1,280.46
Education	400.00	102.00
SEAL Expense	10,500.00	10,487.70
Office Supplies	2,500.00	2,483.14
In-State Travel	670.00	398.70
Sp. Art Copier	3,250.00	0.00

	<b>FY 1996 Actual</b>	<b>FY 1996 Approp. Actual Expend.</b>
Art - Parts & Repairs	<u>4,145.83</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total	69,448.63	61,363.82

#### **RECREATION .5630**

Electricity	2,700.00	2,316.40
Telephone	500.00	494.74
Communications - Advertising	100.00	0.00
Summer Youth	8,500.00	8,208.34
Office Supplies	50.00	43.49
Service & Maintenance	1,500.00	1,454.60
Other Supplies - Athletic, etc.	300.00	237.42
Fencing / Lighting	200.00	182.50
Hardware	<u>600.00</u>	<u>587.93</u>
Total	14,450.00	13,525.42

#### **PARK DEPARTMENT .5650**

Salaries - Permanent Position	6,500.00	6,434.39
Salaries - Permanent Laborer	3,500.00	3,500.00
Salaries - Clerical	1,586.00	1,572.50
Salaries - Temporary Park Attendant	2,348.00	2,343.50
Service - Trash Removal	575.00	414.75
Stone Dust	500.00	472.40
Fertilizer	400.00	394.05
Gasoline	700.00	697.05
Bulb Replacement	600.00	595.00
Vandalism	750.00	743.25
Restroom Supplies	175.00	140.28
Equipment - Art. Parking Lot	<u>19,500.00</u>	<u>17,777.82</u>
Total	37,134.00	35,084.99

#### **HISTORICAL COMMISSION .5691**

Electricity	3,288.80	3,287.55
Repairs & Maintenance Building Gr.	380.00	287.19
Telephone / Alarm	720.00	693.18
Postage	20.00	0.00
Communications - Advertising	50.00	0.00
Historic Inventory	2,500.00	0.00
Office Supplies	30.00	16.99
Dues / Subscriptions / Membership	<u>30.00</u>	<u>30.00</u>
Total	7,018.80	4,214.91



	<b>FY 1996</b>	<b>FY 1996</b>
	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Approp.</b>
		<b>Actual Expend.</b>

**CELEBRATIONS .5692**

Road Race	300.00	300.00
Memorial Day / 4 July	<u>1,600.00</u>	<u>785.08</u>
Total	1,900.00	1,085.08

**MISCELLANEOUS .5699**

Shellfish Warden / Harbor Master	250.00	75.64
Herring Inspector	250.00	170.00
Art. 10 - Buzzrds Bay Act. Comm.	600.00	600.00
Golf Course	<u>750.00</u>	<u>98.56</u>
Total	1,850.00	944.20

**RETIREMENT OF DEBT .5710**

L.T.D. Purchase Lease Agreement	31,193.00	31,192.92
Long Term Debt	<u>25,000.00</u>	<u>25,000.00</u>
Total	56,193.00	56,192.92

**INTEREST .5750**

Long Term Debt Interest	3,165.00	23,164.08
Short Term Debt - Loan Interest	<u>30,000.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total	33,165.00	2,164.08

**REGIONAL HEALTH DISTRICT .5835**

Health Agent	26,102.00	26,102.00
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**COUNTY ASSESSMENTS .5830**

County Tax	71,573.00	71,573.00
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**STATE ASSESSMENTS .5850**

Mosquito	12,011.00	11,968.00
Air Pollution	1,875.00	1,875.00
RTA Assessment	19,020.00	19,020.00
N.B. Hurricane Barrier	101.70	0.00
Special Education	9,608.00	9,377.00
SRPEDD	1,433.10	1,433.10
RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge	<u>0.00</u>	<u>4,900.00</u>
Total	44,048.80	48,573.10

<b>FY 1996</b>	<b>FY 1996</b>
<b>Actual</b>	<b>Approp.</b>
<b>Actual</b>	<b>Expend.</b>

### **PENSIONS .5911**

Bristol County Retirement	258,492.00	235,377.16
Social Security	15,000.00	14,229.13
Medicare	<u>34,564.00</u>	<u>34,563.84</u>
Total	308,056.00	284,170.13

### **WORKERS' COMPENSATION .5912**

Fringe Benefit / Charges	65,000.00	56,095.00
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### **UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION .5913**

Fringe Benefits / Charges	14,635.99	14,635.99
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### **HEALTH INSURANCE .5914**

NAA / Pilgrim Health /Teamsters H.	413,480.00	386,865.07
CRA / Flexible Benefits Plan	<u>1,640.00</u>	<u>1,640.00</u>
Total	415,120.00	388,505.07

### **LIABILITY INSURANCE .5945**

Ins. Pr. Dis. - Fire - Police Accident H.	7,000.00	6,275.00
Property Liability / M. V.	<u>55,000.00</u>	<u>46,842.00</u>
Total	62,000.00	53,117.00

### **SEWER DEPARTMENT REVENUE .5440**

Salaries - Superintendent	1,750.00	1,750.00
Salaries - Permanent Position	17,461.00	16,390.28
Salaries - Clerical	1,056.00	586.71
Salaries - Billing Clerk	1,613.00	1,301.37
Additional Gross - Longevity	255.00	130.00
Fr. Ben. - Health/ Vacation	2,824.00	2,385.18
Training	200.00	115.00
Clothing Allowance	120.00	118.97
Electricity	3,067.00	2,696.98
Sewer Bills	300.00	95.93
Building Imp.	500.00	500.00
Repairs & Maintenance Building Gds.	100.00	75.21
Vehicle Maintenance	200.00	190.97
Software Maintenance	975.00	525.00

	<b>FY 1996</b>	<b>FY 1996</b>
	<b>Actual Approp.</b>	<b>Actual Expend.</b>
Sewer Pumping - New Bedford	260,000.00	188,017.33
Telephone	893.00	845.88
Postage	1,000.00	0.00
Office Supplies	50.00	28.36
Service & Maintenance Equipment	2,500.00	2,325.70
Gasoline	320.00	314.00
Additional Equipment / Sup.	<u>2,000.00</u>	<u>1,989.68</u>
Sub-total	297,184.00	220,382.55

#### **RETIREMENT OF DEBT SEWER .5710**

Long Term Debt Sewer	25,000.00	25,000.00
Interest - Long Term Debt Sewer	<u>1,150.00</u>	<u>1,150.00</u>
Total	323,334.00	246,532.55

From Sewer Users' Fees

#### **WATER SURPLUS .5441**

Salaries - Permanent Position	7,000.00	7,000.00
Salaries - Permanent / Labor	69,847.00	69,496.82
Salaries - Clerical	4,220.00	2,308.69
Salaries - Billing Clerk	9,138.00	7,374.26
Meter Reader	6,000.00	2,639.31
Salaries - Additional Gross	1,500.00	1,219.83
Additional Gross / Longevity	620.00	620.00
Fr. Ben. - Health / Vacation	15,389.00	9,540.72
Training	800.00	755.00
Clothing Allowance	480.00	480.00
Electricity	1,200.00	1,200.00
Water Bills	1,240.00	438.63
Repairs & Maintenance Building Gds.	400.00	358.93
Vehicle Maintenance	1,800.00	1,507.09
Software Maintenance	5,525.00	2,975.00
Repair / Trench Repairs	2,000.00	1,904.37
Rentals & Leases - Machine Rentals	1,500.00	1,471.43
Telephone	700.00	691.62
Postage	4,000.00	1,403.54
Other Purch. Service - Police Det.	1,000.00	1,000.00
Office Supplies	241.51	240.51
Gasoline	1,280.00	988.73
Water Testing	2,000.00	1,212.50
P.W. Suppl. - Equipment - Supplies	20,000.00	19,468.13

	<b>FY 1996 Actual Approp.</b>	<b>FY 1996 Actual Expend.</b>
New Bedford Water Bills	335,000.00	334,237.49
Dues / Sub. / Membership/ License	150.00	143.00
Hydrant Rentals	100.00	75.00
Additional Equipment - New Meters	3,500.00	3,500.00
Ward Street	<u>6,000.00</u>	<u>5,043.52</u>
Sub-total	502,630.51	479,294.12

**RETIREMENT OF DEBT .5710**

Long Term Debt Water	90,300.00	90,300.00
Long Term Debt Interest	<u>18,567.65</u>	<u>18,567.65</u>
Total	611,498.16	588,161.77

From Water Users' Fees

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$12,129,451.54</b>	<b>\$11,614,626.41</b>
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## OTHER EXPENDITURES

**FY 1996  
Actual Expend**

### CAPITAL PROJECTS

E.M.S. Building	9,247.29
Computer Project	39,740.59
School Roofs	380,930.00
Water- James, John Streets	29,921.82
Nye's Lane	39,215.48
Sewer Project	<u>10,380.00</u>
Total	509,435.18

### CHAPTER 90 HIGHWAY

Highway Projects & Equipment	227,209.39
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### SCHOOL SPECIAL REVENUE

School Lunch	195,280.19
Grants & Funds	<u>241,275.21</u>
Total	436,555.40

### SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

Community Development	270.00
Notice of Intent	3,298.62
Building Maintenance	24,520.95
Parting Ways Building	10,477.90
Parting Ways Beautification	161.78
Police	20,321.18
Council on Aging	9,064.00
Library	11,394.23
Miscellaneous	<u>15,185.82</u>
Total	121,424.48

**GRAND TOTAL** **\$12,909,250.86**

Attest:

Alan G. Coutinho  
Town Accountant

**TOWN OF ACUSHNET  
GENERAL FUND**

**BALANCE SHEET  
JUNE 30, 1996**

**ASSETS**

<b>CASH and SHORT TERM INVESTMENTS</b>	<b>\$1,881,944.14</b>
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**RECEIVABLES**

Personal Property 1992-1996	7,629.08
Real Estate 1990-1996	181,531.73
Allow Abate. & Exempt. 1992-1996	(231,506.16)
Tax Liens 1973-1996	454,617.81
Tax Possessions	2,291.92
Taxes in Litigation	307.65
Motor Vehicle Excise 1991-1996	92,955.56
Rubbish Receivable	17,443.25
Rubbish Liens 1995-1996	2,133.66
Other	164.50

<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b><u>\$2,409,513.14</u></b>
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**LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY**

**LIABILITIES**

Warrants Payable	970,222.58
Other Liabilities	19,666.71
Accrued Payroll	51,894.41
Tailings	2,266.14
Deferred Revenue	
Real Estate & Personal Property	(42,345.35)
Tax Liens	454,617.81
Tax Possessions	2,291.92
Tax Litigation	307.65
Rubbish	17,443.25
Rubbish Liens	2,133.66
Other	164.50
Motor Vehicle	<u>92,955.56</u>

<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b><u>\$1,571,618.84</u></b>
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**FUND EQUITY****Res. for Encumbrances**

Assessors	2,950.00
Police	48.99
Data Processing	1,680.00
Fire	14,201.47
School Department	87,947.20
Highway	33,733.57
E.M.S.	424.01
E.M.A.	2,000.00
Recreation	269.97
C.O.A.	8,000.00
Parks	1,722.18
Historical	2,500.00
Library	7,345.83

Undesignated Fund Balance 701,119.80

App. Deficit Snow Removal (18,688.82)

Unprovided Abatements (2,733.90)

Over / Under State Asses. (4,626.00)

**TOTAL FUND EQUITY**

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**\$837,894.30****TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY**

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**\$2,409,513.14**

Attest:

Alan G. Coutinho  
Town Accountant

**TOWN OF ACUSHNET  
SCHOOL LUNCH**

**BALANCE SHEET  
JUNE 30, 1996**

<b>ASSETS</b>	
Cash	\$32,630.14
Petty Cash	100.00
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b><u>\$32,730.14</u></b>
 <b>LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY</b>	
<b>LIABILITIES</b>	
Warrants Payable	14,072.83
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b><u>\$14,072.83</u></b>
 <b>FUND EQUITY</b>	
Undesignated Fund Balance	18,657.31
<b>TOTAL FUND EQUITY</b>	<b><u>\$18,657.31</u></b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY</b>	<b><u>\$32,730.14</u></b>

Attest:

Alan G. Coutinho  
Town Accountant



**TOWN OF ACUSHNET  
HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT FUND**

**BALANCE SHEET  
JUNE 30, 1996**

**ASSETS**

**CASH AND SHORT TERM INVESTMENTS** (\$160,477.39)

**TOTAL ASSETS** (\$160,477.39)

**LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY**

**LIABILITIES**

Warrants Payable 0.00

**TOTAL LIABILITIES** \$0.00

**FUND EQUITY**

Wamsutta Avenue (63,182.75)

Park Avenue (28,400.27)

Frank Street (44,104.98)

Parkside Avenue (13,758.80)

Pedro Street (11,030.59)

Res. for Encumbrances 0.00

Undesignated Fund Balance 0.00

**TOTAL FUND EQUITY** (\$160,477.39)

**TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY** (\$160,477.39)

Attest:

Alan G. Coutinho  
Town Accountant

**TOWN OF ACUSHNET  
SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS**

**BALANCE SHEET  
JUNE 30, 1996**

<b>ASSETS</b>	
<b>CASH AND SHORT TERM INVESTMENTS</b>	<b>\$216,999.97</b>
<b>RECEIVABLES</b>	
E.M.S.	58,014.65
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b><u>\$275,014.62</u></b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY</b>	
<b>LIABILITIES</b>	
Warrants Payable	24,336.90
Due to Collection Agency	100.58
Deferred Revenue E.M.S.	58,014.65
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b><u>\$82,452.13</u></b>
<b>FUND EQUITY</b>	
D.A.R.E. Grant	285.23
COPS Grant	(3,792.00)
Com. Development Grant	124.62
Library Lig / Meg	10,880.37
Library Gift Fund	20.01
Arts Lottery Council	4,347.94
Building Maintenance Fund	23,998.34
Parting Ways Building Fund	2,251.24
Parting Ways Beautification	60.92
A.D.I.A.A.C. Police	3,210.27
Law Enforcement Trust	2,673.02
Composite Bins	1,316.70
E.M.S. Fund	142,532.27
Boad of Health	239.00
Outside Ads	0.00
Notice of Intent Conservation	4,414.56
<b>TOTAL FUND EQUITY</b>	<b><u>\$192,562.49</u></b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY</b>	<b><u>\$275,014.62</u></b>

Attest:

Alan G. Coutinho  
Town Accountant

**TOWN OF ACUSHNET  
SCHOOL SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS**

**BALANCE SHEET  
JUNE 30, 1996**

**ASSETS**

<b>CASH</b>	<b>\$134,239.76</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b><u>\$134,239.76</u></b>

**LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY**

**LIABILITIES**

Warrants Payable	\$36,074.41
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b><u>\$36,074.41</u></b>

**FUND EQUITY**

Chapter I	223.75
Title II - P.L. 94-142	376.60
Early Childhood Grant	0.89
Chapter 2	3,954.00
D.D.E. Title II	206.06
Drug Free School	60.76
Com Partnership	1,540.67
School Building Rentals	9,591.50
Tuition Fund	75,016.07
Ford Middle School Fund	4,832.07
Elementary School Fund	1,701.11
School Playground	264.87
SPED Tech. District	0.00
Education Reform Study Group	397.00
Curriculum Framework	0.00

<b>TOTAL FUND EQUITY</b>	<b><u>\$98,165.35</u></b>
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<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY</b>	<b><u>\$134,239.76</u></b>
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Attest:

Alan G. Cuotinho  
Town Accountant

**TOWN OF ACUSHNET  
WATER SURPLUS FUND**

**BALANCE SHEET  
JUNE 30, 1996**

<b>ASSETS</b>	
<b>CASH AND SHORT TERM INVESTMENTS</b>	<b>\$276,227.55</b>
<b>RECEIVABLES</b>	
Water Charges	57,952.33
Water Services	1,841.50
Water Liens Added to Taxes 1991-1996	6,241.92
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b><u>\$342,263.30</u></b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY</b>	
<b>LIABILITIES</b>	
Warrants Payable	33,527.78
Deferred Revenue Water	59,793.83
Deferred Revenue Water Liens	6,341.92
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b><u>\$99,563.53</u></b>
<b>FUND EQUITY</b>	
Res. for Encumbrances	893.48
Undesignated Fund Balance	241,806.29
<b>TOTAL FUND EQUITY</b>	<b><u>\$242,699.77</u></b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY</b>	<b><u>\$342,263.30</u></b>

Attest:

Alan G. Coutinho  
Town Accountant

**TOWN OF ACUSHNET  
SEWER ENTERPRISE FUND**

**BALANCE SHEET  
JUNE 30, 1996**

**ASSETS**

<b>CASH AND SHORT TERM INVESTMENTS</b>	<b>\$367,420.39</b>
<b>RECEIVABLES</b>	
Sewer Connection Charges	2,420.00
Sewer User Charges	37,079.73
Sewer Liens 1995-1996	6,309.79
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b><u>\$413,229.91</u></b>

**LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY**

**LIABILITIES**

Warrants Payable	25,902.31
Deferred Revenue Sewer	39,499.73
Deferred Revenue Sewer Liens	6,309.79

<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b><u>\$71,711.83</u></b>
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**FUND EQUITY**

Res. for Encumbrances	0.00
Undesignated Fund Balance	341,518.08

<b>TOTAL FUND EQUITY</b>	<b><u>\$341,518.08</u></b>
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<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY</b>	<b><u>\$413,229.91</u></b>
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Attest:

Alan G. Coutinho  
Town Accountant

**TOWN OF ACUSHNET  
CAPITAL PROJECT FUNDS**

**BALANCE SHEET  
JUNE 30,1996**

<b>ASSETS</b>	
<b>CASH AND SHORT TERM INVESTMENTS</b>	<b>\$773,783.58</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b><u>\$773,783.58</u></b>
 <b>LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY</b>	
<b>LIABILITIES</b>	
Warrants Payable	31,415.05
B.A.N. Payable	671,700.00
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b><u>\$703,115.05</u></b>
 <b>FUND EQUITY</b>	
Water Pipe Replacement	8,121.63
Sewer Main Tarklin Hill	49,620.00
E.M.S. Building	258,134.12
Computer Account	120,259.41
Water Wells	100,000.00
School Roof	(340,700.00)
School Computers	75,000.00
School Playground	25,000.00
Nyes Lane Water	(224,766.63)
<b>TOTAL FUND EQUITY</b>	<b><u>\$70,668.53</u></b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY</b>	<b><u>\$773,783.58</u></b>

Attest:

Alan G. Coutinho  
Town Accountant

**TOWN OF ACUSHNET  
GOLF ENTERPRISE FUND**

**BALANCE SHEET  
JUNE 30, 1996**

<b>ASSETS</b>	
<b>CASH AND SHORT TERM INVESTMENTS</b>	<b>\$518,109.64</b>
<b>LAND</b>	
Acquisition	1,627,650.80
Improvements	193,067.13
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b><u>\$2,338,827.57</u></b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY</b>	
<b>LIABILITIES</b>	
Warrants Payable	16,334.50
B.A.N. Payable	1,800,000.00
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b><u>\$1,816,334.50</u></b>
<b>FUND EQUITY</b>	
Res. for Encumbrances	0.00
Unreserved Retained Earnings	522,493.07
<b>TOTAL FUND EQUITY</b>	<b><u>\$522,493.07</u></b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY</b>	<b><u>\$2,338,827.57</u></b>

Attest:

Alan G. Coutinho  
Town Accountant

**TOWN OF ACUSHNET  
TRUST FUNDS**

**BALANCE SHEET  
JUNE 30, 1996**

<b>ASSETS</b>	
<b>CASH AND SHORT TERM INVESTMENTS</b>	<b>\$949,094.74</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b><u>\$949,094.74</u></b>

<b>LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY</b>	
<b>LIABILITIES</b>	
Warrants Payable	883.41
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b><u>\$883.41</u></b>

<b>FUND EQUITY</b>	
Cemetery Care	\$72,821.13
Haydon Flower	277.48
Haydon-Candage Flower	443.87
Instructive Nursing	6,234.99
Leo/Ruth Jackson Flower	601.12
Omey/Cottle Flower	13,415.01
Taves/Ellis Flower	3,596.41
Charles Beals Library Books	5,585.17
Albert Leconte Library Books	2,581.42
Allen/Rhoda Russell Library	8,997.78
Russell Library Maintenance	8,983.38
F. Sowa Library Books	15,516.38
Long Plain School Museum	6,385.22
W/G Owen Art Week	1,550.73
Russell Protestant Poor	66,592.35
Russell Town Hall	6,621.51
Sylvia P. Manter School	42,963.91
Henry H. Rogers School	8,280.32
Russell Public Schools	38,143.32
E. C. Burt School Library	2,456.98
Ruth Tabor Scholarship	7,695.06
Long Plain Meetinghouse	10,527.07
Meetinghouse Restoration	141,070.24
A. Fluegal Board of Health	1,068.74



RN Swift I	12,671.62
RN Swift 2	471.87
Conservation	51,304.71
Unfunded Liability	98,433.22
Stabilization	312,920.32
<b>TOTAL FUND EQUITY</b>	<b><u>\$948,211.33</u></b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY</b>	<b><u>\$949,094.74</u></b>

Attest:

Alan G. Coutinho  
Town Accountant

**TOWN OF ACUSHNET  
AGENCY FUNDS**

**BALANCE SHEET  
JUNE 30, 1996**

**ASSETS**

CASH AND SHORT TERM INVESTMENTS	\$85,479.08
DEF. COMP. INV. PEBSCO	545,000.00
DEF. COMP. INV. COPELAND	300,000.00
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b><u>\$930,479.08</u></b>

**LIABILITIES**

Warrants Payable	\$2,250.24
Deferred Compensation	845,000.00
Buttonwood Meadows	276.09
Greenwood Estates	737.68
Hathaway Farms	3,397.86
Heritage Estates	1,866.14
Oak Hill Estates	764.41
Mendall Hill Estates	2,478.50
Stoney Acres	693.74
Davis Farm Estates	351.54
Babineau Acres	0.00
Baker's Estate	255.25
Deep Brook Estates	1,219.84
Reservoir Estates	25,840.81
Squinn Brook II	5,030.02
Wild Rose Meadows	5,316.88
Wayland Estates	17,421.50
Apple Blossom Estates	13,567.34
Park Drive Exension	684.29
Highlander Estates	3,712.95
Outside Police Details	(386.00)
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b><u>\$930,479.08</u></b>

Attest:

Alan G. Coutinho  
Town Accountant

**TOWN OF ACUSHNET  
LONG TERM DEBT GROUP**

**BALANCE SHEET  
JUNE 30, 1996**

**ASSETS**

Amounts to be Provided	\$38,300.00
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<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u>\$38,300.00</u>
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**LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE**

**LIABILITIES**

Municipal Purposes Bonds	\$38,300.00
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Sewer Project Phase II Bond	0.00
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Water Improvement Bonds	0.00
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<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<u>\$38,300.00</u>
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**FUND EQUITY**

Bonds Authorized (Water)	\$321,200.00
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Bonds Authorized (School Roof)	445,500.00
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Bonds Authorized (Golf Course)	5,800,000.00
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Bonds Unissued (Water)	(321,200.00)
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Bonds Unissued (School Roof)	(445,500.00)
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Bonds Unissued (Golf Course)	(5,800,000.00)
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<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY</b>	<u>\$38,300.00</u>
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Attest:

Alan G. Coutinho  
Town Accountant

## **REPORT OF THE ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER**

To the Officers and Residents of the Town of Acushnet:

Total number of dogs .....	1453
Total number of dog owners .....	1079
Number of dogs licensed .....	268
Number of dogs unlicensed .....	1168
Number of kennel licenses .....	17
Number of dogs caught .....	78
Number of cats .....	44
Number of dogs claimed .....	46
Number of cats claimed .....	0
Number of cats/dogs destroyed .....	42
Number of dead animals .....	154
Number of complaints .....	781
Number of RABIES cases investigated .....	4
Number of POSITIVE cases .....	0
Number of hearings heard by Selectmen .....	0
Number of dogs restrained by Selectmen .....	0
Number of court hearings .....	0
 Total mileage .....	 6848

Respectfully submitted,

Alfred O. Brouillette  
Animal Control Officer

# **REPORT OF THE ANIMAL INSPECTOR**

To the Officers and Residents of the Town of Acushnet:

Number of dogs quarantined .....	23
Number of cattle inspected .....	113
(Cattle including dairy cows, heifers, calves, bulls)	
Number of horses inspected .....	34
Number of swine inspected .....	3
Number of ponies inspected .....	6
Number of goats inspected .....	78
Number of sheep inspected .....	11
Number of chickens inspected .....	30
Number of turkeys inspected .....	8
Number of rabbits inspected .....	15
Number of donkeys and mules .....	2

Respectfully submitted,

Antonio B. Camara  
Animal Inspector

# **REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH**

To the Officers and Residents of the Town of Acushnet:

The Board of Health respectfully submits the following report for the 1996.

The Board reorganized as follows:

Chairman: Gerald Toussaint

Inspector: Thomas J. Fortin

Clerk: Robert Medeiros

## **Health Care Program**

Weekly Blood Pressure Screening on Wednesdays, from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. downstairs at the Parting Ways Building. Monthly Senior Citizens Health Counseling Clinics are available.

Well Baby Clinics are held on the first Wednesday of the month five times a year. Clinics are held in the Board of Health Office in the Parting Ways Building. Office immunizations are given by appointment which may be made by calling 995-0549.

The Board of Health and Fire Department have coordinated a series of Hepatitis B Clinics for various town departments as mandated by OSHA. The immunizations are being offered to the employees affected by the OSHA regulations.

## **Rubbish Pick Up and Recycling Program**

The Rubbish Pick Up and Recycling Program have been transferred to the Board of Public Works. These programs were placed under the jurisdiction of the B.P.W. when the department was created. The programs remained under the Board of Health until the B.P.W. was fully operational and ready to take on the programs. With the hiring of a new superintendent and the department functioning for over a year, the Board of Health voted to relinquish the overseeing of these programs as of September 19, 1996.

## **Acushnet Marion Rochester Health District**

The Tri-Town District was formed in 1989 and the Town of Acushnet has had a Regional Sanitarian since December of 1989. By forming the district, the three towns have been able to hire a Registered Sanitarian and to provide the services necessary to comply with State codes and regulations to the townspeople in a timely and professional manner. Recent changes to the Title V

State Environmental Code and the increasing number of sub-divisions the every day duties of the Sanitarian have become increasingly difficult to perform in the two (2) day week which is our allotted time. The financial obligation to the district has been steadily increasing, along with the increased needs of the town. These circumstances have prompted the Board of Health to look to a full-time position for a Sanitarian. This will necessitate the Town's withdrawal from the Health District.. The benefits to this will be greater accessibility for testing, inspections, and all other areas pertaining to public health.

### **Community Septic Management Loan Program**

The Board of Health has submitted an Expression of Interest for the Community Septic Management Loan program. Should the Title V Grant money be awarded to the Town of Acushnet, it will be used to help low and moderate income households to correct, repair and replace failed systems, particularly in environmentally sensitive areas. The loans would be repaid through betterments.

### **Tuberculosis Testing for Food Handlers**

The Town of Acushnet enacted a regulation requiring that persons who handle food, drink, or engage in sanitizing utensels shall have food handlers certificates. In order to obtain a food handlers certificate, the individual must have a negative tuberculosis test by means of a Mantoux test. Food handlers certificates are valid for two (2) years from the date of testing.

### **Wetland Regulations**

The Board of Health enacted a seventy-five (75) foot setback of a leaching area to a wetland. Effective July 1, 1996, any newly constructed septic system must be seventy-five feet from a wetland and one hundred feet from a coastal wetland or watercourse. Filling or replicating wetlands to establish setbacks is not permitted. The Conservation Commission must approve the wetland line.

### **Buzzards Bay Septic Tracking System**

In 1995 the Board of Health applied for and received a grant through the Buzzards Bay Project for a computer to be used for septic system tracking of all septic systems in town. All septic plans, pumping records and septic inspection reports are to be entered into the computer. All of the town's records were entered by Celia Cunha of the Buzzards Bay Project and training was provided for the Board of Health office staff. One of the features of the SepTrack system

that the Board of Health hopes to utilize is the system's ability to call up graphic images, specific to a particular lot.

**Board of Health Certification Program**

In November of this year the Massachusetts Association of Health Boards held a Training and Certification Program for Boards of Health. The primary purpose of this training program was to assist board of health members and health department staff to understand the scope and content of their duties as authorized under the Commonwealth's General Laws, the Sanitary Code, the Environmental Code and other relevant laws and regulations. The program was successfully completed by Board of Health members Gerald Toussaint and Robert Medeiros, Regional Sanitarian Karen Walega, and office staff Maria Otock. The certification is valid until November of 1998.

**Receipts for 1996**

Permits	\$ 22,617.00
Clinics	2,255.00
Mobile Park Fees	<u>8,820.00</u>
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$33, 692.00</b>

Respectfully submitted,

Gerald Toussaint, Chairman  
Thomas J. Fortin  
Robert Medeiros  
Acushnet Board of Health



## **REPORT OF THE BRISTOL COUNTY MOSQUITO CONTROL PROJECT**

On June 30, 1996 the Bristol County Mosquito Control Project completed thirty-seven years of service to the cities and towns of Bristol County.

The Mosquito control project works year-round in its efforts to reduce mosquito breeding sites and adult mosquito populations. The Project uses several different measures of control in its never-ending fight against mosquitos.

**Winter Pre-hatch** - To treat breeding areas that are accessible only on the ice during the winter months.

**Spring and Summer Larviciding** - To reduce the emergence of adult mosquitos in areas where mosquito larvae is present.

**Catch Basin Treatment** - To stop mosquito emergence from rain-filled catch basins and storm drains.

**Light Trapping Program** - To monitor mosquito populations as to their type and number - a program necessary in encephalitis surveillance. Light trapping of mosquitos is also useful to determine what areas have high mosquito populations and should be sprayed.

**Water Management** - A year round endeavor to clean and construct mosquito drainage ditches in lowland swamps to reduce their favorability as breeding sites for mosquito larvae.

It is the policy of the Bristol County Mosquito Control Project to use pesticides that are environmentally safe so that the safety of the people and environment are not jeopardized. We use as many of the biological insecticides as are practical with the environmental conditions present in the New England area. We are presently using three different formulations of B.T.I. in our larviciding program.

All of our spray equipment is calibrated periodically in order to insure that dosage rates remain at safe levels but are adequate to reduce mosquito populations. The operators of our spray equipment are state certified pesticide applicators that are required to attend classes on pesticide safety on a yearly basis.

The 1996 mosquito season got underway with the hatching of mosquito larvae in early March. Water levels were higher this spring than it had been in the past several years.

Our adulticiding program began in late May. The Project received many calls for spray due to the large number of mosquitos, with many residents complaining the mosquitos were so unbearable that any outdoor activities were impossible.

The weather pattern during the latter part of the season did not help the mosquito situation as tropical storms, along with heavy rain, caused coastal flooding and thus produced some of the largest saltmarsh mosquito populations ever. Our foggers were kept busy all season in order to reduce the mosquitos to tolerable levels.

Although the mosquito population was higher than in the past several years, there were no EEE isolates found in the state of Massachusetts. Rhode Island, Connecticut and New York all had a number of EEE isolates, with Rhode Island having the most. With Rhode Island bordering several towns in Bristol County, the Massachusetts Public Health Department and the Bristol County Mosquito Control kept a close watch in those areas. Additional surveillance and testing for EEE virus was done to insure the safety of residents in Bristol County.

The Project answered all requests for spraying, along with our regular spraying of known infested areas, for a total of 3,059.5 sprayed acres.

During the spring and summer months, 13 acres of breeding wetlands were larvicided.

During the fall and winter months a total of 1,225 feet of brush was cut and 375 feet of drainage ditch was reclaimed.

I would like to thank the town officials and the people of Acushnet for their continued support and cooperation and look forward to serving them in the coming year. Should anyone have a question as to what might be done to relieve a mosquito problem in their area, whether it is water management work, treatment of a breeding site, or just having an area checked, please feel free to call our office.

Respectfully submitted,

Alan W. DeCastro  
Superintendent

## REPORT OF THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT

To the Officers and Residents of the Town of Acushnet:

The Building Department issued 293 permits and collected \$26,635.80 in fees for the fiscal year ending June 1996.

DATE	PERMITS	AMOUNT
July	35	2,764.00
August	24	1,276.00
September	21	1,851.00
October	26	3,132.00
November	25	2,634.00
December	14	1,580.00
January	12	869.00
February	10	926.00
March	21	2,318.00
April	37	3,540.00
May	45	2,871.00
June	23	919.00
<b>TOTAL PERMITS</b>	<b>293</b>	<b>\$24,680.00</b>

Certificate of Occupancy	56	840.00
Re-Inspection Fee	28	560.00
Certificate of Inspection	20	575.00
Copies		5.80
Refund #3097		- 25.00
<b>TOTAL FEES COLLECTED</b>		<b>\$26,635.80</b>

Respectfully submitted,

James Buckles, Building Commissioner  
Christopher Renfree, Deputy Inspector  
Patricia Harbeck, Senior Clerk

## **REPORT OF THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT**

To the Officers and Residents of the Town of Acushnet:

The following permits were issued for the fiscal year ending June 1996.

<b>PERMIT</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
Addition	21
Deck	34
Dwelling	49
Fireplace	14
Garage	08
Miscellaneous	46
Pool	29
Porch	11
Renovation	18
Roof	31
Shed	16
Windows	09
Wood / Coal Stove	<u>07</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>293</b>

Respectfully submitted,

James Buckles, Building Commissioner  
Chris Renfree, Deputy Wire Inspector  
Patricia Harbeck, Senior Clerk

## **REPORT OF THE PLUMBING INSPECTOR**

To the Officers and Residents of the Town of Acushnet:

The Plumbing / Gas Department issued 128 plumbing permits for the fiscal year ending June 1996 and collected \$8,525.00 in plumbing fees.

DATE	PERMITS	FEES COLLECTED
July	11	\$ 768.00
August	07	495.00
September	07	305.00
October	07	497.00
November	10	583.00
December	12	634.00
January	10	856.00
February	14	721.00
March	10	595.00
April	14	1,373.00
May	15	990.00
June	11	708.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>\$8,525.00</b>

Respectfully submitted,

Raymond LaFrance, Plumbing / Gas Inspector  
Patricia Harbeck, Senior Clerk

## **REPORT OF THE GAS INSPECTOR**

To the Officers and Residents of the Town of Acushnet:

The Gas/Plumbing Department issued 90 gas permits for the fiscal year ending June 1996 and collected \$3,374.00 in gas permit fees.

<b>DATE</b>	<b>PERMITS</b>	<b>FEES COLLECTED</b>
July	06	\$ 185.00
August	05	185.00
September	13	406.00
October	12	393.00
November	08	280.00
December	06	281.00
January	07	254.00
February	11	407.00
March	06	147.00
April	09	340.00
May	07	224.00
June	07	272.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>\$3,374.00</b>

Respectfully submitted,

Raymond LaFrance, Gas/Plumbing Inspector  
Patricia Harbeck, Senior Clerk

## **REPORT OF THE WIRE DEPARTMENT**

To the Officers and Residents of the Town of Acushnet:

The Wire Department issued 228 permits and collected \$9,662.00 in permit fees for fiscal year ending June 1996.

DATE	PERMITS	AMOUNT
July	21	\$ 753.00
August	14	621.00
September	22	1,101.00
October	16	596.00
November	20	775.00
December	15	450.00
January	18	901.00
February	17	1,158.00
March	13	511.00
April	19	954.00
May	18	717.00
June	35	1,125.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>\$ 9,662.00</b>

Respectfully submitted,

Al Hubert, Wiring Inspector  
Frank Knox, Deputy Wiring Inspector  
Patricia Harbeck, Senior Clerk

## **REPORT OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

### **Objective:**

The Acushnet Conservation Commission is an eight member board established to administer the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act (MGL, Chapter 131, Section 40). Wetlands and floodplains are protected because they play a vital role in the following interests:

Public and private water supply  
Groundwater supply  
Flood control and storm damage prevention  
Pollution prevention  
Protection of fisheries, shellfish and wildlife habitat

**Conservation Commission, Town Hall office hours:**

Monday	4:30 - 8 pm	Secretary * Agent 6-8 pm
Tuesday	CLOSED	
Wednesday	4:30 - 8 pm	Secretary
Thursday	1 - 4 pm	Agent by appointment
Friday	4:30 - 5:30 pm	Secretary

The Conservation Commission holds a public hearing every second and fourth Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm in the Council on Aging Quarters in the Parting Ways Building across from the Town Hall.

Regular site inspections are conducted by the Commission on Sunday mornings as necessary.

**1996 Filings under MGL Chapter, 131 Section 40:**

Notice of Intent Applications	37
Requests for Determination of Applicability	45
Requests for Certificate of Compliance	4
Requests for Amendment of Order of Conditions	3
Requests for Extension of Order of Conditions	3
Cease and Desist Orders	3

**Commission Membership**

The Conservation Commission welcomed two new members in 1996: David Davignon and Bob Bertrand. As of January 1, 1997, the Board included:

Paul Picard, Chairman	Ted Cioper, Vice Chairman
Walton Braley	Joyce Reynolds
Bob Bertrand	David Davignon
Mary Allison, Associate	Laurell J. Farinon, Regional Conservation Agent

Respectfully submitted,

Acushnet Conservation Commission



## **REPORT OF THE COUNCIL ON AGING**

To the Officers and Residents of Acushnet:

The Acushnet Council on Aging meets on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 9:30 am in the office at the Drop-In Center in the Parting Ways Building, 130 Main Street.

The center is open to all Senior Citizens from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm. Our seniors play bingo on Mondays and Wednesdays at 12:45 pm. and the Scrabble Club meets every Tuesday from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm at the Senior Center. The bus picks up seniors who are able to get on and off the bus without assistance to go grocery shopping on Wednesdays and Thursdays at 8:00 am. Seniors need to call for bus pick-up.

Visiting Nurse Association services a Blood Pressure Clinic every Wednesday from 9:00 am to 10:00 am. It is well attended. The Visiting Nurse Association conducts a Health Clinic on the fourth Wednesday of the month in the Parting Ways Building.

Line dancing is held at the American Legion Hall, 71 Hope Street, on Thursdays from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. (The use of the hall is donated by the Legion. We thank them for their courtesy.)

Senior I.D. photos are taken Monday - Friday, 9:00 am to 11:00 am by appointment only. The Share Program is sponsored by the Acushnet Council on Aging and is distributed from the center.

Due to arrangements made by us with Com/Electric, Com/Gas and NYNEX, residents may now pay their bills at the Acushnet Credit Union. A great help, especially for seniors.

We assist seniors in filling out Fuel Assistance forms. Income Tax forms are also filled out free for our seniors. Appointments are required for these services.

We distribute 500 copies of our monthly newsletter to various spots in town and we send them to other area Council on Aging centers.

The Elderly Nutrition Program serves a daily lunch at the Center which provides at least 1/3 of our daily nutrition needs. We deliver approximately 70 meals on wheels to our shut-ins daily.

The Acushnet Council on Aging wants to welcome Dorothy Gomes who is now a member of the Council on Aging Board.

The Council, again this year, applied for and received our yearly Grant from the Department of Elder Affairs. This Grant helps to maintain our bus, which transports seniors who have no means of transportation to the Center for daily lunch and for grocery shopping.

Acushnet Council on Aging also applied for a grant to renovate the Burt School, a building committee was also formed for Burt School and plans are being made to move there in the future.

As we do every year, we thank our faithful volunteers. These people devote many hours daily to serve our seniors. We couldn't function without them. Also, we wish to thank all town departments for their assistance and cooperation; we have all worked well together.

Respectfully submitted,

William P. Contois, Director  
David Rawchiffe, Assistant Director  
Ruth Gilmore, Treasurer  
Irene Bouchard, Secretary  
Milton Reynolds  
Stella Bertrand  
Dorothy Gomes  
Acushnet Council on Aging

**REPORT OF THE  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

Richard H. Settele	Superintendent
Debra Threlfall	Senior Clerk

**HIGHWAY DIVISION**

Raymond Barlow	Highway Supervisor
Leonard Spooner	Working Foreman
John Mello	H.E. Operator
Paul Fortin	H.E. Operator
Mark Faunce	Operator
Brian Monte	Laborer
David Gifford	Laborer

## **WATER / SEWER DIVISION**

Antone Medeiros  
Douglas Rodgers  
John Genereux  
Joel Herman

Working Foreman  
Water Technician  
Water Technician  
Meter Reader/Laborer

To the Officers and Residents of the Town of Acushnet:

The **Highway Division** has been very busy during the 1996 calendar year reconstructing streets, cleaning and repairing drain lines and drainage ditches, repairing manholes and catch basins, cold mix patching, repairing sidewalks, clearing roadside brush, street sweeping (minimal due to breakdown of equipment), sanding and snow plowing being the major parts of our work.

Numerous small tasks, performed on an as needed basis, were also completed. The department personnel respond to emergency situations very quickly and are often called upon during off-duty hours to complete these emergency tasks.

Chapter 90 Highway funds were used to complete the reconstruction of Wamsutta Avenue, Frank Street, Pedro Street, Parkside Avenue and Park Avenue.

Also, the reconstruction of Harbeck Street, Wing Lane, Elaine Way, Bertrands Way, Pageotte Street and Michaels Way were begun and will be complete in the Spring of 1997.

Initial work for the design of a new central fueling facility has begun with construction scheduled for Spring 1997. When completed, all town vehicles will use this facility located at the Town Barn.

A new three year contract for trash pick-up was signed and ABC Disposal began work under that contract on July 1, 1996. Their work has been excellent and we congratulate them for the way they perform this task.

The Governor's Safety Council provided the Town with \$4, 100.00 to install safety signs throughout the community.

Roadway line painting and catch basin cleaning was performed by private contract.

Our recycling effort has been hindered by a lack of funds and outdated equipment. We must improve our effort in this area if we hope to even come close to the State mandate of 46% recycling by 1998. At the present time our recycling rate is at less than 10%.

The **Water/Sewer Division** has installed 2,000 linear feet of water main in Bardsley Street and Coulombe Street during 1996. That work consumed the majority of the department's time. Also, 50 new services were added to the system. 75 meters were repaired or replaced, and 5 hydrants were replaced due to damage by vehicular accident.

Fire hydrants were inspected and operated by the Fire Department and any mechanical problems were corrected.

During the winter months, under the most severe weather conditions, five major water main breaks were repaired. These breaks always seem to occur in the middle of the night when the temperature is well below freezing. The individuals who do this work have my special thanks for the job that they perform.

The Town's consulting engineer has tested for a potable water supply on one property in the far north section of town. Additional exploration at Main Street, Hamlin Street and Leonard Street is being performed.

A new meter was installed at the Slocum Street sewer pumping station to provide more accurate readings for sewer discharge to New Bedford. During 1996 we pumped 70 million gallons of sewage to New Bedford for treatment.

The Main Street Grinder Pump Project was begun during calendar 1996. The project was delayed by the lack of an Intermunicipal Agreement between New Bedford and Acushnet, but that situation has been resolved and the sewer project will be completed in 1997.

I would like to thank all D.P.W. employees and all Town departments for their cooperation and assistance during 1996.

Respectfully submitted,

Rene Racine  
Albert R. Rivet  
Glen Alferes  
Janet Mello  
Manuel P. Raposa  
Board of Public Works

## **REPORT OF THE ACUSHNET EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY**

To the Officers and Residents of Acushnet:

The Acushnet Emergency Management Agency is comprised of volunteers who are trained to support the work of Town departments, such as Police, Fire, E.M.S., and Public Works, as well as working with the Massachusetts Emergency Management and Federal Emergency Management. We respond to personal crises, as well as town-wide disasters, such as hurricanes and winter storms. We provide lighting to Town events and traffic control for parades and traffic accidents. Over the years we have provided the Town with countless hours of community service.

Since almost all of our repairs and improvements are completed by our volunteers, each tax dollar spent provides the least possible returned. With your support and our hard work, we maintain our own office and communications center and provide the Town with two additional emergency support vehicles, complete with onboard generators.

In 1996 we assisted in a variety of events, such as: Strawberries in the Park, Apple Peach Parade, Christmas Sing-a-Long, The Acushnet Road Race and Fathers' Day Road Race in Fairhaven. As always, we are ready to lend assistance where it is needed.

At this time I would like to thank ARES, a group of volunteer Amateur Radio operators (Ham Radio), for their assistance in the Acushnet Road Race, giving communications along the course. This also provided the race with an extra set of eyes and safety for the runners.

Anyone interested in becoming a member of the Acushnet Emergency Management Agency should contact our office at (508) 998-0295 and leave a message on the answering machine.

It has been our pleasure to serve the Town of Acushnet and we thank you for your continuing support.

Respectfully submitted,

Gerard Bergeron, Director  
Jeffrey Krupa, Deputy Director

## **REPORT OF THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE**

To the officers and residents of the Town of Acushnet, MA, I hereby submit my annual report for the year ending December 31, 1996.

The EMS Building Committee continued to search for a suitable site for the new EMS facility. It has been nearly two years of anticipation and sometimes disappointment. Hopefully the long battle is over. On October 13 Cong. Barney Frank turned over the deed to 60 Middle Road to the Town officials. Just prior to this, a public hearing was held to determine if any abutters were strongly opposed to siting the facility at this location. Though some had concerns, there was no strong opposition. The Town's Fathers voted unanimously to allow one acre to be used for our new headquarters. We are currently anticipating going out to bid in early January 1997 with ground breaking scheduled in March or early April, weather permitting.

In the midst of all this, business goes on as usual. This year we have lost two very crucial EMT's: Thomasina Roberts and Raymond Cheney. They have donated a combination of nearly 20 years of dedicated service to the Town. They will be greatly missed.

This year finds us having to replace several backboards. These boards are used during Med Flight and are stolen once they are in Boston. All equipment is marked. This has been a long--standing complaint with all local EMS services.

We continue to receive many ambulance requests directly into the EMS office. We urge everyone to take advantage of the E-911 system. We are currently educating the community, through CPR classes, on how to access their emergency services by simply dialing 9-1-1. We continue our commitment to teaching citizens Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR). We encourage anyone interested in learning CPR to contact us at our office. This year we were fortunate to start teaching CPR classes to the Health class at the Middle School. Early intervention results in a better chance at survival.

We are continuing to prepare for OSHA inspections. We are compliant when it comes to Standards and Operational Procedures, but we fall very short on building codes. We continue to place our fellow workers and families at risk of acquiring infectious diseases.

EMS billing is going very well. We hope to be connected to electronic media claims. This will be mandated in the near future. Our plan to start training our personnel at the Advanced Level has not gone as quickly as we should be going. To date only one EMT has been able to go to school. We hope to be

able to get into a class with New Bedford EMS in the spring. Our goal is to be an Advanced Life Support Service within five years.

We currently staff 14 members. Eleven are State EMT-D certified: six are nationally certified EMTs. There are 6 CPR instructors, 2 of which are CPR Instructor-Trainers, and 2 are State EMT Examiners, 1 of which is a Chief Examiner.

The C-Med system continues to pose a problem when we are transmitting our medical reports to the hospital. More often than not we must contact the physicians through police dispatch. It is an antiquated system that needs to be addressed.

I would like to thank the Building Committee and EMS Department members for their diligence and patience throughout this project. We thank the townspeople for allowing us to serve them in 1996.

The year's statistics are as follows:

<b>EMS STATISTICS:</b>	<b>1994</b>	<b>1995</b>	<b>1996</b>
Sex Assault / Rape	0	1	0
Medical Emergency	269	463	271
Trauma	81	80	45
O.D. / Suicide	10	7	8
Medical Assessment	192	32	74
Fires	55	44	52
MVA	58	81	106
Births	2	0	0
DOA	7	4	8
Drownings	0	0	0
Mutual Aid to Fairhaven	71	67	44
Cardiac Arrest	6	11	7
Mutual Aid to New Bedford	13	19	8
Not Trans	45	107	103
Mutual Aid to Mattapoiset	5	0	0
Mutual Aid to Rochester	0	1	0
Mutual Aid to Us	2	5	2
Mutual Aid to Lakeville	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>817</b>	<b>923</b>	<b>728</b>

<b>PARAMEDIC STATISTICS:</b>	<b>1994</b>	<b>1995</b>	<b>1996</b>
Treated	122	137	129
BLS	42	44	57
Monitored	26	18	26
Cancelled	42	30	44
Unavailable	43	33	28
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>275</b>	<b>262</b>	<b>290</b>

### **Yours In Service To Life**

Adrienne Y. Rivet - Director  
 Laura V. Ekstrom - Supervisor  
 Robert R. Lavoie - Supervisor / Training  
 Vivian Johns - Infection Control

Kevin Black  
 Christine Cabral  
 Raymond Cabral  
 Vernon Ekstrom  
 Susan Forgues

Joseph Hampson  
 Jennifer Johns  
 Patrick Mentzer  
 David Pereira  
 Rita Sansoucy

## **REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT**

To the Officers and Residents of the Town of Acushnet:

During calendar year 1996 your Fire Department responded to 257 calls classified as follows:

Structure Fires	12	Vehicle Fires	9
Outside of Structures	4	Brush Fires	9
Rubbish Fires	2	Motor Vehicle accident	39
False Alarms	48	Mutual Aid Given	4
Spills, Leaks	33	Other Responses	97

The following permits, certificates and reports were issued:

Cert. of Compliance	110	Oil Burner	44
Oil Storage	42	Plan Reviews	43
Propane Storage	49	Tank Truck Inspections	34
Blasting	4	UST Removal	4
Fire Reports	10	Open Burning	555



All fire apparatus is in good operating condition. Consideration should be given in replacing engine #5, assigned to Station 2 in the north end. This engine was built in 1967 and has served the Town well. Replacement parts have become more difficult to obtain, and being 30 years old, it is prime for a major part failure. It will take approximately 9 months to get a replacement engine built from the time the expenditure is approved to actual delivery.

During 1996 drills were conducted on a monthly basis. In addition, all members of the Rescue Squad were certified in Ice Water Rescue. This included a hands-on water drill at Lake Street, utilizing the Department's ice rescue equipment. Station #2's exterior was sealed and painted, along with some windows replaced.

A Student Awareness of Fire Safety Education (S.A.F.E.) grant was applied for and received by this Department in the amount of \$1,500. This money will be used to provide fire education to the 4th grade in our schools during the Spring of 1997.

The annual Open House was held during October and was well received by more than 150 Town residents. Along with this, smoke detectors were provided, installed and batteries replaced at over 40 residences in Town.

A Firefighter I course was conducted in-house for 6 new members of the Department. This has become a mandatory requirement prior to someone becoming a member of the Fire Department.

This Department has joined forces with the Mattapoisett Fire Deptment in establishing a Juvenile Firesetting Intervention Program. We have experienced great results so far since the inception of the program.

Once again, the Town center was brightly lit during the holiday season, thanks to the financial generosity of the Acushnet Firefighters' Association. I would like at this time to publicly thank them for a job well done for without their support this display would not happen.

I would like to thank the Town officials and the residents for their continued support.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul R. Cote  
Fire Chief

## REPORT OF THE HISTORICAL COMMISSION

The Historical Commission continued to carry out its mandate to promote historic preservation and education in 1996. Once again third graders visited the Long Plain Museum. "History on Wheels," the Commission's bus tours of the town's historical sites for the fourth graders, were once again a popular school activity. The Long Plain Museum and the Quaker Museum at the Meetinghouse opened weekends for public visits during the summer, and a ninth season of the free "Music at the Meetinghouse" concerts was offered on the lawn under the trees.

The traditional September Apple-Peach Festival was held on the grounds of the Long Plain Museum and income from the Historical Society's popular short cake and cobbler sales at the Festival funded all expenses for repair and maintenance of the Museum building. As a result, the upkeep of the Museum costs the Town almost nothing.

The Meetinghouse also is self-sustaining from the income of the Meetinghouse Trust Funds. This year repair and renewal of the interior paintwork was carried out and a rewaterproofing of the roof will soon be done. Also, new "No Smoking" signs have been erected by the entrance to the grounds and next to the building itself.

The new guidelines for the operation of the Meetinghouse were put into effect. The Quaker Museum at the Meetinghouse opened only on Sundays and admission was free. Visits to the Meetinghouse were offered before the summer evening concerts and these were also free. The Meetinghouse will be opened at other times on request.

The Commission voted to limit its expenditures from the Trust Funds to no more than 60% of income and to transfer the balance from time to time to the principal. The purpose of this measure is to help counteract the effects of inflation.

The historical inventory of the Town will now go forward with the passage at Town Meeting of an appropriation to pay for the necessary research and a professional researcher has been retained.

The Commission has requested that the State Archaeologist turn over to the Town the artifacts excavated from the proposed golf course site, to be displayed in the Long Plain Museum. We have now received the guidelines for obtaining the artifacts and have learned that they would remain the property of the Commonwealth, even if entrusted to our custody.

After the Town's rehabilitation of the basement of Town Hall, the Commission now has its own office - Room No. 3 - which it is sharing with the Board

of Appeals. The latter only uses the office for the storage of two file cabinets while the Commission is now using it for all regular meetings, as well as for its files. The Commission is duly grateful for this improvement.

The last volume of the "History of the Town of Acushnet" by Franklyn Howland was very generously donated to the Historical Commission to start our own little library in the new office. A book publisher in Salem is now putting out a new reprint of the book and the Historical Society ordered 50 copies which sold out in the first few days they were on sale. An additional 50 copies were ordered. The entire shipment is expected by mid-March.

The Historical Commission will celebrate its 25th anniversary on November 28, 1997, and is planning to celebrate, perhaps by dedicating a plaque commemorating the first settlement of Old Dartmouth, at Howard's Neck, off South Main Street.

The Commission welcomed two new members this year: Louise Richard and Madeline Gwozdz. Roberta Leonard resigned as Secretary after many years and was replaced by Louise Richard.

Respectfully submitted,

Irwin Marks, Chairman  
Louise R. Richard, Secretary  
Roberta E. Leonard  
Joyce A. Reynolds  
Marvin H. Allison, Jr.  
Madeline J. Gwozdz  
Stephen Gilmore

# **REPORT OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY**

**April of 1997 will mark our 23rd anniversary at Presidential Terrace**

We, the members and Executive Director of the Acushnet Housing Authority, are proud to have been a part in offering to its elderly citizens of Acushnet one of the finest complexes in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Our meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month throughout the year in the Community Hall at Presidential Terrace at 6:30 p.m. The office is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Eligible/qualified residents of State-aided housing pay no more than 30% of their adjusted monthly income for rent. In order to qualify for State-aided public housing administered by the Acushnet Housing Authority, you must have an income in the following range:

## **NUMBER OF OCCUPANTS**

One Person  
Two Persons

## **NET INCOME RANGE**

Max. \$23,500.00  
Max. \$26,900.00

As of August 9, 1996 DHCD has eliminated the maximum asset limits as long as the applicant's yearly net income is below the net income range. Applicants must be over the age of 60 years or handicapped/disabled to be eligible. Our 689 Project on Garfield Street has been open for over four years and working successfully.

The Advisory Committee meetings for Garfield Street are held quarterly throughout the year. New members are encouraged to attend by calling New England Fellowship at Garfield Street.

Once again, from its occupancy over a decade ago to its present day, the Acushnet Housing Authority would like to express its gratitude to everyone who, in any way, has been and continues to be an asset in making Presidential Terrace the outstanding elderly complex that it is today.

Respectfully submitted,

James Vieira, Chairman  
Mary Ouellette, Vice Chairman  
David R. White, Assistant Treasurer  
Nancy Brightman, Treasurer  
Mary Niemic, Secretary  
Sandra Keighley Bettencourt, Executive Director  
Jeannine Watts, Administrative Assistant

## **REPORT OF THE ACUSHNET HOUSING PARTNERSHIP**

The Acushnet Housing Partnership Committee has been charged by the Acushnet Board of Selectmen, in accordance with the Statutes of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to identify and quantify the housing needs in Acushnet, to make recommendations to the Board of Selectmen in establishing policy and create guidelines for the promotion and development of Affordable Housing in Acushnet. The Committee consists of Susan Forgues, Chairman of Growth Management, and also a member of the Local Partnership; Everett Hardy, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen; Jackie Brightman, Local Partnership Committee; Robert Medeiros, Board of Health; Raymond Barlow, Department of Public Works; Joyce Reynolds, Conservation Commission, Mary Crapo, Dianne Frey, Lorraine Santos, and Mary Emsley.

In 1996 the Committee met with Sheila Dillion and Rita Farrell of the Massachusetts Housing Partnership and we were able to complete our guidelines and we received approval from the State on the guidelines. We also had an informational meeting for the townspeople and Sheila and Rita attended and provided the Partnership with some direction.

We also supported the Local Partnership/Growth Management in the completion and presentation of the Economic Survey done by Landauer Realty Inc. Several members also attended an informational meeting for First Time Home Buyers presented by Mr. Walega from Buttonwood Acres.

The Housing Partnership has a goal for 1997 to be able to establish a program with one of our local banks to sponsor an Acushnet resident in receiving a lower rate in refurbishing their homes.

We also hope to establish a working partnership with the Habitat for Humanity.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Forgues, Chairperson  
Acushnet Housing Partnership

## **REPORT OF THE ACUSHNET PLANNING COMMISSION**

To the Officers and Residents of the Town of Acushnet:

The Planning Commission respectfully submits the following report for the calendar year 1996:

Regular meetings were held on the first Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m. upstairs at the Town Hall. Special meetings and public hearings were held frequently to handle the volume of petitioners seeking the Planning Board's approval.

The Planning Commission approved four subdivision plans:

Apple Blossom Estates, off Main Street, on 6/3/96  
Reservoir Estates, off Middle Road, on 2/26/96  
Wayland Estates, off Rogerson Avenue, on 4/16/96  
Wild Rose Meadows, off Middle Road, on 3/11/96

Plans not requiring approval under the subdivision control law with a Form A application were acted upon during regular meetings. The Form A's that were ultimately approved were:

Gammons Road - D. Sorelle - 4 lots - 12/2/96  
Hathaway Road - T. Boisvert - 2 lots - 5/6/96  
Keene Road - Structures Realty - 2 lots - 5/20/96  
Lawton Street - Abaray & Bonville - 1 lot - 12/2/96  
Main Street - H. Plaud - 4 lots - 11/4/96  
Middle Road - J. & L. DeMedeiros - 2 lots - 6/3/96  
Ryan Road (& N. Main Street) - Joshua Realty Trust - 3 lots - 6/17/96  
Scuttlebutt Drive - Joshua Realty Trust - 2 lots - 6/17/96

Many other submissions were made to the Planning Commission in 1996. Some were withdrawn, some were disapproved, and some were resubmitted in revised forms.

The Commission spent a good part of the last two years working on a zoning ordinance (Article VIII - Zoning) which was approved by the voters of the Town of Acushnet on April 23, 1996.

The Planning Commission is currently supervising the updating of the Official Town Map.

The Planning Commission would like to wish departing member Paul St. Don well, and welcomed Mr. Garry Rawcliffe, who was elected this year.

The Planning Commission is always willing to assist individuals in understanding the land rules and regulations. Acushnet residents are welcome to attend all public meetings.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard A. Ellis, Chairman  
Richard Forand  
Marc Cenerizio  
Richard H. Ellis  
Garry Rawcliffe  
Acushnet Planning Board

## **REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

To the officials and residents of the Town of Acushnet, I hereby submit my report for the year ending December 31, 1996.

All police officers attended First Aid and CPR courses as required by law to retain their First Responder status.

Officer John A. Bolarinho was appointed full time by the Board of Selectmen pending his graduation from a Basic Police Training Academy in March of 1997.

Part-time officers Christopher A. Cotter and Brian Dube resigned from the Department. Officer Cotter worked as a member of the force for eight years.

Officer Gary L. Rousseau took over the D.A.R.E. program from Detective Charles Pelletier. The changeover went very smoothly and the program didn't miss a beat. Officer Rousseau has received additional training to implement the D.A.R.E. program in our Middle School and that program will commence shortly after the start of the new year.

The Police Department continued to receive Federal Grant monies for the Community Police Officer project. Veteran officer Paul Melo is the Community Police Officer and heads up the program which has been highly successful, meeting with much praise from town residents, businessmen and employees. It should be understood that Community Policing involves much more than just THE "Community Police Officer" and is a department-wide concept. All members of the Department take part in making the concept work.

Veteran officer Marc Antone was assigned to a new position created by the Department in mid-1995 to assist the Detective Division and to cut down on overtime. Detective Antone's duties include working part-time in the Detective Division and also being available to replace uniformed officers taking time off or unable to work due to sickness, injury, training, etc. Having the opportunity to evaluate the position for 1.5 years now has led to the well-founded conclusion that the position is effective in helping the understaffed Detective Division (1 man division prior to this action) and in reducing costly overtime. The Department continues to work to find innovative means of doing more in a cost effective manner.

All members of the Department were qualified or re-qualified with their duty weapons and shotguns.

The Town purchased a new 1996 Ford cruiser.

Officer David A. Swift received recognition from MADD as Acushnet's eighth Officer of the Year.

Following is a list of activities and the current staff of the Department.

<b>OTHER ACTIVITIES</b>		
	<b>1995</b>	<b>1996</b>
Complaints Answered	6,006	6,405
Parking Tickets	31	77
Larcenies	123	187
Breaking & Entering	51	63
Attempted Breaks	14	7
Arrests - M/V, Narcotics, B & E's, Larceny, Warrants	468	342
Summons Served	339	310
Stolen M/V	19	11
Accidents Investigated	121	136
Fatalities	0	1
Robberies	1	2
M/V Citations	1,031	810



## **MEMBERS OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

### **CHIEF OF POLICE**

Michael R. Poitras

### **SERGEANTS**

Barry W. Monte

Stephen McCann

Michael G. Alves

### **FULL TIME OFFICERS**

Gil Marques, Jr.

Charles G. Pelletier

Louann Jenkinson

James D. Costa

David A. Swift

Joseph R. Pontes

Paul J. Melo

Marc J. Antone

Gary L. Rousseau

Thomas L. Carreau

Christopher R. Richmond

### **PART TIME OFFICERS**

Donald J. Guenette

John A. Bolarinho

Gary A. Coppa

James M. Vieira

James C. Pelletier

### **DISPATCHERS**

Annette Y. Richard

Kimberly A. DeFrias

Respectfully submitted,

Michael R. Poitras

Chief of Police

## **REPORT OF THE PACT PROGRAM**

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The PACT (Prevention and Cessation of Tobacco) Program is funded by a grant to the Acushnet, Marion and Rochester Boards of Health by the Massachusetts Tobacco Control Program. This grant was established in 1993 with the Town of Marion as the lead agency and the office is located in the Marion Town Hall as well.

The second year of this program has been very eventful. Since the PACT Program assisted the Acushnet and Rochester Boards of Health to pass regulations last year, this was the first year they were implemented. In that time frame the PACT Program consulted with many restaurants and businesses to assist them with compliance regarding environmental tobacco smoke restrictions in workplaces and restaurants. As a result, the residents of Acushnet and Rochester were protected against the health hazards of second hand smoke, just as the residents of Marion have been for the past two years.

One of the first events of the year was the "Youth Day" Gear Swap planned in conjunction with the Greater New Bedford Tobacco Control Program, the DARE Program, and several youth serving agencies, such as the YMCA, YWCA, and Girl and Boy Scouts. A "Gear Swap" is an event when youth can bring in their tobacco paraphernalia, such as Marlboro hats and sweatshirts, Camel sports bags, etc., and exchange them for smoke free hats, t-shirts, and water bottles. This event was so well promoted and publicized that over 55,000 people came through the Dartmouth Mall that day. This represented more traffic than they had ever experienced on any day in their history.

One of the goals our "Gear Swap" committee was hoping to accomplish through this event was to convince the management of the Dartmouth Mall to go smoke free. It had been the management's opinion that going smoke free would irritate their customers. Therefore, we conducted a survey at the "Gear Swap," asking residents if they wanted the mall to go smoke free. The data from the survey indicated strong support for a smoke free mall. We are pleased to report that as a result of this survey, the Dartmouth Mall went smoke free on May 31st, "World No Tobacco Day"!

Over the past year the PACT Program has continued to work with a group of energetic and dedicated students from Old Rochester Regional Junior and Senior High Schools called TASC (Teens Against Smoking and Chewing). They have been trained to participate in compliance checks in all three communities the program serves. Compliance checks are a process whereby minors under the age of 18 enter businesses which sell tobacco products and attempt to buy. When sales are made to minors, fines are issued according to the local tobacco regulations of each town. These compliance checks have been conducted

throughout the year, with the goal of reducing youth access to tobacco products.

The TASC Teens have also been involved in projects such as the "Gear Swap" held at ORR Junior High for "World No Tobacco Day," the "Gear Swap" in the Dartmouth Mall, and the second annual Fourth of July Float. This year the float's theme was "Smoking Takes Your Breath Away" and it won a second place trophy in the Civic Category. You may have noticed that many younger children joined the Float this year as the TASC Teens became Peer Leaders, helping the younger children with their posters. The float was generously sponsored by the Tri-Town League of Voters for the second year in a row. Many thanks for the League's support!

Educating adults is another goal of the PACT Program. The League of Women Voters invited me to their Valentine Dinner to make a slide show presentation titled "How the Tobacco Industry Targets Women and Children." There was a credible turnout for this event, and the feedback was very positive.

On the education side, I coordinated presentations to Old Colony Vocational School, Sippican School, Rochester Memorial School, Acushnet Middle School, and Old Rochester Regional Junior High highlighting a guest speaker, Pamela Laffin. Pam is a 26-year-old lung transplant survivor whose message is heard loud and clear by her young audiences. She has been speaking to youth across the state about her personal tragedy resulting from tobacco use. You may have seen Pam in the TV commercial with the theme, "I started smoking to look older, I guess I got my wish."

Our services have been increased because of a very enthusiastic volunteer who has generously donated her time to do individual classroom presentations to the students in kindergarten through 3rd grade at Sippican School. Susie Boyajian has been an incredible assistant, both at "Gear Swap" and "World No Tobacco Day" events and during the float building process. She even allowed us to use her home for several weeks to make posters for the event. You may have seen Susie pushing the wheelchair behind the float in her nurse's uniform. As a full time nursing student and a mother of an eight-year-old, she exemplifies what volunteerism is all about.

The PACT Program also sponsored two smoking cessation programs this year; one in Marion in March and one in Acushnet for the Great American Smokeout in November. In addition, we have sponsored a smoking support group for quitters every week at the Marion Music Hall. All members of the three communities are welcome.

It has been a pleasure serving the three Boards of Health and the residents of Acushnet, Marion and Rochester. I will continue to strive to meet the goal of the Massachusetts Tobacco Control Program which is to reduce tobacco use

in Massachusetts by 50% by 1999. With the continued strong support of the members of the Board of Health and the communities we serve, I feel we truly can meet this goal by the year 2000!!

Respectfully submitted,

Judith R. Coykendall, MSM  
Program Director  
PACT Program

## **REPORT OF THE PARK DEPARTMENT**

Once again the past year has been one of continued growth and improvement at Pope Park. The AYAA hosted its annual All-Star Tournament and continues to bring friends and families together to watch our youth compete. In addition, their instructional league helps to provide future little leaguers with the skills needed to move to the next level. The Park Department would like to thank the many families, friends and members of the AYAA for their continued support in helping to keep our park clean for all to enjoy.

Other area teams that can be found at the park include the New Bedford Pony League and the Phoenix Girls Softball League. Again this year we welcome you and thank you for your continued support throughout the year.

This year's Summer Youth Program, under the direction of Kathy Jason, has grown once again, each year reaching out to more and more of the younger members of our community. Thanks to Kathy and her staff, this program attracts young and old during the summer to join in and enjoy the park and all its beauty. Some of the other events around the park include the Annual Strawberries in the Park Festival, held by the Beautification Committee, and the charity softball game between the Police and Fire Department.

In addition, this past year a new improved play area was added to provide a safer and more entertaining environment. This area, more commonly referred to as Kiddie Land, provides a soft sand based area with several new swings and rides for enjoyment. Also in this area seating has been added so all interested can sit and watch as the town's youth come to enjoy the summer weather.

Future plans and ideas include improved accessibility for elderly and handicapped and added recreation for all to enjoy. These plans include a shuffle board area and perhaps a gazebo in the front area and additional picnic tables throughout the park.

Again this year the Park Department would like to thank the many individuals and organizations who have contributed so generously to help make the park a place of pride and enjoyment to all town residents. Special thanks to the Board of Public Works and Highway Department and to Mr. Ray Rivet and staff for the outstanding work and effort again this year.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Rousseau  
Raymond Cabral  
Donald Guenette, Chairman  
Jayne T. Cote, Secretary  
Park Commissioners

## **REPORT OF THE ACUSHNET, MARION, ROCHESTER REGIONAL SANITARIAN**

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen  
and residents of the Towns of Acushnet, Marion and Rochester:

I respectfully submit a regional sanitarian report to the townspeople of Marion. The Acushnet, Marion, Rochester Regional Health District was formed in 1989 as an affordable means for these three towns to hire a health agent to assist the Boards of Health in public health matters. My duties within each town include the witnessing of percolation tests, review of proposed septic system plans, inspections during the construction of septic systems, review of septic system inspection reports for the transfer of real estate, inspection of restaurants and retail food stores, review of proposed kitchen designs, investigation of possible health hazards, housing complaint follow-ups, review of building permits, monitoring of incidents of rabies, and the administrative correspondence for the Boards of Health.

The Boards of Health are charged with protecting public health. This is fulfilled by developing and enforcing health regulations. Several regulations have been developed within the towns. The Town of Marion adopted a regulation requiring that inground pools have a six foot fence enclosure around the pool. The Marion Board of Health will be reviewing the Marion Sanitary Code as it relates to the revised Title V regulations. The Board is working diligently to change the septic system flow rate.

The Town of Acushnet enacted a regulation requiring that persons who handle food, drink, or engage in sanitizing utensils have a food handlers certificate. In order to have a certificate issued, the food handler must test negative for tuberculosis by means of a mantoux test. The certificates are renewable every two years.

A second regulation enacted in Acushnet was the seventy-five foot setback of a leaching area to a wetland. Effective 01 July 1996 any newly constructed septic system must be 75 feet from a wetland and 100 feet from a coastal wetland or watercourse. Filling or replication of wetlands to establish setbacks is not permitted. The wetland line must also be approved by the Acushnet Conservation Commission.

The Rochester Board of Health is proposing to adopt a similar regulation with a 100 foot setback to the wetlands. The Rochester Board is also in the process of reviewing the Rochester Rules and Regulations, as it relates to the revised Title V.

All of the towns have spent considerable time reviewing plans for septic system repairs - especially for real estate transfer sales. Many of the hearings have related to variances and/or maximum feasible compliance provisions of Title V.

The Acushnet, Marion, Rochester Health District was awarded two used recycling trucks by the state recycling grant program (Department of Environmental Protection). The towns of Marion and Rochester are using the trucks to do recycling for the entire towns. The Town of Acushnet decided not to use the trucks because all of their recyclables must be separated at the curbside. This decision was rendered by the Board of Public Works who have control of the recycling program in Acushnet. The Towns of Rochester and Marion formed a recycling district, had the trucks repaired, and hired a person to pick up the recyclables. My thanks to John LaFreniere, who worked diligently to obtain the recycling trucks; Jeffrey Eldridge, Rochester Highway Surveyor; and Robert Zora, Marion Department of Public Works Superintendent, who worked to develop the recycling district.

Last year the Buzzards Bay Project awarded each town in the district a computer. The computers were to be used to have a data base for septic systems in each town. The grant also provided that all of the septic plans, pumping records and septic system inspection reports be entered into the Fox Pro program. Celia Cunha of the Buzzards Bay Project entered the data into each of the computers. Programs in the Towns of Marion and Acushnet have been brought up to date. My sincere thanks to MaryAnn Ashe of Marion and Maria Otocky of Acushnet for assisting in this endeavor. Septic pumping records are up to date in Rochester - thanks to Veronica LaFreniere; however, the septic tracing program has not been entered due to significant differences in computer programs. The Board of Health is consulting with computer programmers to correct the problems. I would also like to thank Dr. Joseph Costa for coordinating and providing administrative assistance to the Boards of Health.

Judith Coykendall has done a superb job as program director for the Prevention and Cessation of Tobacco Program. This district program is provided for by a state-funded grant. She assists the Boards of Health in developing and updating local tobacco control regulations - coordinating compliance checks of tobacco being sold to minors in retail stores. Compliance checks that are done statewide are modeled as a means of endorsement of town tobacco regulations. Mrs. Coykendall has also offered cessation programs and support groups for those persons who are trying to quit smoking.

Mrs. Janice Young, food inspector for the district, has completed food inspections and follow-ups within all food service establishments in Acushnet, Rochester and Marion. Mrs. Young is also employed as a food inspector in the Towns of Dartmouth and Fairhaven. We are very lucky to have her wealth of knowledge in food sanitation for the area towns.

The Board of Health members of the Acushnet, Marion, Rochester Health District have determined that, due to the growth of the towns, the Town of Acushnet would separate from the health district and the Towns of Marion and Rochester would remain as a district. This would allow for a full time sanitarian to be employed by the Town of Acushnet, while Rochester and Marion shared a person. This is justified because the Title V septic system inspection requirements have reshaped the workload of the Boards of Health.

Activity	Acushnet	Rochester	Marion
Percolation Tests	120	53	51
Septic Excavation Inspections	99	17	27
Septic Final Inspections	54	32	19
Septic Permits	73	50	51
Septic Inspections, Passed	35	25	45
Septic Inspections, Failed	10	6	7
Food Service Establishments Inspections	40	8	22
Retail Food Store Inspections	5	7	11
Housing Inspections	5	2	1

Respectfully submitted,

Karen A. Walega, RS, MPH  
Regional Sanitarian

## REPORT OF THE RUSSELL MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Our staff consists of 5 employees dedicated to providing the best possible service to the citizens of Acushnet: Valdene Kane, Director (5 years); Claudette Olivier, Assistant Director (18 years); Cecelia Tavares, Library Technician (18 years); Connie Preston, Library Technician (6 years); and Helen Guenette, Library Custodian (29 years!).

This was a very exciting year for the library. The library received a \$20,000 grant for the planning and design phase for the eventual construction of a new library facility from L.S.C.A. (Library Services and Construction Act) funds administered by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners. This grant is contingent upon the Town voting matching funds by March 19, 1997. Town support has been positive. The selectmen appointed a building committee comprised of patrons, town department representatives, library personnel, and a library trustee. The land between the two schools has emerged as a possibility for the new site.

Our small but mighty Friends of the Russell Memorial Library is led by capable volunteers Connie Preston and Cynthia Marks. Instead of our annual book sale, the Friends decided to offer the same items for sale in the library entry. Profits were almost equal to those of the previous year's book sale. The moneys from the sale of these donated and surplus items go towards building our video collection and towards children's programming.

Our staff visited all classes at the Acushnet Elementary School. The library sponsored a contest to see which class had the most library users. The children were asked to bring in proof that they had a borrower's card. All students who brought in their card received a prize, with the grand prize of a pizza lunch donated by Papa Gino's going to Mrs. Darmofal's room. We used our grant from the Acushnet Cultural Council to bring in noted author Jim Trelease. He spoke to Acushnet parents and teachers about his book, *The Read Aloud Handbook*; the importance of raising a reading child; and how to accomplish this excellent objective.

Our fourth summer program was a great success. We had visits from Magician Joe Howard; Benjamin the Clown; and Mike, the Music Man. The children created pompon chicks, geometric string pictures, kaleidoscopes, and stained-glass windows. T.C.B.Y. donated sundaes to our summer participants. All children who satisfied the requirement of visiting the library five times over the summer received a library certificate of accomplishment and a coupon for a free sundae donated by McDonald's Restaurants. The program "*Spark Your Imagination*" was supported by materials from the Eastern Massachusetts Regional Library System.



We would be unable to have such a well funded, enjoyable program were it not for the philanthropy of some very special people. The following people, businesses, and organizations were generous contributors to our summer program: A & M Tool Grinding, Inc., Acushnet Animal Hospital, Acushnet Cultural Council, Acushnet Lions Club, Acushnet Firefighters Association, Acushnet Police Association, Adams and Adams, Applied Technology Associates, Inc., Avellar Home Improvements. Babe's Auto Body, Boissoneau's Garage, Shane A. Carlson Attorney, Casey's Luncheonette, Christine's Wedding Invitations, Charlotte Coutinho, D & P Contracting, Roger and Patricia Deschamps, Conrad and Florence Desroches, Elite Operations, McDonald's Restaurants, Jackson's Farm, Jim Waskiel Furniture Refinishing and Repairing, Kingsley Signs, Knox Electric, Lanzoni's Green Houses, Little People's College, Joyce D. Lopes Real Estate, Macomber Saw Mill, Meadowbrook Driving Range, Norman's Enterprises Construction Corporation, Perry Farm Patchworks, Roseland Nursery, Suburban Auto Repair, Sullo Construction, T.C.B.Y., Tilcon Capaldi, Inc., Titleist and Foot-Joy Worldwide, John M. Vickers, and Whelden Brook Nursery.

We would also like to thank Roseland Nursery for donating bookmarks and Acushnet Federal Credit Union for donating borrowers' card covers. We would also like to thank our Friends of the Russell Memorial Library for the refrigerator magnets that we give to new patrons.

Our meeting room is open to any town group which needs a place to meet. Several groups made use of our facilities during the year. The Brownies meet on Tuesday nights. The Bristol County Woodcarvers also meet once a month. Pilgrim Health care held several meetings on information about Medicare. An advisor on raising money for college education also appeared. In observation of Massachusetts Art Week, the annual Acushnet Art Exhibit was held in May. During November the Friends of the Russell Memorial Library sponsored an appearance by local actor Ray Veary who presented *"The Life of Jonathan Bourne, New Bedford Whaling Agent."*

Once again, the Trustees and staff thank the good people of Acushnet who donated books and periodicals to the library's collection. A special thanks goes to a very special patron, Mr. Wilfred Fortin. He is most generous to us. A prodigious reader, he donates many terrific periodicals and books.

The library has a fax machine which is available to our patrons for a small fee. We have a copy machine in the main room for patrons' convenience. We also have two computers that may be used by the library for word processing.

The Town purchased two computers for the library so that we would be able to access the Internet, a periodical datase, and a children's version of the public access catalog. We also have a computer with CD-ROM capability.

Patrons can now access the SEAL public catalog from home. Please see a librarian for details. In addition to our book collection, patrons may borrow videos, games, teaching kits, audio books, music CD's and CD-ROM's.

With the efforts of the director, staff and trustees, along with their determination that the Town maintain and improve upon minimum standards for a town of our size, Acushnet was awarded state grants totaling \$10,974 from the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners. This money has been designated by the Finance Committee to fulfill the materials' expenditures required by the Board of Library Commissioners. Town officials have been advised that when the Town population is verified to be over 10,000 in the next census, the minimum standards for library service will change. The library will be required to be open more hours and have more stringent requirements for staff credentials.

The trustees continue to support SEAL. The library has been on-line for approximately six years. Because of our network membership, the library can offer our patrons access to and delivery of materials from other libraries' collections which now encompass more than 500,000 unique titles. The linking of the administration of SEAL and another network, ABLE, will also expand our access. SEAL has enabled the Town library to provide services to our residents which towns that chose not to join a network by automating their holdings cannot do.

Through SEAL, our library obtains professional cataloging for all of its materials and participates in interlibrary and intralibrary loan networks. Students may now access our network from a home Internet connection and reserve necessary materials. Sponsored by the Eastern Massachusetts Regional Library System, SEAL's van delivery system provides our patrons with materials usually within a day or two of the original request. We receive delivery five days a week, thanks to a new locked box.

The trustees wish to thank the Town for its continued support.

Library Hours:	Tuesday	1 - 8
	Wednesday	10 - 6
	Thursday	1 - 8
	Saturday	10 - 1 (Closed July / August)

Library Phone Number:	(508) 998-0270
Library Fax Number	(508) 998-0271
E-Mail Address:	Acushlib@ultranet.com

Respectfully submitted,

Alfred Robichaud, Chairperson  
Christina Gaudette, Secretary  
Bertha Machado  
Russell Memorial Library

## **RUSSELL MEMORIAL LIBRARY**

### **Statistical Report 1995**

Volumes at beginning of year	13,788
Volumes purchased	1,543
Volumes donated	97
Volumes lost / withdrawn	420
Volumes at end of year	15,008
Periodical subscriptions purchased	36
Periodical subscriptions donated	72
Total	108
Videos owned	492
Audio books owned	103
Music CD's owned	61
CD-ROM's owned	35

### **Registration**

Borrowers at beginning of year	3,671
Borrowers registered in 1996	331
Total	4002

### **Circulation**

Items borrowed	29,047
Items borrowed from SEAL libraries	2,543
Items lent to SEAL	3,793
Items borrowed from libraries outside SEAL	117
Non-resident circulation to in-state patrons	14
Non-resident circulation to out-of-state patrons	0
Total	35,514

Respectfully submitted,

Valdene Kane  
Library Director

## **REPORT OF THE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT**

The 1996 calendar year was highlighted by several changes in leadership in the Acushnet School Department. For the first time since the elections of October 1993, two new members joined the School Committee. Mr. Robert Lanzoni was elected to office, along with incumbent Luis daRosa, in the Acushnet town election in April 1996. Ms. Tricia Scott was appointed in August to complete the term of David Moura who resigned due to personal reasons.

Mr. Michael T. Luce, Principal of the Acushnet Elementary School, resigned in August to accept a position in the North Attleboro Public Schools. The author of this report served as the interim principal until the appointment of Mrs. Wendy Rocha in late September. Mr. Stephen B. Hosmer, Superintendent of Schools, resigned in September to accept the Superintendency of the Pomfret and Eastford School Union in Connecticut. I was appointed Interim Superintendent of Schools on September 16 and will continue in this assignment until the newly appointed Superintendent assumes his position. Dr. Harold G. Devine, Jr., was appointed Superintendent of Schools on November 25th and is scheduled to take office on January 13, 1997.

Throughout this period of transition, it has been my goal to keep the School Department on course and continue the development and implementations of the programs initiated during the past two years. As most people are aware, the Education Reform Act of 1993 has dramatically impacted public school education in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. In order to comply with the mandates of this legislation, the School Department has been most active in areas of curriculum review and staff development. Some of the highlights of this activity are as follows:

- \* The development and implementation of a new science curriculum that meets the requirements of state Curriculum Frameworks. Also, the purchase of the resource materials required for this program was made prior to the opening of school in September 1996.
- \* The Committee working on a new math curriculum has completed its work and this program is ready for implementation during the 1996-97 school year.
- \* The School Committee has approved a "Five Year System Technology Plan" for the years 1997-2002 that was developed by the staff in 1996. This plan has been forwarded to the State and will be the basis for future funding to match expenditures of the Town in supporting technology education. The school system has already made a significant investment in technology education. This plan is intended to promote a dramatic improvement in this curriculum area during the present and future school years.
- \* Curriculum committees are ready to write, review and adopt the curriculum framework for the English Language Arts and Social Studies as

soon as the Department of Education makes them available. It is anticipated that both frameworks will be published during the current school year.

- \* Staff development programs are a most important component of Education Reform. The School Department has utilized in-service days and early release time to provide staff training in the following areas:

Writing Fully Across the Curriculum  
Critical Thinking Skills Across the Curriculum  
Interdisciplinary Teaching  
Cooperative Teaching Technique  
Alternative Assessment

The focus of the staff development program is to concentrate on the professional skills required to bring about meaningful education reform.

The School Committee and Administration have made a determined effort to provide the maintenance required to keep the Town's school facilities functional, safe and attractive. Some of the activities of this program are listed below:

- \* Repair and replace internal heat controls and valves at the Ford Middle School
- \* Upgraded hot water system at Ford Middle School and installed hot water lines to the lavatories
- \* School building utilization and needs study for our district. (Demographic Study done by Dr. John Calabro)
- \* Replaced stage curtains at the Elementary School and window shades at both the Acushnet Elementary and Ford Middle Schools
- \* Replaced carpets in the libraries at the Acushnet Elementary and Ford Middle Schools
- \* Insulated the hot water/heating pipes throughout the Ford Middle School (Cost efficient energy improvement project)
- \* Repainted the Ford Middle School gymnasium walls
- \* Repainted the Ford Middle School cafeteria
- \* Repainted the Acushnet Elementary School Burt Memorial Library

The Acushnet Public Schools have been fortunate in recent years to have the financial support of the Town and very active parent involvement. Parent Teacher Organizations and School Improvement Councils have worked closely with staff of both schools to improve the educational program for Acushnet children. A concrete testimonial to this cooperation effort is the construction of the "Little Toy" playground at the Elementary School during the summer of 1996.

Finally, the Acushnet Elementary School Integrated Pre-School, which serves children ages 3-5, with or without special needs, recently received accreditation from the National Association for the Education of Young Children. Only about 5 percent of early childhood programs nationwide - about 4,600 as

of March 6 - have been accredited by the Association. Accreditation is a rigorous, voluntary process by which programs demonstrate that they consistently meet national standards of excellence.

Respectfully submitted,

John E. McCarthy  
Interim Superintendent of Schools

**ACUSHNET PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
1996 - 1997 BUDGET**

	<u>FY 1996 Budget</u>	<u>FY 1997 Budget</u>	<u>1997 + - Difference</u>
Administration	230,047	236,850	6,803
Acushnet Elementary	1,538,563	1,597,227	58,663
Ford Middle School	1,180,753	1,244,395	63,642
Special Education	938,389	1,039,950	101,561
System wide	504,828	524,640	19,813
Tuition	1,683,375	1,862,162	178,787
Vocational	25,700	26,700	1,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6,101,655</b>	<b>6,531,924</b>	<b>430,269</b>

## **REPORT OF THE SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES**

During 1996, thirty gasoline pumps and twenty-four scales in the Town of Acushnet were checked and sealed. One verbal warning was given regarding the use of an illegal scale.

Fees collected amounted to \$660.00.

Respectfully submitted,

**Marianne E. Marshall**  
Sealer of Weights and Measures

# **REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONERS SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

## **(SRPEDD)**

The Town of Acushnet continued its participation in the Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District during 1996. SRPEDD (pronounced sir-ped) is a locally governed regional agency serving twenty-seven cities and towns in southeastern Massachusetts. We are funded by federal and state grants and local assessments. For 1996, the Town of Acushnet paid \$1,433.10 for our services, based upon an assessment of 15 cents per capita.

During the past year, the Town of Acushnet was represented on the SRPEDD Commission by Robert St. Jean and Marc Cenerizio. The Joint Transportation Planning Group representative was Ray Barlow. Marc Cenerizio also served on the Executive Committee.

Some of SRPEDD's more significant accomplishments during 1996 were:

- \* Completion and certification of the annual Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) which set regional priorities for federal transportation funds. The TIP sets priorities for \$234 million in federal and state dollars for regional transportation projects over the next 3 years.
- \* SRPEDD completed a Handbook to assist proponents and local officials to develop and promote the aquaculture industry in southeastern Massachusetts.
- \* SRPEDD worked with the region's cities and towns and the MBTA to assist in the development of plans for commuter rail service to Taunton, Fall River and New Bedford. SRPEDD is continuing to seek a regional consensus on alternative routes and is assisting the MBTA to evaluate the Attleboro, Stoughton and Middleborough alternatives.
- \* Southeastern Massachusetts joined the Internet with the debut of SRPEDD's web site in August. The site contains data and information about every city and town in the region and can be reached at <http://www.srpedd.org>.
- \* SRPEDD approved \$1,583,559 in grants from our regional transportation allocation for five "enhancement" projects. Included were three bicycle paths (Fairhaven, New Bedford and Swansea), restoration of the ship *Ernestina* in New Bedford and a region road runoff inventory project.



- \* A Regional Housing Needs Study was completed that includes: Needs Assessment, Handbook of Resources, Fiscal Impact Analysis, Opportunities for Regional Cooperation, and Survey of Conditions/Social Service Agencies.
- \* An Intermodal Transportation Report was prepared by SRPEDD for the New Bedford Area Chamber of Commerce that addresses and makes recommendations for the linkage of the airport, seaport, rail, bus, and highway modes of travel and freight transfer.
- \* The SRPEDD Commission approved a Regional Land Use Policy Plan and successfully applied for a grant for implementation in 1977. The plan sets forth guidance for optimal use of our most precious resource - our land.
- \* The region's Overall Economic Development Program was completed and certified by the U.S. Economic Development Administration, making the region eligible for federal economic development grants from EDA.
- \* SRPEDD conducts a district-wide traffic counting program and maintains a computer file of all available traffic count data throughout the region. SRPEDD undertook counts at 85 locations this year.
- \* SRPEDD also compiled computerized accident records for seven communities, including Acushnet. This data is used to publish the region's 25 most dangerous intersections and road segments. This information helps with the redesign of the dangerous areas.
- \* SRPEDD worked with the two regional transit authorities - GATRA and SRTA - on issues such as route evaluations, marketing, service to elderly and handicapped persons and overall data compilation and analysis.
- \* SRPEDD continued its affiliation with the South Eastern Economic Development (SEED) Corporation which makes loans to small businesses in the amount of \$12.6 million. These loans are projected to create 632 new jobs.
- \* SRPEDD operates the Southeastern Massachusetts Data Center, providing information to businesses, cities and towns, and individuals.

SRPEDD also received in 1996 evaluations of **Outstanding** from two federal agencies for planning work done in the region: the Department of Transportation and the Economic Development Administration.

In addition, municipal assistance was provided to Acushnet in the following areas:

- \* Pavement Management
- \* Developable Land Study

SRPEDD was created to serve the cities and towns of southeastern Massachusetts. We are governed by elected and appointed officials from all the cities and towns. We look forward to serving you in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District  
(SRPEDD)

## **REPORT OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

The Acushnet Zoning Board of Appeals met monthly during 1996. Twenty-seven appeals were heard by the Board. Five appeals were for businesses or commercial use. All five were granted. Twenty-two appeals were for residential use. All were granted.

Application fees turned in to the Town Treasurer were \$3,675.00.

Election of officers was held in May. Lawrence G. Marshall was reelected as Chairman, Carol Westgate was reelected as Vice Chairperson.

Members of the Board:

Lawrence G. Marshall, Chairman  
Carol Westgate, Vice Chairperson  
Henry Preston  
Barbara Mello  
Garald Toussaint  
Gary Lemos, Alternate  
Patricia Braley, Alternate

Respectfully submitted,

Lawrence G. Marshall, Chairman  
Acushnet Zoning Board of Appeals

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## ACUSHNET AT A GLANCE

Incorporated: February 13, 1860

Type of Government: Open Town Meeting

Population: 9,252  
9,554 (State Census)

Total Valuation:

Class 1 and 2 Tax Rate: \$12.74 per \$1,000 (Fiscal Year 1996)

Class 3 and 4 Tax Rate: \$15.29 per \$1,000 (Fiscal Year 1996)

Registered Voters: 5,684

Total Area: 18 Square Miles

Churches: 6

Public Schools: 2

Parochial Schools: 1

Regional School: 1

Principal Industries:

golf ball manufacturing, road surface materials, farming  
apple and peach orchards, box factory  
sawmill, landscape nurseries

### 4th CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Congressman Barney Frank

Office: (508) 999-1251 - Office: (508) 999-6450

### 10th BRISTOL REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT

Robert Koczera

Home: (508) 998-8041 - Office: (617) 722-2030

### 2nd BRISTOL SENATORIAL DISTRICT

Mark C. W. Montigny

Office: (617) 722-1440

Annual Election of Officers: 1st Monday in April

Annual Town Meeting: 4th Monday in April