

Town Records and Reports
of the
TOWN OFFICERS



TOWN OF ACUSHNET



2004

IN MEMORIAM

Ralph F. Macomber
Acushnet Historical Society
Conservation Commission
Date of Death – January 9, 2004

Ferdinand B. Sowa
Town Attorney
Date of Death – January 26, 2004

Timothy Sherman
Department of Public Works
Date of Death – February 7, 2004

Vivian L. Johns
Emergency Medical Technician
Date of Death – February 8, 2004

Raymond P. Veary, Sr.
Acushnet Historical Society
Date of Death – March 24, 2004

David M. Tomlinson
Board of Selectmen
Board of Public Works Member
Date of Death – May 10, 2004

Eva Mach
Election Warden
Date of Death – May 19, 2004

Raymond J. Boudreau
Volunteer Firefighter
Date of Death – May 21, 2004

Barbara St. Laurent
School Teacher
Date of Death – November 13, 2004

Lewis W. Elgar, Jr.
Call Firefighter
Safety Committee Member
Date of Death – December 11, 2004

TOWN OFFICERS 2004

TOWN CLERK

Richard Threlfall Term Expires 2005

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Robert J. St. Jean, Chairman Term Expires 2006
David Tomlinson Deceased May 10, 2004 Term Expires 2005
Robert Brown Elected August 23, 2004 Term Expires 2005
David Wojnar Term Expires 2007

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Michael Cioper, Chairman Term Expires 2007
Robert Brown Term Expires 2005
George H. Perry, Jr. Term Expires 2006

BOARD OF HEALTH

Robert Medeiros, Chairman Term Expires 2005
Gerald L. Toussaint Term Expires 2006
Thomas J. Fortin Term Expires 2007

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

JoAnn Bertrand, Chairman Term Expires 2005
Robert Lanzoni Term Expires 2005
Mary Louise Francis Term Expires 2006
Douglas Coray Term Expires 2007
Manuel D. Goncalves Term Expires 2007

COMMISSIONER OF TRUST FUNDS

Marc E. LaPlante, Chairman Term Expires 2006
Craig A. Souza Term Expires 2005
William A. Krause, Jr. Term Expires 2007

TRUSTEES OF FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Robert Bartolome, Chairman	Term Expires 2007
Christine Gaudette	Term Expires 2005
Anne Verissimo	Term Expires 2005
James Knox	Term Expires 2006
Alfred H. Robichaud	Term Expires 2006
Lori Gonsalves	Term Expires 2007

CEMETERY BOARD

Paul H. Fortin, Chairman	Term Expires 2006
Joanne Cioper	Term Expires 2005
Charlene Fortin	Term Expires 2007

PARK COMMISSIONER

Marc J. Antone, Chairman	Term Expires 2005
Gary H. Wilson	Term Expires 2006
Joseph Lopes, Jr.	Term Expires 2007

HOUSING AUTHORITY

Nancy Brightman, Chairman	Term Expires 2006
Lawrence G. Marshall	Term Expires 2005
Lawrence P. Mulvey	Term Expires 2007
James S. Madruga, Jr.	Term Expires 2009
David R. White	State Appointed

PLANNING BOARD

Marc Cenerizio, Chairman	Term Expires 2007
Richard H. Ellis	Term Expires 2005
Mark DeSilva	Term Expires 2006
Richard P. Forand	Term Expires 2008
Leo N. Coons, Jr.	Term Expires 2009

MODERATOR

Robert E. Francis	Term Expires 2005
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TREE WARDEN

Everett L. Hardy, Jr.	Term Expires 2005
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BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

Michael J. Kennefick, Chairman
Rene Racine
Kenneth J. Souza
Charles Vieira
Garry L. Rawcliffe

Term Expires 2006
Term Expires 2005
Term Expires 2005
Term Expires 2006
Term Expires 2007

**TOWN OATHS ADMINISTERED BY RICHARD THRELFALL
TOWN CLERK 2004**

Date of Oath 2004	Name	Office	Date of Election or Appointment	Term Expires
01/02/04	Rousseau, Leo	By-Law Review Committee	Appt. 05/05/03	05/01/06
	Rousseau, Leo	Downtown Steering Committee	Apt. 05/01/03	05/01/05
01/05/04	Dr. Mary Louise Francis	School Committee	Apt. 12/15/03	04/05/04
02/09/04	Shane Cabral	Police Dept.	Apt. 10/20/03	
	Jeremy DeMello	Police Dept.	Apt. 10/20/03	
	Jeremy Fontes	Police Dept.	Apt. 10/20/03	
	Betty White	Insp.-Prec. III	Apt. 06/23/03	05/01/05
03/04/04	Lorraine Hunter	Beautification Committee	Apt. 02/23/04	05/01/06
	JoAnn Bertrand	C.P.A.Comm.	Resigned	03/11/04
04/02/04	Jeanne L.Duggan	Twn. Mtg Teller	Apt. 03/31/04	03/31/07
	Susanne Sounik	Twn. Mtg. Teller	Apt. 03/31/04	03/31/07
	Roland LaVallee	Veteran's Agent	Resigned	04/06/04
	Barry S. Williams	Asst. Wire Inspector	Resigned	04/08/04
04/08/04	David E. Wojnar	Bd. Of Selectmen	Elected 04/05/04	04/01/07
	Michael A. Cioper	Assessor	Elected	04/01/07
	Thomas J. Fortin	Bd. Of Health	Elected	04/01/07
	Manuel D. Goncalves	School Comm.	Elected	04/01/07
	Douglas Coray	School Comm.	Elected	04/01/07
	Dr. Mary Louise Francis	School Comm.	Elected	04/01/06
	William A. Krause Jr.	Comm. Of Trust Funds	Elected	04/01/07
	Robert J. Bartolome	Trustee Free Public Library	Elected	04/01/07
	Lori Gonsalves	Trustee Free Public Library	Elected	04/01/07
04/08/04	Charlene Fortin	Trustee Free Public Library	Elected 04/05/04	04/01/07

04/08/04	James Madrugá Jr.	Housing Authority	Elected 04/05/04	04/01/09
	Joseph Lopes, Jr.	Park Commissioner	Elected	04/01/07
	Leo N. Coons, Jr.	Planning Commissioner	Elected	04/01/09
	Mark M. DeSilva	Planning Commissioner	Elected	04/01/06
	Garry L. Rawcliffe	Bd. Of Public Works	Elected	04/01/07
04/16/04	Joseph G. Costa	Asst.Herring Warden	Apt.04/06/04	05/01/06
04/26/04	Stella Bertrand	Council on Aging	Apt. 04/21/04	05/01/07
	Lewis Elgar Jr.	Safety Comm.	Apt. 04/21/04	05/01/07
	Walter S. Dalton Jr.	Cultural Council	Apt. 04/21/04	05/01/07
04/26/04	Kevin Gallagher	Forest Warden	Apt. 04/21/04	05/01/05
	Kevin Gallagher	Inspector of Garages	Apt. 04/21/04	05/01/05
	Kevin Gallagher	Safety Committee	Apt. 04/21/04	05/01/05
	Kevin Gallagher	Street Naming Committee	Apt. 04/21/04	05/01/05
	Ruth Gilmore	Council on Aging	Apt. 04/21/04	05/01/07
	Raymond LeBlanc	By-Law Review Committee	Apt. 04/21/04	05/01/07
	Irwin Marks	Historical Commission	Apt. 04/21/04	05/01/07
	Robert Medeiros	Deputy Shellfish Warden	Apt. 04/21/04	05/01/06
	John Roza, III	Enforcement Agt. Bd of Selectmen	Apt. 04/21/04	05/01/05
	John Roza, III	Portable Sign Committee	Apt. 04/21/04	05/01/05
	Pauline Teixeira	Historical Comm.(Alternate)	Apt. 04/21/04	05/01/07
04/27/04	Marc Antone	Community Preservation Comm.	Apt. 04/21/04	05/01/07
	Ellen Hardy	Community Preservation Comm.	Apt. 04/21/04	05/01/07
	Jos. Lopes, Jr.	Golf Mgmt & Oper. Committee	Apt. 04/21/04	05/01/05
	J.Geo.O'Brien	Council on Aging	Apt. 04/21/04	05/01/07
04/28/04	Theo.Machado	Scaler of Wgts. & Measures	Apt. 04/21/04	05/01/05

04/28/04	Dorothy Szyndlar	Council on Aging	Apt. 04/21/04	05/01/07
04/29/04	David Lee Botas	Constable	Apt. 05/01/04	05/01/07
	Dianna Couto	Cultural Council	Apt. 04/21/04	05/01/07
	William Duggan	Council on Aging	Apt. 04/21/04	05/01/07
	Paul Trahan	Tax Shift Comm.	Apt. 04/21/04	05/01/06
04/30/04	Lillian Contois	Twn. Mtg. Teller	Apt. 04/26/04	05/01/05
	Karen Jachna	Asst. Animal Control Officer	Apt. 04/21/04	05/01/05
	Aline Saulniers	Twn. Mtg. Teller	Apt. 04/26/04	05/01/05
	Rebekah Tomlinson	Animal Control Officer	Apt. 04/21/04	05/01/05
05/03/04	Dorothy Gomes	Council on Aging	Apt. 04/21/04	05/01/07
	Madeline Gwozdz	Historical Commission	Apt. 04/21/04	05/01/07
	Florence Lecuyer	Twn. Mtg. Teller	Apt. 04/26/04	05/01/05
05/04/04	Marc Cenerizio	Tax Shift Comm.	Apt. 04/21/04	05/01/06
	Paul B. Hipolito	Bd. Of Appeals (Alternate)	Apt. 04/21/04	05/01/09
05/06/04	Kerrie Almeida	Weigher -P.J. Keating	Apt. 04/21/04	05/01/06
	Laurie Avery	Tax Title Custodian	Apt. 04/21/04	05/01/05
05/06/04	David Froh	Weigher-P.J. Keating	Apt. 04/21/04	05/01/06
	Gloria Lavoie	Historical Commission	Apt. 04/21/04	05/01/07
	Patricia Picard	Conservation Commission	Apt. 04/21/04	05/01/07
	Filomenia Yuille	Weigher-P.J. Keating	Apt. 04/21/04	05/01/06
05/17/04	Irene Bouchard	Council on Aging	Apt. 04/21/04	05/01/07
	Victor J. Pereira	Deputy Wire Inspector	Apt. 04/21/04	05/01/05
05/18/04	Geraldine Reed	Twn. Mtg Teller	Apt. 04/26/04	05/01/05
05/19/04	Ed Isaac	Golf Mgmt & Oper. Committee	Apt. 04/21/04	05/01/05
05/19/04	Sara Josefek	Twn. Mtg. Teller	Apt. 04/26/04	05/01/05

05/20/04	Marc E. Laplante	Constable	Apt. 04/21/04	05/01/07
05/25/04	Steven M. Pina	Deputy Bldg. Inspector	Apt. 04/21/04	05/01/05
05/26/04	Herve W. Vandal, Jr.	Constable	Apt. 04/21/04	05/01/07
05/27/04	Ginger Miller	Registrar of Voters	Apt. 05/24/04	05/01/05
06/01/04	Christine T. Krause	Registrar of Voters	Apt. 05/24/04	05/01/05
	Christine T. Krause	Tw'n Mtg Teller	Apt. 04/26/04	05/01/05
	Carol Westgate	Bd. Of Appeals	Apt. 05/24/04	05/01/09
06/02/04	Louise Richard	Historical Commission	Apt. 04/21/04	05/01/07
	Paul Trahan	Bd. Of Appeals	Apt. 05/24/04	05/01/06
06/07/04	John Howcroft	Finance Comm.	Apt. 05/10/04	05/01/07
	John Howcroft	Golf Mgmt & Oper. Committee	Apt. 04/21/04	05/01/05
	John Howcroft	Tax Shift Comm.	Apt. 04/21/04	05/01/06
06/08/04	Frank J. Adesso	Constable	Apt. 04/21/04	05/01/07
06/09/04	George F. Bevilacqua	Veteran's Agent	Apt. 06/08/04	05/01/05
	Thomas DeCosta	Deputy Wire Inspector	Apt. 06/07/04	05/01/05
06/25/04	Kelli A. Tomlinson	Constable	Apt. 06/07/04	05/01/07
07/13/04	Paul Sylvia	Special Police Officer	Apt. 07/12/04	05/01/06
09/09/04	Jeanne M. Siwik	Cultural Council	Apt. 05/24/04	05/01/07
09/20/04	Thomas DeCosta	Community Preservation Comm.	Apt. 09/02/04	05/01/05
09/02/04	Jean P. Stripinis	Library Bldg. Committee	Apt. 09/02/04	Completion of Project
09/22/04	Donna G. Forand	Library Bldg. Committee	Apt. 09/02/04	Completion of Project

RESULTS OF THE PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION
HELD ON MARCH 2, 2004

Register of Voters as of Close of Registration on February 23, 2004

	Demo Crat	Green Rainbow	Inter 3 rd Party	Liber tarian	Rebub lican	Unen rolled	Total
Precinct I	941	2	1	8	126	1088	2166
Precinct II	1006	2		16	212	1310	2546
Precinct III	885	2	2	13	195	1356	2453
Totals	2832	6	3	37	533	3754	7165

CLERK'S REPORT –PRECINCT I

To the Town Clerk

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

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

Box register when polls were opened 0.

Number of votes cast to be counted 438.

Number of ballots spoiled 2.

Number of Escrow ballots cast 0.

Number of ballots void or not used 1367.

Number of ballots received 1793 plus 14 Absentee ballots.

The following officers were present:

Warden: Eva Mach

Clerk: Juliana Perry

Inspectors: Gloria Bernier, Dorothy Gomes, Claire Gonsalves, Marie Hardy, Genevieve Linhares, Susan Sounik.

Police Officers: John Bolarinho, Thomas Carreau.

Polls were closed at 8:00 P.M. and the ballot box registered 438.

A true record: Attest:s/ Juliana Perry

Clerk of Election Officers

Attest:

Richard Threlfall, Town Clerk

CLERK'S REPORT – PRECINCT II

To the Town Clerk

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

Polls were opened at 7:00 A.M. by Lucille Ledoux-Hardy, Warden.

Box register when polls were opened 0.

Number of votes cast to be counted 438.

Number of ballots spoiled 2.

Number of Escrow Ballots 0.

Number of ballots void or not used 1201.

Number of ballots received 1803 plus 14 Absentee ballots.

RESULTS OF THE PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION
HELD ON MARCH 2, 2004 (Cont.)

The following officers were present:

Warden: Lucille Ledoux-Hardy Deputy Warden: Lillian Contois
 Deputy Clerk: Dorothy Daniels

Inspectors: Stella Bertrand, Lillian Contois, Lorraine Dabrowski, Alice Kut, Rose Procyk,
 Jeannette Pepin.

Police Officers: Paul Melo, Michael Matton.

Polls were closed at 8:00 P.M. and the ballot box registered 438.

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

CLERK'S REPORT – PRECINCT III

To the Town Clerk

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

Polls were opened at 7:00 by Irene Decotis, Warden.

Box register when polls were opened 0.

Number of votes cast to be counted 370.

Number of ballots spoiled 1.

Number of Escrow Ballots cast 0.

Number of ballots void or not used 1438.

Number of ballots received 1800 plus 9 Absentee ballots.

The following officers were present:

Warden: Irene Decotis Deputy Warden: Betty White
 Clerk: Dorothy Lackie Deputy Clerk: Betsy Ellis

Inspectors: Florence Lecuyer, Aline Saulniers, Geraldine Frates, Deborah Medeiros.

Police Officers: Brian Humenuk, Keith Ashley.

Polls were closed at 8:00 P.M. and the ballot box registered 370.

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

DEMOCRATIC RESULTS

	<u>PREC. I</u>	<u>PREC. II</u>	<u>PREC. III</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE</u>				
Blanks	9		3	16
Richard Gephardt	2		1	8
Joseph Liberman	2		1	4
Wesley K. Clark	2		2	5
Howard Dean	1		5	11
Carolyn Moseley Braun	2		0	4
John Edwards	44		38	114
Dennis J. Kucinich	4		2	8

RESULTS OF THE PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION
HELD ON MARCH 2, 2004 (Cont.)

	<u>PREC. I</u>	<u>PREC. II</u>	<u>PREC. III</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE (Cont.)</u>				
John F. Kerry	346	351	299	996
Lyndon H LaRouche, Jr.	0	1	1	2
Al Sharpton	3	0	1	4
No Preference	1	3	0	4
Write-Ins				
George Bush	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>
Total	416	414	348	1178

STATE COMMITTEE MAN

Blanks	45	44	22	111
Robert M. Koczera	312	313	270	895
John R. Pimental	<u>59</u>	<u>57</u>	<u>56</u>	<u>172</u>
Total	416	414	348	1178

STATE COMMITTEE WOMAN

Blanks	413	406	348	1167
Write-Ins				
Diane Nunes	0	1	0	1
Linda Morad	0	1	0	1
Edith Andrews	0	1	0	1
Dorothy Koczera	0	1	0	1
Leanne Pereira	0	2	0	2
Diane St. Armand	0	1	0	1
Marty Xifaras	0	1	0	1
Elsie Souza	2	0	0	2
Dorothy Gomes	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>
Total	416	414	348	1178

TOWN COMMITTEE

Blanks	11070	12339	10062	33471
Group				
Robert J. St. Jean	325	234	215	774
Robert M. Lanzoni	299	155	155	609
Leanne Pereira	283	138	160	581
Rafael V. Leonor	267	127	140	534
David Tomlinson	283	166	167	616
Rebekah Tomlinson	277	156	167	600
David Edward Wojnar	305	205	188	698
William Murphy	276	135	143	554
Alfred H. Robichaud	287	141	151	579

RESULTS OF THE PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION
HELD ON MARCH 2, 2004 (Cont.)

	<u>PREC. I</u>	<u>PREC. II</u>	<u>PREC. III</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>TOWN COMMITTEE (Cont.)</u>				
Raymond Desimas	275	133	139	547
Candida R. Howcroft	281	143	146	570
Geraldine D. Frates	294	172	167	633
<u>Write-ins</u>				
Holly Raposa	0	0	1	1
Jeanne Gatonska	0	0	1	1
Leo Rousseau	0	0	2	2
John Bolarinho	0	0	1	1
Gary Crowell	0	0	1	1
Ed Morris	0	0	1	1
Alfred Robillard	0	1	0	1
Valarie Lacasse	0	1	0	1
Robert Medeiros	1	0	0	1
Gerard Medeiros	1	0	0	1
Ron Pelletier	1	0	0	1
Debra Pelletier	1	0	0	1
Total	14526	14246	12007	40779

REPUBLICAN RESULTS

	<u>PREC. I</u>	<u>PREC. II</u>	<u>PREC. III</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE</u>				
Blanks	0	1	0	1
George W. Bush	15	15	21	51
No Preference	6	4	1	11
<u>Write-ins:</u>				
John Kerry	1	1	0	2
Total	22	21	22	65

STATE COMMITTEE MAN

Blanks	5	1	2	8
Arthur C. Larrivee	11	14	13	38
Gregory O. Pineau	6	5	7	18
<u>Write-ins:</u>				
Robert Koczera	0	1	0	1
Total	22	21	22	65

RESULTS OF THE PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION
HELD ON MARCH 2, 2004 (Cont.)

	<u>PREC. I</u>	<u>PREC. II</u>	<u>PREC. III</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>STATE COMMITTEE WOMAN</u>				
Blanks	3	1	3	7
Irene B. Schall	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>58</u>
Total	22	21	22	65

TOWN COMMITTEE

Blanks	61	62	59	182
<u>Write-ins:</u>				
John Vinagre	0	0	1	1
Daniel T. Duggan	0	0	1	1
Diane Barlow	0	0	1	1
John Medeiros	0	0	1	1
Gary Rousseau	0	0	1	1
Ted Cioper	0	0	1	1
Patricia Scott	0	0	1	1
Rich Labelle	0	1	0	1
Leo Rousseau	1	0	0	1
James Souza	1	0	0	1
Roland Lavallee	1	0	0	1
Walt Braley	1	0	0	1
Lola Pearson	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>
Total	66	63	66	195

LIBERTARIAN RESULTS

	<u>PREC. I</u>	<u>PREC. II</u>	<u>PREC. III</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE</u>				
Blanks	0	1	0	1
Jeffery Diket	0	1	0	1
Ruben Perez	0	1	0	1
Aaron Russo	0	0	0	0
Michael Badnarik	0	0	0	0
Gary Nolan	0	0	0	0
No Preference	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total	0	3	0	3

RESULTS OF THE PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION
HELD ON MARCH 2, 2004 (Cont.)

	<u>PREC. I</u>	<u>PREC. II</u>	<u>PREC. III</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>STATE COMMITTEE MAN</u>				
Blanks	0	3	0	3
Total	0	3	0	3
<u>STATE COMMITTEE WOMAN</u>				
Blanks	0	3	0	3
Total	0	3	0	3
<u>TOWN COMMITTEE</u>				
Blanks	0	3	0	3
Total	0	3	0	3
<u>GREEN-RAINBOW RESULTS</u>				
NO VOTES CAST				

Attest:

Richard Threlfall, Town Clerk

Percentage of Votes Cast 17%

**RESULTS OF THE ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION HELD ON
APRIL 5, 2004**

Register of Voters as of Close of Registration on March 16, 2004

	Demo Crat	Green Rainbow	Inter 3 rd Party	Liber tarian	Rebub lican	Unen rolled	Total
Precinct I	969	2	1	8	127	1066	2173
Precinct II	1028	2		19	220	1279	2548
Precinct III	<u>930</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>200</u>	<u>1328</u>	<u>2475</u>
Totals	2927	6	3	40	547	3673	7196

CLERK'S REPORT – PRECINCT I

To the Town Clerk

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

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

Box register when polls were opened 0.

Number of votes cast to be counted 684.

Number of ballots spoiled 0.

Number of Escrow ballots cast 0.

Number of ballots void or not used 716.

Number of ballots received 1400 plus 17 Absentee ballots.

The following officers were present:

Warden:	Eva Mach	Deputy Warden:	Joyce Tillet
Clerk	Juliana Perry	Deputy Clerk:	Dorothy Gomes

Inspectors: Gloria Bernier, Claire Gonsalves, Marie Hardy, Genevieve Linhares, Susan Sounik.

Police Officers: Jeremy Fontes, John Bolarinho.

Polls were closed at 8:00 P.M. and the ballot box registered 684.

A true record, Attest:/s/ Juliana Perry

Clerk of Election Officers

Attest: Richard Threlfall, Town Clerk

CLERK'S REPORT – PRECINCT II

To the Town Clerk

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

Polls were opened at 10:00 A.M. by Lucille Ledoux-Hardy, Warden.

Box register when polls were opened 0.

Number of votes cast to be counted 855.

Number of ballots spoiled 2.

Number of Escrow ballots cast 2.

Number of ballots void or not used 565.

Number of ballots received 1393 plus 27 Absentee ballots.

The following officers were present:

Warden:	Lucille Ledoux-Hardy	Deputy Warden:	
Deputy Clerk:	Dorothy Daniels	Deputy Clerk:	Lillian Contois

Inspectors: Stella Bertrand, Lorraine Dabrowski, Alice Kut, Rose Procyk, Jeannette Pepin.

Police Officers: Michael Matton, Thomas Carreau.

Polls were closed at 8:00 P.M. and the ballot box registered 855.

RESULTS OF PRESIDENTIAL ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION HELD ON APRIL 5, 2004**(Cont.)**

	<u>PREC. I</u>	<u>PREC. II</u>	<u>PREC. III</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>BOARD OF HEALTH</u>				
Thomas J. Fortin	515	627	520	1662
Blanks	168	225	165	558
Write-ins:				
Alan Coutinho		1		1
Roland LaVallee		1		1
Keith Ashley	1			1
Miscellaneous		1	1	2
Total	684	855	686	2225
<u>SCHOOL COMMITTEE</u>				
Manuel D. Gonsalves	475	554	477	1506
Douglas Coray	444	534	470	1448
Blanks	447	622	423	1492
Write-ins:				
Robert Brown	1			1
Ken Soares			1	1
Joanne Masson			1	1
Miscellaneous	1			1
Total	1368	1710	1372	4450
<u>SCHOOL COMMITTEE</u>				
Dr. Mary Louise Francis	514	608	527	1649
Blanks	168	247	159	574
Write-ins:				
James Souza	1			1
Miscellaneous	1			1
Total	684	855	686	2225
<u>COMMISSIONER OF TRUST FUNDS</u>				
William A. Krause, Jr.	507	581	494	1582
Blanks	177	273	192	642
Write-ins:				
David Wojnar		1		1
Total	684	855	686	2225

RESULTS OF PRESIDENTIAL ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION HELD ON APRIL 5, 2004

(Cont.)

	<u>PREC. I</u>	<u>PREC. II</u>	<u>PREC. III</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>TRUSTEE OF FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY</u>				
Robert J. Bartolome	466	527	462	1455
Lori Gonsalves	485	560	485	1530
Blanks	417	623	425	1565
Total	1368	1710	1372	4550
<u>CEMETERY BOARD</u>				
Charlene Fortin	517	609	518	1644
Blanks	166	245	168	579
Write-ins:	417	623	425	1565
George Cote		1		1
Joe Monteiro	1			1
Total	684	855	686	2225
<u>HOUSING AUTHORITY</u>				
James Madruga, Jr.	447	526	449	1422
Blanks	227	322	229	778
Write-ins:				
Sam Trantham	1			1
Robert Lanzoni	1			1
Ron Pelletier	1			1
Tony Cambra III	1			1
John Bolarinho	1	1	1	3
Keith Ashley	1			1
John Howcroft		1		1
Louis Elgar		1		1
John Peters		1		1
Richard Threlfall		1		1
Paul Trahan		1		1
Bob St. Jean			2	2
Robert Brown			1	1
John Anjos			1	1
John Bernard			1	1
Miscellaneous	4	1	2	7
Total	684	855	686	2225

RESULTS OF PRESIDENTIAL ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION HELD ON APRIL 5, 2004
(Cont.)

	<u>PREC. I</u>	<u>PREC. II</u>	<u>PREC. III</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>PARK COMMISSIONER</u>				
Joseph Lopes, Jr.	324	365	362	1051
Thomas J. DeCosta	259	361	234	854
Blanks	99	129	90	318
Write-ins:				
David Gifford	1			1
Rick Jansen	1			1
<hr/>				
Total	684	855	686	2225
<u>PLANNING COMMISSIONER 5 Year</u>				
Leo N. Coons, Jr.	518	621	494	1633
Blanks	166	234	192	592
<hr/>				
Total	684	855	686	2225
<u>PLANNING COMMISSIONER 2 Year</u>				
Mark M. DeSilva	499	598	507	1604
Blanks	185	257	179	621
<hr/>				
Total	684	855	686	2225
<u>BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS 3 Year</u>				
Gary L. Rawcliffe	516	608	511	1635
Blanks	165	245	172	582
Write-ins:				
Michael Gonet	1			1
Derek Lowe	1			1
Paul Fortin	1			1
Matthew Goulet		1		1
Kevin Gaspar		1		1
Bill Lessa			1	1
Miscellaneous			2	2
<hr/>				
Total	684	855	686	2225

Attest:

Richard Threlfall, Town Clerk

Percentage of Votes Cast 31.4%

RESULTS OF THE SPECIAL TOWN ELECTION HELD ON AUGUST 23, 2004

Register of Voters as of Close of Registration on August 3, 2004

	DEMO CRAT	MASS GREEN PARTY	INTER 3 RD PARTY	LIBER TARIAN	REPUB LICAN	UNEN ROLLED	TOTAL
Precinct I	965	2	1	9	133	1094	2204
Precinct II	1039	2		18	219	1299	2577
Precinct III	927	2	2	17	199	1366	2513
Total	2931	6	3	44	551	3759	7294

CLERK'S REPORT –PRECINCT I

To the Town Clerk

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

Polls were opened at 10:00 A.M. by Joyce Tillett, Warden.
 Box register when polls were opened 0.
 Number of votes cast to be counted 548.
 Number of ballots spoiled 4.
 Number of Provisional Ballots cast 0.
 Number of ballots void or not used 672.
 Number of ballots received 1200 plus 23 Absentee ballots.

The following officers were present:

Warden:	Joyce Tillett
Deputy Warden:	Claire Gonsalves
Clerk:	Juliana Perry
Deputy Clerk:	Dorothy Gomes
Inspectors:	Gloria Bernier, Genevieve Linhares, Susan Sounik.
Police Officers:	John Bolarinho, Thomas Carreau.

Polls were closed at 8:00 P.M. and the ballot box registered 548.

A true record: Attest:s/	Juliana Perry Clerk of Election Officers
Attest:	Richard Threlfall, Town Clerk

CLERK'S REPORT – PRECINCT II

To the Town Clerk

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

Polls were opened at 10:00 A.M. by Lucille Ledoux-Hardy, Warden.
Box register when polls were opened 0.
Number of votes cast to be counted 645.
Number of ballots spoiled 11.
Number of Provisional Ballots 0.
Number of ballots void or not used 562.
Number of ballots received 1190 plus 28 Absentee ballots.

The following officers were present:

Warden: Lucille Ledoux-Hardy
Clerk: Lillian Contois & Dorothy Daniels
Inspectors: Stella Bertrand, Lorraine Dabrowski, Alice Kut, Rose Procyk, Jeannette Pepin.
Police Officers: John Bolarinho, Jeremy Fontes.

Polls were closed at 8:00 P.M. and the ballot box registered 644.

A true record, Attest:/s/ Lillian Contois & Dorothy Daniels
Clerk of Election Officers
Attest: Richard Threlfall, Town Clerk

CLERK'S REPORT – PRECINCT III

To the Town Clerk

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

Polls were opened at 10:00 by Irene DeCotis, Warden
Box register when polls were opened 0.
Number of votes cast to be counted 489.
Number of ballots spoiled 1.

The following officers were present:

Warden: Irene Decotis
Deputy Warden: Betty White
Clerk: Dorothy Lackie
Deputy Clerk: Betsy Ellis
Inspectors: Florence Lecuyer, Aline Saulniers, Geraldine Frates,
Deborah Medeiros.

Polls were closed at 8:00 P.M. and the ballot box registered 489.

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

SELECTMEN	PREC. I	PREC. II	PREC. III	TOTAL
Robert Brown	309	374	287	970
Everett L. Hardy, Jr.	231	247	194	672
Blanks	8	7	8	23
Write In:				
Paul Pelletier	0	1	0	1
Miscellaneous	0	1	0	1
Total	548	630	489	1667

Attest:

Richard Threlfall, Town Clerk

Percentage of Votes Cast 22.8%

CLERK'S REPORT – PRECINCT II

To the Town Clerk

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

Polls were opened at 7:00 A.M. by Lucille Ledoux-Hardy, Warden.
Box register when polls were opened 0.
Number of votes cast to be counted 192.
Number of ballots spoiled 2.
Number of Provisional Ballots 0.
Number of ballots received 1600 plus 18 Absentee ballots.

The following officers were present:

Warden: Lucille Ledoux-Hardy
Clerk: Dorothy Daniels
Deputy Clerk: Lillian Contois
Inspectors: Stella Bertrand, Lorraine Dabrowski, Alice Kut,
Rose Procyk, Jeannette Pepin.
Police Officers: LouAnn Jenkinson, Chris Richmond.

Polls were closed at 8:00 P.M. and the ballot box registered 192.

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

CLERK'S REPORT – PRECINCT III

To the Town Clerk

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

Polls were opened at 7:00 A.M. by Irene Decotis.
Box register when polls were opened 0.
Number of votes cast to be counted 183.
Number of ballots spoiled 1.
Number of Provisional Ballots cast 0.
Number of ballots void or not used 1416.
Number of ballots received 1600.

The following officers were present:

Warden: Irene Decotis Deputy Warden: Betty White
Clerk: Dorothy Lackie Deputy Clerk: Betsy Ellis
Inspectors: Florence Lecuyer, Aline Saulniers, Geraldine Frates,
Deborah Medeiros.
Police Officers: Michael Matton, Paul Melo.

Polls were closed at 8:00 P.M. and the ballot box registered 183.

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

**RESULTS OF THE STATE PRIMARY ELECTION HELD
ON SEPTEMBER 14, 2004**

DEMOCRATIC RESULTS

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS	PREC. I	PREC. II	PREC. III	TOTAL
Barney Frank	154	137	122	413
Blanks	18	24	30	72
Write In:	0	0	0	0
Miscellaneous	0	2	0	2
Total	172	163	152	487

COUNCILLOR	PREC. I	PREC. II	PREC. III	TOTAL
Carole A. Fiola	135	117	112	364
Blanks	37	44	39	120
Write In:	0	0	0	0
Arthur Larrivee	0	2	1	3
Total	172	163	152	487

SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT	PREC. I	PREC. II	PREC. III	TOTAL
Mark C. Montigny	151	139	138	428
Blanks	21	24	14	59
Total	172	163	152	487

REPRESENTATIVE IN GEN. COURT	PREC. I	PREC. II	PREC. III	TOTAL
Robert M. Koczera	146	140	132	418
Blanks	26	23	19	68
Write In:	0	0	0	0
Arthur Larrivee	0	0	1	1
Total	172	163	152	487

**RESULTS OF THE STATE PRIMARY ELECTION HELD
ON SEPTEMBER 14, 2004 (Cont.)**

DEMOCRATIC RESULTS (cont.)

SHERIFF	PREC. I	PREC. II	PREC. III	TOTAL
Leo O. Pelletier	127	121	106	354
Blanks	40	36	37	113
Write In	0	0	0	0
Thomas Hodgson	5	6	9	20
Total	172	163	152	487

COUNTY COMMISSIONER	PREC. I	PREC. II	PREC. III	TOTAL
Arthur R. Machado	50	48	30	128
Christopher Saunders	110	114	103	327
Gregory DeMelo	73	50	68	191
Paul B. Kitchen	42	31	25	98
Blanks	68	83	78	229
Write In: Arthur Larrivee	1	0	0	1
Total	344	326	304	974

REPUBLICAN RESULTS

REPRESNTATIVE IN CONGRESS	PREC. I	PREC. II	PREC. III	TOTAL
Blanks	19	30	29	78
Total	19	30	29	78

COUNCILLOR	PREC. I	PREC. II	PREC. III	TOTAL
Blanks	14	28	27	69
Write In Arthur Larrivee	5	2	2	9
Total	19	30	29	78

SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT	PREC. I	PREC. II	PREC. III	TOTAL
Blanks	19	30	29	78
Total	19	30	29	78

**RESULTS OF THE STATE PRIMARY ELECTION HELD
ON SEPTEMBER 14, 2004 (Cont.)**

REPUBLICAN RESULTS

REPRESENTATIVE IN GEN. COURT	PREC. I	PREC. II	PREC. III	TOTAL
Blanks	19	30	29	78
Total	19	30	29	78

SHERIFF	PREC. I	PREC. II	PREC. III	TOTAL
Thomas M. Hodgson	19	29	24	72
Blanks	0	1	5	6
Total	19	30	29	78

COUNTY COMMISSIONER	PREC. I	PREC. II	PREC. III	TOTAL
Blanks	36	60	57	153
Write In Arthur Larrivee	2	0	1	3
Total	38	60	58	156

LIBERTARIAN RESULTS

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS	PREC. I	PREC. II	PREC. III	TOTAL
Blanks	0	1	0	1
Total	0	1	0	1

COUNCILLOR	PREC. I	PREC. II	PREC. III	TOTAL
Blanks	0	1	0	1
Total	0	1	0	1

SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT	PREC. I	PREC. II	PREC. III	TOTAL
Blanks	0	1	0	1
Total	0	1	0	1

REPRESENTATIVE IN GEN. COURT	PREC. I	PREC. II	PREC. III	TOTAL
Blanks	0	1	0	1
Total	0	1	0	1

SHERIFF	PREC. I	PREC. II	PREC. III	TOTAL
Blanks	0	1	0	1
Total	0	1	0	1

COUNTY COMMISSIONER	PREC. I	PREC. II	PREC. III	TOTAL
Blanks	0	2	0	2
Total	0	2	0	2

GREEN – RAINBOW RESULTS

No Votes Cast.

Attest:

Richard Threlfall, Town Clerk

Percentage of Votes Cast .8%

RESULTS OF THE STATE ELECTION HELD ON NOVEMBER 2, 2004

Register of Voters as of Close of Registration on October 13, 2004

	DEMO CRAT	MASS GREEN PARTY	INTER 3 RD PARTY	LIBER TARIAN	RAINBOW COALITION	REPUB LICAN	UNEN ROLLED	TOTAL
PREC. I	989	2	1	8		137	1119	2256
PREC. II	1069	2		17	1	225	1339	2653
PREC. III	944	2	2	17		198	1409	2572
Total	3002	6	3	42	1	560	3867	7481

CLERK'S REPORT -PRECINCT I

To the Town Clerk

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

Polls were opened at 7:00 A.M. by Joyce Tillett, Warden.
 Box register when polls were opened 0.
 Number of votes cast to be counted 1636
 Number of ballots spoiled 13.
 Number of Provisional Ballots cast 6.
 Number of ballots void or not used 595.
 Number of ballots received 2250 plus 73 Absentee ballots.

The following officers were present:

Warden: Joyce Tillett
 Deputy Warden: Claire Gonsalves
 Clerk: Dorothy Gomes
 Deputy Clerk: Dorothy Gomes
 Inspectors: Gloria Bernier, Genevieve Linhares, Susan Sounik, Marie Hardy.
 Police Officers: Michael Matton, Paul Melo.

Polls were closed at 8:00 P.M. and the ballot box registered 1636

A true record: Attest:/ Dorothy Gomes
 Clerk of Election Officers
 Attest: Richard Threlfall, Town Clerk

CLERK'S REPORT – PRECINCT II

To the Town Clerk

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

Polls were opened at 7:00 A.M. by Lucille Ledoux-Hardy, Warden.
Box register when polls were opened 0.
Number of votes cast to be counted 1993.
Number of ballots spoiled 16.
Number of Provisional Ballots 6.

The following officers were present:

Warden: Lucille Ledoux-Hardy
Clerk: Lillian Contois & Dorothy Daniels
Inspectors: Stella Bertrand, Lorraine Dabrowski, Alice Kut, Rose Procyk, Jeannette Pepin.
Police Officers: John Bolarinho, Keith Ashley.

Polls were closed at 8:00 P.M. and the ballot box registered 1993.

A true record, Attest: /s/ Lillian Contois & Dorothy Daniels
Clerk of Election Officers
Attest: Richard Threlfall, Town Clerk

CLERK'S REPORT – PRECINCT III

To the Town Clerk

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

Polls were opened at 7:00 A.M. by Irene Decotis.
Box register when polls were opened 0.
Number of votes cast to be counted 1943.
Number of ballots spoiled 13.
Number of Provisional Ballots cast 0.
Number of ballots void or not used 294.
Number of ballots received 2250 plus 73 absentee ballots.

The following officers were present:

Warden: Irene Decotis
Deputy Warden: Betty White
Clerk: Dorothy Lackie
Deputy Clerk: Betsy Ellis
Inspectors: Florence Lecuyer, Aline Saulniers, Geraldine Frates,
Deborah Medeiros.
Police Officers: Tom Carreau

Polls were closed at 8:00 P.M. and the ballot box registered 1943.

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

RESULTS OF THE STATE ELECTION HELD ON NOVEMBER 2, 2004

PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT	PREC. I	PREC. II	PREC. III	TOTAL
Blanks	19	16	13	48
Badnarik and Campagna	6	4	6	16
Bush and Cheney	405	652	639	1696
Cobb and LaMarche	8	5	3	16
Kerry and Edwards	1194	1316	1279	3789
Write In: Ralph Nadar	4	0	3	7
Total	1636	1993	1943	5572

**RESULTS OF THE STATE ELECTION HELD ON
NOVEMBER 2, 2004 (cont.)**

	PREC. I	PREC. II	PREC. III	TOTAL
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS				
Blanks	79	121	98	298
Barney Frank	1275	1501	1424	4200
Charles Morse	282	371	421	1074
Total	1636	1993	1943	5572

	PREC. I	PREC. II	PREC. III	TOTAL
COUNCILLOR				
Blanks	444	601	514	1559
Carole A. Fiola	1192	1392	1429	4013
Total	1636	1993	1943	5572

	PREC. I	PREC. II	PREC. III	TOTAL
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT				
Blanks	280	387	321	988
Mark C. Montigny	1356	1606	1622	4584
Total	1636	1993	1943	5572

	PREC. I	PREC. II	PREC. III	TOTAL
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT				
Blanks	324	434	355	1113
Robert M. Koczera	1312	1559	1588	4459
Total	1636	1993	1943	5572

	PREC. I	PREC. II	PREC. III	TOTAL
SHERIFF				
Blanks	50	80	70	200
Thomas M. Hodgson	837	1098	1079	3014
Leo O. Pelletier	749	815	794	2358
Total	1636	1993	1943	5572

**RESULTS OF THE STATE ELECTION HELD ON
NOVEMBER 2, 2004 (cont.)**

COUNTY COMMISSIONER VOTE FOR TWO	PREC. I	PREC. II	PREC. III	TOTAL
Blanks	1449	1826	1763	5038
Arthur R. Machado	733	873	817	2423
Christopher Saunders	1090	1287	1306	3683
Total	3272	3986	3886	11,144

Attest:

Richard Threlfall, Town Clerk

Percentage of Votes Cast 0.75.6%

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

In April of 2004, David E. Wojnar was elected to his third consecutive term as Selectman. Selectman David M. Tomlinson was elected Chairman of the Board. In May of 2004, the Town suffered a sudden and tragic loss with the untimely passing of Chairman Tomlinson. He was an extremely dedicated public servant whose actions were always based upon what he genuinely believed to be in the best of interest of the Town citizens. He is missed by many.

A special election was won by Robert F. Brown in August, 2004 to fill the vacant seat. This is Mr. Brown's first term as Selectmen.

FINANCES

The Town continues to maintain it's prudent fiscal planning. This was the main reason for Moody's increasing the Town's Bond Rating. This is a significant achievement that will translate to a substantial savings for the residents when the Town permanently borrows for the school project.

PUBLIC SAFETY

The Town's transition to advanced Life Support continues to be successful. Providing the high standard of service our residents deserve extremely cost effective. Director Adrienne Rivet and her staff have done a tremendous job establishing A.L.S.

In August, provision Fire Chief Kevin Gallagher was appointed permanent Fire Chief. Chief Gallagher's skills and enthusiasm have rejuvenated the entire department.

The Board's goal is to continue to make sure all our Public Safety Departments share resources to provide our residents quality services.

SOUTH MAIN STREET

The long awaited start of the reconstruction of South Main Street began in the late summer. The State run project calls for replacing and restoring of sidewalks and curbs and overlaying the road. The project is slated to be completed in the spring of 2005.

GOLF COURSE

Thanks to the weather and the hard work of the staff and Golf Management and Operational Committee Fiscal Year 2004 was the first year the Golf Course was profitable. The philosophy remains slow and steady growth as the Golf Course continues to be one of the Town's prized assets.

BUILDING MAINTENANCE

As stated last year, the Board had targeted Fire Station #1 as the next project in the Building Maintenance Plan. Town Meeting supported the much needed exterior repair and the project was completed in the fall. The Board hopes to make the necessary repairs to Station #2 in 2005.

WEB SITE

Acushnet entered the 21st Century this year thanks to the work of the Old Colony students. The sophomore class of the computer department designed two new state of the art web pages for the Town and the Acushnet River Valley Golf Course. If you haven't seen them yet, please feel free to view them at "www.acushnet.ma.us" for the Town of Acushnet and "www.golfacushnet.com" for the Acushnet River Valley Golf Course.

TIF

In an effort to help small business in our community, the Board negotiated a Tax Increment Financing Agreement with J & R Plastics that Town Meeting approved at the October Special Town Meeting. This enabled a local company to expand, hire new employees and stay in Town.

Robert J. St. Jean, Chairman
David E. Wojnar, Member
Robert F. Brown, Member
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Alan G. Coutinho
TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

OFFICERS APPOINTED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

POLICE COMMISSIONERS

David E. Wojnar	2007
Robert J. St. Jean	2006
Robert F. Brown	2005

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Alan G. Coutinho

TOWN ACCOUNTANT/DIRECTOR OF FINANCES

Cathy L. Doane

TOWN TREASURER/COLLECTOR

Laurie J. Avery

ASSISTANT TOWN TREASURER/COLLECTOR

Jacqueline Boudreau

TAX TITLE CUSTODIAN

Laurie Avery

TOWN COUNSEL

Kopelman & Paige

TOWN INSURANCE BROKER

Viveiros-Feitelberg Insurance

POLICE CHIEF

Michael R. Poitras

FIRE CHIEF

Kevin A. Gallagher

ACUSHNET EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES DIRECTOR

Adrienne Y. Rivet

ADA COORDINATOR

Alan G. Coutinho

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER/INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

Rebekah A. Tomlinson

ASSISTANT ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

Karen A. Jachna

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

Charlotte Coutinho

Connie Preston

Lorraine Hunter

Donna Forand

Joyce Reynolds

BOARD OF APPEALS

Carol Westgate	2009
Richard J. Lally	2008
Gerald Toussaint	2007
Lawrence Marshall	2006
Ronald Matton	2005
Paul B. Hipolito (Alternate)	2006
Paul Trahan (Alternate)	2006

BUILDING BOARD OF APPEALS

Raymond F. LeBlanc	2006
Frederick Law	2005

INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS

John Roza, III

DEPUTY BUILDING INSPECTOR

Steven M. Pina

GAS INSPECTOR

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

PLUMBING DEPARTMENT

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

WIRE INSPECTOR

Frank Knox

DEPUTY WIRE INSPECTORS

Victor Pereira
Barry Williams

BY-LAW REVIEW COMMITTEE

Raymond LeBlanc	2007
Marc Laplante	2006
Leo Rousseau	2006
John Roza, III	2006
Richard Threlfall	2005
David M. Tomlinson	2005
Carol Westgate	2005

CABLE T.V. ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Robert Lanzoni	2005
Donald Lopes	2005
Lawrence Marshall	2005
Michael Reale	2005
George Souza	2005

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

Marc Antone (Park Commissioners)	2007
Ellen Hardy (Citizen Member)	2007
Steven Horsfall (Conservation Commission)	2006
Irwin Marks (Historical Commission)	2006
Lawrence Mulvey (Housing Authority)	2006
Marc Cenerizio (Planning Commission)	2005
Thomas DeCosta (Citizen Member)	2005
Geraldine Frates (Citizen Member)	2005

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Joseph Botelho	2007
Patricia Picard	2007
Marc C. Brodeur	2006
Carol Chongarlides	2006
Ted Cioper	2005
Steven Horsfall	2005
Robert Rocha, Jr.	2005

CONSERVATION AGENT

Daniel Herzlinger

CONSTABLES

Frank J. Adesso	2007
David Lee Botas	2007
Marc E. Laplante	2007
Kelli A. Tomlinson	2007
Herve W. Vandal, Jr.	2007
George Souza	2006
Rebekah A. Tomlinson	2006

COUNCIL ON AGING

Stella Bertrand	2007
Irene Bouchard	2007
William F. Duggan	2007
Ruth Gilmore	2007
Dorothy Gomes	2007
J. George O'Brien	2007
Milton Reynolds	2005

COUNCIL ON AGING DIRECTOR

William Contois

CULTURAL COUNCIL MEMBER

Dianna Couto	2007
Walter S. Dalton, Jr.	2007
Jeanne M. Siwik	2007
Jeannette Francis	2006
Edward Macomber	2006
Leanne Pereira	2006
John Simmonds	2006
Patricia Mulvey	2005

DOWNTOWN STEERING COMMITTEE

Alan G. Coutinho	2005
Charlotte Coutinho	2005
Geraldine Frates	2005
Everett L. Hardy, Jr.	2005
Leo Rousseau	2005
Paul Trahan	2005
David E. Wojnar	2005

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (DIRECTOR)

Gerard Bergeron

EMPOWERMENT REPRESENTATIVES

David E. Wojnar
Alan G. Coutinho

ENFORCEMENT AGENT FOR THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

John Roza, III

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Robert Ferreira	2007
John Howcroft	2007
Valarie J. Lacasse	2007
Roger Cabral	2006
Michael St. Onge	2006
Gail A. Rodrigues	2006
Elizabeth Gatenby	2005
Mary Lou Marques	2005
Paul Pelletier	2005

FOREST WARDEN, INSPECTOR OF GARAGES

Kevin A. Gallagher

GOLF MANAGEMENT & OPERATIONAL COMMITTEE

Manuel Goulart (Business Community Rep.)	2005
Everett L. Hardy, Jr. (Member-at-Large)	2005
John Howcroft (Finance Committee)	2005
Edward Issac (Member-at-Large)	2005
Joseph Lopes, Jr. (Park Commissioner Rep.)	2005

GROWTH MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Jacqueline Brightman	Marc Cenerizio
Richard Ellis	Lawrence Marshall
William Murphy	George Perry
Kathleen Perry	Michael Poitras
Adrienne Rivet	Gladys Varrieur

HERRING WARDEN

Ted Govoni

ASSISTANT HERRING WARDEN

Joseph G. Costa

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Madeline Gwozdz	2007
Gloria Lavoie	2007
Irwin Marks	2007
Louise Richard	2007
Stephen Gilmore	2006
Roberta Leonard	2006
Joyce Reynolds	2006
Pauline Teixeira(Alternate)	2007

HOUSING PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE

Robert Medeiros	2005
Henry Young	2005

INSPECTOR OF GARAGES

Kevin A. Gallagher

LIBRARY BUILDING COMMITTEE

Robert Bartolome	upon completion of the project
Donna G. Forand	upon completion of the project
Tonya R. Revell	upon completion of the project
Jean S. Stripinis	upon completion of the project
John Tavares	upon completion of the project
Claudette J. Tobin	upon completion of the project

MOTH SUPERINTENDENT/INSPECTOR OF PEST CONTROL

Everett L. Hardy, Jr.

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

Linda Enos
Steven Raposa
Leo Coons

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

Marc Cenerizio	2005
Ted Cioper	2005
Robert Rocha	2005
Daniel Herzlinger	2005

PARKING CLERK

Alan G. Coutinho

PCB REPRESENTATIVE ON THE NEW BEDFORD SUPERFUND FORUM

None

PHASE II STORMWATER COMMITTEE

Marc Cenerizio (Planning Commission)
Alan Coutinho (Town Administrator)
Thomas Fantozzi (Board of Health Agent)
John Roza, III (Building Inspector)
Raymond Barlow (Highway Superintendent)
Daniel Herzlinger (Conservation Commission Agent)

POLL WORKERS FOR PRECINCT I

Joyce H. Tillet (D) Warden	2005
Claire Gonsalves (D) Deputy Warden	2005
Juliana Perry (R) Clerk	2005
Dorothy Gomes (D) Deputy Clerk	2005
Gloria Bernier (U)	2005
Marie Hardy (U)	2005
Genevieve R. Linhares (R)	2005
Susanne Y. Sounik	2005

POLL WORKERS FOR PRECINCT II

Lucille Ledoux-Hardy (U) Warden	2005
Virginia Baird (R) Deputy Warden	2005
Lillian Contois (D) Clerk	2005
Dorothy Daniels (U) Deputy Clerk	2005
Stella Bertrand (D)	2005
Lorraine Dabrowski (U)	2005
Alice Pepin (U)	2005
Rose Procyk (U)	2005
Estelle Cusson (D) Sub	2005
Jeannette Pepin (D) Sub	2005

POLL WORKERS FOR PRECINCT III

Irene DeCotis (U) Warden	2005
Betty White (U) Deputy Warden	2005
Dorothy L. Lackie (R) Clerk	2005
Betsy J. Ellis (U) Deputy Clerk	2005
Geraldine Frates (D)	2005
Olive M. Laycock (R)	2005
Florence Lecuyer (U)	2005
Deborah Medeiros (U)	2005
Janice Richard (D)	2005
Aline Saulniers (D)	2005

PORTABLE SIGN COMMITTEE

Richard A. Ellis	Robert Hall
Peter Koczera	Paul Melo
John Roza, III	

PPWG - HARBOR TRUSTEE COUNCIL MEMBER

Gary Coppa

PUBLIC SAFETY COORDINATOR

Robert J. St. Jean

REGISTRAR OF VOTERS

Lorraine Daniel	2005
Christine T. Krause	2005
Ginger Miller	2005

RIGHT TO KNOW COORDINATOR

None

SAFETY COMMITTEE

Gerri Reed	2006
Kevin Gallagher (Fire Chief)	2005

SEALER OF WEIGHTS & MEASURES

Theodore Machado

SHELLFISH WARDEN/HARBOR MASTER

Gary Coppa

DEPUTY SHELLFISH WARDEN

Robert Medeiros

SOIL CONSERVATION BOARD

Carol Chongarlides (Conservation Commission Rep.)
Marc Cenerizio (Planning Commission Rep.)
Thomas E. Fantozzi (Soil Conservation Board Inspector)
Robert Lanzoi (Board of Public Works Rep.)
Robert Medeiros (Board of Health Rep.)
David E. Wojnar (Board of Selectmen Rep.)

SPECIAL POLICE OFFICER OF NEW BEDFORD WATER WORKS

Paul Sylvia

SPECIAL POLICE OFFICER ACUSHNET METHODIST CHURCH

None

S.R.P.E.D.D. - J.T.P.G. MEMBERS

Henry Young
Robert J. St. Jean (Alternate)

S.R.T.A. ADVISORY COMMISSION MEMBERS

Robert J. St. Jean

STREET NAME COMMITTEE

Kevin Gallagher (Fire Chief)
Michael Poitras (Police Chief)
Adrienne Rivet (E.M.S. Director)

TAX SHIFT STUDY COMMITTEE

Marc Cenerizio	2006
John Howcroft	2006
Richard Threlfall	2006
Paul Trahan	2006

TILCON CAPALDI CLOSURE PLAN COMMITTEE

Raymond LeBlanc
David E. Wojnar

VETERANS' AGENT, DIRECTOR OF VETERANS' SERVICES
Veterans Burial Agent for Indigent Soldiers & Sailors
& Veterans Grave Officer (C115 S7 & 9)

George F. Bevilacqua

(TILCON CAPALDI) WEIGHER

Kerrie Almeida	2006
David Froh	2006
Filomenia Yuille	2006



REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

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

The current Board of Assessors is: Michael A. Cioper, Chairman, George H. Perry Jr., Member, and Robert F. Brown, Member. The office staff consists of Kelly A. Koska, Acting Principal Assessor, and Suzanne Picard, Senior clerk.

The year 2004 was one of transition for the Assessors' office. Elizabeth Bates resigned as Principal Assessor and accepted a position with the Town of Marshfield. Kelly Koska took over as Acting Principal Assessor which left a vacancy in the senior clerk's position. Suzanne Picard was hired as her replacement in November 2004.

Fiscal 2005 was the first year implementing interim adjustments as per the Department of Revenue. This report is required to be annually submitted by all assessors in cities and towns that are not scheduled for certification review. This form reports the results of the sales analyses and review of commercial and industrial market indicators to the Bureau of Local Assessment. This impacted values to be more reflective of the analysis of calendar year 2003 sales used for assessment purposes for this fiscal cycle.

The Assessors' office commenced with a new cycle of mandatory inspections this year in preparation for the next revaluation year scheduled for Fiscal 2007. This process helps to maintain the fair and equitable assessment of property and the integrity of the town's database. This project has thus far been successful and maintained within the timetable speculated.

As a result of the collaborative efforts of the Assessors' office and Finance team, the setting of the tax rate and issuance of the tax bills were completed successfully. We can only anticipate this year's success will be repeated for the upcoming fiscal year.

This year the town was able to generate \$446,225 of new growth. This added revenue assists the town in meeting the services required by its citizens. It also helps to lessen the gap left by budget cuts from the state.

The Board of Assessors wishes to thank everyone continued good health and best wishes for a new year.

TAX SUMMARY	<u>FY 2004</u>	<u>FY 2005</u>
Total Amount to be raised:	\$22,916,281.11	\$23,457,794.08
Total estimated receipts from Other revenue sources	\$12,752,514.74	\$12,811,527.54
TAX LEVY	\$10,166,766.37	\$10,646,266.54

VALUE BY CLASS	<u>FY 2004</u>	<u>FY 2005</u>
Single Family (101)	\$656,980,600.00	\$762,274,500.00
Condominiums (102)	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
2 & 3 Family (104 & 105)	\$ 34,683,100.00	\$ 39,399,000.00
Multi Family (111-125)	\$ 4,920,600.00	\$ 5,440,100.00
Vacant land (130-132,106)	\$ 21,141,100.00	\$ 25,978,300.00
Others (103, 109, Res mix use)	\$ 40,894,930.00	\$ 47,288,078.00
Commercial (3**)	\$ 26,870,594.00	\$ 26,676,846.00
Chapter 61, 61A, 61B	\$ 2,243,819.00	\$ 2,122,071.00
Industrial (4**)	\$ 35,316,960.00	\$ 36,230,360.00
Personal Property	\$ 17,235,630.00	\$ 17,592,656.00

TAX RATE FY 2005 Residential = \$ 10.90 Commercial/Industrial = \$ 12.71

AVERAGE ASSESSED VALUE SINGLE FAMILY HOME – \$211,700.00

Respectfully submitted,

Michael A. Cioper, Chairman
George H. Perry, Jr., Member
Robert F. Brown, Member

ACUSHNET BOARD OF ASSESSORS

THE TOWN CLERK
Births, Marriages and Deaths
Vital Statistics 2004

BIRTHS:

In Acushnet	2
In other Municipalities	63
Total	65
Resident	65
Non-Resident	0
Total	65
Male	35
Female	30
Total	65

MARRIAGES:

In Acushnet	16
In other Municipalities	45
Total	61
Resident Bride and Groom	34
Resident Groom	2
Resident Bride	7
Non-Resident Bride and Groom	18
Total	61

DEATHS:

In Acushnet	35
In other Municipalities	64
Total	99
Resident Deaths - Female	42
Resident Deaths - Male	57
Non-Resident Deaths - Female	0
Non-Resident Deaths - Male	0
Total	99

Attest:

Richard Threlfall
Town Clerk

**REPORT OF THE
TOWN TREASURER**
Reconciliation of Treasurer's Cash
July 1, 2003 – June 30, 2004

Balances per Reconciled Bank Statements

Boston Safe Deposit & Trust Co.	Money Market	\$ 64,380.29
Boston Safe Deposit & Trust Co.	Vendor Account	\$ 147.41
Citizens Bank & Trust	General Account	\$ 856,264.01
Citizens Bank & Trust	Money Market	\$ 5,151,225.35
Citizens Bank & Trust	Collector's Account	\$ 84,964.56
Citizens Bank & Trust	Golf Course	\$ 656,731.64
Citizens Bank & Trust	Payroll	\$ 661.07
Eastern Bank	Money Market	\$ 15,969.76
First Federal Savings	School Lunch	\$ 156,874.99
First Federal Savings	Money Market	\$ 63,703.17
First Federal Savings	CPA	\$ 33,752.68
Fleet Bank	Money Market	\$ 104,419.23
Fleet Bank	Checking	\$ 121,260.79
Rockland Trust Company	Money Market	\$ 349,943.90
Uni Bank	Money Market	\$ 56,269.55
State Street	Money Market	<u>\$ 85,477.67</u>
		\$ 7,802,046.07

Deposits in Transit and Cash on Hand	<u>\$ 1,650.00</u>
	\$ 7,803,696.07

Fleet Bank – Various Town Trusts	\$ 542,081.53
Citizens Bank & Trust – Various Town Trusts	\$ 2,765,940.85
Citizens Bank & Trust – Planning Board	\$ 69,367.26
Uni Bank – Certificate of Deposit	\$ 1,033,712.82
Citizens Bank & Trust – Certificate of Deposit	\$ 261,484.88
Boston Safe Deposit & Trust – Certificate of Deposit	<u>\$ 55,369.65</u>

Total of All Cash and Investments for the Town of Acushnet	<u>\$12,531,653.06</u>
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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,

Laurie J. Avery
Treasurer/Collector

**RECEIPTS
FISCAL YEAR 2004**

GENERAL FUND

PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES

1996	\$	58.00
1997		55.00
1998		57.00
1999		55.00
2000		51.00
2001		106.00
2002		129.00
2003		1,807.00
2004		258,334.00
Total Personal Property Taxes	\$	260,652.00

REAL ESTATE TAXES

Prior Years	\$	-
2002		-
2003		58,373.00
2004		9,637,746.00
Total Real Estate Taxes	\$	9,696,119.00

TAX LIENS REDEEMED

Prior Years	\$	89,041.00
Total Tax Liens Redeemed	\$	89,041.00

TAX LIENS FORECLOSED

Prior Years	\$	-
Total Tax Liens Foreclosed	\$	-

MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE

Prior Years	\$	56.00
1995		7.00
1996		65.00
1997		342.00
1998		652.00
1999		1,169.00
2000		1,169.00
2001		1,564.00
2002		10,848.00

2003		197,144.00
2004		835,718.00
	Total Motor Vehicle Excise	\$ 1,048,734.00
FARM EXCISE		
	Total Farm Excise	\$ 66.00
PENALTIES AND INTEREST		
	Personal Property Tax	\$ 362.00
	Real Estate Tax	18,332.00
	Motor Vehicle Excise	21,527.00
	Tax Liens Redeemed	30,037.00
	Total Penalties and Interest	\$ 70,258.00
RUBBISH		
	Rubbish Revenue	\$ 27,835.00
	Liens	-
	Total Rubbish	\$ 27,835.00
FEES		
	Police Detail	\$ 2,695.00
	Cable	1,676.00
	Lien Certificates	14,050.00
	Town Clerk Passport Fee	1,110.00
	Non - Renewal Motor Vehicles	8,120.00
	Constable Fees	91.00
	Total Fees	\$ 27,742.00
OTHER DEPARTMENTAL REVENUE		
	Assessors	\$ 1,940.00
	Selectmen	-
	Treasurer	2.00
	Collector	49.00
	Clerk	9,417.00
	Conservation	-
	Planning Board	2,260.00
	Appeal Board	5,750.00
	Police	782.00
	Fire	3,950.00

Building		912.00
Weights & Measures		315.00
Board of Health		29,783.00
Library		394.00
Miscellaneous Revenue		<u>13,125.00</u>
Total Other Departmental Revenue	\$	68,679.00

LICENSES

Business	\$	1,185.00
Drain Layers		1,250.00
Constable		200.00
Liquor		16,950.00
Victualers		650.00
Amusement		4,086.00
Motor Vehicles		1,725.00
Dog		<u>10,986.00</u>
Total Licenses	\$	37,032.00

PERMITS

Oil Burner	\$	600.00
Building		35,789.00
Electrical		10,888.00
Gas		3,181.00
Board of Health		16,850.00
Plumbing		8,474.00
Soil Removal		525.00
Gun		<u>3,625.00</u>
Total Permits	\$	79,932.00

FINES AND FORFEITURES

Dog	\$	2,500.00
Library		3,046.00
Parking		<u>753.00</u>
Total Fines and Forfeitures	\$	6,299.00

SALES OF INVENTORY

Cemetery Lots	\$	<u>200.00</u>
Total Sales of Inventory	\$	200.00

STATE SHARED REVENUE

Abatements to the Blind	\$	205.00
Abatements to the Elderly		34,164.00

Abatements to Veterans	13,305.00
Abatements to Surviving Spouse	423.00
Veterans' Benefits	1,373.00
Highway Funds	-
Additional Assistance	23,875.00
Lottery Funds	1,349,775.00
Court Fines	900.00
Registry Fines	12,732.00
Other State	38.00
School Chapter 70	5,563,574.00
School Transportation	144,832.00
Police Career Incentive	28,696.00
Total State Shared Revenue	\$ 7,173,892.00
REIMBURSEMENT	
Snow & Ice Reimbursement	\$ 14,086.00
Municipal Medicaid Reimbursement	118,751.00
Total Reimbursements	\$ 132,837.00
EARNINGS ON INVESTMENTS	
Total Earnings on Investments	\$ 243,971.00
INTERFUND TRANSFERS	
From Enterprise Fund	\$ -
From Special Revenue	140,000.00
From Trust & Agency	-
Total Interfund Transfers	\$ 140,000.00
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$ 19,103,289.00
<u>SCHOOL LUNCH FUND</u>	\$ 319,233.00
<u>HIGHWAY CHAPTER 90</u>	\$ 281,307.00
<u>SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</u>	
Animal Gift Fund	\$ 4,621.00
P.E.G. Access	17,086.00
Police Grant	19,200.00
Law Enforcement Trust	420.00
Police Reimbursable	2,040.00
Bureau Of Justice	21,578.00

LIG/MEG	11,678.00
Library Gift Fund	172.00
Partingways Beautification	50.00
Title 5	18,149.00
Arts Lottery Council	2,822.00
Council On Aging	9,603.00
Notice Of Intent - Conservation	4,268.00
E.M.S.	197,215.00
Insurance Reimbursement	11,471.00
Outside Ads	814.00
Skate Park Gift Fund	20,200.00
FEMA Grant	6,463.00
Anti -Terrorism	42,673.00
Homeland Security - Assistance to Firefighters	10,954.00
MEMA Grant	4,169.00
TOTAL SPECIAL REVENUE	\$ 405,646.00

SCHOOL SPECIAL REVENUE

Chapter I	\$ 123,585.00
Title II 94 - 142	189,345.00
Early Childhood	7,350.00
Drug Free School	4,714.00
Ford Middle School	17,270.00
School Building Rental	1,475.00
Elementary School Fund	47,318.00
Com. Partnership Grant	(252.00)
Current Framework (SPED)	(7,838.00)
SPED Corrective Action Grant	(2,360.00)
Palms State Learning Grant	(172.00)
Summer Academic Support	15,042.00
Teacher Quality in Education	33,209.00
Enhanced Education	(1,301.00)
Title V	2,418.00
Mental Health/Early Childhood	(2,107.00)
Early Intervention Lit.	10,000.00
SPED Program Improvement Grant	8,378.00
SPED Circuit Breaker	69,195.00

Full Day Kindergarten	93,103.00
Kindergarten Enhancement Grant	54,467.00
TOTAL SCHOOL SPECIAL REVENUE	\$ 662,839.00

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION FUND \$ 81,273.00

WATER SPECIAL REVENUE FUND \$ 639,232.00

CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND \$ 850,461.00

SEWER ENTERPRISE FUND \$ 332,882.00

GOLF ENTERPRISE FUND \$ 1,661,478.00

TRUST FUND

Contributions	\$ 9,435.00
Transfers	320,133.00
Interest & Earnings on Investments	56,242.00
TOTAL TRUST FUND	\$ 385,810.00

GRAND TOTAL **\$ 24,723,450.00**

Attest:
Cathy L. Doane
Director of Finance

**APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES
FISCAL YEAR 2004**

	<u>FY 2004 APPROP.</u>	<u>FY 2004 EXPEND.</u>
RESERVE FUND 1110		
F.B. Reserve Fund	\$ 55,693.00	\$ -
Total Reserve Fund	<u>55,693.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
TOWN MEETING 1113		
Town Meeting / Election	<u>10,000.00</u>	<u>5,674.00</u>
Total Town Meeting	10,000.00	5,674.00
MODERATOR 1114		
Salary	602.00	602.00
Supplies	30.00	0.00
In-State Travel	37.00	0.00
Dues/Subscription/Memberships	<u>40.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Moderator	709.00	602.00
SELECTMEN 1122		
Salaries - Selectmen	13,990.00	13,307.00
Salaries - Town Administrator	77,557.00	77,557.00
Salaries - Clerical	45,468.00	44,871.00
Salaries - Special Project Manager	13,050.00	12,400.00
Salaries - Temporary	2,500.00	1,905.00
Longevity	600.00	600.00
R. & M. Vehicles	900.00	897.00
Special Article School Facility Com.	1,495.00	0.00
Special Article - DEP Site Assessment	18,653.00	17,189.00
Engineering Fees	500.00	0.00
Consulting / Grant Writer	0.00	0.00
Telephone	2,200.00	1,844.00
Communications - Advertising	4,000.00	3,913.00
Training & Testing	500.00	492.00
Office Supply	900.00	900.00
Town Report / Warrant	4,000.00	3,960.00
Meeting Expenses	185.00	156.00
Travel	1,000.00	616.00
Dues/Subscription/Memberships	1,600.00	1,577.00
Special Article Skate Park	30,000.00	30,000.00
Additional Equipment	0.00	0.00
Special Article - Communication Equipment	9,771.00	0.00
Special Article - Town Truck	<u>10,000.00</u>	<u>9,850.00</u>
Total Selectmen	238,869.00	222,034.00

	FY 2004 APPROP.	FY 2004 EXPEND.
FINANCE COMMITTEE 1131		
Salaries - Clerical	2,122.00	1,507.00
Office Supplies	250.00	48.00
Travel	150.00	0.00
Dues/Subscription/Memberships	150.00	0.00
Total Finance Committee	2,672.00	1,555.00
FINANCE DIRECTOR 1133		
Salaries - Director of Finance	6,649.00	6,649.00
Total Finance Director	6,649.00	6,649.00
TOWN ACCOUNTANT 1135		
Salaries - Town Accountant	60,719.00	60,719.00
Salaries - Accounting Clerk	27,877.00	27,877.00
Salaries - Billing Clerk	6,562.00	6,562.00
Longevity	600.00	600.00
Overtime	0.00	0.00
Auditing	15,000.00	15,000.00
Telephone	1,500.00	1,232.00
Office Supplies	1,200.00	1,200.00
Travel	1,700.00	670.00
Dues/Subscription/Memberships	150.00	110.00
Additional Equipment	0.00	0.00
Special Article - GASB 34	15,651.00	1,000.00
Total Town Accountant	130,959.00	114,970.00
ASSESSORS 1141		
Stipends - Assessors	11,112.00	11,112.00
Salaries - Assistant Assessor	47,792.00	47,792.00
Salaries - Clerical	25,411.00	23,729.00
Salaries - Overtime	500.00	236.00
Salaries - Temporary	5,800.00	5,798.00
Longevity	0.00	0.00
R. & M. Office Equipment	175.00	164.00
Annual Update/Consultant	0.00	0.00
Telephone	1,400.00	815.00
Printing & Binding	300.00	241.00
Communications - Advertising	265.00	265.00
Training	0.00	0.00
Plot Plans	1,500.00	920.00
Reg. Deeds/Probate	150.00	0.00
Office Supplies	1,006.00	1,005.00
Travel	862.00	834.00
Dues/Subscription/Memberships	250.00	245.00
Additional Equipment	0.00	0.00

	FY 2004 APPROP.	FY 2004 EXPEND.
Software Expense	3,000.00	3,000.00
Cama License Fee	3,500.00	3,500.00
Special Article - Triennial Certif.	46,230.00	46,230.00
Special Article - Computer Equipment	0.00	0.00
Special Article - GIS Shapefile	8,000.00	8,000.00
Special Article - Vendor Services	6,020.00	6,020.00
Total Assessors	163,273.00	159,906.00

TOWN TREASURER 1145

Salaries - Town Treasurer	21,787.00	21,787.00
Salaries - Assistant Treasurer	16,025.00	12,943.00
Salaries - Clerical	28,721.00	28,721.00
Salaries - Temporary	900.00	772.00
Salaries - Overtime	2,197.00	1,738.00
Longevity	600.00	600.00
Repairs / Maintenance	0.00	0.00
Legal - Land Court	22,800.00	15,126.00
Low Value Property	189.00	0.00
Loan Expense	5,210.00	4,470.00
Telephone	1,600.00	975.00
Communications - Advertising	1,620.00	1,618.00
Reg. Deeds / Probate	2,125.00	2,075.00
Office Supplies	2,200.00	2,200.00
Postage	18,000.00	17,956.00
Travel	1,000.00	911.00
Dues/Subsription/Memberships	250.00	245.00
Bonding	1,200.00	1,100.00
Additional Equipment	0.00	0.00
Total Town Treasurer	126,424.00	113,237.00

TOWN COLLECTOR 1146

Salaries - Town Collector	30,251.00	30,251.00
Salaries - Assistant Collector	7,949.00	7,724.00
Salaries - Clerical	27,070.00	27,070.00
Salaries - Temporary	1,050.00	1,050.00
Salaries - Overtime	500.00	50.00
Longevity	600.00	600.00
R. & M. Office Equipment	95.00	0.00
Tax Bills	1,600.00	1,428.00
Telephone	1,000.00	809.00
Communication - Advertising	1,100.00	1,100.00
Registry Recordings	2,055.00	2,020.00
Office Supplies	1,000.00	991.00
Travel/Meals	708.00	426.00
Dues/Subsription/Memberships	140.00	55.00
Bonding	800.00	200.00
Additional Equipment	200.00	70.00
Total Town Collector	76,118.00	73,844.00

	<u>FY 2004 APPROP.</u>	<u>FY 2004 EXPEND.</u>
TOWN COUNSEL 1151		
Legal - Land Court	66,500.00	61,710.00
Total Town Counsel	<u>66,500.00</u>	<u>61,710.00</u>

DATA PROCESSING 1155

Salaries - Systems Administrator	3,714.00	3,714.00
Internet Services	6,000.00	5,940.00
R. & M. Copier	3,100.00	3,097.00
Maintenance Agreement	46,000.00	46,000.00
Software Maintenance	4,600.00	1,250.00
Computer Training & Testing	4,275.00	1,229.00
Photocopier Supply	2,000.00	1,980.00
Wiring Expense	0.00	0.00
Software Expense	500.00	500.00
Other Supplies	2,395.00	2,026.00
Travel	0.00	0.00
Additional Equipment	13,794.00	11,238.00
Total Data Processing	<u>86,378.00</u>	<u>76,974.00</u>

TOWN CLERK 1161

Salaries - Town Clerk	24,466.00	24,466.00
Salaries - Clerical	50,004.00	49,945.00
Salaries - Temporary	1,670.00	1,503.00
Salaries - Overtime	400.00	372.00
Longevity	257.00	257.00
Repairs / Maintenance	450.00	450.00
Ballots	1,400.00	798.00
Vital Statistics	200.00	175.00
Telephone	1,000.00	753.00
Communications - Advertising	958.00	958.00
Office Supplies	1,500.00	1,500.00
Update Law Books	0.00	0.00
Postage	1,300.00	1,163.00
Travel	500.00	135.00
Dues/Subscription/Memberships	200.00	195.00
Bonding	101.00	100.00
Additional Equipment	850.00	849.00
Special Article - File Cabinet	4,000.00	3,758.00
Special Article - CD ROMS	1,800.00	846.00
Total Town Clerk	<u>91,056.00</u>	<u>88,223.00</u>

REGISTRAR OF VOTERS 1163

Salaries - Temporary	5,000.00	5,000.00
Voting Program Movers	2,200.00	1,784.00
Street Voting / Census	3,800.00	618.00
Office Supplies	400.00	398.00
Postage	600.00	600.00

	FY 2004 APPROP.	FY 2004 EXPEND.
Total Registrar Of Voters	12,000.00	8,400.00
CONSERVATION 1171		
Salaries - Agent	18,570.00	13,942.00
Salaries - Clerical	15,393.00	13,103.00
Salaries - Overtime	1,443.00	1,005.00
Longevity	343.00	343.00
Special Article - Appraisals	2,250.00	0.00
Telephone	496.00	474.00
Communications - Advertising	949.00	949.00
Training & Testing	135.00	135.00
Office Supplies	500.00	473.00
Photo Supplies	0.00	0.00
Travel	16.00	16.00
Dues/Subscription/Memberships	195.00	195.00
Site Improv. Land Develop.	0.00	0.00
Additional Equipment	0.00	0.00
Total Conservation	40,290.00	30,635.00
SOIL BOARD 1172		
Salaries - Clerical	1,000.00	1,000.00
Office Supplies	50.00	0.00
Total Soil Board	1,050.00	1,000.00
PLANNING BOARD 1175		
Salaries - Clerical	8,671.00	8,660.00
Training & Testing	0.00	0.00
Communications - Advertising	50.00	0.00
Other Purchase - Serv. Recording.	450.00	423.00
Regist. Deeds/Update Maps	25.00	0.00
Office Supplies	400.00	308.00
Travel	0.00	0.00
Dues/Subscription/Memberships	100.00	80.00
Total Planning Board	9,696.00	9,471.00
BOARD OF APPEALS 1176		
Salaries - Clerical	1,853.00	1,762.00
Communications - Advertising	1,940.00	1,531.00
Office Supplies	57.00	42.00
Total Board of Appeals	3,850.00	3,335.00
TOWN HALL COMPLEX 1192		
Salaries - Custodian	30,847.00	30,847.00
Salaries - Part-time Custodian	14,485.00	2,646.00
Salaries - Temporary	0.00	0.00

	<u>FY 2004</u> <u>APPROP.</u>	<u>FY 2004</u> <u>EXPEND.</u>
Salaries - Overtime	4,200.00	4,200.00
Energy	33,118.00	25,948.00
R. & M. Building & Grounds	11,914.00	6,492.00
Special Article - A.D.A. Requirement	14,375.00	2,806.00
Supplies	4,650.00	4,650.00
Total Town Hall Complex	<u>113,589.00</u>	<u>77,589.00</u>

BY - LAWS 1197

Office Supplies	895.00	600.00
Total By-Laws	<u>895.00</u>	<u>600.00</u>

POLICE DEPARTMENT 2210

Salaries - Police Chief	87,649.00	87,649.00
Salaries - Permanent	991,552.00	991,552.00
Longevity	6,600.00	6,600.00
Clothing Allowance	11,450.00	10,884.00
R. & M. Building & Grounds	0.00	0.00
Vehicle Maintenance	11,000.00	9,388.00
R. & M. Office Equipment	6,666.00	4,441.00
Software Maintenance	9,572.00	9,571.00
Telephone	5,044.00	4,189.00
Training & Testing	2,000.00	1,990.00
Office Supplies	2,309.00	2,309.00
Meals	750.00	510.00
Other Supplies - Hardware /Lockup	17,300.00	14,875.00
Travel	200.00	0.00
Dues/Subscription/Memberships	750.00	750.00
Equipment	22,652.00	22,341.00
Total Police Department	<u>1,175,494.00</u>	<u>1,167,049.00</u>

FIRE DEPARTMENT 2220

Salaries - Fire Chief	79,741.00	79,710.00
Salaries - Permanent	146,095.00	145,291.00
Salaries - Clerical Part Time	0.00	0.00
Salaries - Call men	60,925.00	60,925.00
Overtime	43,585.00	43,585.00
Longevity	2,800.00	2,000.00
Clothing Allowance	4,000.00	4,000.00
Energy	7,500.00	6,421.00
Water	125.00	122.00
R. & M. Building & Grounds	869.00	830.00
Special Article - Refurbish Station 1	439.00	417.00
R. & M. Equipment	2,595.00	2,595.00
R & M.Vehicle	4,754.00	4,585.00
Software	558.00	558.00
Radio Repairs	631.00	631.00
Hepatitis B Shots	667.00	0.00
Medical Exams	236.00	236.00

	FY 2004 APPROP.	FY 2004 EXPEND.
Telephone	2,690.00	2,125.00
Training/CPR/1st Aid	6,050.00	6,050.00
Office Supplies	1,406.00	1,392.00
Other Supplies	88.00	88.00
Dues/Subscription/Memberships	845.00	845.00
Additional Equipment	1,500.00	1,488.00
Special Article - Repair Stations 1&2	55,000.00	0.00
Special Article - Fire Alarm System	55,000.00	0.00
Total Fire Department	478,099.00	363,894.00

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES 2232

Salaries - Director	43,240.00	43,240.00
Salaries - Permanent	137,700.00	93,006.00
Salaries - EMT's	114,128.00	113,052.00
Salaries - Billing Clerk	6,562.00	6,562.00
Salaries - Overtime	5,800.00	5,745.00
Longevity	1,000.00	1,000.00
Clothing Allowance	1,500.00	1,408.00
Energy	10,524.00	9,897.00
R. & M. Buildings & Grounds	2,131.00	1,570.00
R. & M. Equipment	4,358.00	4,067.00
Physicals	655.00	140.00
Telephone	2,013.00	1,929.00
Training & Testing	1,000.00	697.00
Collection Expense	4,015.00	3,539.00
Office Supplies	1,000.00	908.00
Supplies	842.00	593.00
Vehicle Supplies & Maintenance	3,000.00	2,306.00
Medical & Surgical Supplies	9,045.00	8,838.00
Oxygen	2,657.00	2,252.00
Travel	100.00	10.00
Dues/Subscription/Memberships	1,200.00	1,125.00
Additional Equipment/Furniture	650.00	417.00
Total E.M.S.	353,120.00	302,301.00
From Taxation: \$162,301.00		
From E.M.S. Res. Rec. Account: \$140,000.00		

BUILDING DEPARTMENT 2241

Salaries - Building Inspector	45,000.00	45,000.00
Salaries - Clerical	27,071.00	27,070.00
Salaries - Wire Inspector	9,686.00	9,686.00
Salaries - Deputy Wire Inspector	1,133.00	0.00
Salaries - Deputy Building Inspector	3,317.00	806.00
Salaries - Gas/Plumbing Inspector	7,764.00	7,764.00
Salaries - Deputy Gas/Plumbing Inspector	1,133.00	279.00
Salaries - Temporary	1,800.00	0.00
Salaries - Overtime	0.00	0.00
Longevity	600.00	600.00
Training & Testing	1,200.00	0.00

	FY 2004 APPROP.	FY 2004 EXPEND.
R. & M. Equipment	300.00	214.00
Telephone	1,528.00	716.00
Plot Plans	0.00	0.00
Office Supplies	800.00	764.00
Vehicle Supplies	800.00	13.00
Meals	200.00	0.00
Travel	200.00	0.00
Dues/Subscription/Memberships	500.00	160.00
Additional Equipment	500.00	386.00
Total Building Department	<u>103,532.00</u>	<u>93,458.00</u>

SEALER OF WEIGHTS & MEASURES 2244

Salaries -Permanent Position	845.00	845.00
Telephone	15.00	0.00
Office Supplies	200.00	0.00
Travel	180.00	0.00
Dues/Subscription/Memberships	120.00	0.00
Additional Equipment	300.00	0.00
Total Sealer Of Weights & Measures	<u>1,660.00</u>	<u>845.00</u>

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY 2291

Longevity - Other Personal Ser.	0.00	0.00
Energy	1,650.00	1,576.00
Repairs/Equipment Maint.	400.00	308.00
R. & M. Building & Grounds	1,650.00	1,650.00
Telephone	450.00	407.00
Maintenance & Supplies	300.00	300.00
Disaster Fund	100.00	0.00
Travel	100.00	48.00
Additional Equipment/Gear	908.00	877.00
Total E.M.A.	<u>5,558.00</u>	<u>5,166.00</u>

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER 2292

Salaries - Director	26,774.00	26,774.00
Salaries - Temporary	0.00	0.00
Longevity	200.00	0.00
Clothing Allowance	125.00	125.00
R. & M. Equipment	200.00	134.00
Telephone	675.00	651.00
Board Services	1,000.00	198.00
Training & Testing	0.00	0.00
Animal Burials	0.00	0.00
Office Supplies	100.00	99.00
Dues/Subscription/Memberships	45.00	30.00
Additional Equipment	0.00	0.00
Total Animal Control Officer	<u>29,119.00</u>	<u>28,011.00</u>

	<u>FY 2004 APPROP.</u>	<u>FY 2004 EXPEND.</u>
FORESTRY 2294		
Salaries - Tree Warden	680.00	680.00
Tree Removal	5,600.00	5,600.00
Tree Planting	1,250.00	781.00
Other Supplies	100.00	58.00
Total Forestry	<u>7,630.00</u>	<u>7,119.00</u>

OLD COLONY REGIONAL SCHOOL 3320

Regional School Tuition	1,229,640.00	1,229,640.00
Total Old Colony Reg. Sch.	<u>1,229,640.00</u>	<u>1,229,640.00</u>

ACUSHNET SCHOOL DEPARTMENT 3325, 021

Expenses	10,353,928.00	10,086,207.00
School Improvement Interest	1,089,309.00	494,427.00
Roof Principal	35,000.00	35,000.00
Roof Interest	2,678.00	2,677.00
Total Acushnet School Dept.	<u>11,480,915.00</u>	<u>10,618,311.00</u>

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT 4422

Salaries - Superintendent	17,000.00	17,000.00
Salaries - Permanent	195,348.00	193,354.00
Salaries - Highway Superintendent	44,000.00	44,000.00
Salaries - Clerical	9,023.00	9,023.00
Salaries - Temporary	0.00	0.00
Salaries - Overtime	2,500.00	2,441.00
Longevity	1,700.00	1,700.00
Clothing Allowance	3,700.00	3,539.00
Energy	8,500.00	8,388.00
R. & M. Building & Grounds	3,000.00	3,000.00
R. & M. Equipment	35,000.00	33,999.00
Rentals & Leases	6,000.00	5,581.00
Engineering Fees	3,000.00	1,950.00
Telephone	1,535.00	1,361.00
Communications - Advertising	500.00	408.00
Police Detail	2,500.00	1,300.00
Training & Testing	1,365.00	745.00
Office Supplies	1,000.00	1,000.00
Gasoline	40,000.00	39,212.00
Street Sign Supplies	22.00	22.00
Personal Safety Supplies	1,133.00	1,101.00
Road Materials	33,800.00	24,268.00
Travel	500.00	90.00
Dues/Subscription/Memberships/Licenses	500.00	210.00
Additional Equipment	2,500.00	2,418.00

	<u>FY 2004 APPROP.</u>	<u>FY 2004 EXPEND.</u>
Special Article - Reimburse Damages	369.00	369.00
Special Article - Storm Drains	<u>5,600.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Highway Department	420,095.00	396,479.00

HIGHWAY ROAD EQUIPMENT 4423

O.P.R.S. - Snow Removal - Emergency	<u>56,173.00</u>	<u>56,173.00</u>
Total Highway Road Equipment	56,173.00	56,173.00

STREET LIGHTS 4424

Energy	57,000.00	52,502.00
Special Article - Street Lights	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Street Lights	57,000.00	52,502.00

SEMASS 4431

Curbside Pick - Up	71,000.00	71,000.00
Incinerator - SEMASS	130,000.00	119,668.00
Heavy Pick	33,000.00	31,563.00
Rubbish Removal	<u>254,500.00</u>	<u>254,500.00</u>
Total SEMASS	488,500.00	476,731.00

CEMETERY 4491

Salaries - Temporary	5,700.00	4,980.00
R. & M. Equipment	650.00	648.00
R. & M. Building & Grounds	400.00	396.00
Office Supplies	50.00	0.00
Building Repairs/ Maint./Supplies	<u>225.00</u>	<u>29.00</u>
Total Cemetery	7,025.00	6,053.00

HEALTH DEPARTMENT 5510

Stipends - Board	8,517.00	8,517.00
Salaries - Sanitarian	47,135.00	47,135.00
Salaries - Clerical	27,070.00	27,070.00
Salaries - Temporary	19,170.00	19,170.00
Salaries - Overtime	0.00	0.00
Longevity	400.00	400.00
Contracted Inspection Services	0.00	0.00
Clothing Allowance	100.00	0.00
R. & M. Vehicles	500.00	280.00
Physician	1,163.00	1,163.00
Prof. Pub. Health Agency	14,000.00	14,000.00
Clinic Exp. - Rabies Control	300.00	147.00
Telephone	1,791.00	1,724.00
Communications - Advertising	350.00	231.00
Training & Testing	400.00	104.00
Office Supplies	1,500.00	1,382.00

	FY 2004 APPROP.	FY 2004 EXPEND.
Postage	500.00	222.00
Photocopier Supplies	750.00	511.00
Software Expense	6,799.00	6,799.00
Medical & Surgical Supplies	1,170.00	1,048.00
Water Testing	100.00	0.00
Travel	50.00	8.00
Dues/Subscription/Memberships	125.00	114.00
Additional Equipment	400.00	400.00
Total Health Department	132,290.00	130,425.00

COUNCIL ON AGING 5541

Salaries - Director	22,948.00	22,948.00
Salaries - Temporary	9,368.00	9,155.00
Energy	7,882.00	7,867.00
R. & M. Building & Grounds	1,168.00	1,168.00
R. & M. Vehicles	3,143.00	2,717.00
Telephone	1,000.00	757.00
Alarm Services	770.00	286.00
Office Supplies	1,140.00	1,140.00
Postage	175.00	174.00
Building Supplies	700.00	700.00
Share Program	0.00	0.00
Nutrition	4,160.00	4,160.00
Travel	650.00	650.00
Total Council on Aging	53,104.00	51,722.00

VETERANS 5543

Salaries - Permanent	5,985.00	4,874.00
Telephone	630.00	377.00
Training & Testing	474.00	300.00
Training/Public Awareness	300.00	0.00
Office Supplies	400.00	216.00
Other Supplies	0.00	0.00
Veterans Benefits	12,076.00	12,076.00
Total Veterans	19,865.00	17,843.00

LIBRARY 6610

Salaries - Director	41,880.00	41,247.00
Salaries - Asst. Director - Part Time	20,233.00	19,204.00
Salaries - Education	1,000.00	357.00
Salaries - Tech.	42,659.00	41,983.00
Salaries - Custodian	7,714.00	7,585.00
Longevity	560.00	560.00
Energy	4,335.00	4,276.00
R. & M. Building & Grounds	1,500.00	1,164.00
R. & M. Office Equipment	820.00	761.00
Telephone	1,600.00	1,499.00
Education	245.00	245.00

	<u>FY 2004 APPROP.</u>	<u>FY 2004 EXPEND.</u>
SEAL Expense	10,193.00	10,193.00
Office Supplies	2,014.00	2,012.00
Children Ed Supplies	500.00	386.00
Other Supplies	16,256.00	16,255.00
Travel	305.00	304.00
Additional Equipment	275.00	275.00
Special Article - Book Drop	1,512.00	1,511.00
Special Article - Library Copier	4,095.00	1,994.00
Total Library	<u>157,696.00</u>	<u>151,811.00</u>

RECREATION 6630

Energy	5,173.00	4,612.00
Service & Maintenance	1,700.00	1,638.00
Telephone	500.00	368.00
Communications - Advertising	0.00	0.00
Summer Youth	8,600.00	8,585.00
Office Supplies	50.00	50.00
Hardware	1,300.00	1,300.00
Other Supplies - Athletic, ETC.	300.00	295.00
Total Recreation	<u>17,623.00</u>	<u>16,848.00</u>

PARK DEPARTMENT 6650

Salaries - Permanent	8,652.00	8,650.00
Salaries - Permanent Laborer	8,549.00	8,549.00
Salaries - Clerical	0.00	0.00
R. & M. - Equipment	2,000.00	2,000.00
Serv. - Trash Removal	150.00	150.00
Restroom Supplies	175.00	166.00
Stone Dust	2,263.00	2,262.00
Special Article - Park Restrooms	45,000.00	0.00
Total Park Department	<u>66,789.00</u>	<u>21,777.00</u>

HISTORICAL COMMISSION 6691

Energy	3,007.00	2,505.00
R. & M. Building. & Grounds	80.00	10.00
Telephone / Alarm	720.00	689.00
Communications - Advertising	50.00	0.00
Special Article - Historic Inventory	978.00	0.00
Office Supplies	30.00	0.00
Postage	20.00	11.00
Travel	175.00	0.00
Dues/Subscription/Memberships	50.00	0.00
Total Historical Commission	<u>5,110.00</u>	<u>3,215.00</u>

CELEBRATIONS 6692

Road Race	300.00	300.00
Memorial Day/July 4	1,885.00	1,633.00
Total Celebrations	<u>2,185.00</u>	<u>1,933.00</u>

	<u>FY 2004 APPROP.</u>	<u>FY 2004 EXPEND.</u>
MISCELLANEOUS 2699		
Beautification	642.00	493.00
Street Acceptance	0.00	0.00
Acushnet Cultural Council	0.00	0.00
Shellfish Warden/Harbor Master	237.00	0.00
Herring Inspector	237.00	0.00
Safety Committee	214.00	0.00
Housing Partnership	238.00	0.00
Special Article - Buzzards Bay Act. Committee	<u>1,266.00</u>	<u>633.00</u>
Total Miscellaneous	2,834.00	1,126.00
RETIREMENT OF DEBT 7710		
Long Term Debt	<u>20,000.00</u>	<u>20,000.00</u>
Total Retirement of Debt	20,000.00	20,000.00
INTEREST 7751		
Long Term Debt Interest	14,973.00	8,047.00
Short Term Debt - Loan Interest	<u>10,000.00</u>	<u>9,972.00</u>
Total Interest	24,973.00	18,019.00
COUNTY ASSESSMENTS 8830		
County Tax	<u>86,004.00</u>	<u>84,636.00</u>
Total County Tax	86,004.00	84,636.00
STATE ASSESSMENTS 8850		
Special Ed.	0.00	0.00
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax	6,280.00	7,880.00
Mosquito Assessment	19,611.00	23,431.00
Air Pollution Assessment	2,100.00	2,126.00
RTA Assessment	22,609.00	23,174.00
SRPEDD	<u>1,642.00</u>	<u>1,641.00</u>
Total State Assessments	52,242.00	58,252.00
PENSIONS 1911		
Bristol County Retirement	436,099.00	430,512.00
Social Security	13,000.00	6,966.00
Medicare	<u>86,029.00</u>	<u>86,029.00</u>
Total Pensions	535,128.00	523,507.00
WORKERS COMPENSATION 1912		
Fringe Benefits/Charges	<u>54,000.00</u>	<u>47,937.00</u>
Total Workers Compensation	54,000.00	47,937.00

	<u>FY 2004</u> <u>APPROP.</u>	<u>FY 2004</u> <u>EXPEND.</u>
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION 1913		
Fringe Benefits/Charges	86,250.00	47,729.00
Total Unemployment Compensation	<u>86,250.00</u>	<u>47,729.00</u>
HEALTH INSURANCE 1914		
Blue Cross/Blue Shield Health Insurance	840,000.00	790,124.00
CRA/Flexible Benefits Plan	1,860.00	1,740.00
Total Health Insurance	<u>841,860.00</u>	<u>791,864.00</u>
LIABILITY INSURANCE 1945		
Ins. Pr. Dis. - Fire - Police Accident H.	8,400.00	7,000.00
Property Liability/M.V.	106,090.00	83,528.00
Total Liability Insurance	<u>114,490.00</u>	<u>90,528.00</u>
TRANSFERS 9999		
Transfers To Capital Project	0.00	0.00
Transfers To Special Revenue	2,158.00	2,158.00
Transfers To Enterprise Funds	0.00	0.00
Transfers To Trust & Agency	320,133.00	320,133.00
Total Transfers	<u>322,291.00</u>	<u>322,291.00</u>
SEWER DEPARTMENT 6004440		
Salaries -Director	17,000.00	17,000.00
Salaries - Permanent Laborer	8,190.00	6,515.00
Salaries - Water/Sewer Supt.	22,000.00	22,000.00
Salaries - Clerical	9,023.00	9,023.00
Salaries - Billing Clerk	6,563.00	6,563.00
Salaries - Overtime	1,000.00	310.00
Longevity	100.00	100.00
Fringe Benefits - Health/Vacation	1,500.00	1,500.00
Clothing Allowance	200.00	200.00
Energy	4,000.00	3,373.00
Service & Maint. Equipment	5,000.00	707.00
R. & M. Vehicles	200.00	176.00
R. & M. Building & Grounds	1,000.00	265.00
Software Maintenance	500.00	500.00
Maintenance of System	9,000.00	2,589.00
Sewer Pumping - New Bedford	280,000.00	275,085.00
Telephone	1,000.00	652.00
Legal Expense	7,019.00	1,304.00
Engineering Fees	5,000.00	0.00
Court Judgments	0.00	0.00
Training & Testing	500.00	90.00
Gasoline	400.00	316.00
Office Supplies	500.00	187.00

	FY 2004 APPROP.	FY 2004 EXPEND.
Sewer Bills	500.00	298.00
Postage	750.00	473.00
Travel	100.00	0.00
Upgrading System	1,000.00	1,000.00
Additional Equipment	2,500.00	2,282.00
Special Article - Equipment	15,995.00	15,590.00
Sub-Total	<u>400,540.00</u>	<u>368,098.00</u>

RETIREMENT OF DEBT 6007440

Long Term Debt - Sewer	20,000.00	20,000.00
Long Term Debt - Interest	472.00	472.00
Sub-Total	<u>20,472.00</u>	<u>20,472.00</u>
Total Sewer Department From Sewer Users' Fees	<u>421,012.00</u>	<u>388,570.00</u>

WATER DEPARTMENT 2704450

Salaries - Director	17,000.00	17,000.00
Salaries - Permanent Labor	73,705.00	62,992.00
Salaries - Superintendent	22,000.00	22,000.00
Salaries - Clerical - Part Time	9,023.00	9,023.00
Salaries - Billing Clerk	6,563.00	6,563.00
Salaries - Overtime	5,000.00	2,392.00
Longevity	100.00	100.00
Fringe Benefits - Health/Vacation	5,000.00	5,000.00
Clothing Allowance	1,000.00	978.00
Energy	2,000.00	1,824.00
New Bedford Water Bills	404,215.00	292,766.00
R. & M. Building & Grounds	2,000.00	1,826.00
Vehicle Maintenance	1,000.00	1,000.00
Software Maintenance	500.00	500.00
Maintenance Of System	4,000.00	3,972.00
Repair/Trench Repairs	1,500.00	801.00
Rentals & Leases	500.00	332.00
Legal Expenses	6,500.00	1,142.00
Court Judgments	0.00	0.00
Engineering Fees	5,000.00	1,800.00
Telephone	755.00	231.00
Training & Testing	1,634.00	230.00
Other Purch. Serv. - Police Detail	2,000.00	200.00
Gasoline	3,000.00	2,843.00
Office Supplies	1,000.00	1,000.00
Water Bills	1,000.00	926.00
Postage	2,500.00	1,649.00
Water Testing	4,000.00	3,965.00
P.W. Suppl. - Equipment - Supplies	5,000.00	4,008.00
Travel	560.00	72.00
Dues/Subsription/Memberships/Licenses	500.00	390.00
Upgrading System	1,000.00	1,000.00

	<u>FY 2004</u> <u>APPROP.</u>	<u>FY 2004</u> <u>EXPEND.</u>
Additional Equipment - New Meters	5,000.00	5,000.00
Special Article - Equipment	15,995.00	15,590.00
Sub-Total	<u>610,550.00</u>	<u>469,115.00</u>

RETIREMENT OF DEBT 2707450

Long Term Debt - Water	20,000.00	20,000.00
Long Term Debt - Interest	1,560.00	1,560.00
Sub-Total	<u>21,560.00</u>	<u>21,560.00</u>

TRANSFERS 2709999

Transfers to General Fund	0.00	0.00
Transfers to Special Revenue	0.00	0.00
Sub-Total	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
 Total Water Department From Water Users' Fees	 <u>632,110.00</u>	 <u>490,675.00</u>

GOLF COURSE 6606650

Salaries - Director	40,900.00	40,900.00
Salaries - Head Professional	40,000.00	40,000.00
Salaries - Clubhouse Employees	71,600.00	71,378.00
Fringe Benefits	6,500.00	3,670.00
Energy	7,500.00	6,836.00
R. & M. Building & Grounds	23,842.00	2,662.00
R. & M. Equipment	19,158.00	13,987.00
Rentals & Leases	61,000.00	60,018.00
Legal Expenses	1,000.00	297.00
Management Consulting	586,995.00	584,526.00
Telephone	6,000.00	5,454.00
Communications - Advertising	32,500.00	31,880.00
Uniforms	2,000.00	1,635.00
Gasoline	8,000.00	5,942.00
Supplies - Golf Shop	54,000.00	51,136.00
Food Supplies	88,000.00	80,238.00
Other Supplies	12,500.00	11,416.00
Travel	1,000.00	632.00
Dues/Subscription/Memberships/Licenses	1,500.00	1,179.00
Insurance	10,000.00	7,091.00
Capital Projects	50,000.00	6,471.00
Sub-Total	<u>1,123,995.00</u>	<u>1,027,348.00</u>

DEBT SERVICE 6607650

Long Term Debt - Golf Principal	165,000.00	165,000.00
Long Term Debt - Interest	326,833.00	326,833.00
Sub-Total	<u>491,833.00</u>	<u>491,833.00</u>

	<u>FY 2004 APPROP.</u>	<u>FY 2004 EXPEND.</u>
TRANSFERS 6609999		
Transfers to General Fund	0.00	0.00
Sub-Total	0.00	0.00
 Total Golf Course Enterprise Fund	 1,615,828.00	 1,519,181.00
 SUB-TOTAL	 \$ 22,280,325.00	 \$ 20,660,029.00

OTHER EXPENDITURES

	<u>FY 2004 EXPEND.</u>
CAPITAL PROJECT FUNDS	
Computer Project	1,000.00
School Renovations	1,733,967.00
School Playground	0.00
Water - Hamlin Street	0.00
Partingways Building Project	1,416.00
Sewer Infiltration Project	7,928.00
Sewer - Phase 2	64,690.00
DPW Equipment	0.00
EMS Building	0.00
Water Meter Project	0.00
Water Meter Replacement	0.00
A.D.A. Compliance - Town Hall	0.00
Water Main Replacement	784,544.00
Total Capital Project Funds	<u>2,593,545.00</u>

CHAPTER 90 HIGHWAY FUNDS

Highway Projects & Equipment	0.00
Hamlin Street	83.00
Main Street	0.00
Middle Road/Peckham Road	0.00
Lawson Avenue	11,954.00
Slocum Street Reconstruction	10,118.00
Street Signs	0.00
Reclaim & Resurface	0.00
Total Chapter 90 Highway Funds	<u>22,155.00</u>

SCHOOL SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

School Lunch	285,377.00
Full Day Kindergarten	67,542.00

FY 2004

EXPEND.

Grants & Funding	<u>591,560.00</u>
Total School Special Revenue Funds	<u>944,479.00</u>

SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

Animal Gift Fund	1,770.00
Community Development	0.00
Building Maintenance	16,600.00
Cable Ed. & Gov. Access	1,200.00
Peg Access	39,815.00
Empowerment Fund	0.00
Downtown Steering Committee	320.00
Historical Comm. Survey Planning	0.00
Bureau Of Justice	0.00
Police D.A.R.E.	0.00
Community Policing	7,208.00
Cops Grant	0.00
Law Enforcement Trust	0.00
Police Reimbursable	4,080.00
Fire Safe Grant	1,651.00
Firefighter Equipment Grant	384.00
Council On Aging	9,603.00
C.O.A. Building	0.00
Library Gift Fund	78.00
Library Building Grant	0.00
LIG/MEG	8,738.00
B.O.H.	146.00
Arts Lottery	5,480.00
Title V - Water Pollution	340.00
Title V - Bond Principal	5,932.00
SEMASS	0.00
Parting Ways Beautification	0.00
Parting Ways Building Grant	0.00
Notice Of Intent	11,570.00
Conservation Commission Grant	0.00
E.M.S. Fund	140,000.00
Insurance Reimbursements	11,471.00
Outside Ads	814.00
Anti - Terrorism Grant	18,943.00
FEMA Grant	7,912.00
Skate Park Gift Fund	20,895.00
LLEBG	7,465.00
Recycling Grant	20,629.00
Assistance to Firefighters	4,342.00
MEMA Grant	<u>4,169.00</u>
Total Special Revenue Funds	<u>351,555.00</u>

**FY 2004
EXPEND.**

TRUST FUNDS

Various	<u>10,461.00</u>
Total Trust Funds	10,461.00

GRAND TOTAL \$ 24,582,224.00

Attest:
Cathy L. Doane
Director of Finance

**TOWN OF ACUSHNET
GENERAL FUND**

**BALANCE SHEET
JUNE 30, 2004**

ASSETS

Cash and Short Term Investments	\$	4,996,768.00
Receivables:		
Personal Property		6,242.00
Real Estate		77,882.00
Tax Liens		103,061.00
Taxes In Litigation		308.00
Motor Vehicle Excise		157,916.00
Tax Foreclosures		196,952.00
		196,952.00
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	5,539,129.00

LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY

LIABILITIES

Warrants Payable	\$	753,667.00
Other Liabilities		50,294.00
Accrued Salaries Teachers		153,865.00
Allowance For Abatements & Exemptions 2001-2004		474,404.00
Tailings		16,566.00
Due To Firearms Record Fund		300.00
Fire Dept. Comp. Time		16,692.00
Deferred Revenue:		
Real Estate And Personal Property		(390,279.00)
Tax Liens		103,061.00
Tax Foreclosure		196,951.00
Tax Litigation		308.00
Rubbish		-
Rubbish Liens		-
Motor Vehicle		157,916.00
Farm Excise		-
		-
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$	1,533,745.00

FUND EQUITY

Fund Balance Reserved for Encumbrances	\$	262,579.00
Undesignated Fund Balance		1,592,312.00
Fund Balance Designated for Expenditures		254,454.00
Fund Balance Designated for School Improvement Interest		1,711,155.00
Fund Balance Reserved for School Debt Reduction		<u>184,884.00</u>

TOTAL FUND EQUITY **\$** **4,005,384.00**

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY **\$** **5,539,129.00**

Attest:

Cathy L. Doane

Director of Finance

**TOWN OF ACUSHNET
COMMUNITY PRESERVATION FUND**

**BALANCE SHEET
JUNE 30, 2004**

ASSETS

Cash & Short Term Investments	\$	81,273.00
CPA - Surcharge Receivable - 2004		15.00
Tax Liens Receivable		<u>143.00</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	<u>81,431.00</u>

LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY

LIABILITIES

Deferred Revenue - Tax Liens	\$	143.00
Deferred Revenue - CPA Surcharge		<u>15.00</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$	<u>158.00</u>

FUND EQUITY

Fund Balance Reserved For Open Space	\$	8,150.00
Fund Balance Reserved For Historic Preservation		8,150.00
Fund Balance Reserved For Community Housing		8,150.00
Undesignated Fund Balance		<u>56,823.00</u>
TOTAL FUND EQUITY	\$	<u>81,273.00</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	\$	<u>81,431.00</u>

Attest:

Cathy L. Doane
Director of Finance

**TOWN OF ACUSHNET
SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS**

**BALANCE SHEET
JUNE 30, 2004**

ASSETS

Cash and Short Term Investments	\$	881,125.00
Receivables:		
E.M.S.		163,185.00
Title V Betterment Not Yet Due		46,185.00
		46,185.00
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	1,090,495.00
		1,090,495.00

LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY

LIABILITIES

Warrants Payable	\$	23,038.00
Deferred Revenue E.M.S.		163,185.00
Deferred Title V Not Yet Due		46,185.00
		46,185.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$	232,408.00
		232,408.00

FUND EQUITY

Fund Balance Reserved For Encumbrances	\$	-
Fund Balance Reserved For Expenditures		200,000.00
Community Development Grant		125.00
Building Maintenance Fund		2,854.00
Cable Ed & Gov. Access		29,912.00
D.A.R.E. Grant		231.00
Peg Access		21,929.00
Police Grant		11,992.00
Police Reimbursable		(2,040.00)
Law Enforcement Trust		8,072.00
Fire S.A.F.E.		44.00
Library Lig/Meg		32,225.00
Library Gift Fund		314,787.00
Library Building Grant		550.00
Board Of Health		64.00
Title V		4,038.00

Arts Lottery Council	2,896.00
Partingways Beautification	262.00
Notice Of Intent Conservation	4,927.00
E.M.S. Fund	102,039.00
Title V Receipts Reserved	51,436.00
Empowerment Fund	1,873.00
Downtown Steering Committee	5,654.00
C.O.A. Building Fund	1,893.00
Police LLEBG	21,578.00
Animal Gift Fund	7,978.00
Conservation Committee Grant	1,749.00
FEMA Grant	679.00
Assistance to Firefighters	6,611.00
Anti-Terror/Homeland Security	23,729.00

TOTAL FUND EQUITY	\$ 858,087.00
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TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	\$ 1,090,495.00
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Attest:

Cathy L. Doane

Director of Finance

**TOWN OF ACUSHNET
SCHOOL LUNCH**

**BALANCE SHEET
JUNE 30, 2004**

ASSETS

Cash	\$	<u>76,836.00</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	<u><u>76,836.00</u></u>

LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY

LIABILITIES

Warrants Payable	\$	<u>7,575.00</u>
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TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$	<u>7,350.00</u>
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FUND EQUITY

Undesignated Fund Balance	\$	<u>69,486.00</u>
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TOTAL FUND EQUITY	\$	<u>69,486.00</u>
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TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	\$	<u><u>76,836.00</u></u>
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Attest:

Cathy L. Doane
Director of Finance

**TOWN OF ACUSHNET
SCHOOL SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS**

**BALANCE SHEET
JUNE 30, 2004**

ASSETS

Cash	\$	244,448.00
SPED Circuit Breaker Due from Commonwealth		<u>34,597.00</u>

TOTAL ASSETS	\$	<u>279,045.00</u>
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LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY

LIABILITIES

Warrants Payable	\$	44,984.00
Accrued Teacher Salaries		<u>14,184.00</u>

TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$	<u>59,168.00</u>
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FUND EQUITY

Chapter 1	\$	26,507.00
Title II-P.L. 94-142		16,946.00
Early Childhood Grant		3,380.00
Drug Free School		3,174.00
School Building Rentals		12,394.00
Tuition Revenue		58,361.00
Ford Middle School Fund		9,724.00
Elementary School Fund		39,396.00
Tech Lighthouse		385.00
Title V		1,418.00

Teacher Quality	11,572.00
Enhanced Education	2,230.00
Full Day Kindergarten	25,561.00
Full Day Kindergarten Grant	6,394.00
Gifted & Talented	<u>2,435.00</u>

TOTAL FUND EQUITY **\$ 219,877.00**

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY **\$ 279,045.00**

Attest:
Cathy L. Doane
Director of Finance

**TOWN OF ACUSHNET
WATER SPECIAL REVENUE FUND**

**BALANCE SHEET
JUNE 30, 2004**

ASSETS

Cash and Short Term Investments	<u>\$ 467,064.00</u>
Receivables:	
Water Charges	\$ 10,010.00
Water Services	<u>1,210.00</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 478,284.00</u>

LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY

LIABILITIES

Warrants Payable	\$ 29,962.00
Deferred Revenue Water	11,219.00
Deferred Revenue Water Liens	<u>-</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>\$ 41,181.00</u>

FUND EQUITY

Fund Balance Reserved for Encumbrances	\$ 119,777.00
Fund Balance Reserved for Expenditures	10,000.00
Undesignated Fund Balance	<u>307,326.00</u>
TOTAL FUND EQUITY	<u>\$ 437,103.00</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	<u>\$ 478,284.00</u>

Attest:

Cathy L. Doane
Director of Finance

**TOWN OF ACUSHNET
SEWER ENTERPRISE FUND**

**BALANCE SHEET
JUNE 30, 2004**

ASSETS

Cash and Short Term Investments	<u>\$ 239,987.00</u>
Receivables:	
Sewer User Charges	6,663.00
Sewer Connection Receivable	-
Machinery & Equipment	3,955.00
Infrastructure	306,743.00
Vehicles	7,206.00
Construction in Process	<u>337,759.00</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>\$ 902,313.00</u></u>

LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY

LIABILITIES

Warrants Payable	\$ 25,501.00
Deferred Revenue Sewer	6,663.00
Net Fixed Assets	<u>655,663.00</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u><u>\$ 687,827.00</u></u>

FUND EQUITY

Fund Balance Reserved for Encumbrances	\$ 15,630.00
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REPORT OF THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT

To the Residents and Officers of the Town of Acushnet:

The following permits were issued for the fiscal year ending **June 2004**:

STRUCTURES	AMOUNT
ADDITIONS	53
BARNS	02
DECKS	30
DEMOLISH DWELLING	02
DWELLINGS	32
FIREPLACE	11
GARAGES	24
POOLS	51
PORCHES	11
RENOVATIONS	23
ROOFS	24
SHEDS	30
SIDING	08
WINDOWS	18
WOODSTOVES	28
MISC.	33
TOTAL	380

Respectfully submitted,

**John Roza, Building Commissioner
Steve Pina, Deputy Inspector
Patricia Harbeck, Senior Clerk**

REPORT OF THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT

To the Residents and Officers of the Town of Acushnet:

The Building Department issued **380 permits** and collected **\$34,624.00** in permit fees for the fiscal year ending **June 2004**.

DATE	PERMITS ISSUED	FEES COLLECTED
JULY	33	\$ 2405.00
AUGUST	32	3238.00
SEPTEMBER	48	5304.00
OCTOBER	41	2864.00
NOVEMBER	29	1832.00
DECEMBER	20	1908.00
JANUARY	21	5023.00
FEBRUARY	17	1598.00
MARCH	23	1384.00
APRIL	36	2835.00
MAY	35	2273.00
JUNE	45	3960.00
TOTAL	380	\$ 34,624.00
CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY	42	870.00
CERTIFICATE OF INSPECTIONS	17	757.00
MULTI- FAMILY INSPECTIONS	2	150.00
TOTAL FEES COLLECTED		\$ 36,401.00

Respectfully submitted,

John Roza, Building Commissioner
 Steve Pina, Deputy Building Inspector
 Patricia Harbeck, Senior Clerk

In a cooperative program with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health the Bristol County Mosquito Control Project has been trapping mosquitoes throughout Bristol County. As of October 31, 2004, there was one isolate of West Nile Virus, seventeen isolates of Eastern Equine Encephalitis and four isolates of Highlands Jay Virus from mosquitoes. There were no equine or human cases of WNV or EEE in Bristol County during the 2004 mosquito season.

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,

Wayne N. Andrews, Superintendent
December 31, 2004

Commissioners:

Gordon W. Wolfe, Chairman

William L. Glass, M.D.

Arthur F. Tobin

Daniel B. Amorim

Gregory D. Dorrance

ANNUAL REPORT – ACUSHNET MASSACHUSETTS

January 1, 2004 – December 31, 2004

On June 30, 2004 the Bristol County Mosquito Control Project completed forty-five 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 integrated pest management measures in its never-ending fight against mosquitoes.

Spring and Summer Larviciding – To reduce the emergence of adult mosquitoes in areas where mosquito larvae are 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, useful to determine which areas have nuisance populations of mosquitoes and need control.

Mosquito Viral Surveillance – Cooperative program with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health to monitor for Eastern Equine Encephalitis, West Nile Virus and Highlands Jay in the adult mosquito populations.

Water Management – A year round endeavor to clean and construct mosquito drainage ditches in lowland swamps to reduce breeding sites for mosquito larvae.

It is the policy of the Bristol County Mosquito Control Project to use pesticides that are compatible with its integrated pest management program to reduce environmental impact. We use as many of the biological insecticides that are practical with the environmental conditions present in the New England area. We are currently using two different formulations of bacterial larvicides, VectoLex™ and B.T.I.-based products, in our larval control program.

All of our spray equipment is calibrated periodically in order to meet label requirements adequate to reduce mosquito populations. The operators of our spray equipment are state licensed pesticide applicators that are required to attend classes on pesticide safety on a yearly basis.

During the time period January 1, 2004 – December 31, 2004 the Bristol County Mosquito Control Project in Acushnet:

- Sprayed over 10, 195 acres
- Treated 43.2 acres in 37 locations with BTI for mosquito larvae
- Cleared and reclaimed 2,340 feet of brush
- Received 172 requests for spraying
- Treated 704 catch basins

Report of the Health Agent

Inspectional Services (Inspections required by state and local regulations) remained constant. In 2003, the agent and board members conducted 869 inspections, while in 2004, 855 inspections were made by staff. While new building construction has declined, septic system replacements have increased. Housing and elderly public health issues were very demanding in 2004, resulting in several property condemnations. The Board of Health is utilizing non-criminal disposition ticketing (summons) to swiftly resolve legal cases, and in turn relieve the Town of lingering legal fees.

While Homeland Security may not be as prominent a concern as immediately after 9/11, Local Boards of Health and first responders still must be prepared, trained and equipped to meet any type of emergency in town, including bio-terrorism, infectious disease, water and air-borne contamination and disaster relief. All Town Departments are working very closely together, developing the Emergency Response Plan. The Board of Health is now trained and connected in the HHAN (Homeland and Health Alert Network). This is a secured, early alert network that supplies emergency notification to state and regional agencies responding to public health and safety emergencies. It also serves as a state-wide link to all local and state agencies, such as Police, Fire, EMS, Public Health, Emergency Management and Town and State Administration.

I wish to thank the residents of Acushnet for their continued cooperation and concerns for public and environmental issues in town, and the staff and the elected Board of Health members for their concern and courage to place Public Health far above politics.

Thomas E. Fantozzi, R.S., C.H.O.
Health Agent

**ANNUAL REPORT
ACUSHNET BOARD OF HEALTH
2004**

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

Thomas E. Fantozzi, R.S., C.H.O., Health Agent
Lori M. Walsh, Senior Clerk
Wanda L. Hämer, Part-Time Senior Clerk

To the Officers and Residents of the Town of Acushnet,

Nursing Health Care Programs:

Weekly Blood Pressure Screening is held each Wednesday from 9:00 am to 10:00 am at the Council on Aging Building at 59 ½ South Main Street. Out of the three Influenza and Pneumonia Clinics we provided 412 Flu shots and 24 Pneumonia shots. The communicable disease follow-up program was continued at a base level due to funding cuts. Any future cuts may result in curtailment of this program.

Inspections: (Initial Inspections Only)

Septic Systems	423	Mobile Homes	11
Title V Certifications	100	Food Service	68
Housing	35	Miscellaneous	88
Soil Evaluations	78	Complaints	52

Total Receipts for 2004

Permits & Fees	\$37,175.08
Mobile Park Fees	\$ 7,006.00
Health Clinic Fees	\$ 1,124.00
Total	\$45,305.08

Homeland Security Meeting attended 17

REPORT OF THE ANIMAL INSPECTOR

To the Officers and Residents of the Town of Acushnet:

Number of Dogs Quarantined	24
Number of Cats Quarantined	20
Number of Rabies Cases Investigated	4
Number of Rabies Cases Positive	2
Number of Barn Inspections	83
Number of Cattle Inspections (Cattle including Dairy, Bulls, Heifers & Calves)	183
Number of Horses & Ponies Inspected	157
Number of Goats Inspected	193
Number of Sheep Inspected	91
Number of Chickens Inspected	492
Number of Turkeys Inspected	3
Number of Rabbits Inspected	224
Number of Swine Inspected	2
Number of Peacocks Inspected	8
Number of Guinea Hens Inspected	4
Number of Waterfowl Inspected	61
Number of Mara's Inspected	2
Number of Swans Inspected	27
Number of Chinese Mandarins Inspected	12
Number of Pheasants Inspected	24
Number of Geese Inspected	22

Respectfully submitted,

Rebekah Tomlinson
Animal Inspector

REPORT OF THE ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

To the Officers and Residents of the Town of Acushnet:

Number of Dogs Licensed	1,565
Number of Kennel Licenses (Multi Dogs)	79
Number of Dogs Picked Up Unrestrained (Brought to Shelter)	52
Number of Dogs Claimed	45
Number of Dogs Transferred & Adopted	7
Number of Dogs Euthanized	0
Number of Cats Brought to Shelter	0
Number of Cats Euthanized	0
Number of Dead Animals Picked Up	603
Number of Complaints Investigated	5,027
Number of Hearings by Selectmen	0
Number of Dogs Ordered Out of Town by Selectmen	0
Number of Citations Issued	23
Number of Court Hearings	3
Mileage	5,873

Respectfully submitted,

Rebekah Tomlinson
Animal Control Officer

**TOWN OF ACUSHNET
GOVERNMENTAL FIXED ASSETS**

**BALANCE SHEET
JUNE 30, 2004**

ASSETS

Land Acquisition	\$ 1,391,505.00
Land Improvements	337,924.00
Buildings	32,373,451.00
Machinery & Equipment	943,294.00
Infrastructure	15,803,608.00
Vehicles	1,567,892.00
Construction in Process	1,151,952.00
Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(16,070,852.00)</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>\$ 37,498,774.00</u></u>

LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY

LIABILITIES

Warrants Payable	\$ -
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>\$ -</u>

FUND EQUITY

Undesignated Fund Balance	<u>\$ 37,498,774.00</u>
TOTAL FUND EQUITY	<u>\$ 37,498,774.00</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	<u><u>\$ 37,498,774.00</u></u>

Attest:

Cathy L. Doane
Director of Finance

**TOWN OF ACUSHNET
LONG TERM DEBT ACCOUNT GROUP**

**BALANCE SHEET
JUNE 30, 2004**

ASSETS

Amounts To Be Provided for Payment of Bonds	\$ 967,530.00
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 967,530.00

LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY

LIABILITIES

School Roof Bond	\$ 35,000.00
Partingways Building Bonds	180,000.00
Sewer Infiltration Bonds	-
Water Main Bonds	671,000.00
Title V Bonds	81,530.00

TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 967,530.00
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FUND EQUITY

School Renovations Authorized	\$ 27,793,000.00
Sewer - Phase II Authorized	5,000,000.00
Water Meters Authorized	40,000.00
Water - Middle Road/Main Street Authorized	2,668,000.00
School Renovations Unissued	(27,793,000.00)
Sewer - Phase II Unissued	(5,000,000.00)
Water Meters Unissued	(40,000.00)
Water - Middle Road/Main Street Unissued	(2,668,000.00)

TOTAL FUND EQUITY	\$ -
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TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	\$ 967,530.00
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Attest:

Cathy L. Doane
Director of Finance

Long Plain Meetinghouse	13,925.00
Meetinghouse Restoration	178,573.00
A. Fluegal Board Of Health	1,527.00
RN Swift 1	13,966.00
RN Swift 2	492.00
Conservation	32,562.00
Retirement	148,361.00
Accumulated Sick Time	3,745.00
Stabilization	1,858,458.00
Golf Course Farm Land	51,679.00
Fund Balance Designated For Expenditures	303,139.00

TOTAL FUND EQUITY \$ 2,979,747.00

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY \$ 2,980,247.00

Attest:
Cathy L. Doane
Director of Finance

**TOWN OF ACUSHNET
TRUST FUNDS**

**BALANCE SHEET
JUNE 30 , 2004**

ASSETS

Cash and Short Term Investments	<u>\$ 2,980,247.00</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>\$ 2,980,247.00</u></u>

LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY

LIABILITIES

Warrants Payable	<u>\$ 500.00</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>\$ 500.00</u>

FUND EQUITY

Cemetery Care	\$ 101,047.00
Haydon Flower	279.00
Haydon - Candage Flower	441.00
Instructive Nursing	9,398.00
Leo/Ruth Jackson Flower	411.00
Omey/Cottle Flower	17,566.00
Travis/Ellis Flower	3,797.00
Charles Beals Library Books	6,309.00
Albert Leconte Library Books	3,161.00
Allen/Rhonda Russell Library	9,208.00
Russell Library Maintenance	8,410.00
F. Sowa Library Books	13,572.00
Long Plain School Museum	9,624.00
W.G. Owen Art Week	1,152.00
Russell Protestant Poor	70,231.00
Russell Town Hall	9,623.00
Sylvia P. Manter School	46,283.00
Henry H. Rogers School	12,480.00
Russell Public Schools	37,801.00
E. C. Burt School Library	4,101.00
Ruth Tabor Scholarship	8,426.00

**TOWN OF ACUSHNET
AGENCY FUNDS**

**BALANCE SHEET
JUNE 30, 2004**

ASSETS

Cash and Short Term Investments	<u>\$ 78,814.00</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>\$ 78,814.00</u></u>

LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable	\$ 27.00
Brale Hill Estates	728.00
Erin Heights	897.00
Mendall Hill Estates	23,960.00
Stoney Acres	918.00
Deep Brook Estates	1,074.00
Apple Blossom Estates	14,206.00
Park Drive Extension	778.00
Forestdale Estates	26,780.00
Outside Details - Police	<u>9,446.00</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u><u>\$ 78,814.00</u></u>

Attest:

Cathy L. Doane
Director of Finance

**TOWN OF ACUSHNET
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS**

**BALANCE SHEET
JUNE 30, 2004**

ASSETS

Cash and Short Term Investments	\$	1,890,650.00
		1,890,650.00
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	1,890,650.00
		1,890,650.00

LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY

LIABILITIES

Warrants Payable	\$	20,164.00
B.A.N. Payable		28,904,000.00
		28,924,164.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$	28,924,164.00
		28,924,164.00

FUND EQUITY

Fund Balance Reserved for Encumbrances	\$	432,479.00
Computer Account		8,024.00
EMS Building		5,591.00
School Playground		199.00
A.D.A. Compliance		12,928.00
Sewer Infiltration		28,646.00
School Renovations		(26,771,423.00)
Partingways Building Project		4,583.00
Water Meter Project		(40,000.00)
Sewer Phase II		(337,759.00)
Water Wells Project		(376,782.00)
		(27,033,514.00)
TOTAL FUND EQUITY	\$	(27,033,514.00)
		(27,033,514.00)

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	\$	1,890,650.00
		1,890,650.00

Attest:

Cathy L. Doane
Director of Finance

**TOWN OF ACUSHNET
HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT FUND**

**BALANCE SHEET
JUNE 30, 2004**

ASSETS

Cash and Short Term Investments	\$ (39,589.00)
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ (39,589.00)</u>

LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY

LIABILITIES

Warrants Payable	\$ 11,954.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>\$ 11,954.00</u>

FUND EQUITY

Hamlin Street	\$ (3,153.00)
Lawson Avenue	(11,954.00)
Middle Road/Peckham Road	(12,864.00)
Slocum Street	<u>(23,572.00)</u>
TOTAL FUND EQUITY	<u>\$ (51,543.00)</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	<u>\$ (39,589.00)</u>

Attest:

Cathy L. Doane
Director of Finance

Fund Balance Designated - P/Y Revenue Shortfall	(48,447.00)
Undesignated Fund Balance	<u>(109,743.00)</u>
TOTAL FUND EQUITY	\$ <u>416,682.00</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	\$ <u><u>13,403,468.00</u></u>

Attest:
Cathy L. Doane
Director of Finance

**TOWN OF ACUSHNET
GOLF ENTERPRISE FUND**

**BALANCE SHEET
JUNE 30, 2004**

ASSETS

Cash and Short Term Investments	\$ 482,048.00
Land Acquisition	1,637,100.00
Land Improvements	3,718,374.00
Land Improvements Interest	798,862.00
Buildings	191,659.00
Machinery and Equipment	251,927.00
Amounts To Be Provided For Payment Of Bond	<u>6,323,498.00</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>\$ 13,403,468.00</u></u>

LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY

LIABILITIES

Warrants Payable	\$ 20,197.00
Bonds Payable	6,155,000.00
Outing Deposits & Gift Certificates	45,169.00
Capitalized Lease Obligation	168,498.00
Net Fixed Assets	<u>6,597,922.00</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u><u>\$ 12,986,786.00</u></u>

FUND EQUITY

Contributed Capital	\$ 500,000.00
Fund Balance Reserved for Encumbrances	74,872.00

Fund Balance Reserved for Expenditures	20,000.00
Undesignated Fund Balance	<u>178,856.00</u>
TOTAL FUND EQUITY	<u>\$ 214,486.00</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	<u><u>\$ 902,313.00</u></u>

Attest:
Cathy L. Doane
Director of Finance

REPORT OF THE WIRING DEPARTMENT

To the Residents and Officers of the Town of Acushnet:

The Wiring Department issued 230 permits and collected \$10,948.00 in fees for the fiscal year ending June 2004.

DATE	PERMITS ISSUED	FEEES COLLECTED
		\$
JULY	28	1005.00
AUGUST	18	648.00
SEPTEMBER	21	1060.00
OCTOBER	16	906.00
NOVEMBER	09	395.00
DECEMBER	16	715.00
JANUARY	13	590.00
FEBRUARY	20	1358.00
MARCH	18	1156.00
APRIL	16	570.00
MAY	26	1073.00
JUNE	29	1472.00
TOTAL	230	\$ 10,948.00

Respectfully submitted,

Frank Knox, Wire Inspector
Victor Pereira, Deputy Inspector
Thomas DeCosta, Deputy Inspector
Patricia Harbeck, Senior Clerk

REPORT OF THE PLUMBING DEPARTMENT

To the Residents and Officers of the Town of Acushnet.

The Plumbing Department issued 106 permits and collected \$ 8,220.00 in permit fees for the fiscal year ending June 2004.

DATE	PERMITS ISSUED	FEES COLLECTED
		\$
JULY	06	455.00
AUGUST	12	749.00
SEPTEMBER	12	1265.00
OCTOBER	07	604.00
NOVEMBER	05	444.00
DECEMBER	11	908.00
JANUARY	02	90.00
FEBRUARY	08	566.00
MARCH	11	578.00
APRIL	10	915.00
MAY	13	1124.00
JUNE	09	522.00
TOTAL	106	\$ 8,220.00

Respectfully submitted,

Raymond LaFrance, Plumbing Inspector
Patricia Harbeck, Senior Clerk

REPORT OF THE GAS DEPARTMENT

To the Residents and Officers of the Town of Acushnet:

The Gas Department issued **88 permits** and collected **\$3,427.00** in fees for the fiscal year
Ending June 2004.

DATE	PERMITS ISSUED	FEES COLLECTED
		\$
JULY	03	130.00
AUGUST	10	350.00
SEPTEMBER	11	494.00
OCTOBER	07	284.00
NOVEMBER	07	320.00
DECEMBER	07	250.00
JANUARY	08	256.00
FEBRUARY	11	413.00
MARCH	04	133.00
APRIL	07	298.00
MAY	05	182.00
JUNE	08	317.00
TOTAL	88	\$ 3427.00

Respectfully submitted,

Raymond LaFrance, Gas Inspector
Patricia Harbeck, Senior Clerk

**ANNUAL REPORT
of the
Sealer of Weights and Measures**

**For the Period commencing January 1, 2004
through December 31, 2004.**

**Theodore Machado, Sealer
122 Main Street
Acushnet, MA 02743
(508) 998-0200**

The Department of Weights and Measures ensures that equity and fairness prevail in the marketplace between the buyer and seller and enforces all laws, ordinances and regulations relating to the accuracy of weighing and measuring devices used by local business establishments. These include taxi meters, gas station pumps, home heating oil truck meters, hospital and health clinic scales, truck scales, factory and pharmacy scales, and scales for the tipping of solid waste.

The Department of Weights and Measures enforces Massachusetts General laws and regulations relating to the accuracy of weighing and measuring devices that weigh, measure, or count commodities offered for public sale. The department also seals or condemns devices tested, and performs such work in accordance with state laws and regulations and municipal ordinances, subject to review through reports and periodic checks by the State Division of Standards. Additionally the department inspects prepackaged food and merchandise to ensure compliance with weight, measurement and count requirements, and for proper labeling as to weight, measure and extended prices. It also investigates complaints on measuring devices or those not conforming to legal standards, checks hawkers and peddlers for possession of licenses, and inspects weighing and measuring devices used by these vendors. The Department also advises merchants on packaging and labeling of goods.

This Department uses Handbook 44, Specifications, Tolerances, and other Technical Requirements for Weighing and Measuring Devices, promulgated by the National Institute of Standards and Technology, of the United States Department of Commerce, and further promulgated by the Massachusetts Division of Standards.

Sealing fees collected and submitted to the Town Treasurer amounted to \$399.00.

Respectfully submitted,

Theodore Machador, Sealer

Report of the Department of Veteran's Services

To the residents and town officials of Acushnet, I submit the following report of Veteran's Services.

I have over the past year worked at improving services to all veterans of the Town of Acushnet. This was done by attending seminar classes in Boston at the Department of Veterans Services in the month of August 2004 and again in March 2005, I attended the Massachusetts Veterans' Service Officers Association meeting in Plymouth.

I have notified members of both the American Legion and the VFW Posts' that they should inform their membership that my office is available to their families should need arise in the future for financial assistance. Upon receiving "Veterans' Death Certificates" from the State, I plan to send out a letter of condolence and offering the services of this office, while also making them aware of the possibility of financial aide if needed to the widow of the deceased veteran.

The Standard Times also ran an article in their newspaper, making area veterans aware of my new position as Veterans Agent for the Town.

I am basically available to any veteran or their spouse, Monday through Friday, 10:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M., simply by them contacting me on my personal cell phone (508-245-1288). This number is available to them by picking up my business card from the door on my office or by requesting it from anyone working in the Selectmen's Office. I will meet with them at my office in the Town Hall or visit them at their home if they so request. It has been my policy to work on Fridays from 10:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M., at the Town Hall to work on required Town vouchers and State correspondence, while also being available for walk-in discussions on matters and needs pertaining to Town veterans.

My office presently has three veterans and dependents receiving benefits. I have over the past year assisted the Police Department, as well as the Board of Health, with home visits for local town veterans. If not able to assist any veteran personally, I was able to refer them to more qualified individuals.

Respectfully submitted,

George F. Bevilacqua
Director of Veteran Services

REPORT OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

The Acushnet Zoning Board of Appeals met on a regular schedule during 2004.

There were 19 applications for hearings filed with the Town Clerk. Two applications were for business use; Seventeen were for residential purposes. One case was continued from 2003.

Variations were requested in 5 cases and Special Permits were requested in 10 cases. Four petitioners requested both a Special Permit and a Variance.

Twelve petitions were granted by the Board. Three petitions were denied. Two petitions were withdrawn without prejudice. Two Cases were continued into 2005.

Filing fees received by the Town Clerk totaled \$4,750.00.

Member of the Zoning Board of Appeals:

Lawrence G. Marshall, Chairman
Carol Westgate, Vice-Chairperson
Gerald Toussaint
Ronald Matton
Rick Lally
Paul Trahan, alternate member
Paul Hipolito, alternate member

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Albert-Dean, Secretary

Report of the Acushnet Cable Advisory Committee (2005)

To the Subscribers and Residents of Acushnet:

The Acushnet Cable Advisory Committee (ACAC) has five full time members.

The Committee meets on the first Friday of every month at the Acushnet Community Center, 232 Middle Road, Acushnet, Ma., at 7:00 PM. This committee has been in existence for over six years since it was reappointed.

We operate from the Acushnet Community Center located at 232 Middle Road, Acushnet, Ma.. The programming center facilities are open and available to the residents of Acushnet for any production of Community interest. An appointment is recommended if you intend to use the facilities for editing, filming or productions as the Community Center has limited volunteers to open it to the public.

We maintain an equipped live broadcasting center at the Town Hall in order to air any Committee meetings held there. We also have a complete broadcasting center located at the Acushnet Community Center. We are equipped to go out live from the Council On Aging as well as Ford Middle School for special meetings or broadcasts.

This Committee has aired many events of Community interest since its inception and we will continue to air them live as well as replay them from tapes on a weekly basis. We operate Acushnet's Channel 18 — Government Access programming on a 24 hour basis. We broadcast the Channel 18 Bulletin Board, which operates 24 hours a day and is updated on a weekly basis. We rebroadcast taped Committee meetings every day at various times so that the subscribers of Comcast may be able to watch a meeting in the event they missed the live broadcast.

Acushnet will begin negotiating with Comcast this year for a renewal license. The committee welcomes input from subscribers during these times. There will be Public meetings held to view your concerns, your wishes and your complaints.

We continue to train new camera operators, S.C.A.L.A. operators and editing operators. The Committee welcomes anyone willing to volunteer for the above studio duties or as a camera operator. These positions are always needed and the Committee pays camera operators \$50.00 per event, editors \$20.00 per hours and S.C.A.L.A. operators \$25.00 per week.

The Acushnet Cable Advisory Committee will provide the equipment for the upcoming needs of the Education Channel (Channel 9). The School Committee and School Department must first establish a school studio in which the equipment can be set up for broadcasting. The Committee needs a location within the School where the equipment can be stored without fear of damage or of being relocated. The School Department will then be able to produce programs of community interest, such as studio interviews, possible debate forums, and/or talk show style productions involving students as well as teachers. These programs as well as recitals, musical events, graduations etc can all be

shown on the Acushnet' s School Channel 9. If anyone is interested in producing. this type of production in the upcoming year, please contact the Committee.

The Committee welcomes any ideas from the subscribers of Comcast Cable TV and residents of Acushnet, as to what they consider most important or what they would like to see produced live versus a taped production.

The Committee also welcomes any input as to what times are best to view previously taped meetings.

The Committee has established a web page on the Town Web page by which residents can file a complaint about cable service or cable programming. Please feel to use the web page located at: www.acushnet.ma.us.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman — Donald P. Lopes
Member — Robert Lanzoni
Member — Lawrence Marshall
Member — George Souza
Member — Michael Reale

REPORT OF THE ACUSHNET CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Objective:

The Acushnet Conservation Commission is a seven member board established to administer the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act (MGL Chapter 131 Section 40) and collaborate with various town departments on wetland issues. Wetland resource areas are protected because they serve the following public interests:

- Public and private water supply
- Replenishment of groundwater supply
- Flood control and storm damage prevention
- Pollution prevention
- Provide habitat for fisheries, shellfish and wildlife

The Commission works to acquire and manage recreational open space as well as encourage conservation and agricultural preservation restrictions.

Conservation Commission Town Hall office hours:

Monday	8:00 am - 4:00 pm
Tuesday	8:00 am - 4:00 pm
Wednesday	8:00 am - 12:00 pm
Thursday	8:00 am - 4:00 pm
Friday	8:00 am - 12:00 pm

Additional hours are available by appointment.

The Conservation Commission holds its **public hearings** every second and fourth Wednesday night of the month at 7:00 pm in the Acushnet Town Hall Meeting Room located at 122 Main Street.

Regular **site inspections** are conducted by the Commission on Saturday mornings during the fall/winter months and Monday evenings in the spring/summer months as necessary.

2004 Filings under MGL Chapter 131 Section 40:

• Notices of Intent	29
• Requests for Determination of Applicability	11
• Requests for Certificate of Compliance	8
• Requests for Amendment of Order of Conditions	3
• Requests for Extension of Order of Conditions	1
• Requests for Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation	3
• Enforcement Orders	1

2004 Achievements:

- The Commission worked towards purchasing the 74-acre White Woods property for open space. Funding to purchase the property was approved at a special Town Meeting held in October and the Agent applied for a state Self-Help grant to reimburse the Town for a portion of the cost to purchase the property. The purchase should be completed in 2005.
- With funding from a Buzzards Bay Project grant, completed a survey of property boundaries and the existing trail system on the Scout's Pond property behind Pope Park.
- Eagle Scout Mark Dufrane completed an informational kiosk for the Quaker Wells Property on Main Street which discusses the cultural and natural history of the parcel.

Commission Membership:

- In 2004, the Commission accepted the resignation of Conservation Agent Sarah French Storer, and chairman Gregory Wood.
- Consultant Rene Drouin served as temporary Conservation Agent during the search for a full-time Agent.
- The Commission welcomed new Conservation Agent, Daniel J. Herzlinger.

Persons interested in volunteering for associate member positions are always welcome and may send a letter of interest to the Board of Selectmen.

Through the year of 2004, the Board and staff included:

Gregory Wood, *Chairman*
Steve Horsfall, *Chairman*
Ted Cioper, *Vice Chairman*
Patricia Picard, *Member*
Marc Brodeur, *Member*
Robert Rocha, *Member*

Carol Chongarlides, *Member*
Gail Hudon, *Clerk*
Joann Souza, *Clerk*
Sarah French Storer, *Agent*
Rene Drouin, *Consultant*
Daniel J. Herzlinger, *Agent*

Respectfully submitted,

Acushnet Conservation Commission

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL ON AGING

TO The Officers and Residents of Acushnet

The Acushnet Council on Aging meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 10:00A.M. in the conference room of the new senior center.

The senior center is open to all seniors daily from 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. Lunch is served daily with reservations the day before by 10:00 A.M. Lunch is at 11:30 A.M. Free bus transportation is available to those who need it.

We also deliver approximately 250 meals (meals on wheels) to our shut-ins Monday through Friday except holidays.

Our seniors play Bingo every Monday and Wednesday to 12:30 P.M. to 2 P.M. Cribbage games are on Monday afternoons from 2 P.M. to 4 P.M. We also offer Cribbage lessons on Monday morning by appointment. The scrabble club meets every Tuesday afternoon at 1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. The Pitch League meets at 6 P.M. every Tuesday evening. Art classes are available on Wednesday morning from 9 A.M. to 11 A.M. Square dance lessons are held every Wednesday evening from 7:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. Once a month on the first Saturday evening of each month, the Square Dancers meet for their monthly dance at the Senior Center. Beginning line dance lessons are given on Thursday mornings and advanced classes on Thursday afternoon from 1:00 P.M. to 3:00 PM. We have card games every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M.

Chair massages are given on Friday mornings from 10 A.M. to 12 P.M. Exercise classes are offered every Friday morning from 10: A.M. to 11: A.M. Whist parties are held on Friday afternoons from 1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Bus pick up for senior residents who are able to get on and off the bus without assistance to take them grocery shopping on Wednesday or Thursday mornings. Seniors must call ahead if they need this service.

The Visiting Nurses Association Services holds a blood pressure screening clinic every Wednesday morning at 9:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M. This service is well attended. They also have a flu clinic in the fall at the Center for qualifying residents that need a flu shot or a pneumonia shot.

Strong Women Program is offered every Tuesday and Friday from 9:15 A.M. to 10:15 A.M. It is an ongoing exercise program for women using weights.

We have a volunteer on Thursday morning to assist seniors in filling out forms for, Pharmacy Program, Paperwork for Assisted Living including doctor referrals, Commission for the Blind, applications for Medicaid and any other documents they need to make out. In the winter season we have a representative of P.A.C.E who assist clients with their fuel assistance forms and a trained volunteer tax consultant who assists seniors in filling out their income tax forms. These services are free of charge, but an appointment is required.

Senior I.D. pictures are taken by appointment only.

The Attorney General's Office has a representative scheduled as a part of an ongoing program on Wednesday mornings from 9:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M. No appointment is necessary.

On the first Friday morning of each month, our State Representative, Robert Koczera will be hereto answer any and all questions. No appointments are necessary.

Diabetic Shoes are available through a representative of Medical Supplies every month. Hearing exams are now being offered weekly on Wednesday morning from 9 A.M. to 12 P.M.

Day Trips are done once a month to different locations on a first come, first served basis.

The center is equipped with a Pool Table, a library area with plenty of books to sign out or take home, and a few computers that seniors can use to play games.

We distribute over 1000 copies of the monthly senior newsletter to various places in town. We also send them to area Councils on Aging.

We also have a program the Daily Contact Plan for residents who are shut-in to receive a telephone call each morning.

We also distribute during the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays, vegetables, fruits, and canned goods to families and seniors in our town.

The Council has again applied for and received a yearly grant from the Department of Elder Affairs used to offset the cost of transporting Acushnet seniors who have no means of transportation to come for lunch or go grocery shopping.

As we do each year, we wish to thank our many faithful volunteers who devote countless hours to serve our patrons. This year has been very busy and we could not function efficiently without them. We also wish to thank all of the town departments for their assistance in our operation. It is a team effort, and we all work well together.

Respectfully submitted,

William P. Contois
Director of Council on Aging

REPORT OF THE ACUSHNET CULTURAL COUNCIL

The Acushnet Cultural Council has maintained streamline status within the Massachusetts Cultural Council (MCC) because of the expertise and dedication of the trained members of the council. All required submissions to MCC from this council were accomplished electronically which is a mandatory requirement as of the 2004 grant cycle. All paper documents are on file with the Chairman.

Allocations were once again at a reduced level therefore allowing this council to partially fund most requests. The PASS Program in the three schools in Town along with the following other requests for the 2004 period were successful recipients:

NB Whaling Historical Park
NB Festival Theatre
Friends of the Friends Meetinghouse
Annual Acushnet Art Show
NB Symphony Orchestra

Tri-County Music
Greater NB Choral Soc.
South Coast Music Assn.
AHA/DNB, Inc.
Showstoppers

This council works diligently to best foster quality artistic programs and projects with the small amount of money at our disposal. During 2004, we did receive a \$2,500.00 line item budget at Town Meeting to further our work. Hopefully in the future, the State allocation will be sufficient to increase our position.

Council members during the 2004 cycle:

Walter S. Dalton, Jr.
Edward Macomber
Jeanette Francis

John Simmonds
Leanne Pereira
Patricia Mulvey

Respectfully submitted,

Walter S. Dalton, Jr.
Chairman

REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Jo-Ann K. Ordway

Senior Clerk

HIGHWAY DIVISION

Raymond Barlow

Highway Supt.

John Mello
Raymond Brienzo
Paul Fortin
Douglas Rodgers
David Gifford
Matthew Tripp

WATER/SEWER DIVISION

Paul Sylvia
Richard Anderson
John Westgate

Water/Sewer Supt.

To the Officers and Residents of the Town of Acushnet:

The Acushnet DPW - **Highway Division** has continued to be busy during the 2004 calendar year repairing streets; cleaning drain lines; clearing drainage ditches; constructing and repairing manholes and catch basins; repairing sidewalks; clearing roadside brush; our new street sweeper has been busy with street sweeping. Sanding and snow plowing are the major tasks accomplished by the Department.

Numerous small tasks, performed on an as needed basis, were also completed. Pot-holes were filled, Christmas trees were picked-up and disposed of. 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 activities of the Highway Division the following special projects were completed in 2004.

Chip Sealing was done on Keene Road. We also did Crack Sealing on Middle Road. The Recycling Center has been busy with the disposal of Refrigerators, Stoves, Washers and dryers. The Bulky Item Pick-up has been a success over the past year. We look forward to helping our residents with another bulky pick-up this year. We are also in the process of expanding our recycling center to better serve our residents.

In addition to these projects the Department was able to assist other Departments with small tasks on an as needed basis.

Finally, we continue to upgrade the Highway Departments snow fighting capacity by repairing sanders and purchasing new equipment for snow plowing. Snow removal is the primary mission of the Highway Department and the equipment needed to perform that task is being kept in the best possible working condition.

WATER AND SEWER DIVISION

The Water/Sewer Division installed 170 new meters under the meter replacement program, 14 new homes were added to the system, and 4 main/services were repaired. The Department replaced or repaired 7 hydrants on the system.

In addition the Department also conducted their annual water sample testing for TCE and monthly testing for Bacteria. All of the Backflow testing for the department has been completed for the year. Our Consumer Confidence Reports were done and mailed with water bills.

The 12" DI water main installed on Hamlin Street, from North Main, down Hamlin and continuing down to Nye's Lane has been completed.

The Water Department purchased new in 2004 a trailer mounted vacuum gate box cleaner as well as a new Pick-Up truck.

A new office was installed at the Water Department on Middle Road.

The Water Master Plan is completed, and the Town Engineering Consultant is pursuing DEP site approval of the Rivet Property for future well fields. The annual Back Flow testing was completed for the year with good results.

The Sewer Department is continuing to work with their consultants to complete a sewer expansion study, and is seeking final funding for areas 1A, B, and C. Much needed repairs and clean-up was also done to the pump station with the aid of the City of New Bedford.

Three homes and two businesses were tied into the Sewer system this year.

We would like to thank all D.P.W. employees and all Town departments for their cooperation and assistance during 2004.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Kennefick
Rene Racine
Kenneth Souza
Charles Veira
Board of Public Works

Listed below are some of the proven practices for water conservation. By utilizing them, we will be helping to save our natural resources and save money by reducing product demand.

Some easy to understand things you can do to conserve water:

(Ideas from the American Water Works Association)

1. Check every faucet in your house for leaks. Just a slow drip can waste 15 to 20 gallons of water a day.
2. Put a bit of food coloring in each toilet tank. Without flushing, watch to see for a few minutes if the color shows up in the bowl. It is not uncommon to lose 100 gallons a day from an otherwise invisible toilet leak.
3. Do not shower too long or fill the tub too full. Five minutes for a shower and five inches in the tub is plenty.
4. Try to use automatic dish and clothes machines with full loads only. Even when machines feature short cycles, you are being more efficient with water with a full load.
5. Water your lawn and garden with good sense. It is best to water early in the day or late in the afternoon and NOT in the mid-day heat. Avoid watering on windy days or allowing your automatic sprinkler system to operate on rainy days and when it is not necessary. You might want to consult with a local Lawn and Garden Specialist for unique water conservation devices.

Your continued support and cooperation with water conservation will help us to manage our precious resource into the next century and beyond.

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, 2004.

We have just completed our first year of being at the Advanced Life Support (ALS) level. Accepting the challenge with the help of Southcoast Hospitals Group, we are pleased to announce that as Dec. 1, 2004, we were able to renew our Federal Food and Drug License and we will be renewing our Ambulance License at the Paramedic/Basic Level in April, 2005. We were fortunate to acquire a team of seasoned and extremely experienced Paramedics who not only treat the community at a higher level, but also serve as mentors to the younger, less experienced medics. Our members continue to strive toward our goal. Due to the lengthy process involved, of the 7 students who had previously entered Paramedic class, 2 have completed to the Paramedic level. The other 5 are still awaiting completion of their didactic portion of the class. We are pleased to continue to provide the best service to this Town. We are pleased to have transitioned to ALS without any interruption of service.

While we thought our "Black Cloud" had passed and the New Year (2004) was arriving, we lost yet another employee (Vivian Johns) to sudden death, compounded by the untimely death of Selectmen David Tomlinson. This was yet another major blow to the department as well as our Community. Our deepest sympathies go out to the families of Vivian Johns and David Tomlinson. They both will be greatly missed in many capacities and on many levels.

With Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA) cuts imminent, it is a pleasant surprise to announce the revenue collected is slightly ahead of anticipated. We have seen an increase in revenue for FY'2005. This is in big part due to a strong billing team who is persistent and conscientious. We are pleased to announce that we are HIPAA compliant. Our information is posted on the website: www.ma.us. We encourage all to read it.

I would like to thank the members of Acushnet EMS for continuing to perform in the professional manner they have been trained. They lost comrades, buried them with dignity and never missed a beat when it came to carrying on business and helping our community. I am extremely proud to lead such a group of professionals.

While we will be faced with many more challenges along the way, I know that they will be handled with the same care and rationale that has gotten us to this point.

Thanks to the leaders and Townspeople who continue to recognize the important role EMS plays in Public Safety.

We ask for your prayers and well-wishes as we send one of our Paramedics, Mark Reimels, to Iraq.

Yours in Service to Life

Paul Bulat, MD, FACEP
Brenden Hayden, Hospital Liaison, EMT-P
Adrienne Y. Rivet, EMS Dir., ASHI, HIPAA Officer
David Bernard, NREMT-P, Paramedic Supervisor,
Robert R. Lavoie, Supervisor, CPRI

FULL TIME POSITIONS

Thomas Farland, EMT-P, CPR-I,
Richard Gunter, EMT-P,

PARAMEDIC STAFF

John Acord, EMT/P, CPR-I
Melissa Freitas, EMT/P
Jayne Gagnon, EMT/P, CPR-IT
Thomas Jacintho, EMT/P
Michael Peloquin, EMT/P
Mark Reimels, EMT/P
William Roderiques, EMT/P
Phillip Saraiva, EMT/P, CPR-I

BASIC STAFF

Valerie Andrade
Eric Arruda
Priscilla Braley,
David Cooper
Vernon Ekstrom
Robbie English
Harlyn Froh
Andrew Lavoie
Michael Mentzer
Katherine Rebello

EMS STATISTICS:	2002	2003	2004
Sex Assault/Rape	0	6	2
Medical Emergencies	394	355	485
Trauma	92	92	152
OD/Suicide/ETOH/Poison	26	25	48
Psychological	13	20	26
Fire	67	48	61
MVAS	59	68	68
MVA/Refusals	56	40	41
Births	2	1	6
DOA	10	8	10
Mutual Aid to Us	22	18	13
Cardiac Arrests	6	9	12
No Transports/Medical	122	84	71
Walk-Ins/Station	42	32	88
Mutual Aid > Fairhaven	24	14	17
Mutual Aid > New Bedford	70	12	27
Mutual Aid > Mattapoisett	0	1	0
False/Unfounded	13	6	9
TOTAL	1023	839	1136

PARAMEDIC STATISTICS

Treated	145	113	578
Monitor	47	39	N/A
BLS	42	14	399
Cancelled	33	37	
Not Available	49	16	
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	225	219	977

REPORT OF FIRE DEPARTMENT

To the Officers and Residents of the Town of Acushnet; I hereby submit this annual report for the year ending December 31, 2004.

The Acushnet Fire / Rescue Department experienced a very busy year in 2004. Our call volume (the number of incidents to which we responded) increased by 53% over 2003. Our inspections of newly constructed homes and homes for sale kept pace with the explosion in the real estate market. With the assistance of the Board of Selectmen we initiated a new policy of requiring annual inspections of places of assembly that serve alcohol (halls, restaurants, taverns) as a condition to having liquor licenses renewed. This resulted in several fire code violations being immediately addressed and will ultimately result in a safer community. In addition the department issued 727 open burning permits and authorized nearly 2000 individual fires during open burning season.

Several personnel changes occurred during the year. Donald Dandurand, a forty-two year member of the department, was promoted to Assistant Chief. The position of Assistant Chief had gone unfilled since 1981. Assistant Chief Dandurand has demonstrated the skill and knowledge to greatly benefit the department in his new assignment. In addition, George Pimental was promoted to Captain, while Paul Martins and Brian Monte were promoted to Lieutenant. Six members successfully completed their recruit training and now serve as Call Firefighters.

Our department continues to be successful in securing grant funding. In 2005 we were awarded over \$78,000, which allowed us to purchase a new Jaws of Life extrication equipment, hose, safety equipment and training. We placed our existing Jaws of Life at Station Two thereby giving us two sets of hydraulic rescue tools ready to respond from both ends of town. We will continue to be aggressive in chasing grant funds in order to ease the expense to the Acushnet taxpayer.

Finally, In August of 2004 the Board of Selectmen following the civil service testing process officially appointed me Chief of Department. I would like to again express my appreciation to the Board for the confidence they have shown in me and offer my thanks to the residents of this town for their expressions of congratulations and best wishes.

Members of the Acushnet Fire and Rescue Department

Chief of Department

Kevin A. Gallagher, EMT-Paramedic

Career Firefighters

Gerard Bergeron, EMT-Intermediate, CPRI

Alfred Robichaud

David White, FFI/II, FI, HMI

Paul Texeira, EMT-Basic

Call Deputy Chief

James Knox

Call Assistant Chief

Donald Dandurand

Call Captains

Michael Rothwell

George Pimental

Call Lieutenants

David Makuch

Paul Martins, FFI/II, FOI

Brian Monte (Provisional)

Call Firefighters

Marc Cenerizio	Ronald St. Onge
Maurice St. Armand	Frank Knox
Wayne Pimental	Robert Correia
Jeffrey Krupa	Matthew Tripp
Bruce Rymut	Donald Crocker
Peter Rawcliff	Chad St. Onge, FFI
Matthew Roderiques, FFI/II	Kyle St. Onge, FFI/II
Brian Costa, FFI/II	Jason Orłowski, FFI/II
Brian Gallant, FFI/II	David Riquinha, FFI/II
Paul Frysinger, FFI/II, EMT-Basic	
Joseph Knox, FFI/II, EMT-Basic	
Kathryn Pimental, FFI/II, EMT-Basic	
Andrew Lavoie, EMT-Intermediate	
Eric Arruda, FFI/II, EMT-Paramedic	
Thomas Farland, EMT-Paramedic	
David Bernard, FFI/II, EMT-Paramedic	
Gene Anderson (Recruit)	

Dispatcher

Diane Barlow

Key

FFI	Massachusetts Certified Firefighter Level One
FFI/II	Massachusetts Certified Firefighter Level One & Two
FII	Massachusetts Certified Fire Instructor Level One
FOI	Massachusetts Certified Fire Officer Level One
HMI	Hazardous Material Instructor
CPRI	CPR Instructor

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, 2004.

This will be my last Town Report. I remember being twenty-eight years old, ready, willing and anxious to begin my tenure as Chief of Police. Now more than a quarter of a century has passed and I'm about to retire. I cannot begin to tell you how important your support has been to me throughout the years. I wish you could know just how effective that support was in influencing and sometimes intimidating others, thereby providing me with the clout that I needed to be effective in my position. That support truly has empowered me in many, many ways and I hope that I have used that power to serve you wisely. On a personal level I wish to thank all of you from the bottom of my heart. I stand before you amazed at the insight of the town residents. I cannot say that it has been all fun and games. There have been many trying times and the pressures of the job are substantial. I can say that I would not have traded my experiences for that of anyone else. The residents of Acushnet, living and dead, have been more than fair to me during my thirty-three years as a member of the Acushnet Police Department. I'm going to miss encountering the people as I did in my role as chief, but hope to find a new role that will allow the relationship to continue, albeit on a different basis.

In last year's report I wrote about the struggle we were facing regarding manpower. That struggle is continuing today and will be an issue for the new chief for at least another year. As you know this is a relatively small department and so losing a few full-time officers, unexpectedly, can cause a bit of an upheaval. We lost two officers in FY '04 and will lose at least two more in FY '05 and there are yet two more full-time officers whose departures are anticipated. Having so many departures is unprecedented, at least during my tenure, and the timing could not have been worse. The financial crisis in the Commonwealth led to the lay-off of many officers and so no Full-time Police Academies were running. This meant we had to wait to promote part-time officers to full-time positions. Furthermore, these promotions are costly and time consuming. A promoted officer must attend the academy for roughly five months. This hurts us in two ways: first, we lose the services of the promoted officer for those five months and secondly, we must pay not only the officer to attend the academy but also those who fill his vacated shifts. For all of these reasons I hope and trust that you will support the new chief and be patient as he comes to grips with these and other matters.

Reserve Officer James Cassidy, who had previously attended a full-time police academy, was promoted to full-time on July 25, 2004. Full-time police officer David A. Swift retired from the department on September 2, 2004. Officer Swift was appointed full-time in October of 1993 and had been a part-time member of the department for several years prior to that. David, a life-long resident of Acushnet, is

now residing in San Diego, California. A full-time academy did finally start up in July of 2004 and we were right there with our two latest full-time promotions, officers' Derek Cathcart and John Preston. Officers Cathcart and Preston graduated from the academy on December 17, 2004 and have just returned to the fold. While they were attending the five-month academy Officer Paul Melo was relieved of his School Resource Officer duties and returned to patrol duties, as we suffered through manpower shortages.

Due to grant requirements, Paul Melo will be returned to the position of School Resource Officer at the start of 2005 thereby creating a vacancy on the patrol force. On April 11, 2005 I will retire from the department and my replacement will come from within thereby creating a second vacancy. In addition there are two other officers who are approaching retirement age and their announcements could come at any time. We have appointed seven new part-time officers but those officers are still attending the Reserve Academy and upon graduation must be trained locally before they are prepared to handle the rigors of the job. We hope those officers, who make it through the process, will provide relief in mid to late May. Once we have those officers on board the department can make new promotions to backfill the aforementioned vacancies.

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

OTHER ACTIVITIES

	2003	2004
Calls for Service	6,839	7,323
Parking Tickets	58	77
Larcenies	82	76
Breaking & Entering	62	47
Attempted Breaks	6	2
Arrests- M/V, Narcotics, B&Es, Larceny, <i>Warrants</i>	375	442
Summons Served	167	130
Stolen M/V	11	6
Accidents Investigated	157	173
Fatalities	4	0
Robberies	2	2
M/V Citations	512	649

MEMBERS OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

CHIEF OF POLICE

Michael R. Poitras

SERGEANTS

Barry W. Monte

Stephen McCann

Michael G. Alves

FULL TIME OFFICERS

Paul J. Melo

Marc J. Antone

Thomas L. Carreau

John A. Bolarinho

Keith A. Ashley

James A. Cassidy

John C. Preston

Louann Jenkinson

James D. Costa

Christopher R. Richmond

Gary S. Coppa

Michael A. Matton

Derek W. Cathcart

PART TIME OFFICERS

Michael J. Nunes

Chester Ovesen

Brian Humenuk

Jeremy T. Fontes

John C. Almeida, Jr.

Mark Russell

DISPATCHERS

Jolene M. Gregoire

Heather M. Richards

Respectfully submitted,

Michael R. Poitras

Chief of Police

**2004 ANNUAL 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 2004:

Regular meetings were held on a generally first Thursday of the month format, beginning at 7:00 p.m. A total of 13 meetings were posted. Special and on-site meetings were posted and held also, and public hearings were scheduled as warranted.

The Planning Commission spent a good deal of its time this year overseeing the compliance of the various subdivisions as to roadways, drainage issues, surety issues, lot releases and resident satisfaction with conditions within the Town's subdivisions. Issues of adult zoning, lot buildability and adequate access also dominated the Planning Commission's work this year, with input from Town Counsel.

The final steps in the updating of the Acushnet Subdivision Rules and Regulations were finished, with the addition this year of a new length of dead-end with Town water available, now at 2,500 feet.

The Planning Commission continues to respond to the zoning and roadway questions posed by the Boards in Town, as well as those posed by the citizens of Acushnet, landowners and developers. The Commission also actively seeks the input of these same Boards, and the input of the Town's Residents, to better serve the interests of the Town and abide by the letter of the laws governing us all.

Twelve Form A submissions, two preliminary subdivision submissions, two definitive subdivision submissions and one site plan review were processed. Presentations of diverse projects from road upgrades to an over-55 community proposal were presented to the Board for consideration. On-site inspections were held, and reports on roadways and subdivisions were generated.

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, which are posted at Town Hall on the bulletin boards in the Town Clerk's office next to the Treasurer's office.

Respectfully yours,

Marc Cenerizio, Chairman
Richard H. Ellis
Richard Forand
Leo Coons, Jr.
Mark DeSilva

REPORT TO THE TOWN OF ACUSHNET FROM THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (SRPEDD)

The Town of Acushnet is a member of the Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District. SRPEDD (pronounced sir-ped) is the regional agency serving twenty-seven cities and Towns in southeastern Massachusetts dealing with common issues facing our region, such as economic development, growth and land development, transportation, environment and general planning for the future. SRPEDD is 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 2004, the Town of Acushnet paid \$1,641.31 to SRPEDD, based upon an assessment of 16.15 cents per capita.

Local citizens serving at SRPEDD included the following:

- < SRPEDD Commission: Henry Young
- < Joint Transportation Planning Group: Henry Young, Robert J. St. Jean

Some of SRPEDD's more significant accomplishments during 2004 were:

- ! **Completion and approval of the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP),** which sets regional priorities for federal transportation funds. The TIP established priorities for \$31.8 million in federal and state regional targeted dollars for highway projects, and \$65 million in transit dollars for SRTA and GATRA over the next 3 years.
- ! **Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy for Southeastern Massachusetts,** a regional economic development strategy, was completed and certified by the U.S. Economic Development Administration, making the region eligible for federal economic development grants from EDA.
- ! **A Pre Disaster Mitigation Plan** for the region was completed in 2004. Funded by the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA), the regional plan, in conjunction with local PDM plans, will outline steps to prepare for natural disasters and qualify participating communities for FEMA funding for this purpose.
- ! **The Taunton River Wild and Scenic Study** is underway for both the upper and lower stretches of the river. SRPEDD has been funded by the National Park Service to prepare a management plan for this beautiful resource and is working with study committees representing area communities.

- ! **Plymouth Carver Aquifer Advisory Committee** – With help from a grant from the Island Foundation and in cooperation with The Nature Conservancy, SRPEDD has been working with this committee representing seven towns within the aquifer to examine ways to ensure its long term protection.
- ! SRPEDD’s web site contains data and information about every city and Town in the region, and can be reached at <http://www.srpedd.org>. The Fact Book On-line was expanded again this year. It is also available in CD-ROM format.
- ! **Southeastern Mass: Vision 2020**, a 52-community initiative to fight sprawl in southeastern Massachusetts, continued its work to control sprawl in the region. In 2004, Vision 2020 conducted a Smart Growth Audit of the region’s cities and towns.
- ! **The Southeastern Massachusetts Commuter Rail Task Force** was reactivated in 2004. The Task Force, which includes representation from 18 municipalities and 16 regional organizations, is examining the growth impact of the proposed rail service extension to Taunton, Fall River and New Bedford.
- ! SRPEDD was designated by the Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety in 2004 as the fiduciary agent for the **Southeast Regional Advisory Council for Homeland Security** serving 96 communities in 6 counties in southeastern Massachusetts. The Council is responsible for planning and awarding \$7.7 million in federal homeland security funds.
- ! SRPEDD conducts a district-wide traffic counting program (including speed surveys and vehicle classification counts) and maintains a computer file of all available traffic count data throughout the region. SRPEDD undertook 82 counts at various locations this past year.
- An extensive Geographic Information System (GIS) mapping program is maintained by SRPEDD. Every year new computerized “data layers” are added to the system. SRPEDD also operates the Southeastern Massachusetts Data Center, providing information to businesses, cities and towns, and individuals.
- SRPEDD continues to provide planning and support to the two regional transit authorities, SRTA and GATRA, on various efforts including: consumer advisory committees, route evaluations, planning, monitoring services and federal reporting.
- SRPEDD continued its affiliation with the South Eastern Economic Development (SEED) Corporation, which makes loans to small businesses for expansion. SEED is one of the Small Business Administration top lenders in New England.

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

- ! Industrial/Commercial Marketing Brochure**
- ! Computerized accident Data**
- ! Five 24-hour Traffic Counts**
- ! Reviewed Parking & Traffic at New Skate Park**

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.

REPORT OF THE ACUSHNET HISTORICAL COMMISSION

The year has been a year of moving closer to some of the goals of the Commission. One of these goals is to establish the Head of the River area as a National Historic District. We commissioned Mack Woodward, a consultant, to produce a proposal for the Massachusetts Historical Commission. It has been completed and Mr. Woodward has forwarded this project to them. We are now in the waiting period for the MHC to proceed with their part.

The Commission is also endeavoring to acquire National Historic Registry for the Ancient Cemetery as well as the Queen Anne Cemetery. Both of these burial sites predate 1700. Photographs have been taken of both sites and we are in the process of preparing to forward our proposal to MHC.

The Severence House continues to sit idle, awaiting its' fate. It is our hope and desire to find a new owner, one who will move this historic edifice to their property and restore it to its' original stature or preserve its' character through the necessary 21st Century modifications.

Last May, the Commission held a dedication ceremony in which a plaque was placed on the interior wall, just upon entering the Parting Ways Building. The plaque commemorates the restoration done to this town building previously employed as the Parting Ways School.

Irwin Marks' resignation as chairman of the Commission last January was followed by a ceremony to honor his years of service as the chairman. Held in the warmer month of June, Mr. Marks was surprised to find himself to be the guest of honor on the grounds of the Friends of the Friends Meetinghouse where a tree had been planted and a plaque erected.

Three "Music at the Meetinghouse" concerts were again held this past summer. The Friends of the Friends committee were quite pleased with the crowds, which surpassed the past several years. One may attend at no charge, as well as enjoy refreshments supplied by the committee during intermission. Through the years, the concerts have made themselves known beyond our local area and we were told by many visitors that they had come from several towns away to attend.

We have accomplished little with regard to any further knowledge of the status of the Perry Hill Church. Our concern for this 19th Century building grows with each passing year, given the acute need for certain repairs, as well as the inevitable future needs given the lack of maintenance or, at best, the deserved restoration due. Current ownership, at this time, is uncertain, as is future intent of the property. We hope to gain insight regarding both these factors through the collaborative efforts with other town departments.

All in all, it has been a year of many plans for the future with our interest secure in the past. We continue to hold our town's rich history in the highest regard, seeking to preserve what has not yet been lost.

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria L. Lavoie, Chairman
Stephen Gilmore
Madeleine J. Gwozdz
Roberta E. Leonard
Irwin Marks
Joyce A. Reynolds
Louise R. Richard
Pauline Teixeira, Alternate
Acushnet Historical Commission

REPORT OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY

April of 2004 marked our 30th anniversary at Presidential Terrace.

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

Our meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month throughout the year in the Community Hall at Presidential Terrace at 9:30 A.M. The office is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.

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

NUMBER OF OCCUPANTS	NET INCOME RANGE
One Person	Max. \$34,550.00
Two People	Max. \$39,500.00

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 twelve 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 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,

Nancy Brightman, Chairman
Lawrence Mulvey, Vice Chairman
David R. White, Treasurer
James Madruga, Secretary
Lawrence Marshall, Commissioner
Sandra Keighley Bettencourt, Executive Director
Alice Soja, Assistant Director

2004 ANNUAL REPORT of the ACUSHNET PARK COMMISSIONERS

To the officers and residents of Acushnet, we submit the following report for the year ending December 31, 2004.

The Parks and Recreation Board entered the new year recruiting for a Park Superintendent. We were pleased to offer the assignment to Mr. Joe Braga of Acushnet. He worked diligently throughout the year to maintain Pope Park. We are pleased with his performance.

During the spring, the Joey Jason Foundation began work on the "B" Field. The three-year project began with the demolition and replacement of the backstop and fence around the field. Mr. Jason is best remembered as being the best baseball player to ever come from Acushnet. He passed away suddenly in 2002. His friends have formed the foundation and intend to renovate the ball field into a state of the art Little League field. We are excited to work with the foundation to continue development of the field including a new design, new bleachers, dugouts and potentially a renovated scorer's booth.

Pope Park is still the gathering place during the summer for teenagers, small children and Little League families. Each night, the ball fields and playground area are filled with people enjoying the park. In 2004, the Park was as active as ever.

Opening Day, April 25th, was a glorious day. The sun was shining brightly as the Little League parade kicked off from St. Francis School, rolled down Main Street, turned right into Pope Park and proceeded to opening ceremonies on Knox Field. It's thrilling to see the excitement on the faces of the players, parents and friends. The AYAA and recreation staff had the complex looking sharp, crisp and ready for the entire season. The AYAA Little League baseball program proudly calls Pope Park its home.

The Fairhaven Pony League entered its 3rd season splitting games between Pope Park in Acushnet and the Shaw Road Complex in Fairhaven. Over 60 Acushnet kids participate in the Pony League.

The South Coast Girls Softball League (formerly Phoenix Girls Softball) played games on Thursday nights.

During the summer months, many significant activities bring lots of excitement to the park. First, a Summer Youth Program is organized for Acushnet children at Pope Park. Certified teachers, Mrs. Cathy Jason and two supervisors, direct this five-week program. Teenagers who live in Acushnet are given the opportunity to help as Aids and earn money during the summer. Over 125 kids attend at one time or another during the course of the summer. This successful program allows young children access to supervised crafts and sports for two hours each weekday morning. We express thanks for the donations made by the Acushnet Police and Fire Associations. Due to a joint effort from Mrs. Jason and the Park Board, all program activities and financial objectives were successfully met.

Secondly, the AYAA held its 39th annual Michael Poulin All Star Tournament in July. During the two weekends that that tournament is held, all-star baseball teams and their supporters from all over the South Coast come to Pope Park. Approximately 28 teams compete in three different divisions for the championship trophy.

The last summer event is the Jerry Arruda Memorial Championship Tournament. This pits the best from the Fairhaven and Acushnet Little League organizations. The two champions battle in a best of two out of three series, splitting game locations between Pope Park and the Shaw Complex. This year, the league champions were: Police Association from Acushnet and Costa Insurance from Fairhaven. The tournament is fondly named after Mr. Arruda who was instrumental in bringing together the two leagues to improve the Fairhaven Pony League, which now includes Acushnet kids.

During the fall, the Acushnet Youth Soccer League played another season at the park. They have grown to include boys and girls surpassing 460 kids, overflowing within the pony league field. Unfortunately, the facility is not designed to accommodate such a large soccer league, and hopefully the school facilities can support their organization in the future. We were pleased to support the organization over the past 4 years.

We would like to express our appreciation to the residents of Acushnet. In April, we presented a warrant for \$45,000.00 to improve the condition of the restrooms at Pope Park. We are working with the AYAA to improve the building and grounds and will pool our resources to maximize the value of the funds. In October, we presented a second warrant for \$300,000 for Pope Park improvements. The strategy behind the request involves: renovate the pony league field to prepare for Pony & Legion Baseball, replace the children's playground with safe recreational toys, a shuffleboard court, and a new basketball court. Thank you for supporting both warrants. We are happy to report the children's playground has been installed prior to the snowfall. We hope to officially open the center in the early spring.

In April, Mr. Joe Lopes we re-elected for a 3-year term as Park Commissioner. We are pleased to have his experience return.

In closing, the Park Board is committed to maintaining and improving the park. The growth of the town, expansion of ball fields and number of organizations involved, we continue to face financial pressures with the annual budget. We will work hard to maximize our impact.

Pope Park remains the pride of Acushnet and it's the best deal for your tax dollar.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Antone-Chairman
Joe Lopes
Gary Wilson
Parks and Recreation Department

2004 Acushnet Town Report Acushnet River Valley Golf Course

Acushnet River Valley is being recognized as one of the best golf courses in the region. We are establishing a reputation for offering ideal golf course conditions throughout the season. This factor complimented by exemplary customer service has earned the respect of the golfing community. We experience a substantial amount of support from the surrounding communities as they commute to experience a great day of golf at Acushnet River Valley Golf Course.

Our course has a unique layout that offering two styles of golf in one golf course. Pine alley fairways outline the front side of the golf course and the back side offers a unique interpretation of Scottish links. It is frequently commented the diverse layout offers a unique golfing experience that is challenging and fun to play for all levels of players! This is a key factor in developing a diverse customer base. We need all levels of players to enjoy our facility, we are experiencing growth in the junior demographic sector as well as, female demographics. (We offer a women's Thursday morning league, sign up at the proshop.)

Golf Course Improvements

We have recently undergone development projects that extended our cart paths in areas they were most needed. Another Improvement project completed this season was reconstructing the Sand bunker on the fourth hole. It was starting to deteriorate due to drainage problems and natural erosion, it was reviewed and reconstructed By making these improvements to the golf course, minor projects to undertake offering the most value in the eyes of the customer. These sorts of actions display our commitment to our customers, which hold true to our daily operations and fit perfectly in line with our development plan, *to create a municipal golf facility that is committed to excellence.*

We continue to creatively implement new programs keeping our product offerings fresh and new . We have established Acushnet River Valley as an upscale product of value, supplemented with serving our customers excellence in the areas of service, playing conditions, & the best Titiest golf equipment available.

Combining all of these factors while effective marketing our organization throughout Boston, Cape Cod, and Providence, allows us the opportunity to share the hidden gem found in the river valley of Acushnet at 685 Acushnet Main Street. We have successfully established a growing Golf Outing/ Dinner business, along with a newly developed tournament schedule that continues to grow. We are forever trying to push our exposure to the boundaries of our market area.

Competition & expansion

Competition is extremely tough and there are more golf courses being created throughout Plymouth and Cape Cod, we are dedicated to expanding our business to the limits. Golf is a sport of traditions, there are a lot of older golf courses and private clubs throughout Massachusetts. It is extremely difficult to

break into an existing market establish a viable business. However with excellent golf conditions created by Steve Tibbles of Valley Crest complimented by the customer service oriented management style of Dana Przybyszewski, we are making our mark in the Massachusetts golf market. Acushnet River Valley has become a golfing destination!

Our business model is founded in basic fundamentals of business and implemented consistently on a daily basis, it is commented on and recognized by those who frequent the course. We are experiencing increased interest from surrounding Private Clubs, as rates continue to rise. In an economic climate that is not increasing wages in conjunction with inflation customers continue to seek out value, they continue to find it at our facility! In order to remain competitive in any market, progress and development is imperative. It is common for businesses to undergo remodeling and expansions to build their business, in the future Acushnet River Valley will be expected to offer customers more amenities, especially in the golf community.

Community Involvement

It is imperative for us to get involved in the community. We developed a junior clinic program and assisted Old Colony in re-establishing their championship golf program. Taber Academy has elected to purchase their practice rounds at Acushnet River Valley (as a secondary option to Kittansett), and Ford Middle School has visited us for some instruction on re-establishing their golf program. In order for the game of golf to grow locally, it must be introduced and encouraged in the early stages of athletic program development. **Our future success depends upon the development of young local players – TODAY.** We have chosen to take on this and many other initiatives to assist in this development process. In conjunction with these programs, we have developed a working relationship with Old Colony through their golf students. Some of the student golfers have assisted in developing the website for the golf course, as well as, reconstructing and consulting on future website developments for the town of Acushnet. The overall development process not only involves the sport of golf but in the development of sound business fundamentals and marketing skills. These enhancements to their skills will benefit the local youth in their future collegiate endeavors & other business interests.

Golf Digest 2004 4 star rating

We are devoted to converting as many new customers/golfers into *Loyal* Acushnet River Valley Customers/Golfers every day. We have been recognized as a four star Golf Course Facility by the 2004 edition of Golf Digest “Best Places to Play”. Most golf courses achieving four star status offer a clubhouse / banquet facility, this fact alone shows the level of excellence achieved in the golf conditions made available and customer service delivered. All customers are treated with the highest respect and offered country club courtesy. Other honors received by Acushnet River Valley was ranking in the top 100 courses in Massachusetts.

2004 Rounds		35,794
Revenue:	Green Fee	\$1,249,587
	Carts	\$90,403
	Range	\$14,759
	Pro Shop	\$71,006
	Food / Bev .	\$185,474
		\$1,611,228

I would like to thank the team of Acushnet River Valley staff for there dedication and implementation of our objectives and outstanding acts of professionalism. Thank you for your continued support.

Respectfully submitted,

Dana Przybyszewski

REPORT OF THE RUSSELL MEMORIAL LIBRARY 2004

To the Officers and Residents of the Town of Acushnet:

The six-member Board of Trustees of the Free Public Library has the custody and management of the library and all related property. The Trustees and the library staff work together to serve the growing information, education, and recreation needs of the citizens of Acushnet.

The Board meets on the third Wednesday of the month at 6 P.M. at the library. Any changes or additions to this schedule are posted in the Library, at Town Hall, and on Cable TV.

Tonya R. Revell, B.A., M.L.I.S., Director.

Part-time staff: Melissa Correia, Assistant Director; Constance Preston, Denise Harmer, & Pauline Prudhomme, Library Technicians; Judith Caruthers, Page; Elaine Spinale, Custodian.

The Library at 88 Main Street is open year round:

Monday and Wednesday	10 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Tuesday and Thursday	1 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Saturday	9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Telephone (508)998-0270	Fax (508)998-0271
Website www.sailsinc.org/acushnet	

To obtain a library card, present identification and proof of address. A child may have a card with parental permission when able to print his/her name. No card is required to use materials and services within the library.

The Library offers books, videos, recorded books, newspapers, magazines, music CDs, educational CD-ROM, Internet access, on-line databases, and word processing at no cost. Printers, a copy machine, and a fax machine are available to the public for a small fee. When not in use, the Meeting Room is available to municipal and community organizations.

Free children's programs support emerging literacy. Story Time uses books, songs, crafts, and finger plays to teach listening skills, develop attention span, exercise fine motor skills, and foster a love of books. Summer Reading encourages children to read during the summer, reinforcing the skills gained during the school year. In 2004 we provided 12 story times, 14 Summer Reading Programs, 2 Young Adult programs, and a Halloween Storyteller.

To celebrate National Children's Book Week in November, we introduced a circulating collection of puppets. The fourteen puppets were borrowed 36 times in the first two weeks. The children were invited to submit ideas for names and to vote on their favorites.

The library held 37 adult programs in 2004. A Knitters Circle meets twice a month, led by staff member Denise Hamer. A Reader's Group meets once a month to discuss a book selected by the members. We are grateful to Jean Stripinis, for the many hours that she volunteers as program leader. All are welcome to join these groups. In May, Marc Folco, outdoor writer for the Standard Times, volunteered his time to the Friends with a free program "Bass Fishing with Wire Line."

All programming is made possible by the generous donation of money and time from the Friends of the Acushnet Public Library. We are grateful to them for their hard work and dedication.

Building maintenance and repair continue to take up valuable time and money. The roof is leaking badly and cracks in the grouting let water into the lower level. The plaster walls are sodden. Artwork has had to be taken down from the walls. Plastic sheeting has been hung behind shelves to protect the books and videos from dampness. Continued water leakage will cause structural rot and a possible mold infestation. Estimates to have the roof replaced were brought to the Selectmen in the spring. The proposal was not supported. This repair is needed. We thank Conrad DesRoches for his generous donation of time and materials to keep the water at bay.

The Library is a full voting member of the SAILS Library Network. Through SAILS, library patrons have access to the collections of over 60 libraries. In addition to the automated system, SAILS provides professional cataloging services, technical support, and continuing education. The SAILS system allows users with an internet connection to search the catalog, reserve materials, check on holds, items out, and even renew from home. This sophisticated system requires the latest technology. Keeping abreast of a rapidly changing technology presents many challenges to time major upgrade of the software expected in 2004.

The Library is a member of the Southeastern Massachusetts Regional Library System(SEMLS), a division of the state library system. SEMLS provides delivery of materials between libraries, regional reference and inter-library loan service, on-line databases, deposit collections, staff training, Summer Reading materials, and professional consultants at no charge to the library.

The library maintained state certification in 2004. Required: a Director with a Master's Degree in Library Studies from an accredited institution and certification by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners; a minimum of 40 hours open per week; a minimum of 16% of the total budget expended on materials; a municipal appropriation that increases by 2½% each year over a 3 year average. Certification entitles Acushnet residents to borrow materials from other Massachusetts libraries and qualifies the Town to apply for state aid and state grants to libraries.

In May the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners announced a Library Construction Grant Round. The Board voted to seek approval from the Town to apply. There was a successful vote at Fall Town Meeting. The Board of Selectmen appointed a new Library Building Committee. We are working together to bring a modified plan to the Town in the spring of 2005.

Building Committee: Robert Bartolome, Chairman, Tonya Revell, Donna Forand, Jean Stripinis, John Tavares, and Claudette Tobin.

We thank Wilfred Fortin for his generous donations of magazines and books; the businesses, organizations, and individuals who fund our summer reading program; The Parting of the Ways Beautification Committee for plantings and holiday decorations; the library patrons who donate time and materials throughout the year.

The Board of Trustees thanks the citizens of Acushnet, Town officers, and other Town departments for their support throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Bartolome, Chairman

Christina Gaudette

Lori Gonsalves, Secretary

James Knox

Alfred Robichaud

Anne Verissimo

**Russell Memorial Library
Statistical Report 2004**

Active Borrowers.....	5,254
Library visits.....	22,932 (441/week)
Children's Programs Held.....	23
Attendance, Children's Programs.....	587
Adult Programs Held.....	26
Attendance at Adult Programs.....	295
Computers for Public Use.....	5
Public Internet Access.....	2

Materials Holdings

Books.....	20,865
Periodical subscriptions.....	164
Videos.....	1,060
Audio(cassettes and CDs).....	410
CD/ROMS.....	56

Circulation (Times Borrowed)

Books.....	21,775
Periodicals.....	5,159
Video/DVD.....	5,089
Electronic format.....	124
Audio.....	1,434
Miscellaneous (equipment, museum passes, etc.).....	<u>47</u>

Total Items circulated..... 33,904

REPORT OF THE ACUSHNET PUBLIC SCHOOLS

As I complete my first year as superintendent of the Acushnet Public Schools, I am honored to have the opportunity to provide the annual report for the year 2004 to the Town of Acushnet, Massachusetts. The community is fortunate to have five very dedicated school committee members. They are:

JoAnn Bertrand, Chairman	Robert Lanzoni
Douglas Coray, Vice-Chairman	Manuel Goncalves
Dr. Mary Louise Francis, Secretary	

Dr. Francis joined the Committee this past winter, following the resignation of Gary Rousseau. Dr. Francis was elected to a two-year term, and Mr. Coray and Mr. Goncalves were re-elected to three-year terms at the April election.

The year 2004 has brought about many changes throughout the entire school district, as you will quickly observe in each area identified below.

Albert F. Ford Middle School

There has been, and will continue to be, a major turnover of faculty. This past year, three teachers retired, and a guidance counselor as well as one teacher left for a job closer to home. Our retirees were: Gary Lucas, grade 6; Claudette Veary, Grade 6; and Lorraine Lafleur, Grade 7. Five more teachers are scheduled to retire in June of 2005. This trend will continue for a few more years. The future of Ford Middle School will no doubt lie in our ability to replace these teachers with certified, highly qualified, and knowledgeable teachers who will be willing to carry out our mission here at Ford Middle School.

To help support these new teachers, we instituted a comprehensive mentor program in 2004. Through this mentor program, every new teacher at Ford Middle School is provided with a mentor to help orient them to the policies and procedures of the school and to provide each with personal, professional, and instructional support.

Along with the teachers who replaced retirees, we were able to add an additional mathematics teacher to our school program. This teacher is a member of our eighth grade team, who also spends the morning period practicing math facts with the 5th grade students. For most of the day, this teacher teaches an eighth grade class called "Math Skills." This class was developed in order to bolster basic skills in mathematics, to reduce class size in the eighth grade (from an average of 30 students in a class, down to an average of approximately 25 students in a class), and to enhance our mathematics MCAS scores.

During 2004, the Ford Middle School staff has been busy updating curriculum guides so that they better align to the state Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks in the areas of social studies, language arts, mathematics, and science/technology. Our staff is currently in the process of creating curriculum maps (the blueprint for the operational curriculum) and curriculum benchmarks (curriculum outcomes for each grade and discipline based on the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks).

Professional development days have also been spent disaggregating MCAS test data and identifying student weaknesses based on this data. In the past, this process was disjointed as no formal MCAS improvement procedure had been established. This past year, the Ford Middle School MCAS improvement process was created, which eventually was adopted for the entire district. This MCAS improvement process demonstrates how the school and district MCAS scores dictate decisions about, and changes to; curriculum, school budgets, professional development, and the school improvement plans and the district strategic plan.

Lastly, the building project is nearing an end. Only a few punch list items remain in this process. The end result of this project has culminated in a physical facility that will meet the needs of our middle school age students now, and for years to come.

Acushnet Elementary School

The school year ended in June 2004 with the resignation of John Riordan as principal to accept a position closer to home. A search committee was formed and began their charge to find a replacement for the position. Charles Pretti filled the position of principal of the Elementary School beginning on July 1.

The year also saw the retirement of two staff members. Diane Davignon and Betty St. Onge bid farewell in September after many years of dedicated service to the children of Acushnet. Unfortunately, over the next several years Acushnet Elementary School will watch many of its senior staff begin their retirements. To smooth the progress of these retirements and to assist with an increasing enrollment of an average of five new students per month, several new staff members were added to the rolls. Jared Alves became an additional first grade teacher, Rebecca Desroches rounded out our second grade team, Susan Costa joined our third grade team and Patricia Santos was added to the fourth grade team.

Mid-November brought the unexpected and sudden resignation of Charles Pretti for personal reasons. The Superintendent and School Committee hired Virginia Cutler as interim principal for the remainder of the school year. Mrs. Cutler has been an educator in the school district since 1988, most recently serving as Title I Director.

Third and fourth grade students continue to make improvements through the MCAS assessment. This year's results showed continuing improvements in reading and language arts.

The building project seems to be finally coming to an end. The final punch lists items are being addressed and we are looking forward to the completion of the Big Toy Project in the spring of 2005.

It has been an eventful year and a fulfilling year as we all strive to improve curriculum and curriculum strategies to better serve the children of Acushnet and maintain a high standard of education for all.

Special Education

There have been some new developments in special education this year. The federal government has reauthorized the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) as of November, 2004. Although many of the revisions to IDEA had previously been implemented under Massachusetts Special Education Regulations, districts within the Commonwealth will be revising their practices and procedures to comply with the new requirements. Locally, the district continues to identify ways to improve the services provided to students with disabilities. In cooperation with the Southeastern MA Educational Collaborative, several new programs are now available within the Acushnet Elementary and Ford Middle School buildings to provide a wider range of in-district services to students with special needs. The department will continue to analyze the needs of our special needs students and develop programs and services to meet those needs.

Staff from the Department of Education completed a mid-cycle review of the District's Special Education and Civil Rights procedures in December. We await their recommendations in April.

Grants

The recent development of farm and orchard land has resulted in many new and beautiful homes within the community. The impact on the schools continues in two areas, an increasing student population and a decrease in the low income population. The former creates a significant decrease in state and federal grants, which are based upon the incidences of need. All state and federal grants saw less funding this year. Should our statistics decrease to under 2%, we will lose all allocation grants. At this point, we have received the Title I grant, which supports additional reading instruction to those students needing this assistance. Due to decreased funding, one full-time teaching position became a half-time position, impacting thirty students. Title IIA funding, which supports professional development for staff, is being used to provide mentoring for teachers and administrators. Mentoring programs are now required by the Massachusetts Department of Education. The \$2000 in Title IID funds was used to purchase technology supplies. We received no Title III funding for non-English speaking students. Title IV funding has been identified for the purchase of materials to promote drug-free schools, as required by this grant's mandate. Title V funding has supported the Saturday School program, which is considered an innovative approach to decreasing the number of student suspensions.

We received a kindergarten grant in late fall to support the full day kindergarten in our schools. We presently have four full day programs and two one-half day sessions. Recent research supports the full day approach as a better preparation for student success in elementary school.

Special education grants allowed our district to supplement its expenditures. Because we are a small school district, our costs for out-of-district placements are higher than for larger districts. Larger districts can provide classes for groups of students with particular special needs. In Acushnet, it becomes more cost effective to have students attend other programs, rather than to have a class for one student, for example.

We continue to research funding opportunities for our schools. However, funders are looking to support low income and/or high minority school districts to a large extent.

Health Services

Immediately prior to the beginning of school, we received a resignation of one of our two school nurses. The remaining school nurse often moved back and forth between the two schools. Because we are still operating under Civil Service, we needed to follow their mandates. We were finally able to hire two nurses under a job-share arrangement in November

Districtwide

The PTO continues to be an integral part of our school family. Their annual fundraiser in the fall was again a rousing success. In addition, the PTO initiated a new fundraiser – the Pie Sale. It was definitely a great success. It is with great admiration and gratitude we salute the PTO's many hours of volunteering.

In order to meet the No Child Left Behind requirements, as well as Department of Education mandates, we have developed new teacher handbooks, a mentoring program, updated student handbooks, a professional development plan, a District Accommodation Plan, and a draft for a Crisis Plan. The curriculum development process is in full swing, and we are using the results of MCAS test data to move the schools ahead.

As we conclude this year, the major renovation/construction project at Acushnet Elementary and Ford Middle Schools nears completion. Physical education classes began accessing the fields at the rear of the schools this fall. Contractors have been finishing work on the final "punch list". Our thanks to the Acushnet community for supporting these renovations. The benefits to the students are immeasurable!

ACUSHNET AT A GLANCE

Incorporated: February 13, 1860

Type of Government: Open Town Meeting

Population: 10,538

10,129 (State Census)

Total Valuation:

Class 1 and 2 Tax Rate: \$10.90 per \$1,000 (Fiscal Year 2005)

Class 3 and 4 Tax Rate: \$12.71 per \$1,000 (Fiscal Year 2005)

Registered Voters: 7,538

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,
peach orchards, box factory, sawmill, landscape nurseries

4TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:

Congressman Barney Frank

Office: (508) 999-6462 - Office: (617) 332-3920

11TH BRISTOL REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT:

Robert Koczera

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Annual Election of Officers: 1st Monday in April

Annual Town Meeting: 4th Monday in April