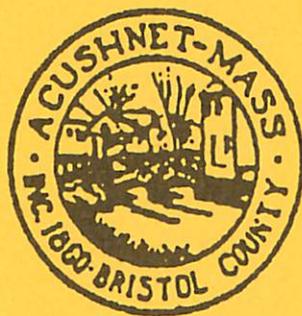


**Town Records and Reports**

**of the**

**TOWN OFFICERS**

**TOWN OF ACUSHNET**



**1997**

## TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

|  |          |
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| 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

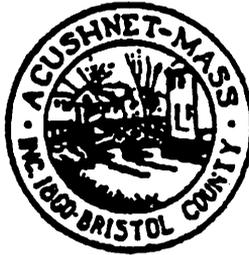
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| Accountant . . . . .                           | 998-0220 |
| Assessors . . . . .                            | 998-0205 |
| Building Department . . . . .                  | 998-0225 |
| Gas & Plumbing Inspector . . . . .             | 998-0225 |
| Wire Inspector . . . . .                       | 998-0225 |
| Cemetery Department . . . . .                  | 995-0052 |
| Emergency Management Agency . . . . .          | 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 Commission . . . . .                  | 998-0230 |
| Selectmen . . . . .                            | 998-0200 |
| Superintendent of Schools . . . . .            | 998-0260 |
| School Department - Business Manager . . . . . | 998-0261 |
| Town Collector . . . . .                       | 998-0210 |
| Town Clerk . . . . .                           | 998-0215 |
| Treasurer . . . . .                            | 998-0212 |
| Tree Warden . . . . .                          | 998-8379 |
| Veteran's Services . . . . .                   | 998-0225 |
| Visiting Nurse . . . . .                       | 998-0275 |

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## *In Memoriam*

**Doris A. Messier**  
School Department  
1959 - 1965  
Board of Health  
1981 - 1995  
Date of Death -- January 2, 1997

**Raymond H. Gonneville**  
Highway Department  
1952 - 1970  
Park Commission  
1955 - 1958  
Planning Board  
1959 - 1970  
Date of Death -- March 10, 1997

**Alice N. Tatro**  
Council on Aging  
1979 - 1997  
Date of Death -- March 14, 1997

**Lea F. Maillet**  
Council on Aging  
1994 - 1996  
Date of Death -- April 19, 1997

**Margaret Heap**  
Board of Health  
1927 - 1938  
Date of Death -- April 22, 1997

**Matthew L. Niziolek**  
School Department  
1942 - 1967  
Date of Death -- May 2, 1997

*In Memoriam*

**Nina B. Leonard**  
Precinct Worker  
1984 - 1992  
Historical Society Member  
Date of Death -- August 10, 1997

**Eugene Miller, Jr.**  
Conservation Commission  
1967 - 1986  
Date of Death -- August 21, 1997

**Amos D. Souza**  
Building Department  
1975 - 1994  
Date of Death -- August 29, 1997

**Charles J. Peters, Jr.**  
Composting Advisory Committee  
1989 - 1996  
Date of Death -- September 21, 1997

**Theresa Jean Philabaum**  
School Department  
1988 - 1992  
Date of Death -- November 23, 1997

**Edmond A. Richard**  
Park Commission  
1958 - 1963  
Planning Board  
1962 - 1963  
Date of Death -- December 3, 1997

**Manuel A. Sol, Jr.**  
Highway Department  
1974 - 1985  
Date of Death -- December 18, 1997

# TOWN OFFICERS 1996 - 1997

## Town Clerk

Richard Threlfall Term Expires 1999

## Board of Selectmen

Robert St. Jean Term Expires 1998  
Peter W. Koczera Term Expires 1999  
Everett L. Hardy, Jr. Term Expires 2000

## Board of Assessors

Michael A. Cioper Term Expires 1998  
Eugene L. Dabrowski Term Expires 1999  
George H. Perry, Jr. Term Expires 2000

## Board of Health

Thomas J. Fortin Term Expires 1998  
Robert Medeiros Term Expires 1999  
Gerald L. Toussaint Term Expires 2000

## School Committee

Paul L. Robitaille Term Expires 1998  
Luis G. DaRosa (resigned 8/14/97) Term Expires 1999  
Robert M. Lanzoni Term Expires 1999  
Patricia Scott Term Expires 1999  
Francis R. Kuthan Term Expires 2000  
Manuel Goncalves (appointed 9/8/97) Term Expires 1998

## Commissioner of Trust Funds

Diane Barlow Term Expires 1998  
Maria Otocky (resigned 7/31/97) Term Expires 1999  
Madeleine Cioper Term Expires 2000  
Everett L. Hardy, Jr. (appointed 11/24/97) Term Expires 1998

## Trustees of Free Public Library

Bertha Y. Machado (resigned 9/18/97) Term Expires 1998  
Christina Gaudette Term Expires 1999  
Alfred H. Robichaud Term Expires 2000  
JoAnn Bertrand (appointed 10/21/97) Term Expires 1998

## Cemetery Board

George M. Cote Term Expires 1998  
Joanne Cioper Term Expires 1999  
Paul H. Fortin Term Expires 2000

## Park Commissioners

Gary Rousseau Term Expires 1998  
Raymond Cabral Term Expires 1999  
Donald J. Guenette Term Expires 2000

**Housing Authority**

|                 |                   |
|-----------------|-------------------|
| David White     | Term Expires 1998 |
| Mary M. Niemic  | Term Expires 1999 |
| James Vierira   | Term Expires 2000 |
| Nancy Brightman | Term Expires 2001 |
| Paul St. Don    | Term Expires 2002 |

**Planning Board**

|                   |                   |
|-------------------|-------------------|
| Richard P. Forand | Term Expires 1998 |
| Garry Rawcliffe   | Term Expires 1999 |
| Richard H. Ellis  | Term Expires 2000 |
| Richard A. Ellis  | Term Expires 2001 |
| Marc Cenerizio    | Term Expires 2002 |

**Moderator**

|                   |                   |
|-------------------|-------------------|
| Robert E. Francis | Term Expires 1999 |
|-------------------|-------------------|

**Tree Warden**

|                   |                   |
|-------------------|-------------------|
| Robert M. Lanzoni | Term Expires 1999 |
|-------------------|-------------------|

**Board of Public Works**

|   |                   |
|---|-------------------|
| Glen Alferes  | Term Expires 1998 |
| Janet Mello   | Term Expires 1998 |
| Manuel P. Raposa (resigned 7/31/97)                   | Term Expires 1999 |
| David W. Grenon                                       | Term Expires 2000 |
| Kenneth J. Souza                                      | Term Expires 2000 |
| Donald Gaspar (appointed 8/25/97) (resigned 11/20/97) | Term Expires 1998 |
| Mark Souto (appointed 12/15/97)                       | Term Expires 1998 |

**TOWN OATHS ADMINISTERED  
BY RICHARD THRELFALL, TOWN CLERK 1997**

| <b>Date of<br/>Oath 1997</b> | <b>Name</b>          | <b>Office</b>                 | <b>Date of Election<br/>or Appointments</b> | <b>Term<br/>Expires</b> |
|------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------|---|-------------------------|
| Oct. 20, 1996                | Jeanne Siwik         | Cultural Council Member       | 2/3/1997                                    | 5/1/2000                |
| Feb. 3, 1997                 | Matthew Goulet       | Acushnet Cable Committee      | 2/3/1997                                    | 5/1/1997                |
| Feb. 10                      | Mary R. Allison      | Conservation Commission       | 2/10/1997                                   |                         |
| Feb. 28                      | Matthew Goulet       | Trash Committee               | 2/28/1997                                   |                         |
| Feb. 28                      | Matthew Goulet       | Capital Expenditure Committee | 4/29/1996                                   | 5/1/1998                |
| March 6                      | George H. Grew       | Constable                     | 12/16/1996                                  | 12/16/1999              |
| March 3                      | Marc E. Laplante     | Constable                     | 3/17/1997                                   | 5/1/1999                |
| March 10                     | Russell W. Goyette   | Finance Committee Member      | 3/10/1997                                   |                         |
| March 24                     | Eugene Perry         | Finance Committee Member      | 12/16/1996                                  | 12/16/1997              |
| March 24                     | John Howcroft        | Finance Committee Member      | 12/16/1996                                  | 12/16/1997              |
| March 24                     | Mary Lou Marques     | Finance Committee Member      | 12/16/1996                                  | 12/16/1999              |
| March 24                     | Dr. Hector H. Roy    | Finance Committee Member      | 12/16/1996                                  | 12/16/1997              |
| March 24                     | Elizabeth Gatenby    | Finance Committee Member      | 12/16/1996                                  | 12/16/1997              |
| March 24                     | Lillian B. Garbaciak | Finance Committee Member      | 11/29/1995                                  | 11/29/1998              |
| April 1                      | Lillian B. Garbaciak | Temporary Treasurer           | 3/31/1997                                   | 4/30/1997               |
| April 1                      | Lillian B. Garbaciak | Temporary Town Collector      | 3/31/1997                                   | 4/30/1997               |
| April 5                      | David Vieira         | Finance Committee Member      | 3/10/1997                                   | 5/1/1998                |
| April 7                      | Francis R. Kuthan    | School Committee Member       | 4/7/1997                                    | 4/0/2000                |
| April 7                      | Kenneth J. Souza     | Board of Public Works         | 4/7/1997                                    | 4/0/2000                |
| April 7                      | David W. Grenon      | Board of Public Works         | 4/7/1997                                    | 4/0/2000                |
| April 7                      | Nicholas P. Wagner   | Finance Committee Member      | 12/16/1996                                  | 12/16/1999              |
| April 8                      | Patricia A. Scott    | School Committee Member       | 4/7/1997                                    | 4/0/1999                |
| April 8                      | Mary M. Niemic       | Housing Authority             | 4/7/1997                                    | 4/0/1999                |
| April 8                      | Marc Cenerizio       | Planning Board                | 4/7/1997                                    | 4/0/2002                |

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|--------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------|---|---------------------|
| April 8, 1997            | Donald J. Guenette    | Park Commissioner               | Elected                                 | 4/0/2000            |
| April 9                  | Gerald L. Toussaint   | Board of Health                 | Elected                                 | 4/0/2000            |
| April 9                  | Paul St. Don          | Housing Authority               | Elected                                 | 4/0/2002            |
| April 10                 | Madeleine Cioper      | Commission of Trust Fund        | Elected                                 | 4/0/2000            |
| April 11                 | George H. Perry, Jr.  | Assessor                        | Elected                                 | 4/0/2000            |
| April 16                 | William Contois       | Council on Aging (Chairman)     | Appointed                               | 4/1/2000            |
| April 17                 | Everett L. Hardy, Jr. | Board of Selectmen              | Elected                                 | 4/17/2000           |
| April 18                 | George Souza          | Constable                       | Appointed                               | 5/1/2000            |
| April 4                  | William Murphy        | Parting Ways Beautification     | Appointed                               | 5/1/2000            |
| April 17                 | Joyce Reynolds        | Conservation Commission         | Appointed                               | 5/1/2000            |
| April 29                 | Alfred H. Robichaud   | Library Trustee                 | Elected                                 | 4/0/2000            |
| April 29                 | Elaine Miranda        | Temporary Assistant Treasurer   | Appointed                               | 5/28/1997           |
| April 29                 | Paul Cote             | Inspector of Garages            | Appointed                               | 5/1/2000            |
| April 29                 | Fire Chief Paul Cote  | Forest Warden                   | Appointed                               | 5/1/2000            |
| April 30                 | Adrienne Y. Rivet     | Acushnet Medical Services Cood. | Appointed                               | 5/1/2000            |
| May 1                    | Susan Forgues         | Housing Partnership Committee   | Appointed                               | 5/1/2000            |
| May 1                    | Susan Forgues         | By-Law Review Committee         | Appointed                               | 5/1/2000            |
| May 2                    | Dorothy Renfre        | Registrar of Voters             | Appointed                               | 3/18/1996           |
| May 2                    | Joao Acucena          | Registrar of Voters             | Appointed                               | 5/1/1999            |
| May 2                    | Paul Trahan           | Tax Shift Study Committee       | Appointed                               | 5/1/2000            |
| May 5                    | Gerald Toussaint      | Board of Appeals                | Appointed                               | 5/1/2000            |
| May 5                    | Lewis Elgar, Jr.      | Safety Committee                | Appointed                               | 5/1/2000            |
| May 5                    | Antonio Camara        | Inspector of Animals            | Appointed                               | 5/1/2000            |
| May 5                    | Brenda Raposa         | Safety Committee                | Appointed                               | 5/1/1998            |
| May 6                    | Alfred R. M. Braley   | Shellfish Warden/Harbor Master  | Appointed                               | 5/1/2000            |
| May 6                    | Marc Cenerizio        | Tax Shift Study Committee       | Appointed                               | 5/1/2000            |

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|--------------------------|-----------------------|--|---|---------------------|
| May 6, 1997              | Mary R. Allison       | Conservation Commission                | Appointed                               | 5/1/2000            |
| May 7                    | John Mello            | Herring Warden                         | Appointed                               | 5/1/2000            |
| May 7                    | Michael Moses         | VA Burial Agent                        | Appointed                               | 5/1/1998            |
| May 7                    | Michael Moses         | VA Agent                               | Appointed                               | 5/1/1998            |
| May 7                    | Donald Lopes          | Cable Agent                            | Appointed                               | 5/1/2000            |
| May 7                    | William Hunter        | Street Name Committee                  | Appointed                               | 5/1/2000            |
| May 9                    | Joyce Reynolds        | Historical Commission                  | Appointed                               | 5/1/2000            |
| May 9                    | John Howcroft         | Tax Shift Committee/Finance Committee  | Appointed                               | 5/1/2000            |
| May 9                    | Roberta E. Leonard    | Historical Commission                  | Appointed                               | 5/1/2000            |
| May 12                   | Marianne Marshall     | Sealer of Weights & Measures           | Appointed                               | 5/1/1999            |
| May 12                   | Robert H. Bertrand    | Conservation Commission                | Appointed                               | 5/1/2000            |
| May 19                   | Stephen Gilmore       | Historical Commission                  | Appointed                               | 5/1/2000            |
| May 21                   | Arthur Calheta        | Spec. Police Off. N.B. Water Works     | Appointed                               | 5/1/1999            |
| May 21                   | John L. Nunes         | Treasurer                              | Appointed                               | 5/21/1998           |
| May 22                   | Paul H. Fortin        | Cemetery Board Member                  | Elected                                 | 4/0/2000            |
| May 22                   | Madeline Gwozdz       | Street Name Committee                  | Appointed                               | 5/1/2000            |
| June 3                   | Frank Knox            | Deputy Wire Inspector                  | Appointed                               | 5/1/1997            |
| June 4                   | Everett L. Hardy, Jr. | SRTA Advisory Board                    | Appointed                               | 5/1/1999            |
| June 4                   | Everett L. Hardy, Jr. | Tax Shift Study Committee              | Appointed                               | 5/1/2000            |
| June 5                   | Dianne Couto          | Acushnet Cultural Council              | Appointed                               | 6/2/1997            |
| June 17                  | Edward Govoni         | Capital Expenditure Comm. Member       | Appointed                               | 6/17/1997           |
| June 17                  | Ted Govoni            | Assistant Herring Warden               | Appointed                               | 6/17/1997           |
| June 18                  | Leo Lyonnais          | Enforcement Agent - Board of Selectmen | Appointed                               | 5/1/1998            |
| June 23                  | Henry Preston         | Board of Appeals                       | Appointed                               | 5/1/2000            |
| July 14                  | Juliana F. Perry      | Clerk - Precinct I                     | Appointed                               | 7/14/1999           |
| July 17                  | Antoinette Boissoneau | Inspector - Precinct I                 | Appointed                               | 7/14/1999           |

| Date of Oath 1997 | Name               | Office                                 | Date of Election or Appointments | Term Expires |
|-------------------|--------------------|--|----------------------------------|--------------|
| July 18, 1997     | Arlette LaPalme    | Inspector - Precinct I                 | Appointed 7/18/1997              | 7/14/1999    |
| July 18           | Hope Reynolds      | Clerk - Precinct III                   | Appointed 7/18/1997              | 7/14/1999    |
| July 18           | Cecelia Tavares    | Inspector - Precinct II                | Appointed 7/18/1997              | 7/14/1999    |
| July 21           | Wanda Bourgeois    | Warden - Precinct II                   | Appointed 7/21/1997              | 7/14/1999    |
| July 21           | Olive M. Laycock   | Inspector - Precinct III               | Appointed 7/21/1997              | 7/14/1999    |
| July 22           | Virginia Baird     | Inspector - Precinct II                | Appointed 7/22/1997              | 7/14/1999    |
| July 22           | Stella Bertrand    | Inspector - Precinct II                | Appointed 7/22/1997              | 7/14/1999    |
| July 22           | Isabelle Forand    | Inspector - Precinct II                | Appointed 7/22/1997              | 7/14/1999    |
| July 22           | Maria Otocky       | Trust Fund Commissioner                | Resigned 7/31/1997               | 7/14/1999    |
| July 22           | Mary Jane Rymut    | Warden - Precinct III                  | Appointed 7/22/1997              | 7/14/1999    |
| July 24           | Alan Coutinho      | Golf Mgmt. & Operational Committee     | Appointed 7/24/1997              | 7/14/1998    |
| July 24           | John Nunes         | Golf Mgmt. & Operational Committee     | Appointed 7/24/1997              | 7/14/1998    |
| July 28           | Gary Rousseau      | Golf Mgmt. & Operational Committee     | Appointed 7/28/1997              | 7/14/1998    |
| July 29           | Nancy Brown        | Inspector - Precinct II                | Appointed 7/29/1997              | 7/14/1999    |
| July 30           | Ed Isaac           | Golf Mgmt. & Operational Committee     | Appointed 7/30/1997              | 7/14/1998    |
| Aug. 4            | Manuel P. Raposa   | Board of Public Works                  | Resigned 7/31/1997               |              |
| Aug. 4            | Honora Gaouette    | Inspector - Precinct I                 | Appointed 8/4/1997               | 7/14/1999    |
| Aug. 5            | Alice T. Hebert    | Inspector - Precinct III               | Appointed 8/5/1997               | 7/14/1999    |
| Aug. 15           | Emanuel Maciel     | Asst. Part-Time Animal Control Officer | Appointed 8/15/1997              | 5/1/1998     |
| Aug. 19           | Elaine Miranda     | Temporary Assistant Town Collector     | Appointed 8/19/1997              |              |
| Aug. 20           | Luis G. DaRosa     | School Committee Member                | Resigned 8/14/1997               |              |
| Aug. 26           | Ronald Costa, Sr.  | Constable                              | Appointed 8/26/1997              | 8/25/1999    |
| Aug. 26           | Ronald Matton      | Board of Appeals Member                | Appointed 8/26/1997              | 8/25/1999    |
| Aug. 26           | Donald Gaspar      | Board of Public Works Member           | Appointed 8/26/1997              |              |
| Aug. 27           | Eva Mach           | Warden - Precinct I                    | Appointed 8/27/1997              | 7/14/1999    |
| Aug. 29           | Alfred Brouillette | Inspector of Animals                   | Appointed 8/29/1997              |              |

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|--------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------------|---|---------------------|
| Sept. 4, 1997            | Joyce Tillett          | Inspector - Precinct I           | Appointed                               | 7/14/1999           |
| Sept. 8                  | Manuel Goncalves       | School Committee Member          | Appointed                               | 4/6/1998            |
| Sept. 15                 | John Howcroft          | Finance Committee Chairman       | Appointed                               | 7/14/1998           |
| Sept. 15                 | Cindy Leonard          | Golf Mgmt. & Operational Comm.   | Appointed                               | 4/7/1998            |
| Sept. 17                 | Deborah Fleet          | Acushnet Cultural Council        | Appointed                               | 6/2/2000            |
| Sept. 18                 | Bertha Machado         | Trustee Russell Memorial Library | Resigned                                |                     |
| Sept. 24                 | Al Hubert              | Wire Inspector                   | Resigned                                |                     |
| Oct. 6                   | Harrlette Fleet        | Acushnet Cultural Council        | Appointed                               | 9/29/2000           |
| Oct. 7                   | John Nunes             | Temp. Asst. Town Collector       | Appointed                               | 11/7/1997           |
| Oct. 15                  | Richard Threlfall      | Tax Shift Study Committee        | Appointed                               | 5/1/2000            |
| Oct. 10                  | Filomena Zuille        | Weigher (Tilcon Capaldi Inc.)    | Appointed                               | 5/1/1998            |
| Oct. 21                  | JoAnn Bertrand         | Member Board of Library Trustees | Appointed                               | 4/7/1998            |
| Oct. 30                  | Steven A. Raposa       | By-Law Review Committee          | Appointed                               | 5/1/1999            |
| Nov. 12                  | Gerard Bergeron        | Cable Advisory Committee         | Appointed                               | 5/1/1998            |
| Nov. 13                  | Marvin H. Allison, Jr. | Cable Advisory Committee         | Appointed                               | 5/1/2000            |
| Nov. 12                  | George Souza           | Cable Advisory Committee         | Appointed                               | 5/1/1999            |
| Nov. 14                  | Everett Hardy, III     | Cable Advisory Committee         | Appointed                               | 5/1/1999            |
| Nov. 14                  | Donald Lopes           | Cable Advisory Committee         | Appointed                               | 5/1/2000            |
| Nov. 19                  | Frank Knox             | Wire Inspector                   | Appointed                               |                     |
| Nov. 20                  | Donald Gaspar          | Board of Public Works Member     | Resigned                                | 5/1/1999            |
| Nov. 20                  | Victor J. Pereira      | Deputy Wire Inspector            | Appointed                               | 4/1/1998            |
| Nov. 24                  | Everett L. Hardy, Jr.  | Commissioner of Trust Funds      |   |                     |
| Nov. 25                  | John M. Acucena        | Registrar of Voters              | Resigned                                | 11/25/1997          |
| Dec. 1                   | Walter S. Dalton, Jr.  | Acushnet Cultural Council Member | Appointed                               | 11/24/2000          |
| Dec. 15                  | Michael J. Nunes       | Police Officer                   | Appointed                               | 12/7/1997           |
| Dec. 15                  | Mark R. Souto          | Board of Public Works            | Appointed                               | 12/15/1997          |

**RESULTS OF ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION  
HELD APRIL 7, 1997**

|               | <b>Democrats</b> | <b>Republican</b> | <b>Libertarian</b> | <b>Unenrolled</b> | <b>Total</b> |
|---------------|------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------|
| Precinct I    | 948              | 83                | 0                  | 920               | 1951         |
| Precinct II   | 944              | 136               | 7                  | 989               | 2076         |
| Precinct III  | 712              | 123               | 1                  | 1019              | 1855         |
| <b>Totals</b> | <b>2604</b>      | <b>342</b>        | <b>8</b>           | <b>2928</b>       | <b>5882</b>  |

**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 466.  
 Number of votes cast by males 235.  
 Number of votes cast by females 231.  
 Number of ballots spoiled -0-.  
 Total number of ballots received 1011 + 13 absentee ballots.  
 Ballots returned 558.

The following officers were present:

Warden: Eva Mach  
 Clerk: Juliana Perry  
 Inspectors: Anntoinette Boissoneau, Nora Gaouette, Arlette LaPalme, Joyce Tillett.  
 Police Officers: Gil Marques, Joseph Pontes, James Costa.

Polls were closed at 8:00 p.m. and the ballot box registered 466.

A true record, Attest: /s/ Juliana Perry, Clerk  
 Clerk of Election Officers  
 Richard Threlfall, 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 10:00 a.m. by Warden Wanda Bourgeois.  
Ballot box register when polls were opened 0.  
Number of votes cast to be counted 443.  
Number of ballots spoiled -0-.  
Number of votes void or not used 576.  
Total number of ballots received 1008 + 11 absentee ballots.

The following officers were present:

Warden: Wanda Bourgeois  
Clerk: Virginia Baird  
Inspectors: Stella Bertrand, Nancy Brown, Isabelle Forand  
and Cecelia Tavares.  
Police Officers: Gary Souza, Mark Antone.

Polls were closed at 8:00 p.m. and the ballot box registered 443.

A true record, Attest: /s/ Virginia Baird, Clerk  
Clerk of Election Officers  
Richard Threlfall, 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 at 10:00 a.m. by Warden Mary Jane Rymut.  
Ballot box register when polls were opened 0.  
Number of votes cast to be counted 255.  
Number of ballots spoiled -0-.  
Number of ballots returned 751.  
Number of ballots received 1000 + 6 absentee ballots.

The following officers were present:

Warden: Mary Jane Rymut  
Clerk: Dorothy L. Lackie  
Inspectors: Olive Laycock, Hope Reynolds, Jerry Frates and  
Janice Richard.  
Police Officers: Paul Melo, David Swift and John Balarinho.

Polls were closed at 8:00 p.m. and the ballot box registered 255.

A true record, Attest: /s/ Dorothy L. Lackie, Clerk  
Clerk of Election Officers  
Richard Threlfall, Town Clerk

**RESULTS OF THE ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION  
HELD APRIL 7, 1997**

|                        | Prec. I    | Prec. II   | Prec. III  | Total       |
|------------------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|
| <b>SELECTMEN</b>       |            |            |            |             |
| Blanks                 | 109        | 110        | 61         | 280         |
| Everett L. Hardy, Jr.  | 338        | 330        | 188        | 856         |
| Write-Ins              |            |            |            |             |
| Joseph Monteiro        | 0          | 1          | 0          | 1           |
| Stephen Raposa         | 0          | 1          | 2          | 3           |
| Donald Gaspar          | 4          | 1          | 2          | 7           |
| George Thomas          | 1          | 0          | 0          | 1           |
| Roland Pepin           | 3          | 0          | 0          | 3           |
| Glen Alferes           | 2          | 0          | 0          | 2           |
| Michael Cioper         | 2          | 0          | 0          | 2           |
| Robert Lanzoni         | 1          | 0          | 0          | 1           |
| Charles Gelinas        | 1          | 0          | 0          | 1           |
| Paul Cote              | 1          | 0          | 0          | 1           |
| Howard Plaud           | 1          | 0          | 0          | 1           |
| Johnny Bernard         | 0          | 0          | 1          | 1           |
| Dot Koczera            | 0          | 0          | 1          | 1           |
| Miscellaneous          | 3          | 0          | 0          | 3           |
| <b>Total</b>           | <b>466</b> | <b>443</b> | <b>255</b> | <b>1164</b> |
| <b>ASSESSOR</b>        |            |            |            |             |
| Blanks                 | 132        | 133        | 65         | 330         |
| George H. Perry, Jr.   | 333        | 309        | 187        | 829         |
| Write-Ins              |            |            |            |             |
| Matthew Kut            | 0          | 1          | 0          | 1           |
| Johnny Bernard         | 0          | 0          | 1          | 1           |
| Stephen Raposa         | 0          | 0          | 1          | 1           |
| Miscellaneous          | 1          | 0          | 1          | 2           |
| <b>Total</b>           | <b>466</b> | <b>443</b> | <b>255</b> | <b>1164</b> |
| <b>BOARD OF HEALTH</b> |            |            |            |             |
| Blanks                 | 127        | 123        | 70         | 320         |
| Gerald L. Toussaint    | 337        | 320        | 183        | 840         |
| Write-Ins              |            |            |            |             |
| Stephen Raposa         | 0          | 0          | 1          | 1           |
| Johnny Bernard         | 0          | 0          | 1          | 1           |
| Robert Medeiros        | 1          | 0          | 0          | 1           |
| Miscellaneous          | 1          | 0          | 0          | 1           |
| <b>Total</b>           | <b>466</b> | <b>443</b> | <b>255</b> | <b>1164</b> |

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE - 3 YEARS**

|                   |            |            |            |             |
|-------------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|
| Blanks            | 49         | 29         | 10         | 88          |
| Mary Ellen Viera  | 195        | 180        | 86         | 461         |
| Francis R. Kuthan | 221        | 234        | 158        | 613         |
| Write-Ins         |            |            |            |             |
| Johnny Bernard    | 0          | 0          | 1          | 1           |
| Miscellaneous     | 1          | 0          | 0          | 1           |
| <b>Total</b>      | <b>466</b> | <b>443</b> | <b>255</b> | <b>1164</b> |

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE - 2 YEARS**

|                     |            |            |            |             |
|---------------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|
| Blanks              | 53         | 48         | 25         | 126         |
| Manuel D. Goncalves | 193        | 182        | 115        | 490         |
| Patricia A. Scott   | 219        | 213        | 114        | 546         |
| Write-Ins           |            |            |            |             |
| Johnny Bernard      | 0          | 0          | 1          | 1           |
| Miscellaneous       | 1          | 0          | 0          | 1           |
| <b>Total</b>        | <b>466</b> | <b>443</b> | <b>255</b> | <b>1164</b> |

**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS**

|                  |            |            |            |             |
|------------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|
| Blanks           | 227        | 258        | 156        | 641         |
| Rene Racine      | 146        | 190        | 83         | 419         |
| David W. Grenon  | 234        | 190        | 109        | 533         |
| Kenneth J. Souza | 323        | 248        | 159        | 730         |
| Write-Ins        |            |            |            |             |
| Stephen Raposa   | 0          | 0          | 2          | 2           |
| Donald Gaspar    | 0          | 0          | 1          | 1           |
| Miscellaneous    | 2          | 0          | 0          | 2           |
| <b>Total</b>     | <b>932</b> | <b>886</b> | <b>510</b> | <b>2328</b> |

**COMMISSIONER OF TRUST FUNDS**

|                  |            |            |            |             |
|------------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|
| Blanks           | 135        | 123        | 65         | 323         |
| Madeleine Cioper | 331        | 320        | 189        | 840         |
| Write-Ins        |            |            |            |             |
| Stephen Raposa   | 0          | 0          | 1          | 1           |
| <b>Total</b>     | <b>466</b> | <b>443</b> | <b>255</b> | <b>1164</b> |

**TRUSTEE OF FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY**

|                     |            |            |            |             |
|---------------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|
| Blanks              | 139        | 118        | 60         | 317         |
| Alfred H. Robichaud | 327        | 325        | 194        | 846         |
| Write-Ins           |            |            |            |             |
| Johnny Bernard      | 0          | 0          | 1          | 1           |
| <b>Total</b>        | <b>466</b> | <b>443</b> | <b>255</b> | <b>1164</b> |

**CEMETERY BOARD**

|                |            |            |            |             |
|----------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|
| Blanks         | 120        | 110        | 59         | 289         |
| Paul H. Fortin | 344        | 332        | 195        | 871         |
| Write-Ins      |            |            |            |             |
| John Verd      | 1          | 0          | 0          | 1           |
| Stephen Raposa | 0          | 0          | 1          | 1           |
| Donald Gaspar  | 0          | 1          | 0          | 1           |
| Roland Pepin   | 1          | 0          | 0          | 1           |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>466</b> | <b>443</b> | <b>255</b> | <b>1164</b> |

**PARK COMMISSIONER**

|                    |            |            |            |             |
|--------------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|
| Blanks             | 127        | 102        | 66         | 295         |
| Donald J. Guenette | 338        | 341        | 188        | 867         |
| Write-Ins          |            |            |            |             |
| Row Fradis         | 1          | 0          | 0          | 1           |
| Johnny Bernard     | 0          | 0          | 1          | 1           |
| <b>Total</b>       | <b>466</b> | <b>443</b> | <b>255</b> | <b>1164</b> |

**HOUSING AUTHORITY - 5 YEARS**

|                   |            |            |            |             |
|-------------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|
| Blanks            | 455        | 433        | 244        | 1132        |
| Write-Ins         |            |            |            |             |
| David Rawcliffe   | 0          | 1          | 0          | 1           |
| Eleanor Mank      | 1          | 1          | 0          | 2           |
| Allen Coutinho    | 0          | 1          | 0          | 1           |
| Paul St. Don      | 0          | 3          | 3          | 6           |
| Manuel Freitas    | 0          | 1          | 0          | 1           |
| Mary Lou Marques  | 0          | 1          | 0          | 1           |
| Roland Pepin      | 0          | 1          | 0          | 1           |
| Lawrence Marshall | 0          | 1          | 0          | 1           |
| Robert Bergeron   | 1          | 0          | 0          | 1           |
| Janet Mello       | 1          | 0          | 0          | 1           |
| Rene Racine       | 1          | 0          | 0          | 1           |
| Paul R. Cote      | 2          | 0          | 0          | 2           |
| Gil Marques       | 1          | 0          | 0          | 1           |
| John Stellato     | 1          | 0          | 0          | 1           |
| Michael Gonet     | 2          | 0          | 0          | 2           |
| Lawrence Mulvey   | 1          | 0          | 0          | 1           |
| Stephen Raposa    | 0          | 0          | 1          | 1           |
| William Jenkinson | 0          | 0          | 1          | 1           |
| Kenneth Souza     | 0          | 0          | 1          | 1           |
| David Wolner      | 0          | 0          | 1          | 1           |
| Madeleine Cioper  | 0          | 0          | 2          | 2           |
| Richard Threlfall | 0          | 0          | 1          | 1           |
| John Bernard      | 0          | 0          | 1          | 1           |
| <b>Total</b>      | <b>466</b> | <b>443</b> | <b>255</b> | <b>1164</b> |

**HOUSING AUTHORITY - 2 YEARS**

|                |            |            |            |             |
|----------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|
| Blanks         | 155        | 129        | 76         | 360         |
| Mary M. Niemic | 311        | 314        | 178        | 803         |
| Write-Ins      |            |            |            |             |
| Stephen Raposa | 0          | 0          | 1          | 1           |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>466</b> | <b>443</b> | <b>255</b> | <b>1164</b> |

**PLANNING BOARD**

|                |            |            |            |             |
|----------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|
| Blanks         | 136        | 124        | 70         | 330         |
| Marc Cenerizio | 330        | 319        | 185        | 834         |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>466</b> | <b>443</b> | <b>255</b> | <b>1164</b> |

A true copy, Attest:

Richard Threlfall  
Town Clerk

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

The Town Election in April saw the election of Everett L. Hardy, Jr. for his third term. The Board of Selectmen re-organized and Robert J. St. Jean was voted as Chairman for 1997-1998.

As usual, department heads are constantly faced with budget restraints; but once again, they managed to keep their heads above water for another year. Our department heads are continuously working hard to keep their budgets down to a minimal cost to our taxpayers.

We have completed the conversion of the town's integrated computer system allowing all financial departments to share information. And soon, we will have additional information on line such as building, plumbing, wiring, conservation and fire permits along with plot and lot descriptions. The Town has come a long way along these lines, thanks to our systems administrator.

In 1997, the Board of Selectmen established a Golf Management & Operations Committee consisting of 5 members. This committee was created to determine what course the golf course will take over the next three (3) years. If all goes well, residents will be able to play the course in August of 1998.

In December of 1997, the Town received a \$600,000.00 grant from The Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Department of Housing & Community Development (Community Development Grant). This will be used to renovate the Mason W. Burt for a senior center. The Board of Selectmen would like to thank all persons involved in receiving this grant because without their assistance, this would have not been accomplished.

The Selectmen's Office still continues to work very closely with Hands Across The River (HATR), James Simmons, and United States Environment Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) in cleaning up the Acushnet River by making our main concern the health and safety of our residents. Selectman Koczera was appointed as the Town's representative on behalf of the residents, and he has been attending meetings on a regular basis which are held at the Greater New Bedford Vocational High School.

The Board of Selectmen, with the assistance of Town resident Irwin Marks, have established the emPOWERment Committee consisting of five (5) area communities. This Committee is researching resources to enable residents to get electrical power from other utility companies thus, enabling the residents to obtain a better rate.

For 18 years now, the Apple/Peach Festival has continued as usual to be a great success year after year, and we thank the Committee members for all their support and hard work. The shuttle bus service was an asset to the event; whereas, it alleviated most of the traffic along Main Street. Our hats go off to the

Apple/Peach Committee; whereas, for the past three years now, they have donated funds to local students and high schools for various scholarships. Since this event is the only handmade craft fair in the area, we hope that it will continue for some time.

Finally, we the Board of Selectmen and staff, would like to take this opportunity to thank the townspeople and our employees for lending their constant support and cooperation in order that we can accomplish our day to day tasks to better serve the community. May your best day in 1997 be your worst day in 1998.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Elaine G. Miranda  
Executive Secretary

Leanne Pereira  
Secretary

**OFFICERS APPOINTED BY THE  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

|                                  |      |
|----------------------------------|------|
| Elizabeth Gatenby                | 1998 |
| David Vieira                     | 1998 |
| Cynthia Leonard                  | 2001 |
| John Howcroft (Chairman)         | 2001 |
| Mary Lou Marques (Vice Chairman) | 1999 |
| Eugene Perry                     | 1999 |
| Hector Roy                       | 1999 |
| Nicholas Wagner                  | 1999 |
| Russell Goyette (Resigned)       |      |

**POLICE COMMISSIONERS**

|                    |      |
|--------------------|------|
| Robert J. St. Jean | 1999 |
| Peter W. Koczera   | 1999 |
| Everett L. Hardy   | 2000 |

**EXECUTIVE SECRETARY  
ASSISTANT TOWN COLLECTOR  
ASSISTANT TOWN TREASURER  
Elaine Miranda**

**TOWN ACCOUNTANT/DIRECTOR OF FINANCE  
Alan G. Coutinho**

**TOWN TREASURER  
John Nunes**

**TOWN COUNSEL  
Kopelman & Paige**

**CONSTABLES**

|                      |      |
|----------------------|------|
| Frank Adesso         | 1998 |
| Richard Moniz        | 1998 |
| Allan Nunes          | 1998 |
| David M. Tomlinson   | 1998 |
| Michael Coutinho     | 1999 |
| Ronald Costa, Sr.    | 1999 |
| George H. Grew       | 1999 |
| Marc E. LaPlante     | 1999 |
| George Souza         | 2000 |
| Herve W. Vandal, Jr. | 2001 |

**KEEPER OF THE LOCKUP**  
Acting Sheriff Thomas Hodgson  
David R. Nelson (Resigned)

**ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER**  
Alfred Brouillette

**ASSISTANT ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER**  
Emanuel Maciel

**DEPUTY ANIMAL INSPECTOR/OFFICER**  
Christy Dias (Fairhaven)

**ASSISTANT DEPUTY ANIMAL OFFICER/INSPECTOR**  
Alfred Brouillette

**REGISTRAR OF VOTERS**

|                          |      |
|--------------------------|------|
| Dorothy Renfree .....    | 1999 |
| Lorraine L. Daniel ..... | 1999 |
| Ginger Miller .....      | 2000 |
| Joao Acucena (Resigned)  |      |

**FIRE CHIEF, FOREST WARDEN, INSPECTOR OF GARAGES**  
Paul R. Cote

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

|                            |      |
|----------------------------|------|
| David Davignon .....       | 1998 |
| Paul Picard .....          | 1998 |
| Walton Braley .....        | 1999 |
| Ted Cioper .....           | 1999 |
| Mary Allison .....         | 2000 |
| Robert H. Bertrand .....   | 2000 |
| Joyce Reynolds .....       | 2000 |
| Cynthia Haskell (Resigned) |      |

**MOTH SUPERINTENDENT**  
Robert Lanzoni

**ENFORCEMENT AGENT FOR THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
Leo Lyonnais

**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

**PUBLIC WEIGHERS**

Donat A. Desroches

Filomena Zuille

**ELECTION OFFICERS**

**PRECINCT 1**

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

**PRECINCT 2**

|                     |           |
|---------------------|-----------|
| Wanda Bourgeois (D) | Warden    |
| Virginia Baird (R)  | Inspector |
| Stella Bertrand (D) | Inspector |
| Nancy Brown (R)     | Inspector |
| Isabelle Forand (R) | Inspector |

**PRECINCT 3**

|                      |           |
|----------------------|-----------|
| Mary Jane Rymut (D)  | Warden    |
| Alice Hebert (R)     | Inspector |
| Olive M. Laycock (R) | Inspector |
| Hope Reynolds (R)    | Inspector |
| Cecilia Tavares      | Inspector |

**BOARD OF APPEALS**

|                              |      |
|------------------------------|------|
| Lawrence Marshall (Chairman) | 1998 |
| Barbara Mello                | 1998 |
| Carol Westgate               | 1998 |
| Ronald Matton                | 1999 |
| Gary G. Lemos                | 1999 |
| Henry T. Preston             | 2000 |
| Gerald Touissant             | 2000 |

**COUNCIL ON AGING**

|                                  |      |
|----------------------------------|------|
| Stella Bertrand .....            | 1998 |
| Irene Bouchard .....             | 1998 |
| Ruth Gilmore .....               | 1998 |
| Dorothy Gomes .....              | 1998 |
| David Rawcliffe .....            | 1999 |
| Milton Reynolds .....            | 1999 |
| William Contois (Chairman) ..... | 2000 |
| Harriette Fleet .....            | 2000 |

**COUNCIL ON AGING BUILDING COMMITTEE**

|                            |      |
|----------------------------|------|
| Marc Cenerizio .....       | 1998 |
| William Contois .....      | 1998 |
| Everett L. Hardy, Jr. .... | 1998 |
| Lucille Hardy .....        | 1998 |
| Joseph G. O'Brien .....    | 1998 |
| David Rawcliffe .....      | 1998 |
| Richard Threlfall .....    | 1998 |

**WIRE INSPECTOR**

Frank Knox  
Al Hubert (Resigned)

**DEPUTY WIRE INSPECTOR**

Victor Pereira  
James Knox (Resigned)

**GAS INSPECTOR**

Raymond N. LaFrance  
(Appointed by the Building Commissioner)

**ALTERNATE GAS INSPECTOR**

Henry Daigle  
(Appointed by the Building Commissioner)

**PLUMBING INSPECTOR**

Raymon N. LaFrance  
(Appointed by the Building Commissioner)

**ALTERNATE PLUMBING INSPECTOR**

Henry Daigle  
(Appointed by the Building Commissioner)

**INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS**

Leo Lyonnais

**DEPUTY BUILDING INSPECTOR**

Christopher Renfree

**HISTORICAL COMMISSION**

|                            |      |
|----------------------------|------|
| Marvin Allison             | 1998 |
| Irwin Marks                | 1998 |
| Madeline Gwozdz            | 1998 |
| Louise Richard             | 1998 |
| Stephen Gilmore            | 2000 |
| Roberta E. Leonard         | 2000 |
| Joyce Reynolds             | 2000 |
| Helen Prachniak (Resigned) |      |

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

Leo Coons                      Stephen D. Ellis  
Steven Raposa

**SAFETY COMMITTEE**

|                               |      |
|-------------------------------|------|
| Susan Hallett                 | 1998 |
| Paul Melo (Police Department) | 1998 |
| Gerrie Reed                   | 1998 |
| Lewis Elgar, Jr.              | 2000 |
| Brenda Raposa                 | 2000 |

**STREET NAME COMMITTEE**

|                  |      |
|------------------|------|
| Dorothy Koczera  | 1998 |
| Patricia Scott   | 1998 |
| Madeleine Gwozdz | 2000 |
| William Hunter   | 2000 |

**BUILDING BOARD OF APPEALS**

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

**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**

|   |      |
|---|------|
| George Marshall                               | 1998 |
| Norma Pimental                                | 1998 |
| Edward Macomber                               | 1999 |
| Claudette Saulnier                            | 1999 |
| Dianna Couto                                  | 2000 |
| Walton S. Dalton, Jr. (Advisor/Administrator) | 2000 |
| Deborah Fleet                                 | 2000 |
| Jeanne Siwik                                  | 2000 |

**RIGHT TO KNOW COORDINATOR**

Paul R. Cote (Fire Chief)

**BY-LAW REVIEW COMMITTEE**

|                            |      |
|----------------------------|------|
| Christopher Renfree        | 1998 |
| Nicolangela Filippone      | 1998 |
| Marc LaPlant               | 1998 |
| Raymond LeBlanc (Chairman) | 1998 |
| Everett L. Hardy, Jr.      | 1999 |
| Steven Raposa              | 1999 |
| Richard Threlfall          | 1999 |
| Carol Westgate             | 1999 |
| Susan Forgues              | 2000 |
| Leo Lyonnais               | 2000 |
| Leo M. Rousseau            | 2000 |

**PARTING WAYS BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE**

Charlotte Coutinho                      Matthew Goulet  
Pearl Goulet                                William Murphy  
Connie Preston

**S.R.P.E.D.D. - J.T.P.G. MEMBER**

Robert J. 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 Cenerizio            | 1998 |
| Manuel Goulart (Chairman) | 1998 |
| Everett L. Hardy, III     | 1998 |
| Edward Issac              | 1998 |
| Lawrence Mulvey           | 1998 |
| Barry Paine               | 1998 |
| George Perry              | 1998 |
| Kathleen Perry            | 1998 |
| Gary Rousseau             | 1998 |
| Robert J. St. Jean        | 1998 |
| Alice Soja                | 1998 |
| David Trindade            | 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 | Mitchell Kut   |

**CABLE T.V. ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

|                        |      |
|------------------------|------|
| Gerard Bergeron        | 1998 |
| Everett Hardy, Jr.     | 1998 |
| Everett Hardy, III     | 1999 |
| George Souza           | 1999 |
| Marvin H. Allison, Jr. | 2000 |
| Donald Lopes           | 2000 |

**COAL PLANT DESIGNER**

Walton Braley

**CAPITAL EXPENDITURE COMMITTEE**

|                 |      |
|-----------------|------|
| Norman Fredette | 1998 |
| Matthew Goulet  | 1998 |
| Edward Govoni   | 1998 |
| Robert Lanzoni  | 1998 |
| Patricia Scott  | 1998 |
| Robert St. Jean | 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**

|                       |      |
|-----------------------|------|
| Mary Emsley           | 1998 |
| Peter W. Koczera      | 1998 |
| Robert Medeiros       | 1998 |
| Joyce Reynolds        | 1998 |
| Lorraine Santos       | 1998 |
| Raymond Barlow        | 2000 |
| Mary Crapo            | 2000 |
| Susan Forgues         | 2000 |
| Everett L. Hardy, Jr. | 2000 |

**PORTABLE SIGN COMMITTEE**

|                  |               |
|------------------|---------------|
| Richard A. Ellis | Robert Hall   |
| Peter W. Koczera | Leo Lyonnais  |
| Paul Melo        | Henry Preston |

**TAX SHIFT STUDY COMMITTEE**

|                       |      |
|-----------------------|------|
| Marc Cenerizio        | 2000 |
| Michael Cioper        | 2000 |
| Everett L. Hardy, Jr. | 2000 |
| John Howcroft         | 2000 |
| Richard Threlfall     | 2000 |
| Paul Trahan           | 2000 |



# REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

To the Officers and Residents of the Town of Acushnet.

Following is a recapitulation of the Fiscal 98 Tax Rate.

## TAX RATE SUMMARY

|  |                 |
|--|-----------------|
| Gross Amount to be Raised              | \$14,928,395.56 |
| Estimated Receipts and Available Funds | 8,691,903.64    |
|  | 8,691,903.64    |
| Net Amount to be Raised by Taxation    | 6,236,491.92    |

| LEVY BY CLASSIFICATION | Tax Levy     | Valuation   | Tax/M |
|------------------------|--------------|-------------|-------|
| Residential            | 5,401,793.62 | 381,482,600 | 14.16 |
| Open Space             | -0-          | -0-         | -0-   |
| Commercial             | 302,147.31   | 17,334,900  | 17.43 |
| Industrial             | 275,324.28   | 15,796,000  | 17.43 |
|                        | 5,979,265.21 | 414,613,500 |       |
| Subtotal               | 5,979,265.21 | 414,613,500 |       |
| Personal Property      | 257,226.71   | 14,757,700  | 17.43 |
|                        | 6,236,491.92 | 429,371,200 |       |
| Total                  | 6,236,491.92 | 429,371,200 |       |

## EXPENDITURES

|                                |                 |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| Appropriations at Town Meeting | \$14,495,993.64 |
| Other Local Expenditures       | 111,161.99      |
| State & County Charges         | 122,737.00      |
| Overlay                        | 198,502.93      |
|                                | 14,928,395.56   |
| Gross Amount to be Raised      | 14,928,395.56   |

## ESTIMATED RECEIPTS AND AVAILABLE FUNDS

|  |              |
|--|--------------|
| Estimated Receipts from State            | 5,473,086.00 |
| Prior Years Over Estimates, State/County | 4,954.00     |
| Local Estimated Receipts                 | 1,702,530.00 |
| Enterprise Funds                         | 718,324.00   |
| Free Cash                                | 457,337.00   |
| Available Funds                          | 335,672.64   |
|  | 8,691,903.64 |
| Total Receipts                           | 8,691,903.64 |

**LOCAL ESTIMATED RECEIPTS**

|  |              |
|--|--------------|
| Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise       | 594,315.00   |
| Penalty and Interest on Tax and Excise | 69,169.00    |
| Water                                  | 628,484.00   |
| Licenses and Permits                   | 93,676.00    |
| Fines, Forfeits and Fees               | 57,470.00    |
| Investment Income                      | 115,639.00   |
| Other Departmental Revenue             | 143,777.00   |
|  | <hr/>        |
| Total Estimated Receipts               | 1,702,530.00 |

Every 3 years the Town has to be recertified. FY 98 was such a year. The Board of Assessors received approval of valuation in the month of September enabling the Town to have actual tax bills sent, rather than estimated tax bills.

There is a great deal of building in the Town of Acushnet. The sales for 1996 were lower though, which is what mainly dropped the valuation for the Town by a little over nine million dollars. Commercial as well as Residential. 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.

There were no appellate cases filed for FY97 which will leave more funds available for the future. These funds will be available due to accurate assessments throughout the Town from efforts of the Board of Assessors, knowledgeable staff, and Board's consultant.

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, as well as building permit inspections.

The Board of Assessors are almost complete in new picture taking throughout the Town. This process allows the Assessors to better identify each property.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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

Consultant  
Catherine M. Salmon

# REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

## Births, Marriages and Deaths Vital Statistics 1997

### BIRTHS:

|                         |    |    |
|-------------------------|----|----|
| In Acushnet             | 1  |    |
| In other municipalities | 62 | 63 |
| Resident                | 63 |    |
| Non-Resident            | 0  | 63 |
| Male                    | 30 |    |
| Female                  | 33 | 63 |

### MARRIAGES:

|                              |    |    |
|------------------------------|----|----|
| In Acushnet                  | 19 |    |
| In other municipalities      | 43 | 62 |
| Resident Bride and Groom     | 22 |    |
| Resident Groom               | 9  |    |
| Resident Bride               | 7  |    |
| Non-Resident Bride and Groom | 24 | 62 |

### DEATHS:

|                             |    |    |
|-----------------------------|----|----|
| In Acushnet                 | 31 |    |
| In other municipalities     | 66 | 97 |
| Resident Deaths - Women     | 52 |    |
| Resident Deaths - Men       | 42 |    |
| Non-Resident Deaths - Women | 2  |    |
| Non-Resident Deaths - Men   | 1  | 97 |

Attest:

Richard Threlfall  
Town Clerk

# REPORT OF THE TREASURER

## Reconciliation of Treasurer's Cash

July 1, 1996 - June 30, 1997

### Balances per Reconciled Bank Statements

|   |                    |                |
|---|--------------------|----------------|
| Bank Boston                                 |                    | \$ 61,009.89   |
| Boston Safe Deposit & Trust Co.             | Money Market       | 121,230.97     |
| Boston Safe Deposit & Trust Co.             | Vendor Account     | 1,036.62       |
| Citizens Bank & Trust                       | General Savings    | 1,580,823.89   |
| Citizens Bank & Trust                       | Money Market       | 36,049.89      |
| Citizens Bank & Trust                       | Collectors Account | 440,676.79     |
| Fleet Bank                                  | School Lunch       | 64,772.80      |
| Fleet Bank                                  | Money Market       | 1,567,878.84   |
| Fleet Bank                                  | Checking           | 1,419,570.90   |
| Peoples Savings Bank                        | Money Market       | 101,838.02     |
| Rockland Trust Company                      | Money Market       | 85,194.05      |
| Slade's Ferry Bank                          | General            | 532,934.62     |
| Slade's Ferry Bank                          | Payroll            | (1,887.26)     |
| Slade's Ferry Bank                          | Library Grant      | 11,076.57      |
| State Street Bank & Trust                   | Money Market       | 19,931.98      |
|   |                    | 6,042,138.57   |
| Deposits in Transits and Cash on Hand       |                    | 1,050.00       |
|   |                    | 6,043,188.57   |
| Fleet Bank - Board of Health Trust Funds    |                    | 13,823.87      |
| Fleet Bank - Various Town Trusts            |                    | 361,542.65     |
| Citizens Bank & Trust - Various Town Trusts |                    | 564,488.04     |
| Citizens Bank & Trust - Planning Board      |                    | 89,946.29      |
|   |                    | \$7,072,989.42 |

I hereby certify that the foregoing schedule, setting forth the total cash in the custody of the Treasurer, is in agreement with the general ledger controls and the Auditors Report.

Respectfully submitted,

John L. Nunes  
Town Treasurer

# RECEIPTS FISCAL YEAR 1997

## GENERAL FUND

### PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES

|      |                   |
|------|-------------------|
| 1993 | 28.60             |
| 1994 | 36.53             |
| 1995 | 45.12             |
| 1996 | 1,108.32          |
| 1997 | <u>218,680.18</u> |
|      | 219,898.75        |

### REAL ESTATE TAXES

|      |                     |
|------|---------------------|
| 1992 | 256.44              |
| 1995 | 6,256.68            |
| 1996 | 132,271.61          |
| 1997 | <u>5,329,384.74</u> |
|      | 5,468,169.47        |

### TAX LIENS REDEEMED

|             |                  |
|-------------|------------------|
| Prior Years | 0.00             |
| 1990        | 379.02           |
| 1991        | 1,104.23         |
| 1992        | 4,642.08         |
| 1993        | 7,344.50         |
| 1994        | 7,473.97         |
| 1995        | 20,484.37        |
| 1996        | <u>17,426.18</u> |
|             | 58,854.35        |

### MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE

|             |                   |
|-------------|-------------------|
| Prior Years | 1,012.59          |
| 1991        | 307.51            |
| 1992        | 245.73            |
| 1993        | 275.84            |
| 1994        | 649.90            |
| 1995        | 10,195.67         |
| 1996        | 122,499.06        |
| 1997        | <u>459,129.04</u> |
|             | 594,315.34        |

### FARM EXCISE

|      |               |
|------|---------------|
| 1995 | 0.00          |
| 1996 | <u>886.13</u> |
|      | 886.13        |

**PENALTY AND INTEREST**

|                       |             |
|-----------------------|-------------|
| Rubbish               | 1,895.00    |
| Personal Property Tax | 238.55      |
| Real Estate Tax       | 30,726.57   |
| Excise                | 20,878.80   |
| Tax Liens Red.        | 15,429.49   |
| Other                 | <u>0.00</u> |
|                       | 69,168.41   |

**RUBBISH**

|                 |                  |
|-----------------|------------------|
| Rubbish Revenue | 130,254.69       |
| Liens           | <u>10,663.52</u> |
|                 | 140,918.21       |

**FEES**

|                           |              |
|---------------------------|--------------|
| Police Detail             | 2,220.15     |
| Cable                     | 3,903.00     |
| Lien Certificates         | 7,525.00     |
| Non-renewal Motor Vehicle | 4,600.00     |
| T.S.I.                    | <u>40.00</u> |
|                           | 18,288.15    |

**OTHER DEPARTMENTAL REVENUE**

|                    |               |
|--------------------|---------------|
| Assessors          | 816.97        |
| Selectmen          | 300.00        |
| Treasurer          | 866.91        |
| Collector          | 325.00        |
| Clerk              | 4,287.97      |
| Conservation       | 0.00          |
| Planning Board     | 600.00        |
| Appeal Board       | 4,125.00      |
| Police             | 2,818.50      |
| Fire               | 3,196.34      |
| Building           | 1,057.75      |
| Weights & Measures | 660.00        |
| Recycling          | 55.00         |
| Board of Health    | 30,709.04     |
| Miscellaneous      | 3,370.80      |
| Library            | <u>301.65</u> |
|                    | 53,490.93     |

**LICENSES**

|               |                 |
|---------------|-----------------|
| Business      | 2,277.00        |
| Liquor        | 15,740.00       |
| Victualers    | 425.00          |
| Amusement     | 1,900.00        |
| Motor Vehicle | 1,625.00        |
| Nonbusiness   | 10.00           |
| Dog           | <u>4,385.00</u> |
|               | 26,362.000      |

|                 |                 |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| <b>PERMITS</b>  |                 |
| Blasting        | 0.00            |
| Oil Burner      | 1,010.00        |
| Building        | 35,343.50       |
| Electrical      | 10,979.00       |
| Gas             | 3,230.00        |
| Board of Health | 7,285.50        |
| Plumbing        | 6,826.00        |
| Gun             | <u>2,640.00</u> |
|                 | 67,314.00       |

|                              |               |
|------------------------------|---------------|
| <b>FINES AND FORFEITURES</b> |               |
| Dog                          | 825.00        |
| Library                      | 1,827.94      |
| Parking                      | <u>752.00</u> |
|                              | 3,404.94      |

|                             |                   |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| <b>STATE SHARED REVENUE</b> |                   |
| Abatement to Veterans       | 4,607.00          |
| Abatements to Surviving Sp. | 350.00            |
| Abatements to the Blind     | 700.00            |
| Abatements to the Elderly   | 34,202.00         |
| Veterans Benefits           | 3,467.28          |
| Highway Funds               | 111,540.00        |
| Additional Assistance       | 30,043.00         |
| Lottery Funds               | 1,026,323.00      |
| Court Fines                 | 21,162.50         |
| Registry Fines              | 14,615.00         |
| Other State                 | 1,345.00          |
| School Ch. 70               | 3,576,961.00      |
| School Transportation       | <u>159,544.00</u> |
|                             | 4,984,859.78      |

MUNICIPAL MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT 42,949.60

EARNINGS ON INVESTMENTS 115,639.17

INTERFUND TRANSFERS  
From Special Revenue 142,500.00

TOTAL GENERAL FUND \$12,007,019.23

**SCHOOL LUNCH FUND** \$207,825.44

**HIGHWAY CHAPTER 90** \$249,560.80

**SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS**

|                                 |                     |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| Building Maintenance            | 26,218.00           |
| Cable Ed & Gov. Access          | 25,000.00           |
| P.E.G. Access                   | 10,921.16           |
| D.A.R.E. Grant                  | 6,000.00            |
| Law Enforcement Trust           | 548.57              |
| Cops Grant                      | 29,764.40           |
| Fire S.A.F.E.                   | 1,500.00            |
| LIG/MEG                         | 10,666.06           |
| Library Gift Fund               | 814.29              |
| Library Building                | 38,000.00           |
| Medical Exams                   | 300.00              |
| Composite Bins                  | 34.20               |
| Title 5                         | 18,000.00           |
| Arts Lottery Council            | 7,493.05            |
| Council on Aging                | 6,633.00            |
| Parting Ways Beautification     | 150.00              |
| Notice of Intent - Conservation | 4,412.50            |
| ConCom Grant                    | 4,500.00            |
| E.M.S.                          | 133,408.96          |
| Insurance Reimbursement         | 2,173.02            |
| Outside Ads                     | <u>196.64</u>       |
| <b>TOTAL SPECIAL REVENUE</b>    | <b>\$326,733.85</b> |

**SCHOOL SPECIAL REVENUE**

|                                  |                     |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|
| Chapter 1                        | 66,389.00           |
| Title II                         | 3,830.00            |
| Chapter II                       | 42,545.00           |
| Early Childhood                  | 7,070.00            |
| D.D.E. - Title II                | 3,545.00            |
| Drug Free School                 | 4,922.00            |
| Health Project                   | 24,017.00           |
| Education Reform Restructure     | 5,000.00            |
| Palms Grant                      | 3,987.00            |
| School Building Rental           | 1,883.50            |
| Tuition Fund                     | 20,293.00           |
| Ford Middle School               | 11,886.11           |
| Elementary School Fund           | 14,997.45           |
| Com. Partnership Grant           | 36,027.73           |
| Education Reform Study Group     | <u>3,195.00</u>     |
| <b>TOTAL SCHOOL SPECIAL REV.</b> | <b>\$249,587.79</b> |

**WATER FUND** \$513,649.87

**CAPITAL PROJECTS** \$516,130.44

**SEWER FUND** \$520,166.23

**GOLF ENTERPRISE** \$25,466.41

**TRUST FUNDS**

|               |                  |
|---------------|------------------|
| Contributions | 50.00            |
| Interest      | 40,383.56        |
| Transfers     | <u>46,165.80</u> |
|               | \$86,599.36      |

**TOTAL** **\$14,702,739.42**

Attest:

Alan G. Coutinho  
Director of Finance

**APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES  
FISCAL YEAR 1997**

|                                | <b>FY 1997<br/>Actual Approp.</b> | <b>FY 1997<br/>Actual Expend.</b> |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <b>RESERVE FUND 1110</b>       |                                   |                                   |
| F.B. RESERVE FUND              | 10,413.21                         | 0.00                              |
| <b>TOWN MEETING 1113</b>       |                                   |                                   |
| Town Meeting/Election          | 8,000.00                          | 7,912.40                          |
| <b>MODERATOR 1114</b>          |                                   |                                   |
| Salary                         | 383.00                            | 383.00                            |
| Supplies                       | 15.00                             | 0.00                              |
| In-State Travel                | 19.00                             | 0.00                              |
| Dues/Memberships               | <u>15.00</u>                      | <u>0.00</u>                       |
| Total                          | 432.00                            | 383.00                            |
| <b>SELECTMEN 1122</b>          |                                   |                                   |
| Salaries - Selectmen           | 10,482.00                         | 10,482.00                         |
| Salaries - Executive Secretary | 32,507.00                         | 32,507.00                         |
| Salaries - Clerical            | 10,871.00                         | 10,871.00                         |
| Salaries - Temporary           | 3,500.00                          | 3,302.00                          |
| Longevity                      | 800.00                            | 800.00                            |
| R. & M. Vehicles               | 1,700.00                          | 722.04                            |
| Engineering Fees               | 6,760.00                          | 6,760.00                          |
| Consulting/Grant Writer        | 5,000.00                          | 5,000.00                          |
| Telephone                      | 1,200.00                          | 976.14                            |
| Communications - Advertising   | 1,394.44                          | 1,394.44                          |
| Training & Testing             | 225.00                            | 57.75                             |
| Gasoline                       | 500.00                            | 189.10                            |
| Office Supply                  | 600.00                            | 583.14                            |
| Town Report/Warrant            | 3,408.49                          | 3,408.49                          |
| Meeting Expense                | 200.00                            | 140.53                            |
| In-State Travel                | 100.00                            | 99.25                             |
| Dues/Sub./Membership           | <u>1,400.00</u>                   | <u>1,246.00</u>                   |
| Total                          | 80,647.93                         | 78,538.88                         |
| <b>FINANCE COMMITTEE 1131</b>  |                                   |                                   |
| Salaries - Clerical            | 1,347.30                          | 1,347.30                          |
| Office Supplies                | 254.11                            | 254.11                            |
| In-State Travel                | 300.00                            | 30.00                             |
| Dues/Sub./Memberships          | <u>200.00</u>                     | <u>135.00</u>                     |
| Total                          | 2,101.41                          | 1,766.41                          |

**FY 1997  
Actual Approp.**

**FY 1997  
Actual Expend.**

**TOWN ACCOUNTANT 1135**

|                            |               |               |
|----------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Salaries - Town Accountant | 43,530.00     | 43,530.00     |
| Salaries - Clerical        | 22,527.00     | 22,526.91     |
| Salaries - Billing Clerk   | 7,363.0       | 7,357.23      |
| Longevity                  | 200.00        | 200.00        |
| Auditing                   | 21,121.00     | 21,121.00     |
| Telephone                  | 1,800.00      | 1,557.78      |
| Office Supplies            | 1,000.00      | 999.69        |
| In-State Travel            | 1,000.00      | 459.68        |
| Dues/Sub./Memberships      | 115.00        | 85.00         |
| Additional Equipment       | <u>325.00</u> | <u>325.00</u> |
| Total                      | 98,981.00     | 98,162.29     |

**ASSESSORS 1141**

|                                     |               |               |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Salaries - Assessors                | 8,576.00      | 8,576.00      |
| Salaries - Administrative Assistant | 25,531.00     | 25,531.00     |
| Salaries - Clerical                 | 21,742.00     | 21,741.30     |
| Salaries - Overtime                 | 500.00        | 0.00          |
| Longevity                           | 1,000.00      | 1,000.00      |
| R. & M. Office Equipment            | 175.00        | 164.00        |
| Annual Update/Consultant            | 32,450.00     | 29,500.00     |
| Telephone                           | 600.00        | 427.81        |
| Printing & Binding                  | 450.00        | 105.00        |
| Training                            | 50.00         | 0.00          |
| Marshall & Swift                    | 1,000.00      | 978.95        |
| Plot Plans                          | 1,800.00      | 1,429.00      |
| Reg. Deeds/Probate                  | 150.00        | 121.60        |
| Office Supplies                     | 1,700.00      | 1,607.96      |
| Photo Supplies                      | 500.00        | 500.00        |
| In-State Travel                     | 400.00        | 133.35        |
| Other In-State Travel               | 150.00        | 0.00          |
| Dues                                | <u>225.00</u> | <u>195.00</u> |
| Total                               | 96,999.00     | 92,010.97     |

**TOWN TREASURER 1145**

|                                      |           |           |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Salaries - Town Treasurer            | 41,056.00 | 37,297.12 |
| Salaries - Asst. Collector/Treasurer | 18,452.00 | 18,451.79 |
| Salaries - Clerical                  | 60,199.00 | 60,198.11 |
| Salaries - Temp.                     | 9,670.18  | 9,631.75  |
| Salaries - Overtime                  | 2,089.33  | 2,089.05  |
| Longevity                            | 600.00    | 600.00    |
| Repairs/Maintenance                  | 594.96    | 594.96    |
| Legal - Land Court                   | 24,000.00 | 2,717.48  |
| Payroll/Microfiche                   | 13,291.37 | 13,291.37 |

|                              | <b>FY 1997<br/>Actual Approp.</b> | <b>FY 1997<br/>Actual Expend.</b> |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Low Value Property           | 800.00                            | 0.00                              |
| Loan Expense                 | 2,316.50                          | 881.59                            |
| Tax Bills                    | 5,100.00                          | 5,062.62                          |
| Ballots                      | 0.00                              | 0.00                              |
| Vital Statistics             | 0.00                              | 0.00                              |
| Telephone                    | 1,500.00                          | 1,500.00                          |
| Communications - Advertising | 800.00                            | 669.68                            |
| Registry Recordings          | 400.00                            | 220.00                            |
| Office Supplies              | 2,505.00                          | 2,498.64                          |
| Update Law Books             | 226.82                            | 226.82                            |
| Postage                      | 16,000.00                         | 15,173.79                         |
| In-State Travel              | 1,200.00                          | 722.95                            |
| Dues                         | 350.00                            | 220.00                            |
| Bonding                      | 1,500.00                          | 1,175.00                          |
| Office Equipment             | <u>1,167.42</u>                   | <u>1,167.42</u>                   |
| Total                        | 203,818.58                        | 174,390.14                        |

#### **TOWN COLLECTOR 1146**

|                           |                  |                  |
|---------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Salaries - Town Collector | 8,890.00         | 8,890.00         |
| Salaries - Clerical       | <u>10,696.70</u> | <u>10,696.70</u> |
| Total                     | 19,586.70        | 19,586.70        |

#### **TOWN COUNSEL 1151**

|       |                  |                  |
|-------|------------------|------------------|
| Legal | <u>75,000.00</u> | <u>68,683.22</u> |
| Total | 75,000.00        | 68,683.22        |

#### **DATA PROCESSING 1155**

|                              |                 |                 |
|------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Repair/Maintenance Copier    | 4,590.00        | 4,576.48        |
| Maintenance Agreement        | 3,816.71        | 3,816.71        |
| Software Maintenance         | 9,800.00        | 9,795.25        |
| Computer Exp. Training Cons. | 2,000.00        | 1,342.50        |
| Photo-copier Supply          | 2,000.00        | 2,000.00        |
| Wiring Expense               | 250.00          | 241.16          |
| Software Expense             | 1,500.00        | 1,500.00        |
| Other Supplies               | 4,000.00        | 4,000.00        |
| In-State Travel              | 200.00          | 0.00            |
| Additional Equipment         | <u>9,010.00</u> | <u>8,998.18</u> |
| Total                        | 37,166.71       | 36,270.28       |

**FY 1997**  
**Actual Approp.**

**FY 1997**  
**Actual Expend.**

**TOWN CLERK 1161**

|                              |               |               |
|------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Salaries - Town Clerk        | 15,000.00     | 15,000.00     |
| Salaries - Clerical          | 16,327.00     | 16,243.50     |
| Salaries - Temp.             | 2,000.00      | 1,872.92      |
| Salaries - Overtime          | 1,160.00      | 981.76        |
| Longevity                    | 200.00        | 200.00        |
| Repairs/Maintenance          | 400.00        | 388.50        |
| Ballots                      | 3,045.00      | 1,920.50      |
| Vital Statistics             | 200.00        | 182.50        |
| Telephone                    | 1,100.00      | 901.57        |
| Communications - Advertising | 200.00        | 195.20        |
| Office Supplies              | 1,200.00      | 1,200.00      |
| Update Law Books             | 701.00        | 687.07        |
| In-State Travel              | 1,000.00      | 510.76        |
| Dues                         | 200.00        | 25.00         |
| Bonding                      | 500.00        | 72.50         |
| Office Equipment             | <u>800.00</u> | <u>701.45</u> |
| Total                        | 44,033.00     | 41,083.23     |

**REGISTRAR OF VOTERS 1163**

|                      |                 |                 |
|----------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Salaries - Temp.     | 5,000.00        | 4,967.80        |
| Census taker         | 2,000.00        | 1,835.25        |
| Street Voting/Census | 2,700.00        | 1,900.06        |
| Office Supplies      | 300.00          | 292.83          |
| Postage              | <u>1,700.00</u> | <u>1,158.34</u> |
| Total                | 11,700.00       | 10,154.28       |

**CONSERVATION 1171**

|                              |               |              |
|------------------------------|---------------|--------------|
| Salaries - Clerical          | 4,420.00      | 4,420.00     |
| Consultant Services          | 5,700.00      | 5,700.00     |
| Telephone                    | 400.00        | 399.28       |
| Communications - Advertising | 75.00         | 60.00        |
| Office Supplies              | 200.00        | 200.00       |
| Photo Supplies               | 100.00        | 100.00       |
| In-State Travel              | 350.00        | 350.00       |
| Dues                         | 125.00        | 115.00       |
| Site Improv. Land Develop.   | 1,000.00      | 1,000.00     |
| Additional Equipment         | <u>150.00</u> | <u>85.22</u> |
| Total                        | 12,520.00     | 12,429.50    |

**SOIL BOARD 1172**

|                     |              |             |
|---------------------|--------------|-------------|
| Salaries - Clerical | 184.00       | 0.00        |
| Office Supplies     | <u>26.00</u> | <u>0.00</u> |
| Total               | 210.00       | 0.00        |

|  | FY 1997<br>Actual Approp. | FY 1997<br>Actual Expend. |
|--|---------------------------|---------------------------|
|--|---------------------------|---------------------------|

**PLANNING BOARD 1175**

|                              |               |              |
|------------------------------|---------------|--------------|
| Salaries - Part Time Plan.   | 15,000.00     | 2,235.000    |
| Salaries - Clerical          | 6,000.00      | 5,771.25     |
| Training - Sem-Meetings      | 100.00        | 24.17        |
| Communications - Advertising | 400.00        | 75.00        |
| Recording                    | 250.00        | 189.95       |
| Registrat. Deeds/Update Maps | 2,114.89      | 2,114.89     |
| Consult./Zoning Pack.        | 1,126.07      | 1,126.07     |
| Office Supplies              | 250.00        | 153.16       |
| In-State Travel              | 100.00        | 0.00         |
| Dues                         | <u>100.00</u> | <u>80.00</u> |
| Total                        | 25,440.96     | 11,769.49    |

**BOARD OF APPEALS 1176**

|                              |              |             |
|------------------------------|--------------|-------------|
| Salaries - Clerical          | 2,075.00     | 1,750.15    |
| Communications - Advertising | 886.21       | 886.21      |
| Office Supplies              | <u>50.00</u> | <u>0.00</u> |
| Total                        | 3,011.21     | 2,636.36    |

**TOWN HALL COMPLEX 1192**

|                             |                  |                  |
|-----------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Salaries - Custodian        | 24,109.00        | 24,109.00        |
| Salaries - Temp.            | 300.00           | 231.00           |
| Overtime                    | 200.00           | 0.00             |
| Longevity                   | 0.00             | 0.00             |
| Energy                      | 26,087.50        | 26,087.50        |
| Repairs & Maint. Bldg. Gds. | 6,000.00         | 4,515.06         |
| Supplies                    | 4,500.00         | 4,492.67         |
| Sp. Art Howard Com.         | <u>20,000.00</u> | <u>15,004.70</u> |
| Total                       | 81,196.50        | 74,439.93        |

**BY-LAWS 1197**

|                 |          |          |
|-----------------|----------|----------|
| Office Supplies | 2,001.00 | 1,977.47 |
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**POLICE DEPARTMENT 2210**

|                         |            |            |
|-------------------------|------------|------------|
| Salaries - Police Chief | 47,697.00  | 47,697.00  |
| Salaries - Perm. Pos.   | 689,044.00 | 677,759.95 |
| Longevity               | 3,300.00   | 3,300.00   |
| Clothing Allowance      | 7,900.00   | 6,986.32   |
| Vehicle Maint.          | 10,500.00  | 9,077.27   |
| Maintenance Agreement   | 5,000.00   | 3,756.06   |
| Software Maintenance    | 1,950.00   | 1,950.00   |
| Telephone               | 4,600.00   | 4,119.63   |
| Office Supplies         | 2,100.00   | 2,099.00   |

|                                | FY 1997<br>Actual Approp. | FY 1997<br>Actual Expend. |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Gasoline                       | 13,000.00                 | 12,999.97                 |
| Meals                          | 1,400.00                  | 835.00                    |
| Other Suppl. - Hardware/Lockup | 14,500.00                 | 14,479.74                 |
| In-State Travel                | 1,953.04                  | 1,665.04                  |
| Dues                           | 275.00                    | 250.00                    |
| Enhanced "911"                 | 48.99                     | 0.00                      |
| Equipment                      | <u>23,703.00</u>          | <u>23,697.25</u>          |
| Total                          | 826,971.03                | 810,672.23                |

#### FIRE DEPARTMENT 2220

|                              |                 |                 |
|------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Salaries - Fire Chief        | 43,380.00       | 43,380.00       |
| Salaries - Permanent         | 112,633.00      | 112,403.88      |
| Salaries - Callmen           | 33,880.00       | 33,644.17       |
| Overtime                     | 22,456.00       | 15,901.54       |
| Longevity                    | 600.00          | 300.00          |
| Clothing Allowance           | 2,827.00        | 2,813.23        |
| Energy                       | 5,919.58        | 5,456.31        |
| Water                        | 125.00          | 88.91           |
| Repairs & Maint. Bldg. Gds.  | 2,000.00        | 2,000.00        |
| Sp. Art. Refurbish Station 2 | 9,001.96        | 8,713.47        |
| Repairs Equip./Maintenance   | 5,146.84        | 5,092.52        |
| Vehicle Maintenance          | 5,685.17        | 5,681.44        |
| Radio Repair                 | 1,000.00        | 1,000.00        |
| Hepatitis B Shots            | 6,090.50        | 2,998.90        |
| Medical Exams                | 604.89          | 200.00          |
| Telephone                    | 2,600.00        | 2,318.03        |
| Training/CPR/1st-Aid         | 7,000.00        | 6,454.43        |
| Gasoline                     | 3,064.45        | 2,273.19        |
| Office Supply                | 800.00          | 800.00          |
| Other Supplies               | 300.00          | 218.99          |
| Dues                         | 1,100.00        | 917.52          |
| Dry Hydrants                 | 707.92          | 90.00           |
| Additional Equipment         | <u>3,200.00</u> | <u>3,200.00</u> |
| Total                        | 270,122.31      | 255,946.53      |

#### EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES 2232

|                            |           |           |
|----------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Salaries - Director        | 27,649.00 | 27,649.00 |
| Salaries - Asst. Dir.      | 7,000.00  | 6,959.34  |
| Salaries - EMTs            | 88,000.00 | 84,056.12 |
| Salaries - Billing Clerk   | 5,468.00  | 5,467.43  |
| Additional Gross Longevity | 350.00    | 350.00    |
| Clothing Allowance         | 1,224.01  | 1,210.58  |
| Repairs Equip./Maint.      | 1,000.00  | 908.78    |
| Telephone                  | 1,300.00  | 1,051.95  |
| Collection Expense         | 1,600.00  | 1,075.58  |

|                                | FY 1997<br>Actual Approp. | FY 1997<br>Actual Expend. |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Gasoline                       | 1,500.00                  | 1,496.83                  |
| Office Supplies                | 600.00                    | 587.01                    |
| Vehicle Supplies - Maintenance | 1,500.00                  | 1,379.40                  |
| Medical & Surgical Supplies    | 6,300.00                  | 6,061.19                  |
| Oxygen                         | 2,100.00                  | 2,009.24                  |
| In-State Travel/Training       | 4,000.00                  | 2,793.46                  |
| Dues/Sub/Membership            | 2,000.00                  | 1,980.78                  |
| Additional Equipment/Furniture | <u>1,000.00</u>           | <u>856.87</u>             |
| Total                          | 152,591.01                | 145,893.56                |

From Taxation: \$10,091.01

From E.M.S. Res. Rec. Account: \$142,500.00

### BUILDING DEPARTMENT 2241

|  |               |               |
|--|---------------|---------------|
| Salaries - Permanent Position          | 28,105.00     | 27,868.10     |
| Salaries - Clerical                    | 21,742.00     | 21,741.30     |
| Salary - Wire Inspector                | 18,250.00     | 18,249.50     |
| Salary - Deputy Wire Inspector         | 3,131.00      | 3,131.00      |
| Salary - Deputy Building Inspector     | 1,380.00      | 1,380.00      |
| Salary - Gas/Plumbing Insp.            | 6,250.00      | 6,249.50      |
| Salary - Deputy Gas/Plumbing Inspector | 1,500.00      | 0.00          |
| Salaries - Temp                        | 882.00        | 805.50        |
| Longevity                              | 400.00        | 400.00        |
| Compensation Time                      | 832.50        | 832.50        |
| Training                               | 915.00        | 632.00        |
| Repairs/Equip./Maint.                  | 255.00        | 195.00        |
| Telephone                              | 475.00        | 465.54        |
| Plot Plans                             | 100.00        | 93.00         |
| Office Supplies                        | 1,200.00      | 1,131.41      |
| Vehicle Supplies                       | 500.00        | 302.01        |
| Gasoline                               | 500.00        | 229.10        |
| Meals                                  | 229.00        | 28.11         |
| In-State Travel                        | 433.00        | 44.40         |
| Dues                                   | 275.00        | 245.00        |
| Additional Equipment                   | <u>250.00</u> | <u>250.00</u> |
| Total                                  | 87,604.50     | 84,272.97     |

### SEALER WEIGHTS & MEASURES 2244

|                               |              |             |
|-------------------------------|--------------|-------------|
| Salaries - Permanent Position | 721.00       | 721.00      |
| Office Supplies               | 50.00        | 0.00        |
| Dues                          | <u>50.00</u> | <u>0.00</u> |
| Total                         | 821.00       | 721.00      |

|  | <b>FY 1997</b>        | <b>FY 1997</b>        |
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|  | <b>Actual Approp.</b> | <b>Actual Expend.</b> |

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY 2291**

|                           |                 |               |
|---------------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Other Personal Services   | 100.00          | 0.00          |
| Utilities                 | 1,325.00        | 1,288.61      |
| Repairs/Equip. Maint.     | 1,000.00        | 1,000.00      |
| Repairs & Maint. Building | 2,000.00        | 1,000.00      |
| Telephone                 | 625.00          | 456.95        |
| Gasoline                  | 300.00          | 249.10        |
| Maint. & Supplies         | 100.00          | 100.00        |
| Disaster Fund             | 100.00          | 89.26         |
| In-State Travel           | 75.00           | 0.00          |
| Additional Equipment/Gear | <u>1,000.00</u> | <u>995.88</u> |
| Total                     | 6,625.00        | 5,179.80      |

**ANIMAL CONTROL/DOG OFFICER 2292**

|                              |              |             |
|------------------------------|--------------|-------------|
| Salaries - Dir.              | 3,112.00     | 3,111.96    |
| Salaries - Mutual Aid        | 800.00       | 670.00      |
| Repair Maintenance Equipment | 2,171.13     | 2,169.82    |
| Telephone                    | 527.86       | 527.86      |
| Board Services               | 2,700.00     | 1,763.00    |
| Office Supplies              | 75.00        | 16.91       |
| Gasoline                     | 800.00       | 459.10      |
| Services - Burial of Animals | 100.00       | 86.82       |
| Dues                         | <u>30.00</u> | <u>0.00</u> |
| Total                        | 10,315.99    | 8,805.47    |

**FORESTRY 2294**

|                    |                 |               |
|--------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Salary Tree Warden | 546.00          | 546.00        |
| Tree Removal       | <u>1,150.00</u> | <u>500.00</u> |
| Total              | 1,696.00        | 1,046.00      |

**SCHOOL DEPARTMENT 5350**

|                 |              |              |
|-----------------|--------------|--------------|
| Regional School | 1,047,420.00 | 1,047,420.00 |
|-----------------|--------------|--------------|

**ACUSHNET SCHOOL DEPARTMENT 5350**

|                |                  |                  |
|----------------|------------------|------------------|
| Expenses       | 6,651,616.20     | 6,595,026.46     |
| Roof Principal | 49,500.00        | 49,500.00        |
| Roof Interest  | <u>20,000.00</u> | <u>12,342.43</u> |
| Total          | 6,721,116.20     | 6,656,868.89     |

|  | FY 1997<br>Actual Approp. | FY 1997<br>Actual Expend. |
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**HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT 4422**

|                                    |                  |                  |
|------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Salaries - Superintendent          | 28,455.00        | 28,455.00        |
| Salaries - Permanent               | 153,275.00       | 136,539.11       |
| Salaries - Clerical                | 7,861.00         | 7,861.00         |
| Salaries - Temporary               | 8,000.00         | 7,179.11         |
| Salaries - Overtime                | 2,000.00         | 1,976.96         |
| Additional Gross Longevity         | 1,025.00         | 750.00           |
| Clothing Allowance                 | 2,660.00         | 2,503.68         |
| Energy                             | 5,603.79         | 5,603.79         |
| Repairs & Maint. Bldg. Gds.        | 1,200.00         | 1,195.36         |
| Repairs & Maint. Equipment         | 18,000.00        | 17,993.64        |
| Repairs & Maint. Radio             | 1,000.00         | 997.67           |
| Repairs & Maint. Street Paving     | 6,000.00         | 5,943.94         |
| Rentals & Leases                   | 6,000.00         | 4,735.56         |
| Grass Cutting                      | 500.00           | 500.00           |
| Recycling                          | 31,000.00        | 28,563.01        |
| Engineering Fees                   | 2,000.00         | 816.60           |
| Telephone                          | 1,700.00         | 1,630.92         |
| Communications - Advertising       | 500.00           | 412.94           |
| Police Detail                      | 1,000.00         | 1,000.00         |
| Training                           | 1,000.00         | 1,000.00         |
| Office Supplies                    | 750.00           | 9,817.25         |
| Gasoline                           | 10,700.00        | 750.00           |
| P. W. Supplies - Oil & Grits       | 0.00             | 0.00             |
| WK Safety Equipment                | 1,580.00         | 1,517.14         |
| Public Works/St. Signs Materials   | 1,500.00         | 1,487.22         |
| Public Works/Welding               | 500.00           | 296.55           |
| Public Works/Guardrail             | 800.00           | 135.94           |
| Public Works Drain Supplies        | 1,000.00         | 636.25           |
| P. W. Suppl. Oper. - Road Material | 15,000.00        | 14,918.82        |
| In-State Travel                    | 2,500.00         | 1,264.88         |
| Dues/Sub./Mem./Licenses            | 315.00           | 242.00           |
| Additional Equipment               | <u>30,000.00</u> | <u>29,946.99</u> |
| Total                              | 343,424.79       | 316,671.33       |

**HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION 4421**

|                       |                 |             |
|-----------------------|-----------------|-------------|
| Highway Const. & Imp. | <u>9,733.57</u> | <u>0.00</u> |
| Total                 | 9,733.57        | 0.00        |

**HIGHWAY ROAD EQUIPMENT 4423**

|                              |           |           |
|------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| O.P.R.S. - Snow Rem., Emerg. | 25,000.00 | 24,508.04 |
|------------------------------|-----------|-----------|

|  | FY 1997<br>Actual Approp. | FY 1997<br>Actual Expend. |
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**STREET LIGHTS 4424**

|             |           |           |
|-------------|-----------|-----------|
| Electricity | 60,000.00 | 53,554.64 |
|-------------|-----------|-----------|

**SEMASS 4431**

|                                |                 |               |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Salaries - Clerical            | 10,871.00       | 10,871.00     |
| R./L. - Incinerator - Semass   | 95,415.93       | 95,415.93     |
| O.P.R.S. - Heavy Pick-up, etc. | 10,000.00       | 5,141.57      |
| Rubbish Removal                | 96,600.00       | 96,600.00     |
| Office Supplies                | <u>1,000.00</u> | <u>968.80</u> |
| Total                          | 213,886.93      | 208,997.30    |

**CEMETERY 4491**

|                                  |               |               |
|----------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Salaries - Temp.                 | 5,400.00      | 5,400.00      |
| Repairs - Equipment/Maint.       | 650.00        | 613.93        |
| Bldg./Gr./Maint./Serv. & Chrg.   | 400.00        | 311.71        |
| Gasoline                         | 250.00        | 200.58        |
| Office Supply                    | 100.00        | 0.00          |
| Building Repairs/Maint./Supplies | <u>225.00</u> | <u>225.00</u> |
| Total                            | 7,025.00      | 6,751.22      |

**HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE 5510**

|                              |               |               |
|------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Board of Health              | 6,381.00      | 6,381.00      |
| Salaries - Clerical          | 22,942.00     | 21,741.30     |
| Salaries - Temporary         | 7,626.00      | 5,950.11      |
| Salaries - Overtime          | 0.00          | 0.00          |
| Longevity                    | 400.00        | 400.00        |
| Physician                    | 3,100.00      | 2,712.50      |
| Prof. Pub. Health Agency     | 15,000.00     | 15,000.00     |
| Clinic Exp. - Rabies Control | 2,000.00      | 50.00         |
| Telephone                    | 850.00        | 720.59        |
| Communications - Advertising | 600.00        | 570.60        |
| Office Supply                | 1,700.00      | 1,583.72      |
| Postage                      | 400.00        | 384.00        |
| Photocopying Supplies        | 600.00        | 536.58        |
| Medical & Surgical Supplies  | 400.00        | 269.88        |
| Water Testing                | 50.00         | 30.00         |
| In-State/Travel              | 25.00         | 0.00          |
| Dues                         | 100.00        | 50.00         |
| Additional Equipment         | <u>900.00</u> | <u>358.00</u> |
| Total                        | 63,074.00     | 56,738.28     |

|  | FY 1997<br>Actual Approp. | FY 1997<br>Actual Expend. |
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**ANIMAL INSPECTOR 5519**

|                           |              |              |
|---------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Salaries - Perm. Position | 1,911.00     | 1,911.00     |
| In-State Travel/Training  | <u>75.00</u> | <u>34.20</u> |
| Total                     | 1,986.00     | 1,945.20     |

**COUNCIL ON AGING 5541**

|                       |                 |             |
|-----------------------|-----------------|-------------|
| Salaries - Dept. Head | 6,150.00        | 6,150.00    |
| Salaries - Temp.      | 7,280.00        | 5,672.00    |
| Vehicle Maintenance   | 800.00          | 791.43      |
| Telephone             | 480.00          | 461.47      |
| Gasoline              | 1,500.00        | 1,314.10    |
| Office Supplies       | 250.00          | 228.96      |
| Postage               | 115.00          | 115.00      |
| Meals Share           | 500.00          | 448.45      |
| Nutrition             | 3,500.00        | 3,188.08    |
| In-State Travel       | 2,150.00        | 2,090.00    |
| Additional Equipment  | <u>8,000.00</u> | <u>0.00</u> |
| Total                 | 30,725.00       | 20,459.49   |

**VETERANS 5543**

|                           |                 |                 |
|---------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Salaries - Perm. Position | 2,730.00        | 2,649.96        |
| Office Supplies           | 200.00          | 0.00            |
| Veterans Benefits         | <u>8,900.00</u> | <u>1,436.00</u> |
| Total                     | 11,830.00       | 4,085.96        |

**LIBRARY 6610**

|                          |                 |             |
|--------------------------|-----------------|-------------|
| Salaries - Director      | 14,731.00       | 14,730.84   |
| Salaries- Asst. Director | 14,010.66       | 13,658.12   |
| Salaries - Education     | 1,000.00        | 999.29      |
| Salaries - Tech.         | 14,554.00       | 14,065.60   |
| Salaries - Custodian     | 3,660.00        | 3,645.20    |
| Longevity                | 500.00          | 500.00      |
| Energy                   | 3,969.60        | 3,969.60    |
| Telephone                | 1,211.80        | 1,211.80    |
| Education                | 400.00          | 324.00      |
| SEAL Expense             | 9,000.00        | 9,000.00    |
| Office Supplies          | 2,500.00        | 2,499.62    |
| Other Supplies           | 2,400.00        | 2,400.00    |
| In-State Travel          | 500.00          | 500.00      |
| Sp. Art Copier           | 3,200.00        | 3,200.00    |
| Art.-Parts & Repairs     | <u>4,145.83</u> | <u>0.00</u> |
| Total                    | 75,782.89       | 70,704.07   |

|  | FY 1997<br>Actual Approp. | FY 1997<br>Actual Expend. |
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**RECREATION 6630**

|                                 |               |               |
|---------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Energy                          | 3,250.00      | 2,057.15      |
| Service & Maintenance           | 1,500.00      | 1,460.29      |
| Telephone                       | 500.00        | 380.73        |
| Communications - Advertising    | 106.75        | 106.75        |
| Summer Youth                    | 8,769.97      | 8,766.01      |
| Office Supplies                 | 50.00         | 0.00          |
| Hardware                        | 600.00        | 582.17        |
| Fencing/Lighting                | 500.00        | 497.00        |
| Other Supplies - Athletic, etc. | <u>300.00</u> | <u>279.88</u> |
| Total                           | 15,576.72     | 14,129.98     |

**PARK DEPARTMENT 6650**

|                               |                 |                 |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Salaries - Perm. Position     | 7,200.00        | 7,196.55        |
| Salaries - Perm. Laborer      | 3,800.00        | 3,800.00        |
| Salaries - Clerical           | 1,586.00        | 1,586.00        |
| Salaries - Temp. Park Attend. | 2,348.00        | 2,346.75        |
| Serv.-Trash Removal           | 675.00          | 675.00          |
| Gasoline                      | 700.00          | 569.92          |
| Restroom Supplies             | 175.00          | 124.37          |
| Stone Dust                    | 700.00          | 697.60          |
| Fertilizer                    | 400.00          | 365.33          |
| Bulb Replacement              | 600.00          | 600.00          |
| Vandalism                     | 750.00          | 720.74          |
| Sp. Art. Park Walkway         | 8,595.00        | 8,595.00        |
| Sp. Art. - Recreation         | <u>4,322.18</u> | <u>4,245.71</u> |
| Total                         | 31,851.18       | 31,522.97       |

**HISTORICAL COMMISSION 6691**

|                              |              |              |
|------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Energy                       | 3,400.00     | 2,257.16     |
| Repairs & Maint. Bldg. Gr.   | 80.00        | 0.00         |
| Telephone/Alarm              | 720.00       | 605.99       |
| Communications - Advertising | 50.00        | 0.00         |
| Historic Inventory           | 2,500.00     | 340.50       |
| Office Supplies              | 30.00        | 0.00         |
| Postage                      | 20.00        | 0.00         |
| Dues/Sub./Mem.               | <u>50.00</u> | <u>50.00</u> |
| Total                        | 6,850.00     | 3,253.65     |

**CELEBRATIONS 6692**

|                     |                 |                 |
|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Road Race           | 300.00          | 0.00            |
| Memorial Day/4 July | <u>1,800.00</u> | <u>1,057.80</u> |
| Total               | 2,100.00        | 1,057.80        |

|                                  | FY 1997<br>Actual Approp. | FY 1997<br>Actual Expend. |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>MISCELLANEOUS 2699</b>        |                           |                           |
| Shellfish Warden/Harbor Master   | 300.00                    | 38.68                     |
| Herring Inspector                | 300.00                    | 0.00                      |
| Cable TV                         | 1,200.00                  | 218.16                    |
| Art. 10 - Buzzard Bay Act. Comm. | <u>1,266.00</u>           | <u>1,266.00</u>           |
| Total                            | 3,066.00                  | 1,522.84                  |

**RETIREMENT OF DEBT 7710**

|                                |                  |                  |
|--------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| L. T. D. Purchase Lease Agree. | 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 7751**

|                                 |                  |             |
|---------------------------------|------------------|-------------|
| Long Term Debt Interest         | 1,100.00         | 1,099.08    |
| Short Term Debt - Loan Interest | <u>25,000.00</u> | <u>0.00</u> |
| Total                           | 26,100.00        | 1,099.08    |

**REGIONAL HEALTH DISTRICT 5835**

|              |           |           |
|--------------|-----------|-----------|
| Health Agent | 26,102.00 | 26,102.00 |
|--------------|-----------|-----------|

**COUNTY ASSESSMENTS 8830**

|            |           |           |
|------------|-----------|-----------|
| County Tax | 73,363.00 | 73,362.57 |
|------------|-----------|-----------|

**STATE ASSESSMENTS 8850**

|                           |                 |                 |
|---------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Spec. Ed.                 | 10,191.00       | 5,248.00        |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | 0.00            | 3,640.00        |
| Mosquito                  | 13,308.00       | 13,297.00       |
| Air Pollution             | 1,915.00        | 1,915.00        |
| RTA Assessment            | 19,496.00       | 19,496.00       |
| SRPEDD                    | <u>1,433.10</u> | <u>1,433.10</u> |
| Total                     | 46,343.10       | 45,029.10       |

**PENSIONS 1911**

|                           |                  |                  |
|---------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Bristol County Retirement | 271,216.00       | 271,216.00       |
| Social Security           | 18,000.00        | 17,892.47        |
| Medicare                  | <u>39,200.00</u> | <u>38,975.38</u> |
| Total                     | 328,416.00       | 328,083.85       |

|  | FY 1997<br>Actual Approp. | FY 1997<br>Actual Expend. |
|--|---------------------------|---------------------------|
|--|---------------------------|---------------------------|

**WORKERS COMPENSATION 1912**

|                        |           |           |
|------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Fringe Benefit/Charges | 62,242.00 | 62,242.00 |
|------------------------|-----------|-----------|

**UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION 1913**

|                         |           |          |
|-------------------------|-----------|----------|
| Fringe Benefits/Charges | 15,533.66 | 6,345.14 |
|-------------------------|-----------|----------|

**HEALTH INSURANCE 1914**

|                                 |                 |                 |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| NAA/Pilgrim Health/Teamsters H. | 406,355.89      | 402,789.33      |
| CRA/Flexible Benefits Plan      | <u>1,760.00</u> | <u>1,740.00</u> |
| Total                           | 408,115.89      | 404,529.33      |

**LIABILITY INSURANCE 1945**

|   |                  |                  |
|---|------------------|------------------|
| Ins. Pr. Dis. - Fire - Police Accident H. | 6,500.00         | 6,275.00         |
| Property Liability/M.V.                   | <u>50,000.00</u> | <u>47,915.00</u> |
| Total                                     | 56,500.00        | 54,190.00        |

**TRANSFERS 9999**

|                            |                  |                  |
|----------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Trans. to Special Revenue  | 31,923.00        | 31,923.00        |
| Trans. to Capital Projects | 188,109.54       | 188,109.54       |
| Trans. to Enterprise Funds | 160,000.00       | 160,000.00       |
| Trans. to Trust & Agency   | <u>45,165.80</u> | <u>45,165.80</u> |
| Total                      | 425,198.34       | 425,198.34       |

**SEWER DEPARTMENT REVENUE 6004440**

|                               |            |            |
|-------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Salaries - Superintendent     | 1,898.00   | 1,898.00   |
| Salaries - Permanent Position | 16,586.00  | 15,038.71  |
| Salaries - Clerical           | 1,170.00   | 1,169.80   |
| Salaries - Billing Clerk      | 1,667.00   | 1,667.00   |
| Additional Gross - Longevity  | 90.00      | 40.00      |
| Fr. Ben. - Health/Vacation    | 2,824.00   | 869.08     |
| Clothing Allowance            | 330.00     | 119.81     |
| Energy                        | 2,200.00   | 2,200.00   |
| Repairs & Maint. Bldg. Gds.   | 100.00     | 99.08      |
| Service & Maint. Equipment    | 2,500.00   | 2,065.41   |
| Vehicle Maint.                | 200.00     | 183.87     |
| Software Maintenance          | 950.00     | 540.00     |
| Sewer Pumping - New Bedford   | 325,000.00 | 321,588.81 |
| Telephone                     | 600.00     | 597.63     |
| Training                      | 235.00     | 198.82     |
| Gasoline                      | 250.00     | 202.27     |
| Office Supplies               | 50.00      | 46.68      |

|                           | FY 1997<br>Actual Approp. | FY 1997<br>Actual Expend. |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Sewer Bills               | 300.00                    | 205.61                    |
| Postage                   | 500.00                    | 343.48                    |
| In-State Travel           | 155.00                    | 0.00                      |
| Sp. Art. Treatment Plant  | 460,000.00                | 460,000.00                |
| Additional Equipment/Sup. | <u>2,000.00</u>           | <u>1,956.63</u>           |
| Total                     | 819,605.00                | 811,030.69                |

From Sewer Users' Fees

**WATER SURPLUS 2704450**

|                                    |                 |                 |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Salaries - Superintendent          | 7,588.00        | 7,588.00        |
| Salaries - Permanent/Labor         | 66,339.00       | 59,822.60       |
| Salaries - Clerical                | 4,430.00        | 4,430.00        |
| Salaries - Billing Clerk           | 9,405.00        | 9,400.89        |
| Meter Reader                       | 22,442.00       | 21,216.87       |
| Salaries - Overtime                | 2,500.00        | 2,443.41        |
| Additional Gross/Longevity         | 350.00          | 310.00          |
| Fr. Ben. - Health/Vacation         | 15,389.00       | 2,697.48        |
| Clothing Allowance                 | 910.00          | 910.00          |
| Energy                             | 1,200.00        | 1,200.00        |
| New Bedford Water Bills            | 330,000.00      | 254,638.30      |
| Repairs & Maint. Bldg. Gds.        | 400.00          | 398.99          |
| Vehicle Maint.                     | 1,800.00        | 1,780.98        |
| Software Maintenance               | 5,200.00        | 3,060.00        |
| Maintenance of System              | 8,000.00        | 5,804.92        |
| Repair/Trench Repairs              | 4,000.00        | 3,961.69        |
| Rentals & Leases                   | 1,500.00        | 309.15          |
| Hydrant Rentals                    | 100.00          | 100.00          |
| Telephone                          | 500.00          | 500.00          |
| Training                           | 940.00          | 885.00          |
| Other Purch. Serv. - Poli. Det.    | 1,000.00        | 991.00          |
| Gasoline                           | 1,500.00        | 1,496.29        |
| Office Supplies                    | 300.00          | 293.16          |
| Water Bills                        | 1,200.00        | 1,200.00        |
| Postage                            | 2,560.00        | 1,324.70        |
| Water Testing                      | 2,000.00        | 1,805.00        |
| P.W. Suppl. - Equipment - Supplies | 18,000.00       | 14,866.24       |
| In-State Travel                    | 625.00          | 211.00          |
| Dues/Sub./Membership/Lic.          | 150.00          | 150.00          |
| Upgrading System                   | 3,500.00        | 973.00          |
| Additional Equipment - New Meters  | <u>4,000.00</u> | <u>3,681.70</u> |
| Sub-Total                          | 517,828.00      | 408,450.37      |

|                                   | <b>FY 1997<br/>Actual Approp.</b> | <b>FY 1997<br/>Actual Expend.</b> |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <b>RETIREMENT OF DEBT 2707450</b> |                                   |                                   |
| Long Term Debt Water              | 80,300.00                         | 80,300.00                         |
| Long Term Debt Interest           | <u>12,720.00</u>                  | <u>18,603.49</u>                  |
| Sub-Total                         | 93,020.00                         | 98,903.49                         |
| <b>TRANSFERS 270999</b>           |                                   |                                   |
| Trans. to Capital Project         | <u>52,457.64</u>                  | <u>52,457.64</u>                  |
| Total                             | 663,305.64                        | 559,811.50                        |
|                                   | From Water Users' Fees            |                                   |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                      | <b>\$13,847,471.96</b>            | <b>\$13,418,140.29</b>            |

## OTHER EXPENDITURES

FY 1997  
Actual Expend.

### CAPITAL PROJECTS

|                             |                  |
|-----------------------------|------------------|
| School Computers            | 58,963.93        |
| School Playground           | 24,801.46        |
| E.M.S. Building             | 212,013.80       |
| Computer Project            | 112,665.44       |
| Water Wells                 | 45,241.30        |
| School Roofs                | 7,785.00         |
| Water - James, John Streets | 21,660.10        |
| Nye's Lane                  | 1,770.00         |
| Sewer Project               | <u>86,660.24</u> |
| Total                       | 571,561.27       |

### CHAPTER 90 HIGHWAY

|                              |            |
|------------------------------|------------|
| Highway Projects & Equipment | 110,044.25 |
|------------------------------|------------|

### SCHOOL SPECIAL REVENUE

|                |                   |
|----------------|-------------------|
| School Lunch   | 206,100.40        |
| Grants & Funds | <u>232,096.19</u> |
| Total          | 438,196.59        |

### SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

|                             |                 |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| Community Development       | 0.00            |
| Building Maintenance        | 23,414.96       |
| Parting Ways Building       | 2,251.24        |
| Parting Ways Beautification | 0.00            |
| Police D.A.R.E.             | 6,285.23        |
| Police A.D.I.A.A.C.         | 3,210.27        |
| Cops Grant                  | 25,972.40       |
| Fire Safe Grant             | 1,488.63        |
| Council On Aging            | 9,064.00        |
| Library                     | 11,028.14       |
| B.O.H.                      | 59.00           |
| Arts Lottery Council        | 8,132.65        |
| C.O.A.                      | 6,633.00        |
| Notice of Intent            | 940.23          |
| ConCom                      | 4,500.00        |
| Miscellaneous               | <u>2,369.66</u> |
| Total                       | 105,349.41      |

**FY 1997  
Actual Expend.**

**TRUSTS**

Various

9,221.57

**GRAND TOTAL**

**\$14,652,513.38**

Attest:

Alan G. Coutinho  
Town Accountant

**TOWN OF ACUSHNET  
GENERAL FUND**

**BALANCE SHEET  
JUNE 30, 1997**

| <b>ASSETS</b>                          |                                     |
|--|-------------------------------------|
| <b>CASH and SHORT TERM INVESTMENTS</b> | <b>\$1,330,011.45</b>               |
| <br>                                   |                                     |
| <b>RECEIVABLES</b>                     |                                     |
| Personal Property 1992-1997            | 4,812.17                            |
| Real Estate 1990-1997                  | 199,791.86                          |
| Allow Abate. & Exempt. 1992-1997       | (310,893.05)                        |
| Tax Liens 1973-1996                    | 493,183.00                          |
| Tax Possessions                        | 2,291.92                            |
| Taxes in Litigation                    | 307.65                              |
| Motor Vehicle Excist 1991-1997         | 61,696.94                           |
| Farm Excise 1996-1997                  | 319.00                              |
| Rubbish Receivable                     | 4,202.50                            |
| Rubbish Liens 1995-1997                | 3,694.64                            |
| Other                                  | <u>2,550.00</u>                     |
| <br>                                   |                                     |
| <b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>                    | <b><u><u>\$1,791,968.08</u></u></b> |

| <b>LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY</b> |                                     |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>LIABILITIES</b>                 |                                     |
| Warrants Payable                   | 472,942.42                          |
| Other Liabilities                  | 30,723.31                           |
| Accrued Payroll                    | 39,928.64                           |
| Tailings                           | 2,266.14                            |
| Deferred Revenue                   |                                     |
| Real Estate and Personal Property  | (106,289.02)                        |
| Tax Liens                          | 493,183.00                          |
| Tax Possessions                    | 2,291.92                            |
| Tax Litigation                     | 307.65                              |
| Rubbish                            | 4,202.50                            |
| Rubbish Liens                      | 3,694.64                            |
| Motor Vehicle                      | 61,696.94                           |
| Farm Excise                        | <u>319.00</u>                       |
| <br>                               |                                     |
| <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>           | <b><u><u>\$1,005,267.14</u></u></b> |

**FUND EQUITY**

|                           |                   |
|---------------------------|-------------------|
| Res. for Encumbrances     | 44,636.63         |
| Undesignated Fund Balance | 744,077.20        |
| App. Deficit Snow Removal | 0.00              |
| Unprovided Abatements     | 1,314.00          |
| Over/Under State Asses.   | <u>(3,326.89)</u> |

**TOTAL FUND EQUITY** **\$786,700.94**

**TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY** **\$1,791,968.08**

Attest:

Alan G. Coutinho  
Director of Finance

**TOWN OF ACUSHNET  
SCHOOL LUNCH**

**BALANCE SHEET  
JUNE 30, 1997**

| <b>ASSETS</b>                            |                                  |
|--|----------------------------------|
| Cash                                     | \$24,789.08                      |
| Petty Cash                               | <u>100.00</u>                    |
| <b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>                      | <b><u><u>\$24,889.08</u></u></b> |
| <br><b>LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY</b>   |                                  |
| <b>LIABILITIES</b>                       |                                  |
| Warrants Payable                         | 4,506.73                         |
| <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>                 | <b><u><u>\$4,506.73</u></u></b>  |
| <br><b>FUND EQUITY</b>                   |                                  |
| Undesignated Fund balance                | <u>20,382.35</u>                 |
| <b>TOTAL FUND EQUITY</b>                 | <b><u><u>\$20,382.35</u></u></b> |
| <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY</b> | <b><u><u>\$24,889.08</u></u></b> |

Attest:

Alan G. Coutinho  
Director of Finance

**TOWN OF ACUSHNET  
SCHOOL SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS**

**BALANCE SHEET  
JUNE 30, 1997**

| <b>ASSETS</b>                            |                            |
|--|----------------------------|
| Cash                                     | \$123,564.50               |
| <b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>                      | <b><u>\$123,564.50</u></b> |
| <br><b>LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY</b>   |                            |
| <b>LIABILITIES</b>                       |                            |
| Warrants Payable                         | 7,907.55                   |
| <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>                 | <b><u>\$7,907.55</u></b>   |
| <br><b>FUND EQUITY</b>                   |                            |
| Chapter 1                                | \$1,303.10                 |
| Chapter 2                                | 3,350.56                   |
| Title II - P.L. 94-142                   | 4,037.33                   |
| Early Childhood Grant                    | 479.67                     |
| D.D.E. Title II                          | 1,720.28                   |
| Drug Free School                         | 2,799.64                   |
| Education Reform Study Group             | 2,415.00                   |
| Com. Partnership                         | 628.55                     |
| School Building Rentals                  | 9,382.07                   |
| Tuition Fund                             | 77,876.98                  |
| Education Reform Restructuring           | 3,500.00                   |
| Ford Middle School Fund                  | 5,601.11                   |
| Elementary School Fund                   | 2,562.66                   |
| School Playground                        | <u>0.00</u>                |
| <b>TOTAL FUND EQUITY</b>                 | <b><u>\$115,656.95</u></b> |
| <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY</b> | <b><u>\$123,564.50</u></b> |

Attest:

Alan G. Coutinho  
Director of Finance

**TOWN OF ACUSHNET  
SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS**

**BALANCE SHEET  
JUNE 30, 1997**

**ASSETS**

|  |                            |
|--|----------------------------|
| <b>CASH and SHORT TERM INVESTMENTS</b> | <b>\$282,791.43</b>        |
| <b>RECEIVABLES</b>                     |                            |
| E.M.S.                                 | <u>58,669.53</u>           |
| <b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>                    | <b><u>\$341,460.96</u></b> |

**LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY**

**LIABILITIES**

|                          |                           |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| Warrants Payable         | 2,280.50                  |
| Due to Collection Agency | 0.00                      |
| Deferred Revenue E.M.S.  | <u>58,669.53</u>          |
| <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b> | <b><u>\$60,950.03</u></b> |

**FUND EQUITY**

|                               |                            |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Com. Dev. Grant               | 124.62                     |
| Building Maintenance Fund     | 26,801.38                  |
| Cable Education & Gov. Access | 25,000.00                  |
| PEG Access                    | 10,921.16                  |
| D.A.R.E. Grant                | 0.00                       |
| A.D.I.A.A.C. Police           | 0.00                       |
| Law Enforcement Trust         | 3,221.59                   |
| Cops Grant                    | 0.00                       |
| Fire S.A.F.E.                 | 11.37                      |
| Library Lit/Meg               | 10,863.67                  |
| Library Gift Fund             | 488.92                     |
| Library Building              | 38,000.00                  |
| Board of Health               | 480.00                     |
| Composite Bins                | 1,350.90                   |
| Title 5                       | 18,000.00                  |
| Arts Lottery Council          | 3,708.34                   |
| Parting Ways Building Fund    | 0.00                       |
| Parting Ways Beautification   | 210.92                     |
| Notice of Intent Conservation | 7,886.83                   |
| E.M.S. Fund                   | 133,441.23                 |
| Outside Ads                   | <u>0.00</u>                |
| <b>TOTAL FUND EQUITY</b>      | <b><u>\$280,510.93</u></b> |

**TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY** **\$341,460.96**

Attest:

Alan G. Coutinho  
Director of Finance

**TOWN OF ACUSHNET  
HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT FUND**

**BALANCE SHEET  
JUNE 30, 1997**

|  |                             |
|--|-----------------------------|
| <b>ASSETS</b>                            |                             |
| <b>CASH AND SHORT TERM INVESTMENTS</b>   | <b>(\$18,946.59)</b>        |
| <b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>                      | <b><u>(\$18,946.59)</u></b> |
| <br><b>LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY</b>   |                             |
| <b>LIABILITIES</b>                       |                             |
| Warrants Payable                         | 2,014.25                    |
| <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>                 | <b><u>\$2,014.25</u></b>    |
| <br><b>FUND EQUITY</b>                   |                             |
| Reclaim. & Resurface Various             | (10,643.14)                 |
| Central Fuel Facility                    | (10,317.70)                 |
| Res. for Encumbrances                    | 0.00                        |
| Undesignated Fund Balance                | <u>0.00</u>                 |
| <b>TOTAL FUND EQUITY</b>                 | <b><u>(\$20,960.84)</u></b> |
| <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY</b> | <b><u>(\$18,946.59)</u></b> |

Attest:

Alan G. Coutinho  
Director of Finance

**TOWN OF ACUSHNET  
WATER SURPLUS FUND**

**BALANCE SHEET  
JUNE 30, 1997**

| <b>ASSETS</b>                            |                                   |
|--|-----------------------------------|
| <b>CASH and SHORT TERM INVESTMENTS</b>   | <b>\$230,792.97</b>               |
| <b>RECEIVABLES</b>                       |                                   |
| Water Charges                            | 12,860.38                         |
| Water Services                           | 1,967.49                          |
| Water Liens Added to Taxes 1991-1997     | <u>5,352.72</u>                   |
| <b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>                      | <b><u><u>\$250,973.56</u></u></b> |
| <br><b>LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY</b>   |                                   |
| <b>LIABILITIES</b>                       |                                   |
| Warrants Payable                         | 34,254.83                         |
| Deferred Revenue Water                   | 14,827.87                         |
| Deferred Revenue Water Liens             | <u>5,352.72</u>                   |
| <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>                 | <b><u><u>\$54,435.42</u></u></b>  |
| <b>FUND EQUITY</b>                       |                                   |
| Res. for Encumbrances                    | 0.00                              |
| Undesignated Fund Balance                | <u>196,538.14</u>                 |
| <b>TOTAL FUND EQUITY</b>                 | <b><u><u>\$196,538.14</u></u></b> |
| <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY</b> | <b><u><u>\$250,973.56</u></u></b> |

Attest:

Alan G. Coutinho  
Director of Finance

**TOWN OF ACUSHNET  
CAPITAL PROJECT FUNDS**

**BALANCE SHEET  
JUNE 30, 1997**

| <b>ASSETS</b>                            |                            |
|--|----------------------------|
| <b>CASH and SHORT TERM INVESTMENTS</b>   | <b>\$642,380.43</b>        |
| <b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>                      | <b><u>\$642,380.43</u></b> |
| <br><b>LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY</b>   |                            |
| <b>LIABILITIES</b>                       |                            |
| Warrants Payable                         | 85,242.73                  |
| B.A.N. Payable                           | <u>541,900.00</u>          |
| <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>                 | <b><u>\$627,142.73</u></b> |
| <br><b>FUND EQUITY</b>                   |                            |
| Res. for Encumbrances                    | 301,387.70                 |
| Water Pipe Replacement                   | 38,919.17                  |
| Sewer Main Tarklin Hill                  | 12,723.02                  |
| E.M.S. Building                          | 28,842.16                  |
| Computer Account                         | 7,593.97                   |
| Water Wells                              | 54,758.70                  |
| School Roof                              | (298,985.00)               |
| School Computers                         | 16,036.07                  |
| School Playground                        | 198.54                     |
| Nyes Lane Water                          | <u>(146,236.63)</u>        |
| <b>TOTAL FUND EQUITY</b>                 | <b><u>\$15,237.70</u></b>  |
| <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY</b> | <b><u>\$642,380.43</u></b> |

Attest:

Alan G. Coutinho  
Director of Finance

**TOWN OF ACUSHNET  
SEWER ENTERPRISE FUND**

**BALANCE SHEET  
JUNE 30, 1997**

| <b>ASSETS</b>                            |                           |
|--|---------------------------|
| <b>CASH and SHORT TERM INVESTMENTS</b>   | <b>\$71,712.69</b>        |
| <b>RECEIVABLES</b>                       |                           |
| Sewer Connection Charges                 | 3,820.00                  |
| Sewer User Charges                       | 16,405.03                 |
| Sewer Liens 1996-1997                    | <u>1,526.85</u>           |
| <b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>                      | <b><u>\$93,464.57</u></b> |
| <b>LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY</b>       |                           |
| <b>LIABILITIES</b>                       |                           |
| Warrants Payable                         | 21,059.07                 |
| Deferred Revenue Sewer                   | 20,225.03                 |
| Deferred Revenue Sewer Liens             | <u>1,526.85</u>           |
| <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>                 | <b><u>\$42,810.95</u></b> |
| <b>FUND EQUITY</b>                       |                           |
| Res. for Encumbrances                    | 423.00                    |
| Undesignated Fund Balance                | <u>50,230.62</u>          |
| <b>TOTAL FUND EQUITY</b>                 | <b><u>\$50,653.62</u></b> |
| <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY</b> | <b><u>\$93,464.57</u></b> |

Attest:

Alan G. Coutinho  
Director of Finance

**TOWN OF ACUSHNET  
GOLF ENTERPRISE FUND**

**BALANCE SHEET  
JUNE 30, 1997**

|  |                              |
|--|------------------------------|
| <b>ASSETS</b>                            |                              |
| <b>CASH and SHORT TERM INVESTMENTS</b>   | <b>\$3,362,385.77</b>        |
| <b>LAND</b>                              |                              |
| Acquisition                              | 1,637,100.18                 |
| Improvements                             | 591,508.51                   |
| Improvements Interest                    | <u>139,415.02</u>            |
| <b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>                      | <b><u>\$5,730,409.48</u></b> |
| <br><b>LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY</b>   |                              |
| <b>LIABILITIES</b>                       |                              |
| Warrants Payable                         | 12,450.00                    |
| B.A.N. Payable                           | <u>5,170,000.00</u>          |
| <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>                 | <b><u>\$5,182,450.00</u></b> |
| <b>FUND EQUITY</b>                       |                              |
| Res. for Encumbrances                    | 0.00                         |
| Unreserved Retained Earnings             | <u>547,959.48</u>            |
| <b>TOTAL FUND EQUITY</b>                 | <b><u>\$547,959.48</u></b>   |
| <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY</b> | <b><u>\$5,730,409.48</u></b> |

Attest:

Alan G. Coutinho  
Director of Finance

**TOWN OF ACUSHNET  
TRUST FUNDS**

**BALANCE SHEET  
JUNE 30, 1997**

| <b>ASSETS</b>                            |                            |
|--|----------------------------|
| <b>CASH and SHORT TERM INVESTMENTS</b>   | <b>\$930,386.40</b>        |
| <b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>                      | <b><u>\$930,386.40</u></b> |
| <b>LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY</b>       |                            |
| <b>LIABILITIES</b>                       |                            |
| Warrants Payable                         | \$797.28                   |
| <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>                 | <b><u>\$797.28</u></b>     |
| <b>FUND EQUITY</b>                       |                            |
| Cemetery Care                            | \$75,856.66                |
| Haydon Flower                            | 283.47                     |
| Haydon-Candage Flower                    | 452.97                     |
| Instructive Nursing                      | 6,529.05                   |
| Leo/Ruth Jackson Flower                  | 592.44                     |
| Omey/Cottle Flower                       | 14,030.81                  |
| Taves/Ellis Flower                       | 3,678.50                   |
| Charles Beals Library Books              | 5,565.60                   |
| Albert Leconte Library Books             | 2,692.79                   |
| Allen/Rhoda Russell Library              | 9,013.45                   |
| Russell Library Maintenance              | 8,569.70                   |
| F. Sowa Library Books                    | 14,440.24                  |
| Long Plain School Museum                 | 6,686.38                   |
| W/G Owen Art Week                        | 12,435.70                  |
| Russell Protestant Poor                  | 67,884.31                  |
| Russell Town Hall                        | 6,933.80                   |
| Sylvia P. Manter School                  | 44,990.24                  |
| Henry H. Rogers School                   | 8,670.85                   |
| Russell Public Schools                   | 39,942.29                  |
| E. C. Burt School Library                | 2,572.87                   |
| Ruth Tabor Scholarship                   | 7,757.98                   |
| Long Plain Meetinghouse                  | 11,022.17                  |
| Meetinghouse Restoration                 | 145,235.44                 |
| A. Fluegal Board of Health               | 1,086.79                   |
| RN Swift 1                               | 12,459.86                  |
| RN Swift 2                               | 277.22                     |
| Conservation                             | 54,724.42                  |
| Unfunded Liability                       | 103,075.68                 |
| Stabilization                            | <u>273,127.44</u>          |
| <b>TOTAL FUND EQUITY</b>                 | <b><u>\$929,589.12</u></b> |
| <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY</b> | <b><u>\$930,386.40</u></b> |

Attest:

Alan G. Coutinho  
Director of Finance

**TOWN OF ACUSHNET  
AGENCY FUNDS**

**BALANCE SHEET  
JUNE 30, 1997**

**ASSETS**

|  |                                   |
|--|-----------------------------------|
| <b>CASH and SHORT TERM INVESTMENTS</b> | <b>\$93,021.29</b>                |
| <b>DEF. COMP. INV. PEBSCO</b>          | <b>545,000.00</b>                 |
| <b>DEF. COMP. INV. COPELAND</b>        | <b><u>300,000.00</u></b>          |
| <b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>                    | <b><u><u>\$938,021.29</u></u></b> |

**LIABILITIES**

|                          |                                   |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Warrants Payable         | \$0.00                            |
| Deferred Compensation    | 845,000.00                        |
| Buttonwood Meadows       | 289.09                            |
| Greenwood Estates        | 772.37                            |
| Hathaway Farms           | 3,557.67                          |
| Heritage Estates         | 1,953.90                          |
| Oak Hill Estates         | 800.35                            |
| Mendall Hill Estates     | 2,595.06                          |
| Stoney Acres             | 726.35                            |
| Davis Farm Estates       | 368.05                            |
| Babineau Acres           | 0.00                              |
| Baker's Estate           | 267.27                            |
| Deep Brook Estates       | 1,578.71                          |
| Reservoir Estates        | 16,462.76                         |
| Squinn Brook II          | 919.42                            |
| Wild Rose Meadows        | 2,814.66                          |
| Wayland Estates          | 13,158.40                         |
| Apple Blossom Estates    | 13,564.90                         |
| Park Drive Extension     | 615.59                            |
| Golf View                | 3,649.58                          |
| Forestdale Estates       | 25,852.16                         |
| Outside Police Details   | <u>3,075.00</u>                   |
| <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b> | <b><u><u>\$938,021.29</u></u></b> |

Attest:

Alan G. Coutinho  
Director of Finance

**TOWN OF ACUSHNET  
LONG TERM DEBT GROUP**

**BALANCE SHEET  
JUNE 30, 1997**

| <b>ASSETS</b>                            |                           |
|--|---------------------------|
| <b>AMOUNTS TO BE PROVIDED</b>            | <b>\$13,300.00</b>        |
| <b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>                      | <b><u>\$13,300.00</u></b> |
| <br><b>LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY</b>   |                           |
| <b>LIABILITIES</b>                       |                           |
| Municipal Purposes Bonds                 | \$13,300.00               |
| Sewer Project Phase II Bond              | 0.00                      |
| Water Improvement Bonds                  | <u>0.00</u>               |
| <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>                 | <b><u>\$13,300.00</u></b> |
| <br><b>FUND EQUITY</b>                   |                           |
| Bonds Authorized (Water)                 | \$240,900.00              |
| Bonds Authorized (School Roof)           | 301,000.00                |
| Bonds Authorized (Golf Course)           | 5,800,000.00              |
| Bonds Unissued (Water)                   | (240,900.00)              |
| Bonds Unissued (School Roof)             | (301,000.00)              |
| Bonds Unissued (Golf Course)             | <u>(5,800,000.00)</u>     |
| <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY</b> | <b><u>\$13,300.00</u></b> |

Attest:

Alan G. Coutinho  
Director of Finance

# 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 .....             | 1100 |
| Number of dogs licensed .....                | 480  |
| Number of dogs unlicensed .....              | 973  |
| Number of kennel licenses .....              | 25   |
| Number of dogs caught .....                  | 54   |
| Number of cats .....                         | 27   |
| Number of dogs claimed .....                 | 35   |
| Number of cats claimed .....                 | 0    |
| Number of cats/dogs destroyed .....          | 15   |
| Number of cats/dogs adopted .....            | 30   |
| Number of dead animals .....                 | 97   |
| Number of complaints .....                   | 618  |
| Number of RABIES cases investigated .....    | 1    |
| Number of POSITIVE cases .....               | 0    |
| Number of hearings heard by Selectmen .....  | 1    |
| Number of dogs restrained by Selectmen ..... | 1    |
| Number of court hearings .....               | 0    |
| Total mileage .....                          | 4774 |

Respectfully submitted,

Alfred O. Bouillette  
Animal Control Officer

## **REPORT OF THE ANIMAL INSPECTOR**

To the Officers and Residents of the Town of Acushnet:

|   |     |
|---|-----|
| Number of dogs quarantined .....                            | 21  |
| Number of cattle inspected                                  |     |
| (Cattle including dairy cows, heifers, calves, bulls) ..... | 105 |
| Number of horses inspected .....                            | 52  |
| Number of swine inspected .....                             | 0   |
| Number of ponies inspected .....                            | 7   |
| Number of goats inspected .....                             | 48  |
| Number of sheep inspected .....                             | 9   |
| Number of chickens inspected .....                          | 50  |
| Number of turkeys inspected .....                           | 2   |
| Number of rabbits inspected .....                           | 11  |
| Number of donkey's and mule .....                           | 2   |

Respectfully submitted,

Antonio B. Camara  
Animal Inspector

# **REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH**

Thomas J. Fortin, Chairman  
Robert Medeiros  
Gerald Toussaint

Thomas E. Fantozzi, Health Agent  
Maria Otocky, Adm. Assistant  
Lori Walsh, Clerk

To the Officers and Residents of the Town of Acushnet:

The Board of Health respectfully submits the following report for the year 1997.

The Board reorganized as follows:

Chairman, Thomas J. Fortin  
Robert Medeiros, Inspector  
Gerald Toussaint, Clerk.

## **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.

## **Health District**

At the April 1997 Town Meeting, it was voted that a special article be submitted to the Legislature for early withdrawal from the Health District. The article was submitted and approved by the Legislature therefore making the effective date September 1, 1997. Regional Sanitarian Karen A. Walega, R.S. C.H.O. elected to stay with the Health District and the towns of Marion and Rochester. At this time the Board of Health would like to thank Ms. Walega for her services. The Towns memberships in the district enabled the Board to give the town residents services in a timely and professional manner, and show the need for a full-time person.

**Full-time Sanitarian**

As a result of the Towns withdrawing from the Health District the Board of Health welcomed Thomas E. Fantozzi as its first full-time Sanitarian. Mr. Fantozzi is a Registered Sanitarian, and a Certified Health Officer, and comes to us with many years in the Public Health field.

**Receipts for 1997:**

|                          |                    |
|--------------------------|--------------------|
| Permits and Fees         | \$40,198.79        |
| Clinics                  | 1,782.00           |
| Mobile Park Monthly Fees | <u>8,682.00</u>    |
| <b>Total Receipts</b>    | <b>\$50,980.79</b> |

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas J. Fortin, Chairman  
Robert Medeiros  
Gerald Toussaint

## **REPORT OF THE HEALTH AGENT**

As a result of Town Meetings' vote to leave the Health District, Regional Sanitarian Karen A. Walega left the Board's service, to continue with the remaining Towns in the District. The Board hired the Town's first full-time Health Agent, Mr. Thomas E. Fantozzi, R.S., C.H.O. on September 1, 1997. Mr. Fantozzi has over 26 years of Public Health experience both as a Health Agent in smaller communities, and as a Director of Public Health in larger cities. As a result of now having a full-time Registered Sanitarian, much of the back logs in soil testing and repair septic system installations were eliminated by the end of 1997. The number of septic system construction permits issued by the Board of Health increased from 86 permits in 1996 to 162 permits in 1997, showing construction of new homes, including plan review, new wells, and septic systems, accounts for approximately 50 percent of the Health Agents time.

In November, the Board of Health voted to administer the Title V Betterment Loan Program, as approved by town meeting, in-house and enable the Town to keep all of the \$20,000.00 start-up grant monies. This grant will allow the Board of Health to upgrade the computer system, and with new software, store all existing and new construction in the data files. Local administration will also shorten the time involved in engineering and construction of septic repairs, and should lower the cost for the property owners. This new system will also be utilized in streamlining all permitting licensing processes.

Long existing concerns about dust emissions from the Tilcon Capaldi (Acushnet Quarry) were addressed by the Board of Health and Selectmen's offices with neighbors and company representatives attending several meetings. This resulted in a Dust Remediation Plan being instituted by the company and approved by the Board of Health. The new plan will be initiated immediately, and monitoring of particulate matter will begin in the spring of 1998. This cooperation effort between quarry owners, Town Boards, and neighbors will result in a cleaner and healthier environment in the South Main Street section of Town.

Regularly mandated programs such as food service inspections, housing code enforcement, nuisance and public health complaint abatement, and private water supplies, continued on schedule. The Board of Health hopes to have local regulations pertaining to well installation and keeping of certain types of animals in place by the end of 1998.

The Board of Health members, along with the Agent, Administrative Assistant, and Clerk, are service oriented, and request that all citizens of Acushnet feel free to contact the Health office anytime concerning questions or problems they may have.

## **REPORT OF THE PACT PROGRAM**

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The PACT (Prevention and Cessation of Tobacco) Program completed its third year as the tobacco control program for the Acushnet, Marion, and Rochester Boards of Health. Funded by a grant through the Massachusetts Tobacco Control Program, the PACT Program office is located in the Marion Board of Health because Marion is the lead agency for the Board of Health Collaborative. This year the grant for the PACT Program was re-awarded for a three year period as of October 1, 1997. The big news is that two additional Boards of Health have joined our program. We are very pleased to welcome the Boards of Health of Lakeville and Mattapoisett to our collaborative!!

Ongoing compliance checks have been conducted in all three towns to insure that our youth are not able to buy tobacco products in our local communities. As many of you may have read in the news, Marion and Rochester experienced 100% compliance last winter. That means that every tobacco vendor in both towns complied with our local regulations. Across the state, communities with funded programs experienced an 81% compliance rate in April-June of 1996. Even though Massachusetts has the highest compliance rate in the nation, Marion and Rochester well exceeded the state average. Kudos to the merchants in these towns because they understand the importance of asking for a photo ID each and every time a young person attempts to buy tobacco products!!!

Many residents of the PACT Program communities have voiced concern over the high rate of teen smoking that has been highlighted in the media. Recently released data suggest that Massachusetts may be bucking the nationwide trend toward increased youth smoking rates. Despite nationwide upward trends, smoking rates among Massachusetts public school students (grades 7-12) were essentially unchanged from 1993-1996, and the use of smokeless tobacco actually declined during that period. It is the hope of the Massachusetts Tobacco Control Program that this is a hopeful sign and one that predicts a drop in our youth smoking rates over the next few years.

The PACT Program continues to co-sponsor large events such as the annual Youth Day at the Dartmouth Mall featuring a "Gear Swap" which offers youth the opportunity to exchange tobacco paraphernalia such as Marlboro hats and sweatshirts or Camel sports bags, for hats, t-shirts, water bottles and other items with a smokefree message. Our program also participated in a new event called "Familyfest" held at UMass/Dartmouth in which over 2500 area residents learned about healthy lifestyles and choices for kids of all ages.

One of the most rewarding aspects of directing this program is working as an advisor to a group of delightful and devoted teenagers who call themselves TASC (Teens Against Smoking and Chewing). These Old Rochester students are trained to participate in compliance checks in all three communities as well

as act as peer leaders at tobacco events such as Youth Day and Familyfest. They work as volunteers with enthusiasm and a sincere commitment to helping other teens to remain or become smokefree. In addition, they are the spirit and creativity behind the annual Marion 4th of July "tobacco education" Float which is generously sponsored for the third year in a row by the Tri-Town League of Women Voters. This year's theme was "Smokebusters" and the "Trial of the Century" which depicted a pack of cigarettes on trial complete with judge and jury. They won second place in the Civic Category. Many elementary school children from Sippican School joined the float project as well this year. It was heartening so see children of all ages working so hard to spread the message about the dangers of tobacco use!

The PACT Program once again coordinated tobacco education programs at area schools. As a member of the Health Advisory Council in all the schools in Acushnet, Marion, and Rochester, I coordinated five tobacco education events reaching students in grades 4-8. These events ranged from school assemblies and class presentations to a "Make Your Own Sundae" Party with a tobacco education slide show. Our mission is to reach children as early as possible to help them make informed decisions about smoking and chewing tobacco.

A relatively new area of service for the PACT Program this year has been sponsoring and promoting smoking cessation through Hypnotherapy sessions. This year we sponsored six tobacco education and hypnotherapy sessions for quitters (two of which were in our new communities of Lakeville and Mattapoisett) serving over 200 area smokers. The feedback was extremely positive, and we hope to continue to provide this service to residents wishing to quit smoking on an ongoing basis. In addition, we have promoted and facilitated two American Cancer Society "FreshStart" quit smoking tobacco education and support groups in the area. The good news is that local smokers are quitting in large numbers, and the PACT Program was there to offer help and support in any way we could.

Cable television has become another successful strategy in spreading the word about the health risks of tobacco use and environmental tobacco smoke. The TASC teens and I were involved in the taping of a program on "youth and tobacco" on Cable Access in New Bedford. In addition, the PACT Program was represented on a cable program with Ann Cinquini from the new MTCP funded coalition "Tobacco Free Greater New Bedford" and hosted by Len Roberts. Again, we hear positive feedback regarding these programs as well.

When the Massachusetts Tobacco Control Program was first funded in 1993, the goal was to reduce tobacco use in Massachusetts by 50% by 1999. At the time, this seemed like an extremely lofty goal to those of us starting out in a fledgling program. At that time, the 1993 Massachusetts Tobacco Survey (MTS) found that adult smokers were smoking an average of 20 cigarettes per day. That number fell to 14 cigarettes per day in the 1996 Massachusetts Adult Tobacco Survey (MATS). This represents a reduction of 30%, leaving three years to reduce consumption by another 20%. It actually looks like we will reach or exceed the original goal . . . nobody could be more surprised or pleased than we are!!

This could not have been accomplished without the support of both the local Boards of Health and the residents of the communities we serve. I want to personally thank the members of the Boards of Health of Acushnet, Lakeville, Marion, Mattapoisett, and Rochester for their continued support as we move forward to the year 2000!

Respectfully submitted,

Judith R. Coykendall, MSM  
Program Director

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

On June 30, 1997 the Bristol County Mosquito Control Project completed thirty-eight 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 Program 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 1997 mosquito season got underway with mosquito larvae appearing in many wetland areas by mid-March. Mosquito breeding sites were much larger than previous years due to the extremely high water levels. This resulted in unusually large broods of adult mosquitos.

We began our adult mosquito fogging program the last week of May. The demand for our service was intense as the residents were concerned about the safety of their children's health. Media coverage of a possible EEE threat for the 1997 season alarmed many residents that bordered wetlands.

Our calls for service this mosquito season were the highest ever. It was mid-July before we finally knocked the mosquito population down to tolerable levels.

Throughout Southeastern Massachusetts this season a total of 23 isolates of EEE virus were found in non-human biting mosquitos. Although the virus was found in two areas of Bristol County there were no human cases.

The Massachusetts Dept. of Public Health and the Bristol County Mosquito Control keep a close watch on the EEE virus activity to help insure the safety of the residents of Bristol County.

The Project answered all requests for spraying along with our regular spraying of known infested areas for a total of 3,099.6 sprayed acres.

During the spring and summer months 9.5 acres of breeding wetlands were larvicided.

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 353 permits and collected \$36,815.25 in fees for the fiscal year ending June 1997.

| DATE                               | PERMITS    | AMOUNT             |
|------------------------------------|------------|--------------------|
| July                               | 43         | \$3,892.00         |
| August                             | 27         | 1,559.00           |
| September                          | 33         | 2,646.00           |
| October                            | 33         | 3,609.00           |
| November                           | 20         | 1,877.00           |
| December                           | 18         | 1,501.00           |
| January                            | 14         | 2,300.00           |
| February                           | 17         | 2,506.00           |
| March                              | 20         | 2,744.25           |
| April                              | 33         | 3,663.00           |
| May                                | 45         | 5,473.00           |
| June                               | <u>50</u>  | <u>3,325.00</u>    |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                       | <b>353</b> | <b>\$35,095.00</b> |
| <br>                               |            |                    |
| Certificate of Occupancy           | 54         | 815.00             |
| Re-Inspection Fee                  | 33         | 740.00             |
| Certificate of Inspection          | 7          | 95.00              |
| Misc. (Copies, etc.)               |            | <u>70.00</u>       |
| <b>TOTAL BUILDING PERMITS FEES</b> |            | <b>\$36,815.25</b> |

Respectfully submitted,

Leo Lyonnais, Inspector of Buildings  
Chris 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 1997.

| <b>PERMIT</b> | <b>AMOUNT</b> |
|---------------|---------------|
| Addition      | 16            |
| Barn          | 3             |
| Deck          | 39            |
| Dwellings     | 75            |
| EMS           | 1             |
| Fireplace     | 26            |
| Garage        | 9             |
| Miscellaneous | 34            |
| Pool          | 32            |
| Porch         | 18            |
| Renovations   | 15            |
| Ramp          | 4             |
| Roofs         | 31            |
| Sheds         | 28            |
| Siding        | 5             |
| Windows       | 12            |
| Woodstoves    | <u>5</u>      |
| <b>TOTAL</b>  | <b>353</b>    |

Respectfully submitted,

Leo Lyonnais, Inspector of Buildings  
Chris Renfree, Deputy 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 82 permits for the fiscal year ending June 1997, and collected \$3,010.00 in fees.

| <b>DATE</b>  | <b>PERMITS</b> | <b>FEES COLLECTED</b> |
|--------------|----------------|-----------------------|
| July         | 2              | \$ 84.00              |
| August       | 9              | 302.00                |
| September    | 1              | 50.00                 |
| October      | 15             | 485.00                |
| November     | 6              | 223.00                |
| December     | 11             | 389.00                |
| January      | 7              | 274.00                |
| February     | 4              | 164.00                |
| March        | 7              | 256.00                |
| April        | 4              | 150.00                |
| May          | 12             | 444.00                |
| June         | <u>4</u>       | <u>189.00</u>         |
| <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>82</b>      | <b>\$3,010.00</b>     |

Respectfully submitted,

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

## REPORT OF THE PLUMBING INSPECTOR

To the Officers and Residents of the Town of Acushnet:

The Plumbing Department issued 101 permits and collected \$7,381.00 in fees for the fiscal year ending June 1997.

| DATE         | PERMITS    | FEES COLLECTED    |
|--------------|------------|-------------------|
| July         | 4          | \$ 407.00         |
| August       | 6          | 345.00            |
| September    | 5          | 402.00            |
| October      | 10         | 644.00            |
| November     | 9          | 420.00            |
| December     | 6          | 497.00            |
| January      | 9          | 708.00            |
| February     | 7          | 564.00            |
| March        | 8          | 534.00            |
| April        | 10         | 772.00            |
| May          | 12         | 948.00            |
| June         | <u>15</u>  | <u>1,077.00</u>   |
| <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>101</b> | <b>\$7,318.00</b> |

Respectfully submitted,

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

## REPORT OF THE WIRE INSPECTOR

To the Officers and Residents of the Town of Acushnet:

The Wire Department issued 250 permits and collected \$10,759.00 in permit fees for the fiscal year ending June 1997.

| <b>DATE</b>  | <b>PERMITS</b> | <b>FEES COLLECTED</b> |
|--------------|----------------|-----------------------|
| July         | 22             | \$1,014.00            |
| August       | 15             | 1,593.00              |
| September    | 22             | 855.00                |
| October      | 25             | 765.00                |
| November     | 16             | 578.00                |
| December     | 20             | 765.00                |
| January      | 16             | 834.00                |
| February     | 13             | 469.00                |
| March        | 18             | 565.00                |
| April        | 11             | 405.00                |
| May          | 28             | 1,446.00              |
| June         | <u>44</u>      | <u>1,470.00</u>       |
| <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>250</b>     | <b>\$10,759.00</b>    |

Respectfully submitted,

Frank Knox, Wire Inspector  
Victor Pereira, Deputy Wire 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) and collaborate with various town departments on wetlands issues. 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    | 9:00 - 1:00 pm | Secretary            |
| Tuesday   | 9:00 - 1:00 pm | Secretary            |
| Wednesday | 9:00 - 1:00 pm | Secretary            |
| Thursday  | 9:00 - 1:00 pm | Secretary            |
|           | 1:00 - 4:00 pm | Agent by appointment |
| Friday    | 9:00 - 1:00 pm | Secretary            |

The Conservation Commission holds its public hearings every second and fourth Wednesday night of the month at 7:00 pm in the new Community Center located at 232 Middle Road.

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

## **1997 Filings under MGL Chapter 131 Section 40:**

|   |    |
|---|----|
| Notice of Intent Applications                 | 29 |
| Requests for Determination of Applicability   | 27 |
| Requests for Certificate of Compliance        | 7  |
| Requests for Amendment of Order of Conditions | 19 |
| Requests for Extension of Order of Conditions | 3  |
| Enforcement Orders                            | 1  |

## **Commission Membership:**

The Conservation Commission welcomed a new associate member in 1997; Leonard Sameiro. As of January 1, 1998, the Board included:

Paul Picard, Chairman  
Walton Braley  
Bob Bertrand  
Mary Allison  
Laurell J. Farinon, Regional Conservation Agent

Ted Cioper, Vice Chairman  
Joyce Reynolds  
David Davignon  
Leonard Sameiro, Associate

### **1997 Achievements:**

The Conservation Commission was pleased to acquire an 11 acre parcel of land this year off Perkins Lane. Furthermore, an additional parcel on Mattapoissett Road situated between two other Conservation lots was donated as well as 5 acres in the Forestdale Subdivision. The land will forever be protected open space allowing residents to enjoy nature walks and the great outdoors. Also, in 1997, the clean-up of Davis Park off Lantern Lane was completed. This park may now be enjoyed safely with the nature trails clearly marked and a small area cleared for sitting. The park is the perfect location for a small classroom to learn about nature and science. The Acushnet schools have been notified of its availability.

Also, in 1997, a grant was obtained for the purchase of the Town's own Geographical Information System (GIS). This system enables the Town to incorporate all Assessors lot information with wetlands locations. In addition, GIS holds numerous possibilities to connect town departments to allow the rapid retrieval of information, enabling Town residents to obtain information and permits more quickly and provide the means for the Town to better plan for growth.

In an effort to educate the citizens of the Town in this sometimes confusing process of permitting, the following is the procedure of accepting applications for the Conservation Commission:

Building Department Applicants - In order to obtain a building permit, some lots in question must be inspected by the Conservation Commission. In order to be inspected, we must have a property map showing precisely where all proposed work will be done. This inspection is usually completed in one or two weeks.

Conservation Commission Applicants - Any activity proposed or undertaken which will remove, fill, dredge or alter any wetland or area bordering a stream, pond, river or land subject to flooding requires a filing with our Commission. When you do not know if there are any wetlands on your property, you may file a Request for Determination of Applicability (RDA). The response to this request is called a Determination and will either be voted upon as a positive or negative determination. Negative means either there are no wetlands on your property or that the wetlands which exist will not be impacted by any proposed work within the area subject to protection and its 100' buffer zone. A positive determination means there are wetlands on your property and that if you wish to construct within 100' of the wetlands you will have to file a Notice of Intent.

A Notice of Intent is a detailed application requiring an engineering firm to draw up necessary plans and paperwork. The response to this filing is an Order of Conditions. The Commission will vote to either give you a positive Order of Conditions or work with you and your engineer to come up with a workable solution so that a positive Order can be issued. This Order consists of conditions which state how construction is to take place so as to ensure as little intrusion and impact on the wetlands as possible. The Conservation Commission will record this document at the Bristol County Registry of Deeds once the Registry fee has been submitted to our office. After the Order is recorded, it places a lien on your property, which can only be removed by requesting and being granted a Certificate of Compliance once all the work has been satisfactorily completed in accordance with the Order of Conditions.

Respectfully submitted,  
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 a.m. in the office of the Drop-In Center of the Parting ways Building at 130 Main Street.

The Town of Acushnet has been awarded \$600,000 grant from the Department of Housing and Community Development for a new Senior Center. Occupancy at the renovated Burt School will increase in capacity from 50 at the Parting Ways Building to 360 once the Center is renovated. The new Senior Center is projected to be open to the public in December of 1998.

The Center is open to all seniors from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Lunch is served daily and free transportation is available to those who need it. Our seniors play Bingo every Monday and Wednesday at 12:45 p.m. and the Scrabble Club meets every Tuesday from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Senior Center.

The bus also picks up seniors who are able to get on and off the bus without assistance and takes them grocery shopping every Wednesday and Thursday morning. Seniors need to call us for bus pick up.

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

Shine Program: A representative will assist elders in understanding health insurance, help process claims, inform elders of their rights and assist with any problems involving health insurance.

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

We also deliver approximately 70 meals (Meals on Wheels) to our shut-ins on a daily basis.

Senior I.D. photos are taken by appointment. 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 and Com/Gas and Nynex, residents may now pay their utility bills at the Acushnet Credit Union, a great help especially for seniors.

We assist seniors in filling out forms for fuel assistance. Income tax forms are also filled out free of charge 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 Councils on Aging.

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 transportation to the Center for lunch and for grocery shopping.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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

# **REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

Richard H. Settele  
Debra J. Threlfall

Superintendent  
Senior Clerk

## **HIGHWAY DIVISION**

Raymond Barlow  
Leonard Spooner  
John Mello  
Paul Fortin  
Douglas Rodgers

Highway Supervisor  
Working Foreman

Brian Monte  
David Gifford

## **WATER/SEWER DIVISION**

David J. Fredette  
Antone Medeiros  
Mark Faunce  
John Genereux

Water/Sewer Supervisor  
Working Forman

Joel Herman

To the Officers and Residents of the Town of Acushnet:

The Acushnet DPW - Highway Division has been busy during the 1997 calendar year repairing streets; cleaning and repairing drain lines; clearing drainage ditches; constructing and repairing manholes and catch basins; repairing sidewalks; clearing roadside brush; street sweeping; sanding and snow plowing being the major tasks accomplished by the Department.

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 during off-duty hours to complete these emergency tasks.

In addition to the day to day accomplishments of the Highway Division the following special projects were completed in 1997.

Using \$150,000.00 of Chapter 90 Highway Fund the following roadways were reconstructed. Harbeck Street, Wing Lane, Elaine Way, Bertrands Way, Michael Way and Pageotte Street.

Upon completion of the Water Main Project in Nye's Lane the entire length and width of this roadway was resurfaced, ending what had turned into a long term inconvenience for residents.

The Central Fuel Facility located at the Town Barn was completed and put into operation. All Town Departments now use this facility and as a result

the record keeping for fuel use has been greatly improved. This is an above ground tank system. Any concerns over undetected leaks from the old in ground tanks have been eliminated by this new facility. This project was also funded through the Chapter 90 Fund.

A used street sweeper was purchased along with a large inventory of spare parts for the sum total of \$3,500.00. This purchase resulted from the last and most costly breakdown of the old street sweeper. The purchase was timely and very cost effective. We were fortunate to find this equipment at a time when it was most needed.

In addition to these projects the Department was able to assist the Park Department with land clearing, assist the Golf Course Committee with demolition work, reinstitute heavy item pick-up, install drainage pipe on Mendall Road and re-organize equipment storage at the Town Barn.

During 1997 we began curb side pick-up of recyclables in an effort to increase the commitment to reducing waste disposal at SEMASS. Our recycling rate has improved to 30% according to State records, but we still need to increase our effort to reach the State mandate of 46% by year 2000. About 1/3 of our residents recycle on a regular basis. We request that more people participate in order to save money on trash disposal and save the environment in the long term.

Finally, during 1997 we employed a full time mechanic to keep the DPW equipment in safe working order. All repairs are now done in-house at a tremendous cost savings to the Department.

## **WATER AND SEWER DIVISION**

A Supervisor for the Water and Sewer Department was hired in August 1997 to begin taking over responsibilities of the Department.

A Water/Sewer Division installed 1300 feet of new water main on John Street, Garfield Street, Hayes Street during 1997 including replacement of 4 hydrants and also repaired 7 leaks and/or water main breaks in the system.

Water service installations included 48 new homes and 36 repairs for a total of 84 new meter installations.

The fire hydrants in the system were flushed and tested for function during the year and re-inspected prior to the winter months.

The Nyes Lane Water Main Project was completed and put into service in October 1997.

Planning was begun on the replacement program of water meters for all sewer customers services in an effort to correct deficiencies in measurement of

water. Total water purchased from the City of New Bedford was 184 million gallons at a cost of \$250,9509.00

Results of initial well testing at the Hamlin Street field were encouraging and plans for further well development were prepared.

The Main Street Grinder Pump Project was completed in 1997 and the Intermunicipal Agreement was signed and executed early in the year.

Adjustments were made to the Slocum Street Pump Station measuring system to correct for problems encountered during unusual conditions. During 1997 the pump station recording equipment totalized approximately 60 million gallons of flow to the city of New Bedford Waste Water System.

A study was begun in an effort to evaluate and assess infiltration and inflow into the sewer system.

We would like to thank all D.P.W. employees and all Town departments for their cooperation and assistance during 1997.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth J. Souza  
Glen Alferes  
Janet Mello  
David Grenon  
Mark Souto  
Board of Public Works

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

To the Officers and Residents of Acushnet:

The Acushnet Emergency Management Agency are volunteers who are trained to support the work of Town departments, such as Police, Fire, E.M.S., Public Works and any other Town Organizations, as well as working with the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency and the Federal Emergency Management Agency. 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.

Since almost all of our repairs and improvements are completed by our volunteers, each tax dollar spent provides large returns to the community. With your support and our hard work we maintain our own office and communications center and provide the town with two emergency vehicles complete with on board generators. This year we were also able to replace two windows, vinyl side and insulate the building and install a new electrical service with the money and support that you gave us at town meeting.

This year we assisted in a variety of events such as: The Apple Peach Parade, Christmas Sing-A-Long, Acushnet Road Race and Fathers Day Road Race in Fairhaven. Also in 1997 we gave assistance with the Teen Dances at the Parting Ways of the Greens during the summer which was a great success.

In 1997, again I would like to thank SEMCARES, the Southeast Coastal Massachusetts Amateur Radio Emergency Services which is a group of 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. This year we also are involved more with the SEMCARES which will provide us with communications in case there are power and telephone outages and also when shelters are opened. SEMCARES will provide point to point communications and message capability when phone lines go down.

Our other involvement is with SKYWARN. This involves Amateur Radio operators who monitor the weather along the New England coast and report to the National Weather Service in Taunton, MA. Later this summer we will be holding a training class for SKYWARN spotters which will be held at the Acushnet Community Center on Middle Road. Also later this summer we hope to hold a class for people interested in becoming Ham Radio Operators.

Anyone interested in becoming a Member of the Acushnet Emergency Management Agency should contact our office at 998-0295 and leave a message on the answering machine. It has been our pleasure to serve the Town and we thank you for your continuing support.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gerard Bergeron, 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, 1997.

The EMS Building Committee diligently worked to get bids out so as to be able to secure the necessary monies needed to complete this project at an upcoming town meeting. Due to the long delay, we were faced with an increase in cost per square foot. Because of the generosity and recognition of need by the townfathers and townspeople, we were able to secure the monies and break ground on April 4th.

There were many trials and tribulations during the construction phase of the project. EMS management had many anxious moments. With the help of the Board of Selectmen and Town Accountant, we were able to soothe the waters. I'd like to thank Laura Ekstrom and Bob Lavoie for their tenacity.

We were able to dedicate the new Acushnet Emergency Medical Service Facility on December 21, 1997. We are very grateful to the taxpayers for supporting this project. We are pleased to announce we are 100% OSHA compliant.

Through all this, business and training went on as usual. I'd like to take this time to thank all the EMTs who were able to hold things together during a difficult period. Many new EMTs were hired and needed guidance. Without the help of many, we would not have achieved all projects.

It is with chagrin that I announce the retirement of Joseph Hampson from our EMS family. Joe was one of the original EMTs from 1981. He donated many hours and labor into radio repair for this department. I am pleased to see he will continue on as the communication officer.

We continue our plight of losing equipment. Some are from Med Flight transports and others are from transports to Rhode Island hospitals who do not have the capability of mailing back to us.

We continue to receive many ambulance requests directly into the EMS office. We urge everyone to take advantage of the E 9-1-1 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). This year we were fortunate to start teaching CPR classes to the Health class at the Middle School and babysitting classes to interested teens.

We currently staff 21 members. 17 are State EMT-D certified. Five are nationally certified EMTs. There are 12 CPR Instructors, 2 of which are CPR Instructor-Trainers, 2 are State EMT Examiners, 1 of which is a Chief Examiner.

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 1997.

The year's statistics are as follows:

| <b>EMS STATISTICS:</b>       | <b>1995</b> | <b>1996</b> | <b>1997</b> |
|------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Sex Assault/Rape             | 1           | 0           | 0           |
| Medical Emergency            | 463         | 271         | 404         |
| Trauma                       | 80          | 45          | 20          |
| O.D./Suicide                 | 7           | 8           | 8           |
| Medical Assessment           | 32          | 74          | 37          |
| Fires                        | 44          | 52          | 51          |
| MVA                          | 81          | 106         | 68          |
| Births                       | 0           | 0           | 1           |
| DOA 4                        | 8           | 8           |             |
| Drownings                    | 0           | 0           | 0           |
| Mutual Aid to Fairhaven      | 67          | 44          | 45          |
| Cardiac Arrest               | 11          | 7           | 12          |
| Mutual Aid to New Bedford    | 19          | 8           | 6           |
| No Trans                     | 107         | 103         | 97          |
| Mutual Aid to Mattapoiset    | 0           | 0           | 2           |
| Mutual Aid to Rochester      | 1           | 0           | 0           |
| Mutual Aid to Us             | 5           | 2           | 2           |
| Mutual Aid to Lakeville      | <u>1</u>    | <u>0</u>    | <u>0</u>    |
| <b>Total</b>                 | <b>923</b>  | <b>728</b>  | <b>761</b>  |
| <br>                         |             |             |             |
| <b>PARAMEDIC STATISTICS:</b> | <b>1995</b> | <b>1996</b> | <b>1997</b> |
| Treated                      | 137         | 129         | 139         |
| BLS                          | 44          | 57          | 53          |
| Monitored                    | 18          | 26          | 21          |
| Cancelled                    | 30          | 44          | 33          |
| Unavailable                  | <u>33</u>   | <u>28</u>   | <u>21</u>   |
| <b>Total</b>                 | <b>262</b>  | <b>290</b>  | <b>267</b>  |

**Yours In Service To Life**

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

Liseta Arruda  
 David Bernard  
 Kevin Black  
 Christine Cabral  
 Raymond Cabral

David Cooper  
 Vernon Ekstrom, CPR Coord.  
 Susan Forgues  
 Heather Hallett  
 Jennifer Johns  
 Jennifer Vargas

Mark Joseph  
 Patrick Mentzer  
 David Pereira  
 Michael Rebello  
 Amy Valente

## REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

To the Officers and Residents of the Town of Acushnet:

During calendar year 1997, your Fire Department responded to 232 calls for service classified as follows:

|                            |    |                             |    |
|----------------------------|----|-----------------------------|----|
| Structure Fires            | 22 | Outside of Structure Fire   | 5  |
| Vehicle Fire               | 12 | Tree Brush Grass Fire       | 1  |
| Refuse Fire                | 6  | Illegal Burning             | 1  |
| Air Gas Rupture            | 1  | Rescue Call Insf. Info.     | 6  |
| Emergency Medical call MVA | 32 | Extrication                 | 3  |
| Rescue Call Insf. Info.    | 2  | Wire Down                   | 2  |
| Spill Lake no Fire         | 7  | Power Line Down             | 4  |
| Arcing Elec. Equip.        | 1  | Aircraft Stand-by           | 1  |
| CO Hazard                  | 5  | Assist Highway Dept.        | 8  |
| Water Evacuation           | 5  | Smoke Odor Removal          | 2  |
| Animal Rescue              | 1  | Assist Police               | 8  |
| Unauthorized Burn          | 2  | Flooded Oil Burner          | 10 |
| Good Intent                | 3  | Smoke Scare                 | 11 |
| Controlled Burning         | 4  | Steam/gas mistake for smoke | 2  |
| Good Intent Not Classified | 8  | False Call                  | 2  |
| System Malfunction         | 13 | Unintentional Call          | 8  |
| Return before Arrival      | 3  | Undtmnd/Not Reported        | 2  |
| Mutual Aid Given           | 3  |                             |    |

The following permits, certificates, and reports were issued:

|                             |     |                      |     |
|-----------------------------|-----|----------------------|-----|
| Smoke Detector Certificates | 125 | UST Removal Permits  | 12  |
| Propane Storage             | 46  | Fire Report Request  | 7   |
| Tank Truck Inspections      | 7   | Blasting Permits     | 3   |
| House Plan Reviews          | 53  | Oil Storage Permit   | 58  |
| Oil Burner Inspections      | 66  | Open Burning Permits | 614 |

Town Meeting approved the replacement of Engine 5. This pumper will be delivered sometime in July of 1998. All other apparatus and equipment are in good shape. Through the generosity of the residents and the countless hours of donated time by members of the Fire Department, the Rescue Van has been placed in service. This vehicle carries additional rescue equipment needed at an emergency and also provides a support vehicle for the Fire/Police Dive Team.

The Town received another Student Awareness of Fire Safety Education Grant (SAFE) of \$4,100.00. This money will be spent on the 4th grade students of all the Town Schools.

The Annual Open House was held and attended by 150 people. Fire safety messages and displays utilizing fire department equipment was well received by the attendees.

Our Juvenile Firesetting Intervention Program with Mattapoisett Fire Department has gained a new member. Mrs. Jo-Anne Mason has volunteered her talents in helping us in this important endeavor. Both Jo-Anne and myself attended the Juvenile Firesetting Intervention Conference this past fall and came back with many new ideas. I feel our program has had good success and I will probably be looking for additional expertise from residents to make this an even greater year.

A special Thank You to the members of the Acushnet Firefighters Association for making our holiday season so bright. Without their financial support and dedication, this display would not occur.

Thank you, residents and officials for your continued support.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul R. Cote  
Fire Chief

## **REPORT OF THE HISTORICAL COMMISSION**

The Acushnet Historical Commission's work of historic preservation and education continued successfully during the year 1997.

In cooperation with the Commission, the Acushnet Historical Society ordered a total 150 copies of the reprinted *History of the Town of Acushnet* by Capt. Franklyn Howland of which 124 have now been sold. Orders have come in from all over the United States, wherever sons and daughters of Acushnet have settled.

Replacement signs were ordered, received and installed for the Leonard Boat Shop and Shockley House signs, both of which had been vandalized.

Steve Gilmore, with a helping hand from Marvin Allison, built two protective cases for our treasured 1880 bible and 1774 History of the Quakers. They were installed early in the year and should prevent a great deal of deterioration due to exposure to dampness and dust.

For a short period of time we employed on a per job basis the administrator of the New Bedford Preservation Society to research historical houses for us.

Unfortunately, she had to resign for personal reasons before she could complete the two jobs she was working on. We continue to search for a replacement.

We are still awaiting receipt from the State Archaeologist of the archaeological artifacts taken from the Golf Course and promised for our Long Plain Museum. We will continue to press for delivery of these artifacts in order to prepare a suitable exhibit in the Museum.

It was finally established by the Department of Revenue that the Commission, acting as trustees of the Meetinghouse Trust Funds, can accept gifts for the Fund as long as the donor is made aware of the Rules of the Trust. The Commission may also transfer income back into principal. The Commission is also allowed to request investment of the principal in instruments other than Certificates of Deposit, but the list of permitted investments has yet to be established by agreement among the Town Treasurer, the Trust Fund Commission and the Historical Commission. The discussions have been delayed due to the Treasurer's work in the long-needed financial reconciliation of the Town's accounts.

The Renfree family donated a wooden bench in memory of Howard C. Renfree who had been very active in the restoration of the Long Plain Friends Meetinghouse. A small brass plaque was ordered for the bench and Steve Gilmore installed it. The bench has been an attractive addition to the Meetinghouse concerts.

The Fairhaven Land Preservation Trust has been in conversations with Mark White regarding the donation of the historical White's Factory property on Hamlin Street. It is apparently intended for the White family to transfer the property to the Town of Acushnet with the Fairhaven Land Preservation Trust holding a preservation restriction on the property. The Commission voted in favor of this arrangement.

It is still planned to prepare a Whelden Mill Historic and Nature Trail down to the ruins of the Mill and to erect a protective fence around the site and prepare signage for both ends of the trail. Sources of grant funds for the project are still being discussed.

The Meetinghouse roof was finally watersealed. The Long Plain Museum building needs a new floor in the basement, new roofing and other maintenance and repair. As mentioned in previous reports, all maintenance and repair on the Meetinghouse is funded from the income of our trust funds and all work on the Long Plain Museum building is funded by the treasury of the Historical Society. The Society's principal source of revenue is the annual Apple-Peach Festival at which Society volunteers sell their succulent short cake and cobblers.

Commission members Marvin Allison and Irwin Marks have started work on a Historic Acushnet video. It is intended to produce a video that could be broadcast on local cable access TV and could also be used for instruction in the schools.

After over two years of work researching and arranging funding for the installation of a plaque commemorating the first site of settlement of Old Dartmouth in 1660 by John Howard, and after three attempts at Town Meeting to obtain approval for an appropriation for the project, it was at last approved and the beautiful bronze plaque finally installed on November 22nd, to celebrate not only the first settlement, but also the 25th anniversary of the Commission. Before an audience of about 25, and after a very informative and dramatic talk on the subject by Mr. Richard Kugler, Director Emeritus of the Old Dartmouth Historical Society - New Bedford Whaling Museum, the plaque, affixed to a large granite boulder, was unveiled by Mr. and Mrs. Herve Robichaud, owners of the Howard's Neck property. Acushnet has finally been recognized as the first settlement in the area.

Respectfully submitted,

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

# **REPORT OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY**

April of 1998 will mark our 24th 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 residential Terrace at 7:00 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:

| <b>NUMBER OF OCCUPANTS</b> | <b>NET INCOME RANGE</b> |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| One Person                 | Max. \$23,500.00        |
| Two Persons                | 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 five 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,

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

## **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 1997:

Regular meetings were held on the first Monday of the month at 8:00 p.m. upstairs in the Town Hall. Frequently a second or third meeting in each month was held. Special meetings and public hearings were scheduled as warranted.

The Planning Commission spent some of its time this year overseeing the compliance of the subdivisions as to roadways, drainage issues, lot releases and resident satisfaction with conditions within subdivisions.

The Planning Commission worked on researching and presenting the issues of retreat lots, common driveways, and golf course uses.

The Planning Commission authorized a map study of remaining buildable upland tracts in Acushnet.

The Planning Commission was consulted by many Town residents regarding lot problems, roads, and access, as well as use issues.

To further communication between the Building Inspector and the Planning Board, a new system of tracking and identifying released lots suitable for building was developed and seems to be working to the benefit of both departments, and the public.

Two preliminary subdivision plans were received:

1. Wood Duck Subdivision, off Keene Road - 14 lots
2. Sandpiper Subdivision, off Keene Road - 8 lots

Seven Form A's were processed this year: 4 on North Main Street, 2 on Gammons Road, and one off Main Street.

Two on-site meetings and reviews were held, at Burt Street and at Forestdale Subdivision.

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  
Richard H. Ellis  
Marc Cenerizio  
Gary Rawcliffe

## **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, 1997.

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

Six new part-time officers were given contingent offers of employment in November. Prospective officers Keith Ashley, Nelson DeResendes, Christopher Kershaw, Jason Matton and Edward Silva will join the force in April of 1998 contingent upon their graduation from the plymouth Reserve Police Academy. Those individuals have already passed medical, physical aptitude and psychological examinations. The sixth candidate, officer Michael Nunes, was sworn in on December 15, 1997. Officer Nunes was able to join the force before the others because he had previously graduated from a certified reserve police academy. All officers are 9-1-1 certified, they have received first responder training and will receive training in several other particular areas in addition to their academy training. The world is no longer a simple place. All hires must jump these many hurdles in order to protect the town and serve you as the public now expects.

Officer Gary L. Rousseau continued the D.A.R.E. program in the town's elementary schools and began teaching it in the middle school this past year. We are awaiting reviews to test the effectiveness of the middle school program.

The Police Department received numerous grants in 1997. We continued to receive Federal Monies for the Community Police Officer project and State Monies for the D.A.R.E. program although not enough to cover all expenses. We received \$19,000 toward the purchase of a new cruiser, \$11,000 for audio/visual equipment and \$1,200 for the purchase of radio equipment. The audio/visual equipment consists of cameras set-up in strategic areas of the stationhouse to record interviews and interrogations for legal purposes and a camcorder to be used for various functions such as the recording of major crime scenes.

Veteran officer Thomas Carreau was appointed to the Detective Division to replace Charles Pelletier who opted to return to uniform before his expected retirement from the Police Department in January of 1998. Charlie Pelletier's departure will leave a huge void as he was one of the most respected members the Department has ever employed. Detective Carreau has served the town well this past year as he amongst others attempt to fill that void.

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

The Town purchased a new 1997 Ford cruiser.

Officer Charles Pelletier received recognition from MADD as Acushnet's ninth Officer of the Year.

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

#### OTHER ACTIVITIES

|   | 1996  | 1997  |
|---|-------|-------|
| Complaints Answered                               | 6,405 | 6,488 |
| Parking Tickets                                   | 77    | 76    |
| Larcenies   | 187   | 153   |
| Breaking & Entering                               | 63    | 76    |
| Attempted Breaks                                  | 7     | 6     |
| Arrests - M/V, Narcotics, B&Es, Larceny, Warrants | 342   | 365   |
| Summons Served                                    | 310   | 224   |
| Stolen M/V  | 11    | 4     |
| Accidents Investigated                            | 136   | 129   |
| Fatalities  | 1     | 0     |
| Robberies   | 2     | 2     |
| M/V Citations                                     | 810   | 854   |

#### 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  
Christopher R. Richmond**

**Joseph R. Pontes  
Paul J. Melo  
Marc J. Antone  
Gary L. Rousseau  
Thomas L. Carreau  
John A. Bolarinho**

## **PART TIME OFFICERS**

**Donald J. Guenette  
James C. Pelletier  
Michael J. Nunes**

**James M. Vieira  
Gary A. Coppa**

## **DISPATCHERS**

**Annette Y. Richard  
Kimberly A. DeFrias**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Michael R. Poitras  
Chief of Police**

## **REPORT OF THE PARK DEPARTMENT**

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen, and the residents of the Town of Acushnet.

We respectfully submit the annual report of the Park Department to the townspeople of Acushnet. The past year was a busy and exciting time at Pope Park, as we continue to look for ways to improve the natural beauty and enjoyment of one of the town's most picturesque possessions.

Once again, we must thank the many individuals, groups and organizations for their continued support throughout the past year.

This years list of improvements include paved walkways throughout the main travel areas of the park. This addition will help to make the park more accessible to those who have had difficulty in the past. We hope to begin phase two of this project during the coming year.

Another major addition has been the underground automatic sprinkler system installed on the White Diamond. This system will allow us to supply water in a cost effective way with a minimal of man hours. The system was designed to accommodate the other ball fields when time and funding are available. The total cost of this system was donated to the town by the Acushnet Youth Athletic Association and its members.

Some other areas of improvement include the Shuffleboard Court, additional swings behind the Knox Diamond and new backstops to the Knox and pony league fields. Plus additional seating and picnic tables made by the students at Old Colony High School. Many areas also received a fresh coat of paint, thanks to the New Directions Organization.

The Summer Youth Program under the direction of Kathy Jason continues to grow. Each year the number of participants exceeding the previous year.

Other organizations and activities found at the park include the Phoenix Girls Softball League, the Annual Strawberries in the Park Festival and the charity softball game between the Police and Fire Department.

Future plans include the upgrading of the rest rooms and additional trees within the park. The continued clearing of the nature trail through the wooded area at the back of the park.

Special thanks go out to Mr. Ray Rivet and staff, and the Board of Public Works for efforts during the year. And to the Community Policing Program and Officer Melo for his presence and involvement at the park. And most importantly to you, the residents of the Town of Acushnet.

Respectfully submitted,

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

## REPORT OF THE RUSSELL MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Probably the most significant happening at the Russell Memorial Library is our move toward the eventual construction of a new library in Acushnet! A Library Building Committee has been formed. Members are Alfred Robichaud (chairman), JoAnn Bertrans (secretary), Ted Govoni, Deborah Healey, James Knox, Peter Koczera, Constance Preston, and Marylou Marques. Valdene Kane, Library Director, is an ex-officio member. Under the direction of the Selectmen, Mrs. Kane wrote a Building Program and a grant proposal for the planning and design phase of a new library facility. We received a \$20,000 grant upon the contingency of the Town voting matching funds. The matching funds were favorably voted upon at a Special Town Meeting on February 27, 1997. The Building Committee saw eight presentations by architects interested in drawing the schematics necessary for the application for a full grant. The Building Committee chose the firm of Amsler, Woodhouse, MacLean Architects, Inc. of Boston. Our first agenda is to find a suitable piece of land. The search is going on right now.

Our staff consists of 5 employees dedicated to providing the best possible service to the citizens of Acushnet: Valdene Kane, Director (6 years); Claudette Olivier, Assistant Director (19 years); Cecelia Tavares, Library Technician (19 years); Connie Preston, Library Technician (7 years); and Helen Guenette, Library Custodian (30 years!). A special celebration was given in honor of Helen for her loyal service. A certificate was awarded from the Selectmen's Office and a large article was on the front page of *The Advocate*.

Our small, but mighty, Friends of the Russell Memorial Library is led by capable volunteers, Connie Preston and Cynthia Marks. Our annual booksale was held on September 6, 1997. Mrs. Preston and Mrs. Marks would like to send special thanks to all those who helped: Cecelia Tavares, Deborah Healey, Norman Thatcher, Emily McLaughlin, and Rose Trahan. The moneys from the sale of these donated and surplus items go toward building our video collection and toward 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 children who had their own library card. Pizza parties were given to the top three classrooms. Thanks to the following merchants: Judy's D & D Pizza, Metro Pizza, and Papa Gino's. We used our grant from the Acushnet Cultural Council to bring in noted author, Janet Taylor Lisle. Mrs. Lisle presented three separate performances for third, fourth, and fifth grades. She talked about what it is like to be an author and where she gets her ideas. The children were marvelous listeners and many later came to the library to request her books.

Our fifth summer program was a great success. We had visits from Storyteller, Judith Black; The Gerwick Puppet Theatre; and Casey Carle of Bubblemania. The children created tie-dye shirts, crazy hats, windsocks, balloons, and snakes. We had a Mad Hatter birthday party with ice cream and cake.

All children who satisfied the requirement of visiting the library 5 times over the summer received a library certificate of accomplishment and a coupon for a free sundae donated by McDonald's Restaurants. The program "Celebrate! Read!" was supported by materials from the Eastern Massachusetts Regional Library System.

We would not be able 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 Company, Acushnet Firefighters Association, Acushnet Lions Club, Acushnet Manufactured Homes, Acushnet Police Association, Inc., Adams & Adams, Inc., Applied Technology Associates, Inc., Babe's Auto Body, Bay State Mobile Home Park and Sales, Blue Point Restaurant, Boissoneau's Garage, Car Fair, Charlotte Coutinho, D & P Contracting & Home Improvements, Mr. & Mrs. Roger Deschamps, Exclusive Yankee Ingenuity, Fresh Coats Painting & Wallpapering, Gagnon Liquors, JML Properties, Inc., Kingsley Signs, L & M Lyonnais, General Contractors, Lanzoni's Farmland & Greenhouse, Law Office of Shane A. Carlson, Leon's Outboard Motors, M.A.G. Irrigation, Inc., MVM Mechanical Contractors, Inc., Ralph & Marjorie Macomber, main Street Formals, Marty's Variety & Liquor Store, Murray's Auto Sales, Joseph and Jeanne Olivier, Paul Trahan Enterprises, Perry Farm Patchworks, Perry's Custom Carpentry, Quality Home Heating, Roseland Nursery, Margaret Plaud Rudler, Eugene J. Plaud, & Leon Plaud in memory of Antoine Rudler, Santos TV Service, Shaw's Supermarket - Fairhaven, Shaw's Supermarket - New Bedford, Stop & Shop Supermarket - Fairhaven, Stop & Shop Supermarket - New Bedford, Suburban Auto Repair, Jim Waskiel Furniture Refinishing and Repairing.

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, the videos, and the special programs for our children. We would also like to thank the Police Association for the additions to our children's video collection.

Our meeting room is open to any town group which needs a place to meet. Several groups made use of our facilities during year. The Brownies meet on Tuesday nights. The Bristol County Woodcarvers also meet once a month.

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 a computer 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 database, 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 access catalog from home. Please see a librarian for details.

In addition to our book collection, patrons may borrow videos, games, teaching kits, audiobooks, 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 \$10,393 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 library received a \$6000 Health Information Grant from federal moneys distributed to individual libraries by The Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners. These moneys will be used for programming and materials in health-related areas.

The trustees continue to support SEAL. The library has been on-line for approximately ten 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 1,000,000 unique titles. The linking of the administrations of SEAL and another network, ABLE, will also expand our access. Membership in SEAL has enabled the town library to provide services to our residents which would be otherwise impossible. Towns which chose not to join an automated network cannot provide their patrons with our expanded advantages. 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 library day or two of the original request. We receive delivery five days a week thanks to a locked box.

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

|                |           |                           |
|----------------|-----------|---------------------------|
| Library Hours: | Tuesday   | 1-8                       |
|                | Wednesday | 10-6                      |
|                | Thursday  | 2-8                       |
|                | Saturday  | 10-1 (Closed July/August) |

Library Phone Number: (508) 998-0270  
Library Fax Number (508) 998-0271  
E-Mail Address: dkane@sailsinc.org

Respectfully submitted,

Alfred Robichaud, Chairperson  
Christina Gaudette, Secretary  
JoAnn Bertrand

## **RUSSELL MEMORIAL LIBRARY**

### **Statistical Report 1997**

|                                    |        |
|------------------------------------|--------|
| Volumes at beginning of year       | 15,008 |
| Volumes purchased                  | 1,341  |
| Volumes donated                    | 103    |
| Volumes lost/withdrawn             | 595    |
| Volumes at end of year             | 15,857 |
|                                    |        |
| Periodical subscriptions purchased | 36     |
| Periodical subscriptions donated   | 72     |
| Total                              | 108    |
|                                    |        |
| Videos owned                       | 563    |
| Audiobooks owned                   | 85     |
| Music CD's owned                   | 100    |
| CD/ROM's owned                     | 83     |

### **Registration**

|                                |       |
|--------------------------------|-------|
| Borrowers at beginning of year | 4,002 |
| Borrowers registered in 1997   | 333   |
| Total                          | 4,335 |

### **Circulation**

|  |        |
|--|--------|
| Items borrowed                                   | 30,621 |
| Items borrowed from SEAL libraries               | 1,199  |
| Items lent to SEAL libraries                     | 2,249  |
| Items borrowed from libraries outside SEAL       | 33     |
| Non-resident circulation to in-state patrons     | 26     |
| Non-resident circulation to out-of-state patrons | 1      |
| Total  | 34,129 |

Respectfully submitted,

Valdene Kane, Library Director

## **REPORT OF THE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT**

I am very pleased to offer my first report on the Public Schools of Acushnet. This past year has been highlighted by change, growth and improvement. Joining the School Committee this past year were Frank Kuthan and Manuel Goncalves. Tricia Scott was elected Chairperson and Paul Robitaille was elected Vice-Chair.

The past year saw the return of music to the middle school and the re-institution of the band beginning at grade five. These programs were made possible by Town Meeting and have brought much excitement back to our schools; not to mention the wonderful learning opportunities which are once again available to our students.

Another special feature of our programming for this year included the initiation of a local "Horace Mann Grant Program". This unique program provides opportunities for teachers and others to submit proposals in order to fund special projects or programs which are missing from our overall program. Specifically, proposals are to provide opportunities for children which, without these grant monies, would not be possible. Examples of funded projects include: Building Bridges With the Past, nursing Home Visitations, Career Awareness, Respecting Cultural Diversity, Rocketry, and a Middle School Musical Production to be presented later this Spring. We are hopeful that funding within the School Department budget will be sufficient to continue this worthwhile and creative program.

Something new can be found on TV. A bi-weekly television program entitled "The Last Bell" has hit the airwaves. The half hour program aims to provide information to the community regarding the schools and the educational issues of the day. Tune into channel 2 and learn more about our fine schools.

The school age population in both schools continues to expand. A preliminary facilities study committee took a look at the situation and concluded that it would be wise to establish a School Facilities Study Committee as soon as possible to make recommendations to Town Meeting with regard to expanding school facilities in the most cost efficient manner possible.

The Ford Middle School continues to offer educationally sound and creative learning opportunities for students there. The year 1997 has been a year of growth for Ford Middle School. The October 1st enrollment for 1996-1997 was 361 students, the October 1st enrollment for 1997-1998 is 384. The student population is on a steady increase impacting our already limited physical facilities.

We have also noted growth in curricula offerings and program abilities. September 1997 brought back to Ford, after a long absence, instrumental music. Some twenty percent of Ford students participate in elective band with an anticipated increase to about one third next school year. Additionally, for the first

time middle school students have a vocal music option. Some thirty percent of grade 7 and 8 students have elected to participate. And for the first time we are able to offer our 6th grade students general music studies.

Our ability to include almost one hundred percent of our special needs student population into regular education classrooms with the support of special needs staff was made possible this year. This ability opens up fairness and equity to a special group of students in our community to fully integrate with their classmates for all or most of the school day.

We have also changed the way we organize our students for instruction. Having trial tested block scheduling in the 1996-1997 school year we have adopted this type of scheduling for all students in the 1997-1998 school year. The intent of this type of schedule is to provide teachers with longer blocks of teaching time and to avoid unnatural breaks of time in the teaching process providing more intense student time to task. The trade off in this type of scheduling is less frequent meeting in a week's cycle.

A special type of program found at the middle school level called advisor/advisee has been formalized with a set written curriculum and adopted for the 1997-1998 school year. This program offering is a teacher to student opportunity to form trust relationships and deal with developmental issues specific to this age group.

Of particular note has been Ford's growth in our ability to offer more opportunities for our students to access and use computer technology in day to day learning. We now have two computer labs, computers in the library, tech ed room and art room. This school year for the first time we are Internet connected. This alone offers our students and staff the ability to access learning resources throughout the world. These technology opportunities have been a tremendous asset to our students and staff. We hope some day to offer sufficient access to technology so that every student can use a computer every day.

Our staff has also grown professionally during the past year. Middle school teachers have been offered training in the application of critical thinking and other higher order skills across the curriculum. Additionally, staff have been offered training in a variety of computer related skills. Staff have also independently sought out training various skills and topics appropriate to their area of teaching.

We have been busy examining the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks and aligning them to the curriculum at Ford. Our staff meet regularly to coordinate instruction in grades 6 to 8 to the frameworks.

The Acushnet Elementary School continues to be a very busy place. During this past year:

- Wiring of the classrooms in the blue and green wings for computer networking and accessing the Internet. Numerous new computers were added to classrooms.

- **Celebrity Guest Reader Week, April 28, 1997, when local officials and guests came into the school to read to students.**
- **The Pizza Hut Book It Program was adopted. Students and parents read for a contracted period of time daily. In return for a parent signed certification of daily reading, students receive a coupon for a free pizza at Pizza Hut.**
- **The fourth grade had their first "Invention Convention". Students were asked to create an invention using either magnetism or electricity. Students then invited all of their parents to view their inventions and ask questions about the project.**
- **Air Quality testing was done to insure that the environment for our students and staff remains safe and healthy.**
- **The Science Curriculum was adopted.**
- **The Conference Room was cleaned up and new tables, chairs and white board were purchased.**
- **\$25,000 was appropriated for additional library books and materials.**
- **The Fire Department obtained a grant and instituted the SAFE Program in the fourth grade. Firefighters come into the school for four days to discuss fire safety.**
- **Grandparents were invited to join their grandchildren for lunch in the cafeteria.**
- **The New Bedford Ballet performed "Alice in Wonderland" for the entire school population.**
- **The Understanding Teaching Course was offered to twenty five staff members during the summer and on Saturdays during the Fall.**
- **We had a three day celebration in honor of the 25th year anniversary of the school. The slogan "A school is where a community places its values" was adopted.**
- **We had our first band performance on December 4, 1997.**
- **The addition of a person to serve as part time Assistant Principal and part time K-8 Curriculum Coordinator has addressed two of our greatest needs.**

**As always, Special Education has been a very busy department during 1997. The 1997 year has been very exciting in Special Education and the related areas. Our Pre-School Program has once again been nationally certified and accredited for its excellence.**

**Also in the areas of Early Childhood education, we have been notified by the Massachusetts Department of Education that our initial Community Partnership Grant has been renewed for a second year with an encouraging invitation to apply for a third year. This money allows the School Department to work with private day care providers, nursery schools, and private preschools in providing slots and services to children of working parents who meet the guidelines for these services.**

**During the 1997 calendar year, we have seen the Federal law on Special Education change significantly and we anticipate our own Special Education Law, known as Chapter 766, to also change significantly during the next year.**

With our efforts toward inclusion and student accountability well under way before the changes, Acushnet should not be as dramatically affected as some other school systems.

While this year has been dynamic and exciting, we are looking forward even more to the challenges during the next several years. We have an excellent staff and the cooperation between Special Needs personnel and Regular Education personnel continues to be a tremendous strong point as we improve our services to all students.

The School Committee and Administration have identified and implemented several short and long term facility objectives in a determined effort to provide to keep the town's facilities functions, safe, and attractive. Some of the activities that have been undertaken:

- Repaired and replaced internal heat controls and valves at the Acushnet Elementary School
- Installed carpet in the computer room at the Ford Middle School
- Repainted all the classrooms at the Ford Middle School
- Replaced circular pumps (boiler room) at the Ford Middle School
- To comply with Federal standards, replaced the fuel tank at the Acushnet Elementary School
- Installed fiber optic cable at the Acushnet Elementary School and Ford Middle School to provide a communication link between the schools and administration
- Installed 56K line at the Ford Middle School to access technology to the Acushnet Elementary School and Ford Middle School that would provide students with the means and opportunity to obtain, analyze and interpret information
- Contracted with Merrimack Education Collaborative Provide to promote and support the Internet as an educational tool to our school district
- Installed computer network drops at the Ford Middle School computer room and Acushnet Elementary School green and blue wings
- Replaced window shades at the Ford Middle School
- Repainted the kitchen and nurses' rooms at the Acushnet Elementary School
- Repaired and welded the boiler at the Acushnet Elementary School
- Successfully remediated a potentially serious "Air Quality" issue at both schools

## **Conclusion**

This past year has been one of great excitement and growth in the schools. Your School Committee is very proud of the achievements in 1997 and we are grateful for the generous support that we have received from the Town and the elected and appointed town officials at every level. Some problems will not go away and must be dealt with. School facilities, improving technology, spiraling Special Education costs and coping with the mandates of Education Reform will

continue to present challenges to our schools and community. If the measure of caring in a community is reflected in concern for and support of its schools, Acushnet has much to be proud of.

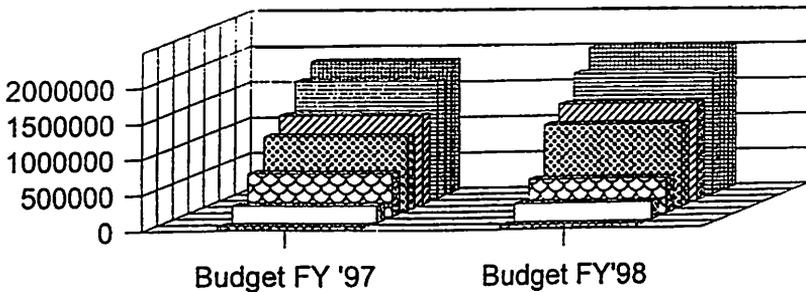
Respectfully submitted,

Harold G. Devine, Jr., Ed.D.  
Superintendent of Schools

**FY98 BUDGET BREAKDOWN**

| Description                  | FY97             | Budget FY98      | Budget Difference |
|------------------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Administration               | 239,550.00       | 249,400.00       | 9,850.00          |
| Acushnet Elementary School   | 1,644,990.00     | 1,729,990.00     | 85,000.00         |
| Ford Middle School           | 1,252,301.00     | 1,384,484.00     | 132,183.00        |
| Special Education Department | 1,040,910.00     | 1,183,141.00     | 142,231.00        |
| High school Tuition          | 1,845,672.00     | 2,004,740.00     | 159,068.00        |
| System Wide                  | 601,493.00       | 499,140.00       | (102,353.00)      |
| Adult Education Tuition      | 700.00           | 800.00           | 100.00            |
| Vocational Tuition           | <u>26,000.00</u> | <u>27,000.00</u> | <u>1,000.00</u>   |
|                              | 6,651,616.00     | 7,078,695.00     | 427,079.00        |

**SCHOOL BUDGET BREAKDOWN**



- High School Tuition
- A.E.S.
- F.M.S.
- SP. Ed.
- System Wide
- Admin.
- Voke. Tuition

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

During 1997 all gasoline and diesel fuel pumps which serve the public and are located in the Town were checked. All were found to be accurate.

In addition all scales used to weigh consumer purchases were also checked. At the time they were checked, all scales were found to be accurate. No illegal scales were found.

Fees collected and deposited with the Town Treasurer totaled \$645.00.

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 & Economic Development District during 1997. SRPEDD (pronounced sir-ped) is the regional agency serving twenty-seven cities and towns in southeastern Massachusetts. We are governed by a commission of local mayors, selectmen, planning board members and at-large members. We are funded by federal and state grants and local assessments. For 1997, 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 was represented on the SRPEDD Commission by Robert St. Jean and Marc Cenerizio. The Joint Transportation Planning Group representative was Richard Settele and Manuel Raposa.

Some of SRPEDD's more significant accomplishments during 1997 were:

- SRPEDD compiled and published 119 "priority development areas" and 60 "priority protection areas" as areas nominated by cities and towns where development is appropriate and encouraged or areas where preservation is important.

- SRPEDD organized the regionwide Vision 2020 Project to address growth issues in the 50 city and town area of southeastern Massachusetts. A Task Force of regional civic leaders has been organized to guide this effort.
- We completed the annual Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) which set regional priorities for \$229 million of Federal transportation funds over three years. The TIP budgeted funds for the Relocation of Rt. 44 from Carver to Plymouth, the first contract for the replacement of the Brightman Street Bridge between Fall River and Somerset, operating and capital funds for SRTA and GATRA, and other highway and bridge projects in the region; such as the Elm Street Bridge in Mansfield, the Crane Street Bridge in Norton, Tremont Street in Taunton, Davol Street at Rt. 6 in Fall River, Brook Street in Seekonk, and the Cranberry Highway in Wareham.
- SRPEDD worked with the two regional transit authorities, GATRA and SRTA, on issues such as route evaluations, marketing, service to elderly and disabled persons, ridership data evaluation, welfare to work initiatives, and special Transportation Demand Management grants for Wareham service and summer festival service for New Bedford and Fall River.
- SRPEDD maintains a web site which contains data and information about every city and town in the region - we can be reached at <http://www.srpedd.org>. SRPEDD also operates the Southeastern Massachusetts Data Center, providing information to businesses, cities and towns, and individuals.
- SRPEDD approved \$1,437,000 for 6 Transportation Enhancement projects in the region. Included was the construction of bicycle paths in Fairhaven, Fall River, and Wareham; planning and design funds for a Mattapoissett bike path; a Buzzards Bay stormwater mitigation project and a Runnins River Pollutant Remediation project in Seekonk.
- 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.
- SRPEDD continued to assist the ports of New Bedford/Fairhaven and Fall River/Somerset on harbor issues involving freight movement, dredging, national park planning, and passenger ferries.
- 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. The EDA priority projects for 1997 were: the Fall River, Kerr Mill Redevelopment; New Bedford, Rt.

18/Walnut Street Reconstruction (aquarium site); New Bedford/Dartmouth, Industrial Park Expansion; along with Industrial Park Expansions in Attleboro, Taunton and Wareham.

- SRPEDD conducts a district-wide traffic counting program and maintains a computer file of all available traffic count data throughout the region. SRPEDD undertook over one hundred 24-hour automatic traffic counts throughout southeastern Massachusetts, many of which included a calculation of the speed of traffic and vehicle classification.
- SRPEDD also compiled computerized accident records for 13 communities. 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 prepared the 1997 Regional Transportation Plan which identified future transportation needs in the region, and has just released a region wide Congestion Management Study which seeks to reduce traffic congestion. A special study, with an engineering consultant, is underway for four problem highway interchanges: Route 24/140, Taunton; I-95/Toner Blvd., Attleboro/North Attleborough; I-495/Main Street/Route 140, Mansfield; and I-195/Route 6, Swansea.
- SRPEDD prepared the Regional Traffic Accidents 1994-1996 report identifying the 100 most dangerous intersections and 50 most dangerous roads in the region.
- SRPEDD maintained a computerized Travel Demand Model that projects traffic volumes to the year 2020.
- SRPEDD continued its affiliation with the South Eastern Economic Development (SEED) Corporation, which makes loans to small businesses for expansion. In 1997 SEED approved loans to 118 small businesses in the amount of \$15 million. These loans leveraged another \$25 million in bank financing and are projected to create 600 new jobs.
- SRPEDD worked with the Mass. Highway Department and its consultant Vollmer Associates on the development of a Major Investment Study for improvements to Route 44 in Raynham, Lakeville and Middleborough. The key issue is the removal of the Middleborough Rotary and double barreling of Route 44. An Environmental Impact Statement will be released in 1998.

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

- Zoning Amendment Review
- SRPEDD computerizes accident data annually

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 & Economic Development District  
(SRPEDD)

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

The Acushnet Zoning Board of Appeals meets monthly, usually on the first Monday of each month. During 1997 twenty eight appeals were heard.

Two appeals involved Town projects - the Golf Course and the new E.M.T. Building. Both were approved.

Eight appeals were for commercial or business uses. Of these two were withdrawn, two were denied and four were granted.

Eighteen appeals were for residential uses. Of these fourteen were granted, and four were denied.

One decision of the Acushnet Zoning Board of Appeals was appealed to the Superior Court. This appeal was subsequently withdrawn.

Filing fees were waived for the two Town projects. Business - Commercial fees of \$1,800.00 and Residential fees of \$2,250.00 were collected by the Town Treasurer, for a total of \$4,050.00.

During 1997, Patricia Braley resigned as an Alternate Board Member. Ronald Matton was appointed by the Selectmen to replace here.

Respectfully submitted,

Lawrence G. Marshall, Chairman  
Carol Westgate, Vice-Chairperson  
Henry Preston  
Gerald Toussaint  
Barbara Mello  
Gary Lemos, Alternate  
Ronald Matton, Alternate

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## ACUSHNET AT A GLANCE

Incorporated: February 13, 1860

Type of Government: Open Town Meeting

Population: 9,209

9,554 (State Census)

Total Valuation

Class 1 and 2 Tax Rate: \$13.18 per \$1,000 (Fiscal Year 1997)

Class 3 and 4 Tax Rate: \$15.44 per \$1,000 (Fiscal year 1997)

Registered Voters: 5,906

Total Area: 18 Square Miles

Churches: 6

Public Schools: 2

Parochial Schools: 1

Regional School: 1

Principal Industries:

golf ball mfg., 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

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Annual Election of Officers: 1st Monday in April

Annual Town Meeting: 4th Monday in April