

## ACUSHNET AT A GLANCE

Incorporated: February 13, 1860

Type of Government: Open Town Meeting

Population: 10,018

Total Valuation:

Class 1 and 2 Tax Rate: \$14.18 per \$1,000 (Fiscal Year 2019)

Class 3 and 4 Tax Rate: \$18.20 per \$1,000 (Fiscal Year 2019)

Registered Voters: 7,442

Total Area: 18 Square Miles

Churches: 6

Public Schools: 2

Parochial Schools: 1

Regional School: 1

Principal Industries:

road surface materials, farming, apple,  
peach orchards, landscape nurseries

4TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:

Congressman Joseph Kennedy III

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

11TH BRISTOL REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT:

Christopher Hendricks

Office: (617) 722-2425

2ND BRISTOL SENATORIAL DISTRICT:

Mark C.W. Montigny

Office: (508) 984-1474 - Office: (617) 722-1440

Annual Election of Officers: 1st Monday after Town Meeting

Annual Town Meeting: 4th Monday in April

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# 2019 ANNUAL REPORT



ACUSHNET, MASSACHUSETTS



**TOWN RECORDS AND REPORTS**

**of the**

**TOWN OF ACUSHNET**

**MASSACHUSETTS**

**For the**

**Year Ending December 31, 2019**

## TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

Fire Department (Emergency) .....	9-1-1
Fire Department (Business) .....	508-998-0250
Police Department (Emergency) .....	9-1-1
Police Department (Business) .....	508-998-0240
Acushnet Emergency Medical Service (Ambulance) .....	9-1-1
Acushnet Emergency Medical Service (Business) .....	508-998-0235

### TOWN SERVICES

Animal Control Officer .....	508-998-9040
Assessors .....	508-998-0205
Building Department .....	508-998-0225
Public Works, Water/Sewer Department .....	508-998-0230
Cemetery Department .....	508-995-0052
Conservation Commission .....	508-998-0202
Council on Aging .....	508-998-0280
Director of Finance .....	508-998-0220
Emergency Management Agency (Civil Defense) .....	508-998-0295
Gas Inspector .....	508-998-0225
Health Board .....	508-998-0275
Park Department .....	508-998-0285
Planning Board .....	508-996-6662
Plumbing Inspector .....	508-998-0225
Russell Memorial Library .....	508-998-0270
School Business Manager .....	508-998-0261
Selectmen .....	508-998-0200
Superintendent of Schools .....	508-998-0260
Town Collector .....	508-998-0210
Town Clerk .....	508-998-0215
Town Treasurer .....	508-998-0212
Tree Warden .....	508-998-0230
Veteran's Services .....	508-998-0207
Visiting Nurse .....	508-998-0275
Wire Department .....	508-998-0225

### WEB SITE ADDRESS

[www.acushnet.ma.us](http://www.acushnet.ma.us)

**In Memoriam  
2019**

**Robert E. Francis**

Town Moderator

Date of Death – March 4, 2019

**Gail Perzentz**

Election Inspector

Date of Death – June 28, 2019

**Rene A. Pepin**

Building Inspector

OCTRHS Carpentry Advisory Department Board

Date of Death – September 1, 2019

**Joyce E. Tillett**

Election Warden

Date of Death December 17, 2019

**TOWN OFFICERS  
2019**

**Town Clerk (1)**

Pamela A. Labonte Term Expires 2020

**Board of Selectmen (3)**

Roger Cabral, Chair Term Expires 2020  
Kevin Gaspar, Sr. Term Expires 2021  
David Desroches Term Expires 2022

**Board of Assessors (3)**

Marc F. Cenerizio, Chair Term Expires 2020  
Matthew D. Lopes Term Expires 2021  
Liberio DaSilva Soares Term Expires 2022

**Board of Health (3)**

Robert Medeiros, Chair Term Expires 2020  
David M. Davignon Term Expires 2021  
Thomas J. Fortin Term Expires 2022

**School Committee (5)**

Jody J. Tavares, Chair Term Expires 2020  
David Michael Deterra Term Expires 2020  
Craig Sumner Term Expires 2021  
Sarah Ann Gomes Term Expires 2022  
Jennifer Downing Term Expires 2022

**Commissioner of Trust Funds (3)**

Marc E. Laplante, Chair Term Expires 2022  
William Krause Term Expires 2020  
Tommy Lipsett Term Expires 2021

**Trustees of Free Public Library (6)**

Jennifer M. Alves, Chair Term Expires 2021  
Henry T. Preston Term Expires 2020  
Joan M. Howland Term Expires 2020  
Diane Ferreira Term Expires 2021  
Stephen A. Reale Term Expires 2022  
Nancy A. Francis Term Expires 2022

**Cemetery Board (3)**

Paul H. Fortin, Chair	Term Expires 2021
Joanne K. Cioper	Term Expires 2020
Charlene Fortin	Term Expires 2022

**Park Commissioners (3)**

Chad W. Leclair, Chair	Term Expires 2021
Michael Matton	Term Expires 2020
Christopher P. Anderson	Term Expires 2022

**Housing Authority (5)**

Rene Racine, Chair	Term Expires 2021
Isabel M. Sousa	Term Expires 2020
Lawrence P. Mulvey (Resigned September 9, 2019)	Term Expires 2022
Stephanie L. VonJess (Appointed November 12, 2019)	Term Expires 2020
Andrew J. Gomes	Term Expires 2022
Robert F. Brown (Governor's Council Appointee)	Term Expires 2023

**Planning Board (5)**

Marc F. Cenerizio, Chair	Term Expires 2022
Philip A. Mello	Term Expires 2020
Mark M. DeSilva, Sr.	Term Expires 2021
Richard A. Ellis	Term Expires 2022
Bryan Deschamps	Term Expires 2023

**Moderator (1)**

Nicholas Gomes	Term Expires 2020
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**Tree Warden (1)**

Raymond F. Barlow	Term Expires 2020
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**Town Oaths Administrated by Pamela Labonte, Town Clerk “2019”**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Office</u>	<u>Date of Election, Appointment, or Resignation</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>	<u>Date Sworn In</u>
John P. Abaray, Jr.	Golf Management & Operational Committee	Appt. 4/23/19	5/01/20	5/13/19
Frank A. Adesso	Constable	Appt. 4/23/19	5/01/22	---*
Michael G. Alves	Safety Committee	Appt. 4/23/19	5/01/20	5/20/19
Michael G. Alves	Street Naming Committee	Appt. 4/23/19	5/01/20	5/20/19
Karen J. Amarello	Asst. Treasurer/ Collector	Appt. 7/16/19	Upon Resignation	7/23/19
Christopher P. Andeson	Park Commissioner	Elected 4/01/19	4/04/22	4/11/19
Catherine L. Audette	Election Inspector	Appt. 4/23/19	5/01/20	---*
Amanda L. Baptiste	Board of Appeals (Alternate)	Appt. 4/23/19	5/01/20	5/07/19
Amanda L. Baptiste	Cultural Council	Appt. 4/23/19	5/01/20	5/07/19
Janet Barrette	Election Inspector	Appt. 4/23/19	5/01/20	---*
Janet Barrette	Election Inspector	Appt. 11/13/18	5/01/19	3/28/19
Louise Benoit	Election Inspector	Appt. 4/23/19	5/01/20	5/20/19
Gerard A. J. Bergeron	EMA Director	Appt. 4/23/19	5/01/20	---*
Lynn Berube	Housing Partnership Committee	Appt. 5/22/18	5/01/19	---*
Lynn Berube	Housing Partnership Committee	Appt. 5/01/17	5/01/18	---*
Lynn Berube	Housing Partnership Committee	Appt. 4/25/16	5/01/17	---*

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Lynn Berube	Housing Partnership Committee	Appt. 5/01/15	5/01/16	---*
Linda L. Blais	Election Inspector	Appt. 4/23/19	5/01/20	4/30/19
Linda L. Blais	Election Inspector	Appt. 3/19/19	5/01/19	3/28/19
Michael R. Boucher	Finance Committee	Appt. 5/22/18	5/01/21	---*
Evelyn L. Bouley	Community Preservation Committee (Park)	Appt. 4/23/19	5/01/22	8/21/19
Evelyn L. Bouley	Conservation Commission	Appt. 4/23/19	5/01/22	8/21/19
Evelyn L. Bouley	Old Colony School District Representative	Appt. 4/23/19	5/01/21	8/21/19
Evelyn L. Bouley	Town Meeting Teller	Appt. 7/01/17	6/30/18	8/21/19
Marc C. Brodeur	Conservation Commission	Appt. 5/22/18	5/01/21	---*
Christine L. Brown	Election Inspector	Appt. 3/19/19	5/01/19	4/01/19
Kelly E. Burishkin	Beautification Committee	5/01/17	5/01/18	---*
Roger A. Cabral	By-Law Review Committee (Selectmen)	Appt. 4/23/19	5/01/20	---*
Roger A. Cabral	Cable Advisory	Appt. 5/22/18	5/01/19	---*
Roger A. Cabral	Energy Committee	Appt. 4/23/19	5/01/20	---*
Roger A. Cabral	Energy Committee	Appt. 5/22/18	5/01/19	---*
Roger A. Cabral	Soil Conservation Board	Appt. 4/23/19	5/01/20	---*

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Roger A. Cabral	Soil Conservation Board	Appt. 5/22/18	5/01/19	---*
Jodie Camara	Assistant Treasurer	Resigned 5/17/19	5/01/20	---*
Joseph Carvalho	Tobacco Compliance Officer	Appt. 4/30/19	Termination of Grant	9/04/19
Marc F. Cenerizio	Open Space Committee	Appt. 4/23/19	5/01/20	5/10/19
Marc F. Cenerizio	Phase II Stormwater Committee	Appt. 4/23/19	5/01/20	5/10/19
Marc F. Cenerizio	Soil Conservation Board (Planning)	Appt. 4/23/19	5/01/20	5/10/19
Joanne K. Cioper	Agricultural Commission	Resigned 8/08/19	5/01/22	---*
Joanne K. Cioper	Agricultural Commission	Appt. 4/23/19	5/01/22	---*
Joanne K. Cioper	Agricultural Commission (Alternate)	Appt. 11/13/18	5/01/19	1/08/19
Joanne K. Cioper	Election Clerk	Appt. 5/22/18	5/01/19	1/08/19
Joanne K. Cioper	Election Clerk	Appt. 5/01/17	5/01/18	6/05/17
Joanne K. Cioper	Election Clerk	Resigned 3/28/19	5/01/19	1/08/19
Michael A. Cioper	By-Law Review Committee	Appt. 5/22/18	5/01/19	---*
Michael A. Cioper	Housing Partnership	Appt. 5/22/18	5/01/19	---*
Michael A. Cioper	SRTA Representative	Appt. 5/22/18	5/01/19	---*
Teddy Cioper	Conservation Commission	Appt. 5/01/17	5/01/20	---*

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Ronald T. Cormier	Veterans Agent	Appt. 4/23/19	5/01/20	5/20/19
Charlene Correia	Cultural Council	Appt. 7/16/19	5/01/20	8/13/19
Joseph E. Correia	Phase II Stormwater Committee	Appt. 5/01/15	5/01/16	---*
Joseph E. Correia	Safety Committee	Appt. 4/23/19	5/01/20	---*
Joseph E. Correia	Safety Committee	Appt. 5/22/18	5/01/19	---*
Joseph E. Correia	Safety Committee	Appt. 5/01/17	5/01/18	---*
Joseph E. Correia	Soil Conservation Board (BOH)	Appt. 5/01/15	5/01/16	---*
Andrea Corrie	Election Inspector	Appt. 4/23/19	5/01/20	5/13/19
Andrea Corrie	Town Meeting Teller	Appt. 7/01/18	6/30/19	5/13/19
Diana Couto	Election Warden	Appt. 4/23/19	5/01/20	5/13/19
Diana Couto	Town Meeting Teller	Appt. 7/01/18	6/30/19	5/13/19
Leslie Dakin	Screening Committee	Appt. 8/27/19	5/01/20	---*
Nathan P. Darling	Deputy Building Inspector	Appt. 4/23/19	5/01/20	---*
Richard Debalsi	Council on Aging	Appt. 4/23/19	5/01/20	---*
Susan M. Delgado	Finance Committee	Appt. 5/22/18	5/01/21	---*
Thomas J. DeCosta	Deputy Wire Inspector	Appt. 4/23/19	5/01/20	5/08/19
Thomas J. DeCosta	Screening Committee	Appt. 8/27/19	5/01/20	9/17/19

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Bryan Deschamps	Planning Commission	Elected 4/02/18	4/03/23	1/09/19
Bryan Deschamps	Planning Commission	Elected 4/03/17	4/02/18	1/09/19
David Desroches	Board of Selectmen	Elected 4/01/19	4/04/22	4/02/19
David Desroches	SRTA Representative	Appt. 4/23/19	End of Term	5/07/19
Louise Desroches	Election Inspector	Appt. 4/23/19	5/01/20	---*
David M. DeTerra	School Committee	Elected 4/03/17	4/06/20	---*
Jennifer S. Downing	School Committee	Elected 4/01/19	4/04/22	9/23/19
Jennifer S. Downing	Screening Committee	Appt. 8/27/19	5/01/20	9/23/19
Barbara J. Dupuis	Beautification Committee	Appt. 4/23/19	5/01/20	5/07/19
Richard A. Ellis	Planning Commission	Elected 4/01/19	4/01/24	---*
Anne Estabrook	Animal Control Officer Inspector/Assistant	Appt. 4/23/19	5/01/20	5/09/19
Diane Ferreira	Election Clerk	Appt. 4/23/19	5/01/20	5/13/19
Diane Ferreira	Town Meeting Teller	7/01/18	6/30/19	5/13/19
Robert A. Ferreira	Golf Management & Operational Committee	Appt. 4/23/19	5/01/20	5/14/19
Robert A. Ferreira	Finance Committee	Appt. 5/21/19	6/01/22	---*
Sarah Fitzgerald	Weigher- Tilcon Capaldi/PJ Keating	Appt. 4/25/16	5/01/17	---*

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David M. Flynn	Golf Management & Operational Committee	Appt. 4/23/19	5/01/20	10/08/19
Melissa A. Forgue	Assistant Accountant	Appt. 4/23/19	5/01/20	5/20/19
Carolyn C. Fortin	Election Clerk	Appt. 4/23/19	5/01/20	---*
Carolyn C. Fortin	Election Clerk	Appt. 5/22/18	5/01/19	---*
Carolyn C. Fortin	Election Clerk	Appt. 5/01/17	5/01/18	---*
Carolyn C. Fortin	Town Meeting Teller	Appt. 7/01/18	6/30/19	---*
Carolyn C. Fortin	Town Meeting Teller	Appt. 7/01/17	6/30/18	---*
Charlene Fortin	Cemetery Board	Elected 4/01/19	4/04/22	4/16/19
Paul H. Fortin	Cemetery	Elected 4/02/18	4/05/21	---*
Thomas J. Fortin	Board of Health	Elected 4/01/19	4/04/22	4/18/19
Shawn Fournier	Weigher- Tilcon Capaldi/PJ Keating	Appt. 4/23/19	5/01/20	---*
Nancy A. Francis	Trustee of Free Public Library	Elected 4/01/19	4/04/22	4/10/19
Nancy Franco	Weigher- Tilcon Capaldi/PJ Keating	Appt. 4/23/19	5/01/20	4/30/19
Nancy Franco	Weigher- Tilcon Capaldi/PJ Keating	Appt. 5/22/18	5/01/19	5/07/19
Kevin A. Gallagher	Forest Warden	Appt. 4/23/19	5/01/20	---*
Kevin A. Gallagher	Forest Warden	Appt. 5/22/18	5/01/19	---*

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Kevin A. Gallagher	Forest Warden	Appt. 5/01/17	5/01/18	---*
Kevin A. Gallagher	Forest Warden	Appt. 4/25/16	5/01/17	---*
Kevin A. Gallagher	Inspector of Garages	Appt. 4/23/19	5/01/20	---*
Kevin A. Gallagher	Inspector of Garages	Appt. 5/22/18	5/01/19	---*
Kevin A. Gallagher	Inspector of Garages	Appt. 5/01/17	5/01/18	---*
Kevin A. Gallagher	Safety Committee	Appt. 4/23/19	5/01/20	---*
Kevin A. Gallagher	Safety Committee	Appt. 5/22/18	5/01/19	---*
Kevin A. Gallagher	Safety Committee	Appt. 5/01/17	5/01/18	---*
Kevin A. Gallagher	Safety Committee	Appt. 5/01/16	5/01/17	---*
Kevin A. Gallagher	Street Naming Committee	Appt. 4/23/19	5/01/20	---*
Kevin A. Gallagher	Street Naming Committee	Appt. 5/22/18	5/01/19	---*
Kevin A. Gallagher	Street Naming Committee	Appt. 5/01/17	5/01/18	---*
Kevin Gaspar, Sr.	Housing Partnership Committee (BOS)	Appt. 5/22/18	5/01/19	---*
Kevin Gaspar, Sr.	Housing Partnership Committee (BOS)	Appt. 5/01/17	5/01/18	---*
Kevin Gaspar, Sr.	Housing Partnership Committee (BOS)	Appt. 5/01/16	5/01/17	---*
Robert Gilmore	Agricultural Commission	Appt. 5/22/18	5/01/21	7/30/19

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Robert Gilmore	Community Preservation Committee (Historical)	Appt. 4/23/19	5/01/22	7/30/19
Robert Gilmore	Community Preservation Committee (Historical)	Appt. 2/06/18	5/01/19	7/30/19
Robert Gilmore	Historical Commission	Appt. 4/23/19	5/01/22	7/30/19
Erik C. Golda	Cable Advisory	Appt. 11/26/19	Until Completion	---*
John Golda	Cable Advisory	Appt. 11/26/19	Until Completion	---*
John Golda	Screening Committee	Appt. 8/27/19	5/01/20	9/23/19
Andrew J. Gomes	Housing Authority	Elected 4/01/19	4/01/24	---*
Sarah A. Gomes	School Committee	Elected 4/01/19	4/04/22	---*
Maria I. Goncalves	Agricultural Commission	Appt. 4/23/19	5/01/22	5/08/19
Manuel A. Goulart	Golf Management & Operational Committee	Appt. 4/23/19	5/01/20	5/16/19
Russell W. Goyette	Election Inspector	Appt. 4/23/19	5/01/20	5/21/19
Russell W. Goyette	Election Inspector	Appt. 5/22/18	5/01/19	5/21/19
Russell W. Goyette	Election Inspector	Appt. 5/01/17	5/01/18	5/21/19
Carol E. Gravanis	Election Inspector	Appt. 4/23/19	5/01/20	5/09/19
Michael Green	Cable Advisory	Appt. 11/26/19	Until Completion	---*
Linda C. Guilbeault	Council on Aging	Appt. 4/23/19	5/01/22	5/16/19

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Robert W. Hall	Historical Commission	Appt. 4/23/19	5/01/22	6/27/19
Robert W. Hall	Historical Commission	Resigned 10/21/19	5/01/22	6/27/19
Scott E. Harding	Agricultural Commission	Appt. 4/23/19	5/01/22	---*
Scott E. Harding	Historical Commission	Appt. 4/23/19	5/01/22	---*
Marie M. Hardy	Council on Aging	Resigned 9/19/19	5/01/21	9/20/18
Julie Hebert	Cable Advisory	Appt. 11/26/19	Until Completion	---*
Julie Hebert	Energy Committee	10/08/19	5/01/20	---*
Julie Hebert	Parking Officer	10/09/19	5/01/20	---*
Julie Hebert	Safety Committee	10/09/19	5/01/20	---*
Julie Hebert	Soil Conservation Board	10/08/19	5/01/20	---*
Julie Hebert	Town Accountant/ Finance Director	Appt. 4/23/19	5/01/20	5/20/19
Jacqueline Hinckley	Election Inspector	Appt. 4/23/19	5/01/20	---*
Jacqueline Hinckley	Election Inspector	Appt. 3/05/19	5/01/19	---*
John C. Howcroft	By-Law Review Committee (Alternate)	Appt. 4/23/19	5/01/20	5/13/19
John C. Howcroft	By-Law Review Committee (Alternate)	Appt. 4/22/18	5/01/19	5/13/19
John C. Howcroft	Screening Committee	Appt. 8/27/19	5/01/20	9/24/19
Joan M. Howland	Trustee of Free Public Library	Elected 4/03/17	5/01/20	---*

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Paulette J. Hudson	Election Inspector	Appt. 4/23/19	5/01/20	5/20/19
Quinn Indio	Police Department	Appt. 12/11/18	---	9/04/19
Edward J. Isaac	Golf Management & Operational Committee	Appt. 4/23/19	5/01/20	6/26/19
Merilee Kelly	Energy Committee	Appt. 4/23/19	5/01/20	9/25/19
Merilee Kelly	Open Space Committee	Appt. 4/23/19	5/01/20	9/25/19
Merilee Kelly	Phase II Stormwater Committee	Appt. 4/23/19	5/01/20	9/25/19
Merilee Kelly	Soil Conservation Board	Appt. 4/23/19	5/01/20	9/25/19
Beth Kilanowich	Election Inspector	Appt. 3/05/19	5/01/19	3/28/19
Frank A. Knox	Wire Inspector	Appt. 4/23/19	5/01/20	---*
Frank A. Knox	Wire Inspector	Appt. 5/22/18	5/01/19	---*
Christine T. Krause	Election Inspector	Appt. 4/23/19	5/01/20	11/26/19
Lexi A. Labonte	Election Inspector	Appt. 4/23/19	5/01/20	5/14/19
Lexi A. Labonte	Election Inspector	Appt. 3/05/19	5/01/19	4/01/19
Pamela A. Labonte	By-Law Review Committee (Town Clerk)	Appt. 4/23/19	5/01/20	9/25/19
Pamela A. Labonte	By-Law Review Committee (Town Clerk)	Appt. 5/22/18	5/01/19	9/25/19
Pamela A. Labonte	By-Law Review Committee (Town Clerk)	Appt. 5/01/17	5/01/18	9/25/19

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Pamela A. Labonte	By-Law Review Committee (Town Clerk)	Appt. 5/02/16	5/01/17	9/25/19
Pamela A. Labonte	Screening Committee	Appt. 8/27/19	5/01/20	9/25/19
Donna M. Labrode	Election Inspector	Appt. 4/23/19	5/01/20	5/08/19
Marc E. Laplante	By-Law Review Committee	Appt. 4/23/19	5/01/20	5/13/19
Marc E. Laplante	By-Law Review Committee	Appt. 5/22/18	5/01/19	4/25/19
Marc E. Laplante	By-Law Review Committee	Appt. 5/01/17	5/01/18	5/10/19
Marc E. Laplante	Commissioner of Trust Funds	Elected 4/01/19	4/04/22	4/25/19
Marc E. Laplante	Constable	Appt. 4/23/19	5/01/22	5/13/19
Mary A. Lebeau	Election Inspector/ Clerk	Appt. 4/23/19	5/01/20	4/29/19
Raymond F. Leblanc	By-Law Review Committee	Appt. 4/23/19	5/01/20	---*
Raymond F. Leblanc	By-Law Review Committee	Appt. 5/22/18	5/01/19	---*
Raymond F. Leblanc	By-Law Review Committee	Appt. 5/01/17	5/01/18	---*
fstAshley Leonard	Election Inspector	Appt. 4/23/19	5/01/20	---*
Ashley Leonard	Election Inspector	Appt. 3/05/19	5/01/19	4/01/19
Pauline Lincoln	Election Inspector	Appt. 4/23/19	5/01/20	---*
Matthew D. Lopes	Assessor	Elected 4/02/18	4/05/21	---*
Theodore Machado	Sealer of Weights and Measures	Appt. 4/23/19	5/01/20	5/07/19

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James A. Marot	American Disabilities Act Coordinator	Appt. 4/23/19	5/01/20	5/13/19
James A. Marot	American Disabilities Act Coordinator	Appt. 5/22/18	5/01/19	5/13/19
James A. Marot	By-Law Review Committee	Appt. 4/23/19	5/01/20	5/13/19
James A. Marot	By-Law Review Committee	Appt. 5/22/18	5/01/19	5/13/19
James A. Marot	Energy Committee	Appt. 4/23/19	5/01/20	5/13/19
James A. Marot	Energy Committee	Appt. 5/22/18	5/01/19	5/13/19
James A. Marot	Enforcement Agent for (BOS)	Appt. 4/23/19	5/01/20	5/13/19
James A. Marot	Enforcement Agent for (BOS)	Appt. 5/22/18	5/01/19	5/13/19
James A. Marot	Phase II Stormwater Committee	Appt. 4/23/19	5/01/20	5/13/19
James A. Marot	Phase II Stormwater Committee	Appt. 5/22/18	5/01/19	5/13/19
James A. Marot	Portable Sign Committee	Appt. 4/23/19	5/01/20	5/13/19
James A. Marot	Portable Sign Committee	Appt. 5/22/18	5/01/19	5/13/19
James A. Marot	Safety Committee	Appt. 4/23/19	5/01/20	5/13/19
James A. Marot	Safety Committee	Appt. 5/22/18	5/01/19	5/13/19
Anne Marshall	Election Inspector	Appt. 4/23/19	5/01/20	---*
Kelly Massey	Assistant Animal Control Officer/ Insp. of Animals	Appt. 4/25/16	5/01/17	---*

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Robert Medeiros	Shellfish Warden Harbor Master	Appt. 4/23/19	5/01/20	7/30/19
Robert Medeiros	Soil Conservation Board (BOH)	Appt. 4/23/19	5/01/20	7/30/19
Ronald S. Melbourne	Finance Committee	Appt. 11/12/19	5/01/22	12/02/19
Daniel M. Menard	Housing Partnership Committee (DPW)	Appt. 5/22/18	5/01/19	---*
Daniel M. Menard	Housing Partnership Committee (DPW)	Appt. 5/01/17	5/01/18	---*
Daniel M. Menard	Moth Superintendent Inspector of Pest Control	Appt. 4/23/19	5/01/20	---*
Daniel M. Menard	Moth Superintendent Inspector of Pest Control	Appt. 5/22/18	5/01/19	---*
Daniel M. Menard	Moth Superintendent Inspector of Pest Control	Appt. 5/01/17	5/01/18	---*
Daniel M. Menard	Phase II Stormwater Committee	Appt. 4/23/19	5/01/20	---*
Daniel M. Menard	Phase II Stormwater Committee	Appt. 5/22/18	5/01/19	---*
Daniel M. Menard	Phase II Stormwater Committee	Appt. 5/01/17	5/01/18	---*
Daniel M. Menard	Safety Committee	Appt. 4/23/19	5/01/20	---*
Daniel M. Menard	Safety Committee	Appt. 5/22/18	5/01/19	---*

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Daniel M. Menard	Safety Committee	Appt. 5/01/17	5/01/18	---*
Daniel M. Menard	Soil Conservation Board (DPW)	Appt. 4/23/19	5/01/20	---*
Daniel M. Menard	Soil Conservation Board (DPW)	Appt. 5/22/18	5/01/19	---*
Daniel M. Menard	Soil Conservation Board (DPW)	Appt. 5/01/17	5/01/18	---*
Daniel M. Menard	Special Police Officer for NB Water Works	Appt. 4/23/19	5/01/20	---*
Daniel M. Menard	Special Police Officer for NB Water Works	Appt. 5/22/18	5/01/19	---*
Daniel M. Menard	Special Police Officer for NB Water Works	Appt. 5/01/17	5/01/18	---*
Bruce Miranda	Weigher- Tilcon Capaldi/PJ Keating	Appt. 4/23/19	5/01/20	5/07/19
Bruce Miranda	Weigher- Tilcon Capaldi/PJ Keating	Appt. 5/22/18	5/01/19	5/07/19
Richard Miranda	Agricultural Commission	Resigned 3/29/19	5/01/21	---*
Richard Miranda	Agricultural Commission	Resigned 3/29/19	5/01/18	---*
Claudio Moco	Weigher- Tilcon Capaldi/PJ Keating	Appt. 4/23/19	5/01/20	---*
Claudio Moco	Weigher- Tilcon Capaldi/PJ Keating	Appt. 5/22/18	5/01/19	---*
Maria M. Moore	Election Warden	Appt. 4/23/19	5/01/20	5/13/19
Nicholas A. Monticello	Cable Advisory	Appt. 11/26/19	Until Completion	---*

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Maria M. Moore	Town Meeting Teller	Appt. 7/01/18	6/30/19	5/13/19
Margaret M. Mota	Election Inspector	Appt. 4/23/19	5/01/20	---*
Frances M. Motyl	Election Inspector	Appt. 4/23/19	5/01/20	---*
Frances M. Motyl	Election Inspector	Appt. 3/19/19	5/01/19	3/26/19
Catherine L. Muller	Tax Title Custodian	Appt. 4/23/19	5/01/20	5/15/19
Lawrence P. Mulvey	Community Preservation Committee	Appt. 4/23/19	5/01/22	---*
Lawrence P. Mulvey	Housing Authority	Resigned 9/09/19	4/04/22	4/04/17
Brian S. Noble	Cable Advisory	Appt. 5/22/18	5/01/19	5/15/19
Brian S. Noble	Parking Clerk	Appt. 5/22/18	5/01/19	5/15/19
Brian S. Noble	Safety Committee	Appt. 4/23/19	5/01/20	5/15/19
Brian S. Noble	Safety Committee	Appt. 5/22/18	5/01/19	5/15/19
Brian S. Noble	Tax Title Custodian	Appt. 5/22/18	5/01/19	5/15/19
Brian S. Noble	Town Administrator	Appt. 11/30/16	11/29/19	9/30/19
ennifer Oliveira	Weigher- Tilcon Capaldi/PJ Keating	Appt. 4/23/19	5/01/20	4/30/19
Jennifer Oliveira	Weigher- Tilcon Capaldi/PJ Keating	Appt. 5/22/18	5/01/19	5/07/19
Heidi L. Pelletier	Community Preservation Committee	Appt. 4/23/19	5/01/22	---*

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Scott Perdigao	Herring Warden (Assistant)	Appt. 4/23/19	5/01/20	---*
Scott Perdigao	Herring Warden (Assistant)	Appt. 5/22/18	5/01/19	---*
Scott Perdigao	Herring Warden (Assistant)	Appt. 5/01/17	5/01/18	---*
Scott Perdigao	Herring Warden (Assistant)	Appt. 4/25/16	5/01/17	---*
Scott Perdigao	Herring Warden (Assistant)	Appt. 5/01/15	5/01/16	---*
Joseph J. Pereira	Agricultural Commission	Appt. 9/11/19	5/01/20	9/17/19
Victor J. Pereira	Deputy Wire Inspector	Appt. 4/23/19	5/01/20	---*
Susan I. Perry	Election Inspector	Appt. 4/23/19	5/01/20	---*
Gail Perzentz	Election Inspector	Appt. 4/23/19	5/01/20	---*
Everett Philla	Conservation Commission	Appt. 4/23/19	5/01/22	5/13/19
Everett Philla	Election Inspector	Appt. 4/23/19	5/01/20	5/13/19
Everett Philla	Town Meeting Teller	Appt. 7/01/18	6/30/19	5/13/19
Faye M. Philla	Election Warden	Appt. 4/23/19	5/01/20	4/29/19
Faye M. Philla	Town Meeting Teller	Appt. 7/01/18	6/30/19	5/13/19
Michael R. Poitras	Insurance Advisory Committee Retiree Designee	Appt. 4/23/19	5/01/20	5/09/19
Deborah Raposa	Council on Aging	Appt. 5/21/19	5/01/22	5/29/19
Roberta Raymond	Election Inspector	Appt. 4/23/19	5/01/20	---*

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Stephen A. Reale	Trustee of Free Public Library	Elected 4/01/19	4/04/22	4/09/19
Bryant Ribeiro	Weigher- Tilcon Capaldi/PJ Keating	Appt. 4/23/19	5/01/20	5/07/19
Bryant Ribeiro	Weigher- Tilcon Capaldi/PJ Keating	Appt. 5/22/18	5/01/19	5/07/19
Bryant Ribeiro	Weigher- Tilcon Capaldi/PJ Keating	Appt. 7/21/17	5/01/18	5/07/19
Robert C. Rocha	Open Space Committee	Appt. 4/23/19	5/01/20	---*
Robert C. Rocha	Open Space Committee	Appt. 5/22/18	5/01/19	---*
John Roy	Screening Committee	Appt. 8/27/19	5/01/20	9/24/19
Robert St. Jean	Finance Committee	Appt. 5/21/19	6/01/22	9/17/19
Robert St. Jean	Screening Committee	Appt. 8/27/19	5/01/20	9/17/19
Michael St. Onge	Finance Committee	Appt. 2/06/18	6/01/20	---*
Priscilla V. Santos	Election Inspector	Appt. 4/23/19	5/01/20	---*
Carol Simpkin	Council on Aging	Appt. 10/08/19	5/01/21	10/21/19
Liberio D. Soares	Board of Assessors	Elected 4/01/19	4/04/22	---*
Jeanie G. Soucy	Registrar of Voters	Appt. 4/23/19	5/01/22	9/30/19
Susanne Y. Sounik	Election Inspector	Appt. 4/23/19	5/01/20	4/29/19
Susanne Y. Sounik	Town Meeting Teller	Appt. 7/01/18	6/30/19	5/13/19

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Jonathan Souza	Weigher- Tilcon Capaldi/PJ Keating	Appt. 4/23/19	5/01/20	5/07/19
Jonathan Souza	Weigher- Tilcon Capaldi/PJ Keating	Appt. 5/22/18	5/01/19	5/07/19
Norval A. Stanley III	By-Law Review Committee (Alternate)	Appt. 4/23/19	5/01/20	---*
Norval A. Stanley III	By-Law Review Committee (Alternate)	Appt. 5/22/18	5/01/19	---*
Norval A. Stanley III	By-Law Review Committee (Alternate)	Appt. 5/01/17	5/01/18	---*
Craig Sumner	School Committee	Elected 4/02/18	4/05/21	---*
Heather Sylvia	Council on Aging (Director)	Appt. 4/23/19	5/01/20	9/16/19
Heather Sylvia	Council on Aging (Director)	Appt. 5/22/18	5/01/19	9/16/19
Heather Sylvia	Screening Committee	Appt. 8/27/19	5/01/20	9/16/19
Jody J. Tavares	School Committee	Elected 4/03/17	5/01/20	---*
Pauline Teixeira	Council on Aging	Appt. 4/23/19	5/01/22	4/30/19
Pauline Teixeira	Historical Commission	Appt. 4/23/19	5/01/22	4/30/19
Kelli Tomlinson	Constable	Appt. 4/23/19	5/01/22	---*
Rebekah A. Tomlinson	Animal Control Officer/Inspector	Appt. 4/23/19	5/01/20	4/25/19
Pamela G. Tripp	Election Inspector	Appt. 4/23/19	5/01/20	5/10/19
Paul Valente	Conservation Commission	Appt. 4/23/19	5/01/22	---*

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Herve Vandal	Constable	Appt. 4/23/19	5/01/22	5/07/19
Stephanie Von Jess	Housing Authority	Appt. 11/12/19	05/01/22	12/02/19
Carol Westgate	Board of Appeals	Appt. 4/23/19	5/01/24	---*
Carol Westgate	By-Law Review Committee	Appt. 4/23/19	5/01/20	---*
Carol Westgate	By-Law Review Committee	Appt. 5/22/18	5/01/19	---*
David E. Wolnar	Energy Committee	Appt. 5/01/17	5/01/18	---*
David E. Wolnar	Energy Committee	Appt. 4/25/16	5/01/17	---*
Joyce A. Wylie	Election Inspector	Appt. 4/23/19	5/01/20	4/30/19
Norma York	Agricultural Commission	Appt. 4/23/19	5/01/22	4/26/19
Henry Young	Energy Committee	Appt. 4/23/19	5/01/20	---*
Henry Young	Energy Committee	Appt. 5/22/18	5/01/19	---*
Henry Young	Housing Partnership Committee	Appt. 5/22/18	5/01/19	---*

**RESULTS OF THE ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION HELD ON  
APRIL 1, 2019**

**Register of Voters Eligible to Vote in the April 1, 2019 Town Election  
Final Day of Registration – March 12, 2019**

	A	AA	United Indep. Party	Dem	Green Rainbow	Lib	Mass Indep. Party	Ameri Indep.	Republican	Unenrolled	Pirate	Total
Prec I			5	652	5	6		2	167	1379	1	2217
Pre II	2	1	3	645		7	1	1	244	1659		2563
Prec III	1		2	710		4	2		192	1682		2593
Total	3	1	10	2007	5	17	3	3	603	4720	1	7373

**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 Faye Philla, Warden.  
 Box register when polls were opened 0.  
 Number of ballots received 700 plus 13 Absentee ballots.  
 Number of ballots cast from tape 268.  
 Number of ballots counted manually 0.  
 Number of ballots spoiled 5.  
 Number of Provisional Ballots not cast 0.  
 Number of Unused ballots returned 440.

The following officers were present:

Warden: Faye Philla  
 Clerk: Carolyn Fortin  
 Inspectors: Susan Perry, Janet Barrette, Susanne Sounik, Linda Blais,  
 Frances Motyl, Pauline Lincoln  
 Police Officers: Derek Cathcart, Gene Robinson, Michael Matton, Adam  
 Hebert, Joseph Bolerinho

Remarks: ---

Polls were closed at 8:00 p.m. and the ballot box registered 268.

A true record: Attest:/s/ Carolyn Fortin  
Clerk of Election Officers  
Attest: Pamela Labonte, 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 Maria Moore, Warden.
- Box register when polls were opened 0.
- Number of ballots received 700 plus 23 Absentee ballots.
- Number of ballots cast from tape 400.
- Number of ballots counted manually 2.
- Number of ballots spoiled 0.
- Number of Provisional ballots not cast 1.
- Number of Unused ballots returned 320.

The following officers were present:

- Warden: Maria Moore
- Clerk: Diane Ferreira
- Inspectors: Pamela Tripp, Beth Kilanowich, Joyce Wylie,  
Roberta Ramond, Christine Brown, Donna Labrode,  
Lexi Labonte
- Police Officers: Gene Robinson, Michael Matton

Remarks: ---

Polls were closed at 8:00 p.m. and the ballot box registered 400.

A true record, Attest:/s/ Diane Ferreira  
Clerk of Election Officers  
Attest: Pamela Labonte, Town Clerk

**CLERK’S REPORT – PRECINCT III**

To the Town Clerk:

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

Polls were opened at 10:00 a.m. by Mary Lebeau, Clerk.  
Box register when polls were opened 0.  
Number of ballots received 700 plus 16 Absentee ballots  
Number of ballots cast from tape 449.  
Number of ballots counted manually 2.  
Number of ballots spoiled 5.  
Number of Provisional ballots not cast 0.  
Number of Unused ballots returned 260.

The following officers were present:

Warden: Maria Moore  
Clerk: Mary Lebeau  
Inspectors: Christine Brown, Andrea Corrie, Christine Krause,  
Gail Perzentz  
Police Officers: Danny DeAmaral, Michael Matton  
  
Remarks: ---

Polls were closed at 8:00 p.m. and the ballot box registered 449.

A true record, Attest:/s/ Mary Lebeau (Clerk)  
Clerk of Election Officers

Attest: Pamela Labonte, Town Clerk

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	<u>PRECINCT I</u>	<u>PRECINCT II</u>	<u>PRECINCT III</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<b><u>SELECTMAN (Three Years)</u></b>				
Michael A. Cioper	94	165	185	444
David Desroches	172	237	264	673
Blanks:	2		2	4
All Others:				
Write-Ins:				
<b><u>TOTAL</u></b>	<b><u>268</u></b>	<b><u>402</u></b>	<b><u>451</u></b>	<b><u>1121</u></b>

	<u>PRECINCT I</u>	<u>PRECINCT II</u>	<u>PRECINCT III</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<b><u>ASSESSORS (Three Years)</u></b>				
Liberio Dasilva Soares	212	299	340	851
Blanks:	56	102	111	269
All Others:				
Write-Ins:				
<b><u>TOTAL</u></b>	<b><u>268</u></b>	<b><u>402</u></b>	<b><u>451</u></b>	<b><u>1121</u></b>

	<u>PRECINCT I</u>	<u>PRECINCT II</u>	<u>PRECINCT III</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<b><u>BOARD OF HEALTH (Three Years)</u></b>				
Thomas J. Fortin	220	311	353	876
Blanks:	46	90	97	243
All Others:	1			1
Write-Ins: (3)				
Paul Fortin		1		1

John Bud Pimental			1	1
Curly Howard	1			1
<b><u>TOTAL</u></b>	<b><u>268</u></b>	<b><u>402</u></b>	<b><u>451</u></b>	<b><u>1121</u></b>

	<b><u>PRECINCT I</u></b>	<b><u>PRECINCT II</u></b>	<b><u>PRECINCT III</u></b>	<b><u>TOTAL</u></b>
<b><u>SCHOOL COMMITTEE (Three Years) (Vote for Two)</u></b>				
Sarah A. Gomes	207	286	313	806
Jennifer S. Downing	204	270	309	783
Blanks:	124	245	277	646
All Others: Write-Ins: (6)				
Frank Knox		1		1
David Wojnar			2	2
John Howcroft		1		1
Josh Santos		1	1	1
Erica Cheviler		1		1
Tony Cambra	1			1
<b><u>TOTAL</u></b>	<b><u>536</u></b>	<b><u>804</u></b>	<b><u>902</u></b>	<b><u>2242</u></b>

	<b><u>PRECINCT I</u></b>	<b><u>PRECINCT II</u></b>	<b><u>PRECINCT III</u></b>	<b><u>TOTAL</u></b>
<b><u>COMMISSIONER OF TRUST FUNDS (Three Years)</u></b>				
Marc E. Laplante	223	307	352	882
Blanks:	45	95	98	238
All Others:				
Write-Ins: (1)				
FrankKnox			1	1
<b><u>TOTAL</u></b>	<b><u>268</u></b>	<b><u>402</u></b>	<b><u>451</u></b>	<b><u>1121</u></b>

	<u>PRECINCT I</u>	<u>PRECINCT II</u>	<u>PRECINCT III</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>PLANNING COMMISSION (Five Years)</u>				
Richard A. Ellis	217	303	338	858
Blanks:	51	99	112	262
All Others:			1	1
Write-Ins: (0)				
<b><u>TOTAL</u></b>	<b><u>268</u></b>	<b><u>402</u></b>	<b><u>451</u></b>	<b><u>1121</u></b>

	<u>PRECINCT I</u>	<u>PRECINCT II</u>	<u>PRECINCT III</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>CEMETERY BOARD (Three Years)</u>				
Charlene Fortin	218	311	350	879
Blanks:	50	90	101	241
All Others:				
Write-Ins: (1)				
John Mello		1		1
<b><u>TOTAL</u></b>	<b><u>268</u></b>	<b><u>402</u></b>	<b><u>451</u></b>	<b><u>1121</u></b>

	<u>PRECINCT I</u>	<u>PRECINCT II</u>	<u>PRECINCT III</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>TRUSTEE OF FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY (Three Yrs) (Vote for 2)</u>				
Nancy A. Francis	221	311	344	876
Blanks:	314	483	537	1332
All Others:		1		1
Write-Ins: ( 11 )				
Stephen Reale		6	15	21

Tommy Lipsett			1	1
Jeff Bennett			1	1
Wdunston Eric Whittle			1	1
Danial Crowel			1	1
William Hargreaves			2	2
Kyle Racine		1		1
Connie Preston		1		1
Shannon Anderson		1		1
Lianne Cory		1		1
Christopher Anderson	1			1
<b><u>TOTAL</u></b>	<b><u>536</u></b>	<b><u>804</u></b>	<b><u>902</u></b>	<b><u>2242</u></b>

	<b><u>PRECINCT I</u></b>	<b><u>PRECINCT II</u></b>	<b><u>PRECINCT III</u></b>	<b><u>TOTAL</u></b>
<b><u>PARK COMMISSIONER (Three Years)</u></b>				
Blanks:	249	380	430	1059
All Others:	1			1
Write-Ins: (30)				
Christopher Anderson	10	9	7	26
Frank Knox	1		1	2
Mark Duprey			1	1
Michael Ashley			1	1
Ryan Labonte			1	1
David Wojnar			1	1
Joanne Cioper			1	1
Tommy Lipsett		1	1	2

Daniel Crowell			1	1
Leo Rousseau			1	1
Robert St. Jean, Jr.			1	1
Bob Huckabee			1	1
Kevin Walsh			1	1
Chad Leclair	1		1	2
John Romanelli			1	1
Chuck Lenord		2		2
Philp J. Adams		2		2
Nicholas A. Gomes		1		1
Stephen Melanson	1	1		1
Kim Harris		1		1
Stephen Cory		1		1
Kyle Racine		1		1
Mike Ashley		1		1
Paul Soucy		1		1
Robert St. Jean		1		1
Mark Antone		1		1
Tom Decosta	1			1
James Vieira	1			1
Tony Cambra	1			1
Ron Melbourne	2			2
<b><u>TOTAL</u></b>	<b><u>268</u></b>	<b><u>402</u></b>	<b><u>451</u></b>	<b><u>1121</u></b>

	<u>PRECINCT I</u>	<u>PRECINCT II</u>	<u>PRECINCT III</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<b><u>HOUSING AUTHORITY (Five Years)</u></b>				
Andrew J. Gomes	217	308	329	854
Blanks:	51	94	121	266
All Others:				
<b><u>TOTAL</u></b>	<b><u>268</u></b>	<b><u>402</u></b>	<b><u>451</u></b>	<b><u>1121</u></b>

Attest:

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Pamela A. Labonte, Town Clerk  
Percentage of Votes Cast 16%

## **BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

In April 2019, David Desroches was elected for his 1<sup>st</sup> term as a member of the Board of Selectmen and Roger A. Cabral was elected Chairman.

This year with the loss of Mr. Brian Noble our Town Administrator, the Town appointed Ms. Julie Hebert to the Interim position. The Town appointed a Screening Committee and held interviews with prospective candidates. The decision was not made as of 2019 for the appointment of the permanent Town Administrator.

Michael Alves retired in 2019 after 33 years of service to the Town and 15 of those years as Police Chief. The Board commends you and thanks you for your years of service to the Town. The Board of Selectmen also appointed Mr. Christopher Richmond who has been a dedicated Police Officer for over 25 years in Acushnet to Police Chief on November 4, 2019.

### **Buildings**

The Parting Ways interior renovations are complete thanks to the hard work of the Town Hall Staff. The Conservation Agent's Office & Town Clerk's Office have made their move over to the new offices and are in full operation. The Planning Office, DPW Office and Board of Health Offices were also redone along with the Building Department which also made the move to Parting Ways in Spring 2019. This couldn't be done without the funding from the Community Preservation Funding for restoring historic buildings. All the building related Departments are now located in the Parting Ways Building so as to serve the general public better.

### **Celebrations**

The Tenth Annual Main Street car show was held on August 29th with perfect weather and record crowds. The show seems to really pack them in, everyone enjoys to see all the vintage cars. The Board would like to thank all the volunteers and employees who make this a great event.

On Veteran's Day, November 11<sup>th</sup> the Veteran's Memorial held its second Veteran's Day Ceremony in their new home at Pope Park. The project wouldn't have been successful without the fundraising efforts from Tom DeCosta, his faithful team of organizers, donations from residents and businesses and all the exceptional volunteers. The Board would also like to thank the employees, who work tirelessly during the event every year.

### **Energy**

Through the Baker / Polito Administration's Green Communities Grant Program, and with the help from RISE Engineering and the EVERSOURCE rebate program, Acushnet has received close to one million dollars in grants and incentive payments from those organizations to increase our energy efficiency and save the community tens of thousands of dollars.

Installed all new sensor controlled LED lighting in: Town Hall, Parting Ways, Fire Station 1, Fire Station II, Fire Station III EMS, Acushnet Public Library, DPW Barn, Council on Aging, EMA Building, Acushnet Golf Course maintenance barn and the new Police Station.

All new lighting controls and new LED fixtures in both Ford Middle School and Acushnet Elementary School.

All new LED street light heads for the 580 Acushnet Street lights. New 97% energy efficient LNG boilers and controls for: Town Hall, Parting Ways & Fire Station I.

This work included all new programmable thermostats for all the above including new boiler controls and automatic demand control ventilation for both schools.

New Air Source Heat Pumps to supply both heating and AC in the newly renovated Howard School which is now the Acushnet Public Library. This allowed Acushnet to have total control of the interior environment of this facility for the complete comfort of its patrons, making this the first completely controlled and most energy efficient building in the Town, even though the structure was originally built in 1919.

The program also provided cavity insulation and air sealing in all buildings which were supplied with new heating equipment and /or AC. This work was fully applied to Fire Station III, our EMS building, Town Hall, Parting Ways which some have also been supplied with seasonal controls to their existing systems.

Through the program a commissioning of the heating systems for both Acushnet Schools was performed which provided new boiler controls, fresh air sensors, temperature controls and occupancy sensors which reduced the heating costs for the buildings by more than 20%. All totaled the Town has received just over One Million dollars in labor, equipment and materials from both grants and EVERSOURCE incentives to have this work completed, which through documentation has proven to reduce the Towns carbon footprint and energy costs by close to 35%. This is a direct tax saving to the residents against capital expenditures for operational and equipment costs to the Towns infrastructure with no cost to the residents.

Being a Green Community, through acceptance of the Stretch Code, has also made the Towns Real Estate more sellable by producing a stock of new homes which must meet or exceed Energy Star criteria and at the same time providing lower operational costs to the occupants of these dwellings.

### **Finance**

The Town continues to receive clean audit reports. The goal of the audit is to provide the Selectmen and the Town resident's assurance that the information they are receiving from the Finance Team is accurate and factual. In 2019 the Board of Selectmen along with the Treasurer/Collector, appointed Karen Amarello, to the position of Assistant Town Treasurer/Collector.

Respectfully submitted,  
Roger A. Cabral, Chairman  
Kevin Gaspar, Sr.  
David Desroches

Julie Hebert, Interim-Town Administrator  
Lisa Leonard, Executive Administrative Assistant  
Rachel Charbonneau, Administrative Assistant

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

## **POLICE COMMISSIONERS**

Roger A. Cabral	2020
Kevin Gaspar, Sr.	2021
David Desroches	2022

## **TOWN ADMINISTRATOR**

Brian S. Noble until August 2019  
Julie Hebert Interim Town Administrator remainder of year

## **TOWN ACCOUNTANT/DIRECTOR OF FINANCES**

Julie Hebert

## **TOWN TREASURER/COLLECTOR**

Catherine Muller

## **TAX TITLE CUSTODIAN**

Catherine Muller

## **TOWN COUNSEL**

Kopelman & Paige

## **TOWN INSURANCE BROKER**

MIIA Property & Casualty Group

## **POLICE CHIEF**

Michael G. Alves- retired  
Christopher Richmond, Appointed November 2019

## **FIRE CHIEF / EMS DIRECTOR**

Kevin A. Gallagher

**ADA COORDINATOR**

James Marot

**AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION**

Scott Harding	Robert Gilmore, Jr.
Maria Goncalves	Richard Miranda
Norma York, Chair	Joanne Cioper, Resigned

**ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER/INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS**

Rebekah A. Tomlinson

**ASSISTANT ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER**

Anne Estabrook

**BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE**

Barbara Dupuis, Resigned  
Anne Marshall, Resigned

**BOARD OF APPEALS**

Raymond F. Leblanc	2020
Marc Cenerizio	2021
Richard J. Lally	2021
Carol Westgate	2024
Paul B. Hipolito (Chair)	2020
Amanda Baptiste, Alternate	2020
Robert Brown	2024

**BUILDING BOARD OF APPEALS**

Raymond F. LeBlanc	2020
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**INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS**

James A. Marot

**DEPUTY BUILDING INSPECTOR**

Nathan Darling

**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**

Thomas DeCosta  
Victor Pereira

**BY-LAW REVIEW COMMITTEE**

Pamela Labonte	2020
Marc Laplante	2020
Raymond LeBlanc	2020
James A. Marot	2020
Carol Westgate	2020
John Howcroft	2020
Norval Stanley (Alternate)	2020

**CABLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Gerard Bergeron  
Roger Cabral  
Eric Golda  
John Golda  
Julie Hebert  
Nick Monticello  
Chris Oliver

## COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

Marc Cenerizio (Planning Commission)	2021
Chad Leclair (Park Commissioners)	2021
Heidi Pelletier (Conservation Commission)	2022
Robert Gilmore (Historical Commission)	2022
Evelyn Bouley (Citizen Member)	2022
Amanda Baptiste (Citizen Member)	2023
Lisa Leonard (Citizen Member)	2023

## CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Marc C. Brodeur	2021
Robert Rocha, Jr.	2020
Heidi Pelletier	2021
Everett Philla	2022
Evelyn Boulay	2022
Paul Valente	2022
Ryan Rezendes	2023
Richard Pimental	2023

## CONSERVATION AGENT

Merilee Kelly

## CONSTABLES

Frank J. Adesso	2022
Marc E. Laplante	2022
Joseph Latimer	2021
Kelli A. Tomlinson	2022
Herve W. Vandal, Jr.	2022

## COUNCIL ON AGING

Paulette Hudson	2021
Pauline Teixeira	2022
Gerard Bergeron	2020
Linda Guilbeault	2023
Carol Simpkin	2021
Maurice Samson	2021
Deborah Raposa	2022

**COUNCIL ON AGING DIRECTOR**

Heather Sylvia

**CULTURAL COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Michelle Watts	2021
Lisa Leonard	2021
Amanda Baptiste	2022

**ELECTION MEMBERS**

Catherine L. Audette	Janet Barrett
Louise L. Benoit	Christine Brown
Andrea Corrie	Dianna Couto
Margaret Fernandes	Diane Ferreira
Carolyn C. Fortin	Russell W. Goyette
Carol E. Gravanis	Paulette J. Hudson
Beth Kilanowich	Christine Krause
Lexi Labonte	Donna Lebrode
Mary Lebeau	Pauline Lincoln
Maria M. Moore	Margaret M. Mota
Francis Motyl	Susan Perry
Everett C. Philla, Jr.	Faye M. Philla
Roberta Raymond	Susanne Y. Sounik
Arlene Todd	Joyce Wylie

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (DIRECTOR)**

Gerard Bergeron

**ENERGY COMMITTEE**

Merilee Kelly  
Jim Marot  
Henry Young  
Roger A. Cabral  
Julie Hebert

**ENFORCEMENT AGENT FOR THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

James A. Marot

## **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Michael Boucher	2021
Susan Delgado	2021
Robert Ferreira	2022
Eric McGlynn	2020
Robert St. Jean	2022
John Howcroft	2020
Jacqueline Stanley	2021
Ron Melbourne	2022
Michael St. Onge	2020

## **FOREST WARDEN, INSPECTOR OF GARAGES**

Kevin A. Gallagher

## **GOLF MANAGEMENT & OPERATIONAL COMMITTEE**

John Abaray, Jr. (Member at Large)	2020
Robert Ferreira (Finance Committee Rep.)	2020
David Flynn (Member at Large)	2020
Manuel Goulart (Business Community Rep.)	2020
Edward Issac (Member-at-Large)	2020

## **HERRING WARDEN**

TBD

## **ASSISTANT HERRING WARDEN**

Scott Perdigao

## **HISTORICAL COMMISSION**

Madeline Gwozdz	2021
Pauline Teixeira	2022
Dunstan Whitlock	2021
Robert Gilmore	2022
Scott Harding	2022

**INSPECTOR OF GARAGES**

Kevin A. Gallagher

**INSURANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Eric Arruda	2020
Ryan Lavoie	2020
Eric Abreau	2020
Michael Poitras	2020
Sue Picard	2020
Patricia Santos	2020

**MOTH SUPERINTENDENT/INSPECTOR OF PEST CONTROL**

Dan Menard

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

Maurice St. Amand  
Evelyn Bouley  
Justin Brodeur

**OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE**

Marc Cenerizio	2020
Robert Rocha	2020

**PARKING CLERK**

Julie Hebert

**PHASE II STORMWATER COMMITTEE**

Marc Cenerizio (Planning Commission)  
Julie Hebert (Town Administrator)  
Merilee Kelly (Conservation Agent)  
James Marot (Building Inspector)  
Daniel Menard (Highway Superintendent)  
Joe Correia (Board of Health Agent)

**PORTABLE SIGN COMMITTEE**

James A. Marot

**PPWG - HARBOR TRUSTEE COUNCIL MEMBER**

Stephen Morrissette

**PUBLIC SAFETY COORDINATOR**

Kevin Gaspar, Sr.

**REGISTRAR OF VOTERS**

Joseph Costa	2021
Jeannie Soucy	2023

**SAFETY COMMITTEE**

Christopher Richmond (Police Chief)	2020
Julie Hebert (Town Admin.)	2020
Kevin Gallagher (Fire Chief)	2020
James Marot (Bldg. Insp.)	2020
Dan Menard (Public Works)	2020
Joseph Correia (Board of Health)	2020

**SEALER OF WEIGHTS & MEASURES**

Theodore Machado

**SHELLFISH WARDEN/HARBOR MASTER**

Robert Medeiros

**SOIL CONSERVATION BOARD**

Marc Cenerizio (Planning Commission Rep.)  
Roger A. Cabral (Board of Selectmen Rep.)  
Merilee Kelly (Conservation Agent)  
Robert Medeiros (Board of Health Rep.)

Dan Menard (Public Works Rep.)

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

Dan Menard

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

Henry Young  
Merilee Kelly

**S.R.T.A. ADVISORY COMMISSION MEMBER**

David Desroches

**STREET NAME COMMITTEE**

Christopher Richmond (Police Chief)  
Kevin Gallagher (Fire Chief)

**TILCON CAPALDI CLOSURE PLAN COMMITTEE**

Raymond LeBlanc

**(PJ KEATING) WEIGHER**

Bruce Miranda	2020
Claudio Moco	2020
Jennifer Oliveira	2020
Nancy Franco	2020
Bryan Ribeiro	2020
Jonathan Souza	2020

**VETERANS AGENT**

Ronald Cormier

## **BOARD OF ASSESSORS**

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

The current Board of Assessors is: Marc Cenerizio, Chairman, Matthew Lopes, Member and Liberio Soares, Member. The office staff consists of Kelly A. Koska, M.A.A., Principal Assessor, and Suzanne Picard, Administrative Assistant.

Liberio Soares won a third term as a Board member in 2019 unopposed. He will serve the Board for another three years. Congratulations to him on his victory.

Fiscal 2020 (assessments as of January 1, 2019) is a revaluation year for the Town of Acushnet. Full fair cash values for this tax cycle were determined through the analysis of arms length sales that took place from June 2017 through December 2018. Residential property owners will see their actual assessments reflect this timeframe. The Department of Revenue, Bureau of Local Assessments, historically requires communities to complete a revaluation every three years. This protocol is now changed and the revaluation process will be on a 5-year cycle. The next anticipated revaluation year is scheduled Fiscal 2025. The tax rate was certified on November 12, 2019. The cyclical inspection process is in year 5 of the 10-year process. The cyclical inspection process is also a statutory requirement by the Department of Revenue for communities to successfully execute. This process is done on a year-to-year perpetual basis. We are working rigorously to maintain this schedule in accordance with the DOR requirements. A contractual arrangement with an assessment company is now in place to ensure the cyclical inspections are performed timely and efficiently.

Fiscal 2020 was also the tenth year executing QUARTERLY tax billing for the Town of Acushnet. Taxpayers received their FIRST and SECOND quarters PRELIMINARY bills on July 1, 2019. The preliminary tax run was committed based on the current value of the real property multiplied by the Fiscal 2019 tax rates. The Fiscal 2020 ACTUAL tax commitment executed successfully, and taxpayers received their mailing including the THIRD and FOURTH quarter installment coupons on December 31, 2019. As a reminder the actual billing statements do have the newly certified assessment information listed along with the current fiscal year's newly approved tax rate by the Department of Revenue. Quarterly tax billing has been a beneficial change in assisting the Town meet its financial obligations timely as well as providing annual uniform bill dates for the taxpayers.

The Assessors' office generated \$359,000 in new growth. This amount was approved by the Department of Revenue on October 24, 2019. These funds are part of the tax levy calculation for FY 2020 purposes. This increase in growth for the tax base this year is reflective of any improvements and discovery of data of real property as well as new construction.

The tax rate for FY 2020 reflects a 25% shift. This translates in to the real properties classified as commercial or industrial and personal property paying a 25% higher rate than those that are residential. By statute, this decision is rendered by the Board of Selectmen with a recommendation from the Board of Assessors.

The Fiscal 2020 apportioned installments for the Phase II Sewer betterment were added to the ACTUAL tax bills for those taxpayers who were assessed this improvement by the Board of Public Works. Taxpayers can also pay down on their remaining balances throughout the year. They can also pay off the betterment completely at any time. If they plan to do so, a written request should be submitted to the Assessors' office in order for proper interest due to be calculated and committed to the Collector's office. There was also 1 new Phase II Sewer Betterment Privilege fees committed during calendar 2019. This assessment was made to a parcel receiving the sewer privilege within the existing project that was not part of the initial assessment. There has been an increase in Privilege fee assessments since the acceptance of the Residential Village zoning in 2014. This is the second year of the Sewer Phase III betterment installments schedule.

The Board of Health tie-in loans apportioned installments for Fiscal 2019 were also committed. This betterment loan program currently has no accounts with pending liabilities as of Fiscal 2019 year. The staff in the Assessors' office is available to answer any questions property owners may have regarding this loan or other special assessments.

The Board of Assessors wishes everyone continued good health and best wishes for the upcoming year.

<u>TAX SUMMARY</u>	<u>FY 2019</u>	<u>FY 2020</u>
Total Amount to be raised	\$34,733,725.06	\$35,097,956.48
Total estimated receipts from other revenue sources	\$17,052,713.00	\$16,625,317.00
<b>TAX LEVY</b>	<b>\$17,681,012.06</b>	<b>\$18,472,648.48</b>

<u>VALUE BY CLASS</u>	<u>FY 2019</u>	<u>FY 2020</u>
Single Family (101)	\$976,906,600.00	\$1,034,416,900.00
Condominiums (102)	\$0.00	\$0.00
2 & 3 Family (104 & 105)	\$42,183,400.00	\$45,724,300.00
Multi Family (111-125)	\$6,647,000.00	\$6,640,300.00
Vacant land (130-132,106)	\$26,674,000.00	\$26,526,900.00
Others (103,109, Res mixed use)	\$48,227,133.00	\$51,640,216.00
Commercial (3**)	\$31,066,947.00	\$33,109,684.00
Chapter 61, 61A, 61B	\$1,433,010.00	\$1,396,710.00
Industrial (4**)	\$24,558,820.00	\$25,919,600.00
Personal Property	\$56,895,252.00	\$63,989,871.00

TOTAL TAXABLE RE AND PP VALUE	\$1,289,364,481.00
TOTAL RE EXEMPT VALUE:	\$58,820,700.00

TOTAL RE TAXABLE ACCOUNTS:	4590	TOTAL PP ACCOUNTS:	247
TOTAL RE EXEMPT ACCOUNTS:	149		
REAL ESTATE TOTAL COUNT:	4739		

**TAX RATE FY 2020 (rate/\$1000 of value)**

Residential = \$ 13.94                      Commercial/Industrial/Personal Property = \$ 17.95  
(125% shift)

AVERAGE ASSESSED VALUE SINGLE FAMILY HOME                      \$309,430.00

Respectfully submitted,  
Marc Cenerizio, Chairman  
Liberio Soares, Member  
Matthew Lopes, Member  
ACUSHNET BOARD OF ASSESSORS

# VITAL STATISTICS

## Births, Marriages and Deaths Vital Statistics 2019

### **BIRTHS:**

In Acushnet	0
In other Municipalities	72
<b>Total</b>	<b>72</b>
Resident	72
Non-Resident	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>72</b>
Male	34
Female	38
<b>Total</b>	<b>72</b>

### **MARRIAGES:**

In Acushnet	7
In other Municipalities	30
<b>Total</b>	<b>37</b>
Resident Bride and Groom	24
Resident Groom	3
Resident Bride	0
Non-Resident Bride and Groom	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>37</b>

### **DEATHS:**

In Acushnet	26
In other Municipalities	57
<b>Total</b>	<b>83</b>
Resident Deaths - Female	32
Resident Deaths - Male	50
Non-Resident Deaths - Female	1
Non-Resident Deaths - Male	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>83</b>

Attest:  
Pamela A. Labonte  
Town Clerk

## FINANCE DIRECTOR

The Finance Department provides financial support to all departments, boards and committees of the Town of Acushnet. The office maintains a complete set of financial records for all Town accounts, appropriations, debts, and contracts. Payments to all Town vendors and employees are processed through this department. The office is responsible for budgetary development and oversight, while also ensuring compliance with Federal and State laws, Town Meeting authorizations, and Generally Accepted Accounting Principles.

In our third year in Acushnet, the Town Administrator and I were again able to provide a balanced budget, despite the typical budget constraints of level-funded state aid. We were able to invest an additional \$263,209 into stabilization to bring our total three-year contribution to \$1,208,232. The budget strategies we implemented were a significant factor in our credit rating increase to AA+ by Standard and Poor's this past September. We are continuing to work toward developing a fiscally prudent FY21 budget that satisfies the residents' needs for excellent services at the lowest cost possible by researching new sources of revenue and developing procedures for better financial oversight of all accounts.

To all the department heads, employees, committees and boards – I would like to express my appreciation for your continuous cooperation and communication with the Finance Department. We look forward to working with you in the coming fiscal year! I would also like to thank my Assistant Town Accountant, Melissa Fogue, and Senior Clerk, Jessica Rego, for their exceptional hard-work and constant support to maintain a professional and efficient environment within the Finance Department.

The following reports provide combined balance sheets and fund activity for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019.

Respectfully Submitted,

Julie Hebert  
Finance Director

## REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Reconciliation of Treasurer's Cash

July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019

### Balances per Reconciled Bank Statements

Bartholomew	Stabilization	2,272,559.86
Bartholomew	OPEB Stabilization	203,119.65
Bristol County Savings Bank	Money Market	1,153,410.53
Bristol County Savings Bank	Police Station Project	104,632.20
Bristol County Savings Bank	Depository Account	602,747.58
Bristol County Savings Bank	CPA Account	714,365.86
Bristol County Savings Bank	School Lunch	430,721.35
Bristol County Savings Bank	Collectors' Account	868,537.69
Bristol County Savings Bank	Lockbox Account	315,178.92
Bristol County Savings Bank	Solar Tax Revenue	51,898.20
Cape Cod Cooperative	Sewer Account	1,133,723.73
Cape Cod Cooperative	Money Market	1,151,659.74
Harbor One	General Fund CD	801,182.60
Harbor One	Money Market	249,357.38
Rockland Trust	Money Market	45,039.90
Mansfield Bank	Money Market	1,017,967.81
Rockland Trust	Payroll Account	-2,165.82
Rockland Trust	Golf Course	1,663,286.77
Rockland Trust	Sewer Account	497,600.36
Rockland Trust	Vendor Account	89,409.59
UNIBANK	Dept Accts	4,091.76
UNIBANK	General Fund MM	1,011,421.06
UNIBANK	Online Account	1,426,390.90
		<b>15,806,137.62</b>
Cash on Hand		1,744.00
Bartholomew Various Town Trusts		552,234.76
Bristol County Planning Board Solar Trusts		76,758.37
Bristol County Various Town Trusts		221,990.74
Bristol County Various Planning Board Trusts		48,458.36
		<b>899,442.23</b>
Total of All Cash and Investments for the Town		<b>\$16,707,323.85</b>

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,

Catherine Muller, CMMT  
Treasurer

**TOWN OF ACUSHNET**  
**Combined Balance Sheet - All Fund Types & Account Groups**  
**Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2019**

	Governmental Fund Types				Proprietary Fund Types			Fiduciary		Account Groups		Totals (Memo Only)
	Special	Capital	Projects	Enterprise	Internal	Trust & Agency	Trust & Agency	Debt	Long-term	Debt		
Cash & Investments	4,996,682.88	6,392,232.94	91,726.35	1,237,769.84		3,901,947.05						16,620,359.06
Petty Cash												0.00
Receivables:												
Personal property taxes	31,338.34											31,338.34
Real estate taxes	476,139.24	3,438.71										479,577.95
Deferred taxes		49,417.82										49,417.82
Allowance for abatements and exemptions	(581,641.23)											(581,641.23)
Special assessments		1,181,496.41		106,087.50								1,287,583.91
Tax liens	300,216.57	31,314.13		1,549.37								333,080.07
Tax foreclosures	313,870.51											313,870.51
Motor vehicle excise	187,545.42											187,545.42
Other excises												0.00
User fees		361,540.21		156,963.35								518,503.56

**ASSETS**

Utility liens added to taxes	596.41	190.11	786.52
Departmental	798,134.08		798,134.08
Other receivables			0.00
Due from other governments	906,997.32		906,997.32
Due to/from other funds			0.00
Working deposit			0.00
Prepays			0.00
Inventory			0.00
Fixed assets, net of accumulated depreciation			0.00
Amounts to be provided - payment of bonds	2,345,000.00	10,565,269.62	12,910,269.62
Amounts to be provided - payment of capital leases	150,022.22		150,022.22
Amounts to be provided - vacation and sick leave			0.00
<b>Total Assets</b>	6,631,149.05	8,818,170.71	91,726.35
	3,997,582.39	0.00	3,901,947.05
			10,565,269.62
			34,005,845.17
<b>LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY</b>			
Liabilities			
Accounts payable	540,886.84	160,715.37	73,998.24
			502.47
			776,102.92

Warrants payable				0.00
Accrued payroll and withholdings	967,598.35	23,412.81	14,648.03	2,800.00
Accrued claims payable				0.00
IBNR				0.00
Other liabilities	5,824.81			5,824.81
Agency Funds			149,295.09	149,295.09
Deferred revenue:				
Real and personal property taxes	(74,163.65)	3,438.71		(70,724.94)
Deferred taxes		75,581.55		75,581.55
Prepaid taxes/fees				0.00
Special assessments		1,155,332.68	106,087.50	1,261,420.18
Tax liens	300,216.57	31,910.54	1,739.48	333,866.59
Tax foreclosures	313,870.51			313,870.51
Motor vehicle excise	187,545.42			187,545.42
Other excises				0.00
User fees		362,082.52	156,421.04	518,503.56
Utility liens added to taxes				0.00
Departmental		798,134.08	44,397.16	842,531.24



Reserved for snow and ice deficit										0.00
Reserved for debt service										0.00
Reserved for premiums	23,243.41									23,243.41
Reserved for working deposit									208,524.53	208,524.53
Undesignated fund balance	1,620,832.26	5,093,977.31	91,726.35	676,646.56						11,024,007.44
Unreserved retained earnings										0.00
Investment in capital assets										0.00
Total Fund Equity	4,146,773.88	6,207,556.80	91,726.35	1,105,268.72	0.00					15,300,675.24
<b>Total Fund Equity</b>	<b>6,631,149.05</b>	<b>8,818,170.71</b>	<b>91,726.35</b>	<b>3,997,582.39</b>	<b>0.00</b>					<b>34,005,845.17</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Fund Equity</b>										

**TOWN OF ACUSHNET**  
**Undesignated Fund Balance Roll-forward**  
**as of June 30, 2019**

<b>Beginning Undesignated Fund Balance</b>		<b>1,975,545.80</b>
Add:		
Prior Year Reserved for Encumbrance		68,002.85
Prior Year Reserved for Expenditures		2,058,982.00
Prior Year Reserved for Continuing Appropriations		341,561.42
Prior Year Reserved for Petty Cash		
Prior Year Reserved for	Debt	
Prior Year Reserved for	Premium	24,793.41
Prior Year Reserved for		
Less:		
Prior Year Reserved for Appropriation Deficits		
Prior Year Reserved for Snow and Ice Deficits		
Prior Year Total Fund Balance		<b>4,468,885.48</b>
Deduct:		
Current Year Reserved for Encumbrance		287,370.11
Current Year Reserved for Expenditures		1,524,774.00
Current Year Reserved for Continuing Appropriations		690,554.10
Current Year Reserved for Petty Cash		
Current Year Reserved for	Debt	
Current Year Reserved for	Premium	23,243.41
Current Year Reserved for		
Current Year Reserved for		
<b>Current Year Reserved for</b>		
<b>Current Year Reserved for</b>		

Add:

**Current Year Reserved for Appropriation  
Deficits**

**Current Year Reserved for Snow and Ice  
Deficits**

Add: **Current Year Revenue Closeouts** 28,604,739.71  
**Other Financing Sources**  
**Audit Adjustments**

Less:

**Current Year Expenditure Closeouts** 28,926,851.31  
**Other Financing Uses**  
**Audit Adjustments**

Current Year Undesignated Fund Balance 1,620,832.26

<b>DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>Original Budget</b>	<b>Approp. Transfers Budget</b>	<b>Final Budget</b>	<b>Salaries YTD</b>	<b>Expenses YTD</b>	<b>Total Encumbered Fund Balance</b>	<b>Closed to</b>
Reserve Fund	150,000	(143,233)	6,767	-	-	-	6,767
Town Meetings & Elections	11,000	(2,055)	8,945		8,945		0
Moderator	1,095		1,095	725	-		370
Selectmen	253,661	(25,473)	228,188	198,888	26,252	1,060	1,988
Finance Committee	2,575	-	2,575	1,050	210		1,315
Town Accountant	203,265	7,100	210,365	171,265	36,526	2,574	1
Assessors	153,977	5,969	159,946	113,220	39,161	5,988	1,577
Town Treasurer	110,231	1,321	111,552	83,252	26,859	932	510
Town Collector	123,991	(1,692)	122,299	111,894	9,484	-	921
Town Counsel	84,500	13,791	98,291	-	97,890	390	11
Technology	128,850		128,850	18,386	110,108	356	0
Town Clerk	131,830	4,584	136,414	130,563	3,463	1,374	1,014
Registrar of Voters	22,850	(3,180)	19,670	8,819	9,811	662	378
Conservation Commission	68,742	6,275	75,017	65,266	2,140	6,000	1,611
Soil Board	2,100	(783)	1,317	1,084	84		149
Planning Board	55,267	(1,987)	53,280	51,254	977		1,049
Board of Appeals	4,180	(500)	3,680	1,516	1,158		1,006
Town Buildings	246,346	(9,024)	237,322	114,802	100,447	8,333	13,740

GENERAL GOVERNMENT	1,754,460	(148,887)	1,605,573	1,071,983	473,514	27,668	32,408
<b>Police Department</b>	2,152,837	119,731	2,272,568	1,993,310	271,533	3,937	3,788
Fire Department	450,023	14,610	464,633	403,580	57,718	49	3,286
Emergency Medical Services	525,543	21,383	546,926	448,375	96,983	1,008	560
Building Department	124,922	15,864	140,786	123,936	12,718	47	4,085
Sealer of Weights & Measures	1,123		1,123	1,123	-		0
Emergency Management Agency	13,064	-	13,064	480	11,490		1,094
Animal Control	46,665	50	46,715	42,215	3,533	182	785
Forestry	8,375		8,375	600	7,138		637
<b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b>	3,322,552	171,638	3,494,190	3,013,619	461,113	5,222	14,236
<b>Old Colony Regional School</b>	1,855,472	-	1,855,472		1,855,472		0
School Department	14,207,094		14,207,094	8,118,065	6,004,665	84,183	181
<b>EDUCATION</b>	16,062,566	-	16,062,566	8,118,065	7,860,137	84,183	181
<b>Department of Public Works - Highway</b>	692,955	(28,100)	664,855	357,460	301,199	887	5,310

Snow Removal / Ice Control	110,000	10,000	120,000	120,000	0
Street Lights	50,000	(31,500)	18,500	18,495	5
Semass	878,200	36,900	915,100	18,754	884,045
Cemetery	6,789	6,789	5,464	935	390
<b>PUBLIC WORKS</b>	<b>1,737,944</b>	<b>(12,700)</b>	<b>1,725,244</b>	<b>381,677</b>	<b>1,324,674</b>
					<b>9,206</b>
Health Department	146,964	(2,996)	143,968	127,618	15,781
Council on Aging	121,097	(2,780)	118,317	97,570	20,740
Veterans	246,015	(7,690)	238,325	19,670	218,649
<b>HUMAN SERVICES</b>	<b>514,076</b>	<b>(13,466)</b>	<b>500,610</b>	<b>244,858</b>	<b>255,171</b>
					<b>7</b>
Library Department	257,795	257,795	200,429	56,900	1
Recreation Department	19,687	-	19,687	-	18,642
Park Department	39,337	3,555	42,892	23,974	17,733
Historical Commission	5,800	5,800	5,800	5,399	120
Miscellaneous	16,166	10,060	26,226	16,399	9,575
					154
<b>CULTURE &amp; RECREATION</b>	<b>338,785</b>	<b>13,615</b>	<b>352,400</b>	<b>240,802</b>	<b>108,249</b>
					<b>1,274</b>
					<b>2,074</b>

<b>Retirement of Debt - Principal</b>	357,000	357,000	357,000	-	0
Retirement of Debt - Interest	164,415	-	164,415	-	1
<b>DEBT SERVICE</b>	521,415	-	521,415	-	1
<b>County Tax</b>	124,494	124,494	124,494	-	0
State Assessments	214,020	37,158	251,178	-	142,271
Pensions	1,412,808	(20,200)	1,392,608	1,392,597	11
Workers Compensation	170,000	170,000	87,159		82,841
Unemployment Compensation	30,000	30,000	62,944	5,005	-37,949
Flexible Benefit Plan	2,563	-	2,563	4,226	-1,663
Health Insurance	1,455,000	70,000	1,525,000	1,477,088	134,073
Liability Insurance	230,200	230,200	156,266	20,138	53,796
<b>UNCLASSIFIED</b>	3,639,085	86,958	3,726,043	-	3,413,680
			159,216		153,147
<b>G F OPERATING BUDGETS</b>	27,890,883	97,158	27,988,041	13,071,003	14,417,952
			287,258		211,828
Transfer to Enterprise Fund	-	-	-	-	0
Transfer to Special Revenue Fund	100,000	-	100,000	100,000	-

Transfer to Trust & Agency Funds	553,417	553,417	553,417	-	0
Transfer to Capital Expenditure Fund	37,200	37,200	27,494	-	9,706
	690,617	-	690,617	-	9,706
<b>GRAND TOTAL G.F. BUDGETS</b>	<b>28,581,500</b>	<b>97,158</b>	<b>28,678,658</b>	<b>13,071,003</b>	<b>15,098,862</b>
					<b>287,258</b>
					<b>221,534</b>
<b>General Fund Articles</b>					
<b>(Continuing Appropriations)</b>					
STM 11/16 #4 - CWMP Plan	264,558	264,558	-	62,136	202,422
STM 11/16 #16 - Wage/Classification Study	12,400	12,400	1,600	10,800	0
ATM 5/18 #13 - Union Wage/Classification Study	10,000	10,000	-	10,000	0
ATM 5/18 #15 - Office Supplies/Furniture	42,500	42,500	15,206	27,294	0
STM 4/02 #5 - GASB Contract	10,193	10,193		10,193	0
ATM 5/18 #12 - Munis Upgrade	20,000	20,000		20,000	0
ATM 6/17 #19 - R.E. Inspections	6,250	6,250		6,250	0
STM 10/08 #2 - Munis Training	4,215	4,215		4,215	0
ATM 5/18 #14 - Update Technology	20,000	20,000		18,366	1,634

STM 10/14 #22 - Update By-Laws	7,908	7,908	1,994	5,914	0
STM 10/03 #4 - CD Roms	929	929		929	0
STM 10/04 #16 - Zoning By-Law	4,316	4,316		4,316	0
STM 7/97 #28 - ADA Compliance	2,059	2,059			2,059
STM 10/15 #10 - HE Gas Boiler	14,000	14,000		14,000	0
STM 11/16 #2 - Repair Town Hall Roof	4,433	4,433		4,433	0
ATM 5/18 #11 - Police Radios	135,000	135,000	-	135,000	0
ATM 5/18 #111 - Defibrillators	12,000	12,000	-	12,000	0
ATM 6/17 #10 - EMS Turnout Gear	2,260	2,260	-	1,980	280
ATM 5/18 #11 - Radio Replacement	25,000	25,000	-	24,788	212
ATM 5/18 #11 - CPR Devices	29,000	29,000	-	28,862	138
ATM 5/18 #11 - Bio-Medical Waste	48,000	48,000	-	46,933	1,067
ATM 5/18 #21 - AES Bathroom	20,000	20,000		20,000	0
ATM 5/18 #21 - Roof Maintenance	50,000	50,000	14,196	35,804	0
ATM 5/18 #21 - Playground Drainage	20,000	20,000	20,000	0	0
ATM 5/18 #21 - Security Cameras	75,000	75,000	75,000	0	0
ATM 5/18 #21 - New Clock System	65,000	65,000	65,000	0	0

ATM 5/18 #21 - Driveway Sealcoat	54,000	54,000	42,842	11,158	0
ATM 5/18 #19 - Truck w/Sand/Plow	230,000	230,000	229,973		27
STM 11/16 #22 - Large Item Pickup	7,608	7,608		7,608	0
<b>ATM 5/18 #24 - Consultant PJK</b>	<b>50,000</b>	<b>50,000</b>	<b>7,755</b>	<b>42,245</b>	<b>0</b>
ATM 5/18 #25 - COA Renovations	125,000	125,000	28,911	96,089	0
ATM 5/18 #20 - Septic Repair	25,000	25,000		25,000	0
STM 10/15 #14 - Historical Signs	433	433		433	0
<b>GENERAL FUND ARTICLES</b>	<b>1,397,063</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>703,792</b>	<b>690,554</b>	<b>2,717</b>

**TOWN OF ACUSHNET**  
**General Fund Revenues**  
**Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2019**

Cherry Sheet

<b>Line #</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Variance (\$)</b>	<b>% Received</b>
<b>Receipts:</b>					
A1	School Aid Chapter 70	6,323,332	6,323,332	-	100.0%
A2	School Transportation	-	-	-	100.0%
A3	Charter Tuition Reimbursement	16,028	20,074	4,046	125.2%
B1	Unrestricted General Government Aid	1,567,707	1,567,707	-	100.0%
B5	Veterans Benefits	166,201	158,569	(7,632)	95.4%
B6	Exemptions: Vets, Blind & Surv Sp.	52,966	56,232	3,266	106.2%
B7	State-Owned Land	38	38	-	100.0%
<b>Additional State Aid</b>					
Total Receipts		8,126,272	8,125,952	(320)	100.0%

**Local Receipts**

<b>Line #</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Variance (\$)</b>	<b>% Received</b>
1	Motor Vehicle Excise	1,000,000	1,581,690	581,690	158.2%

3	Penalties & Interest on Taxes	100,000	111,316	11,316	111.3%
5	Charges for Services - Water	1,620,626	1,595,257	(25,369)	98.4%
8	Charges for Services - Solid Waste Fees	2,000	16,373	14,373	818.7%
10	Fees	32,500	47,424	14,924	145.9%
16	Other Departmental Revenue	70,000	68,258	(1,742)	97.5%
17	Licenses & Permits	160,000	257,035	97,035	160.6%
19	Fines & Forfeits	10,000	15,635	5,635	156.4%
20	Investment Income	13,500	76,584	63,084	567.3%
21	Medicaid Reimbursement	75,000	74,203	(797)	98.9%
23	Miscellaneous Nonrecurring	-	7,336	7,336	100.0%
	<b>Total Local Receipts</b>	<b>3,083,626</b>	<b>3,851,111</b>	<b>767,485</b>	<b>124.9%</b>

**Tax Revenues**

<b>Line #</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Variance (\$)</b>	<b>% Received</b>
4110	Personal Property	1,035,662	1,026,839	(8,823)	99.1%
4120	Real Estate	16,645,350	16,462,428	(182,922)	98.9%
4199	Tax Liens	-	11,066	11,066	100.0%
	<b>Total Tax Revenue</b>	<b>17,681,012</b>	<b>17,500,333</b>	<b>(180,679)</b>	<b>99.0%</b>

**Interfund Transfers**

<b>Line #</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Variance (\$)</b>	<b>% Received</b>
	Transfer from Special Revenue Fund	710,367	722,601	12,234	101.7%
	Transfer from Capital Expenditure Fund	-	-	-	100.0%
	<b>Total Transfers In</b>	710,367	722,601	12,234	101.7%

TOWN OF ACUSHNET  
Special Revenue Funds Analysis  
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2019

Fund Number	Fund Name	Accounts Receivable		Deferred Revenue		Fund Balance		Receipts thru		Remaining Deficit	
						6/30/19		9/30/19	6/30/19		
1090	EMPG Grant					(3,000.00)		3,000.00		0.00	
1310	FEMA Grant					0.00				0.00	
0400	Title I					(7,809.43)		11,470.00		0.00	
0420	Title 2 - PI 94-142					9,934.65				0.00	
0430	Early Childhood Grant					540.00				0.00	
0490	Title IV					481.40				0.00	
0700	Teacher Quality in Education					128.00				0.00	
0710	SPED Program Improvement Grant					0.00				0.00	
1000	EECBG Sub-Grant					224.00				0.00	
1060	Downtown Steering Committee					5,653.73				0.00	
1860	Elections/Extended Polling Grant					0.00				0.00	
1010*	DEP - Mass EVIP Grant					0.00				0.00	
1015	Wage/Classification Grant					0.00				0.00	
1200	D.A.R.E. Grant					59.27				0.00	

1225	Police - School Camera Grant	0.00	0.00
1230	SRPEDD - Homeland Security Grant	0.00	0.00
1235	Cops in Shops Grant	1,190.01	0.00
1250	SETB Support Incentive Grant	0.00	0.00
1255	Police Reimbursable Grant	3,271.34	0.00
1270	SWAT Training Grant	0.00	0.00
1287	SETB Training Grant - 911	0.00	0.00
1300	Fire S.A.F.E. Grant	5,134.61	0.00
1350	Ambulance Task Force Grant	192.77	0.00
2110	Chapter 90 WRRP Program Grant	0.00	0.00
0350	SPED Circuit Breaker	39,450.00	0.00
0460	Tech Lighthouse Grant	384.75	0.00
0470	MKEA Initiative Grant	0.00	0.00
1600	Arts Lottery Council Grant	5,342.03	0.00
1650	Council on Aging Formula Grant	10.28	0.00
1400	LIG/MEG/NRC	19,994.24	0.00
1420	Library Guilding Grant	12.99	0.00
1430	Library-CD Anti-Trust Settlement	185.16	0.00
1440	Public Libraries Fund Grant	5.43	0.00
1500	Board of Health Grant	64.00	0.00
1740	BOH Mini Grant	38.58	0.00

1760	Green Communities Grant		0.00	0.00
2700	Water Special Revenue Fund	363,374.04	1,275,400.59	0.00
0790	Asthma Friendly School Grant		2,790.00	0.00
0791	Physical Activity School Grant		0.00	0.00
0800	Ford Middle School		19,272.02	0.00
0810	Elementary School Fund		20,614.17	0.00
0820	School Building Rental		103,066.80	0.00
0830	Medical Fund Non-Smoking Grant		396.90	0.00
0990	School Special Education Reserve Fund		100,000.00	0.00
0300	School Lunch Fund		145,900.15	0.00
1100	Community Preservation Fund	5,042.18	745,677.38	0.00
1570	Sewer Tie-Ins		168.49	0.00
1280	Police Gift Fund		150.00	0.00
1410	Library Gift Fund		165,462.27	0.00
1530	Animal Gift Fund		2,961.92	0.00
1540	Celebrations Gift Fund		22.91	0.00
1550	Park Department Gift Fund		1,100.00	0.00
1555	September 11 Memorial Gift Fund		1,284.26	0.00

1560	Fire Department Gift Fund	7.61	0.00
1565	Veterans Memorial Park/Celebrations Gift Fund	3,103.00	0.00
1670	Council on Aging Gift Fund	4,974.95	0.00
1010	Building Maintenance Fund	897.46	0.00
1020	EMA Certification Grant	0.00	0.00
1030	Cable Education & Government Access	11,562.53	0.00
1040	PEG Access	417,350.06	0.00
1050	Empowerment Fund	1,872.96	0.00
1220	Law Enforcement Trust	2,886.41	0.00
1655	COA - MCOA Age Friendly Grant	10.00	0.00
1660	Coastline Chair Yoga Grant	86.00	0.00
1665	COA - SouthCoast Health Grant	2,210.29	0.00
1680	COA - Strong Women Grant	546.46	0.00
1685	COA - Able Bodies Balance Program	(91.00)	208.00
1690	ARAW Grant	15,774.63	0.00
1700	Parting Ways Beautification	50.00	0.00
1750	Notice of Intent	24,671.59	0.00
1791	Back Bay Watershed Migrant	0.00	0.00
1840	Agricultural Committee Grant	555.73	0.00

1900	Insurance Reimbursement Fund			0.00	0.00
1910	Outside Advertisement Fund			0.00	0.00
4000	Capital Expenditure Fund			108,709.78	0.00
					0.00
1800	EMS Receipts Reserved Fund	798,134.08	798,134.08	1,125,317.02	0.00
1522	Title V Receipts Reserved Fund	290.39	290.39	17,528.80	0.00
1572					
1592	Sewer Phase 2 Betterment Receipts Reserved Fund	1,244,619.84	1,244,619.84	1,308,590.42	0.00
1595	Transportation Network Co. Receipts Reserved Fund			239.40	0.00
					0.00
0850	Ch 71 Sec 71F Tuition Revolving Fund			7,738.00	0.00
0900	Full Day Kindergarten			0.00	0.00
0950	Preschool Program			33,891.19	0.00
1870	Parks Revolving Fund			3,500.00	0.00
1695	COA Revolving Fund			2,569.45	0.00
1610	Library Revolving Fund			5,556.61	0.00
1795	Conservation Revolving Fund			2,833.00	0.00
	<b>Total Special Revenue Fund Balance</b>	<b>2,425,937.77</b>	<b>2,425,937.77</b>	<b>6,207,556.80</b>	<b>14,678.00</b>

**TOWN OF ACUSHNET**  
**Combining Balance Sheet - Enterprise Funds**  
**Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2019**

	Sewer	Golf	TOTAL
	Enterprise	Enterprise	Enterprise Funds
	Fund	Fund	(Memo Only)
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	485,496.18	752,273.66	1,237,769.84
Investments			0.00
Receivables:			
User Fees	156,963.35		156,963.35
Special assessments	106,087.50		106,087.50
Tax Title	1,549.37		1,549.37
Utility liens added to taxes	190.11		190.11
Tax foreclosures			0.00
Departmental			0.00
Other receivables			0.00
Due from other governments			0.00
Due to/from other funds			0.00
Prepays			0.00
Inventory			0.00
Fixed assets, net of accumulated depreciation			0.00
Amounts to be provided - payment of bonds		2,345,000.00	2,345,000.00
Amounts to be provided - payment of capital leases		150,022.22	150,022.22
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>750,286.51</b>	<b>3,247,295.88</b>	<b>3,997,582.39</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; FUND BAL.</b>			
Liabilities			
Accounts payable	34,819.42	39,178.82	73,998.24
Warrants payable			0.00
Accrued payroll and withholdings	1,468.42	13,179.61	14,648.03
Other liabilities			0.00

Deferred revenue:

User Charges	156,421.04		156,421.04
Special assessments	106,087.50		106,087.50
Utility liens added to taxes	1,739.48		1,739.48
Tax foreclosures			0.00
Departmental		44,397.16	44,397.16
Other receivables			0.00
Due from other governments			0.00
Due to other governments			0.00
Due to/from other funds			0.00
Bonds Payable liability		2,345,000.00	2,345,000.00
Capital Lease Payable liability		150,022.22	150,022.22
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>300,535.86</b>	<b>2,591,777.81</b>	<b>2,892,313.67</b>
Fund Equity:			
Reserved for encumbrances	60,000.00	5,597.16	65,597.16
Reserved for expenditures	107,000.00	250,000.00	357,000.00
Reserved for continuing appropriations	6,025.00		6,025.00
Reserved for petty cash			0.00
Reserved for appropriation deficit			0.00
Reserved for debt service			0.00
Unreserved retained earnings	276,725.65	399,920.91	676,646.56
Investment in capital assets			0.00
<b>Total Fund Equity</b>	<b>449,750.65</b>	<b>655,518.07</b>	<b>1,105,268.72</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Fund Equity</b>	<b>750,286.51</b>	<b>3,247,295.88</b>	<b>3,997,582.39</b>
		345,525	345,525
	481,266	1,230,391	1,711,657
<b>PROOF</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>

**TOWN OF ACUSHNET**  
**Agency Fund Detail as of June 30, 2019**

<b>Fund Number</b>	<b>Fund Name</b>	<b>Accounts Receivable</b>	<b>Deferred Revenue</b>	<b>Fund Balance 6/30/19</b>	<b>Receipts thru 9/30/19</b>	<b>Remaining Deficit 6/30/19</b>
8900-255001	Braley Hill Estates			-		0.00
8900-255002	Edgewood Estates			872.95		0.00
8900-255003	Erin Heights			-		0.00
8900-255004	Rockett Rolar Bond Guarantee			76,758.37		0.00
8900-255005	Gendron Estates			808.26		0.00
8900-255006	Maple Ridge Estates			82.46		0.00
8900-255007	Edgewood Acres #2 Escrow			102.22		0.00
8900-255008	TRC - Anrad Filing Conservation			144.53		0.00
8900-255010	Maple Ridge #2 - Performance Escrow			3,826.13		0.00
8900-255011	Deep Brook Estates #4			-		0.00
8900-255012	Farm Pond Estates (FY12)			-		0.00
8900-255014	Tripp Estates			658.10		0.00
8900-255016	Lucy/Winston Street			114.98		0.00
8900-255029	Deep Brook Estates			22,604.85		0.00
8900-255030	Moniz Estates / Blaise Dr			19,388.41		0.00
8900-255050	Outside Police Details			(17,477.20)	44,522.51	0.00







**TOWN OF ACUSHNET**  
**Trust Fund Balance Detail**  
**Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2019**

Fund Number	Fund Name	Accounts Receivable	Deferred Revenue	Fund Balance 6/30/19	Receipts thru 9/30/19	Remaining Deficit 6/30/19
7200	Charles Beals Library (Restricted)			5,000.00		0.00
7210	A Leconte Library (Restricted)			2,500.00		0.00
7220	Allen Rhonda Russell Library (Restricted)			590.38		0.00
7230	Russell Library Maintenance (Restricted)			5,000.00		0.00
7240	F Sowa Library (Restricted)			3,000.00		0.00
7250	W/G Owen Art Week (Restricted)			1,000.00		0.00
7300	Parting Ways Green Trust (Restricted)			13,584.15		0.00
7500	Long Plain School (Restricted)			5,000.00		0.00
7510	Sylvia Manter School (Restricted)			10,000.00		0.00
7520	H Rogers Parting Ways Building (Restricted)			5,000.00		0.00
7530	Russell Public School (Restricted)			7,500.00		0.00
7540	Earl Burt School Library (Restricted)			3,000.00		0.00
7550	Ruth Tabor Scholarship (Restricted)			4,000.00		0.00
8000	Long Plain Meetinghouse (Restricted)			10,000.00		0.00
8010	Meeting House Restoration (Restricted)			100,000.00		0.00
8100	Cemetery Perpetual Care (Restricted)			18,850.00		0.00
8120	Russell Protestant Poor (Restricted)			11,500.00		0.00

8130	Russell Town Hall (Restricted)	3,000.00	0.00
			<b>0.00</b>
7010	Haydon-Candage Flower	434.14	0.00
7030	Omey/Cottie Flower	19,915.87	0.00
7040	Tavis/Ellis Flower	2,672.85	0.00
7200	Charles Beals Library (Unrestricted)	2,647.45	0.00
7210	A Leconte Library (Unrestricted)	1,331.78	0.00
7220	Allen Rhonda Russell Library (Unrestricted)	10,605.93	0.00
7230	Russell Library Maintenance (Unrestricted)	3,527.97	0.00
7240	F Sowa Library (Unrestricted)	10,577.88	0.00
7250	W/G Owen Art Week (Unrestricted)	577.43	0.00
7300	Parting Ways Green Trust (Unrestricted)	742.74	0.00
7500	Long Plain School (Unrestricted)	2,449.19	0.00
7510	Sylvia Manter School (Unrestricted)	53,365.92	0.00
7520	H Rogers Parting Ways Building (Unrestricted)	11,317.31	0.00
7530	Russell Public School (Unrestricted)	39,314.79	0.00
7540	Earl Burt School Library (Unrestricted)	1,849.27	0.00
7550	Ruth Tabor Scholarship (Unrestricted)	3,613.66	0.00
7800	Adam Fluegal BOH	2,039.89	0.00
7810	RN Swift 1 BOH	6,205.50	0.00
7820	RN Swift 2 BOH	657.63	0.00
8000	Long Plain Meetinghouse (Unrestricted)	299.73	0.00
8010	Meeting House Restoration (Unrestricted)	32,170.48	0.00

8100	Cemetery Perpetual Care (Unrestricted)	90,083.48	0.00	0.00
8110	Instructive Nursing	12,866.03	0.00	0.00
8120	Russell Protestant Poor (Unrestricted)	38,909.50	0.00	0.00
8130	Russell Town Hall (Unrestricted)	10,175.37	0.00	0.00
8200	Stabilization	2,725,976.86	0.00	0.00
8220	OPEB Stabilization	303,119.65	0.00	0.00
8240	Golf Course Farm Land Act	153,376.66	0.00	0.00
			0.00	0.00
	<b>Total Expendable Trust Fund Balance</b>		0.00	3,749,349.49
				<b>0.00</b>
			0.00	0.00

## ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

Number of Dogs Unrestrained & Returned to owner because of their dog license	105
Number of Dogs Picked Up Unrestrained (Brought to the Shelter)	3
Number of Dogs Claimed	1
Number of Dogs Transferred & Adopted	2
Number of Dogs Euthanized	1
*Number of Kennels Inspected	11
Number of Cats/Kittens Brought to the Shelter	14
Number of Cats Adopted	14
Number of Cats Euthanized/Hit by M.V. or Injured	12
Number of Dogs hit by Motor Vehicles (Deceased/Injured)	4
Number of Dead Animal Picked Up (Including Deer)	199
Number of Complaints Investigated	1,405
Number of Hearings by Selectmen	0
Number of Citations Issued	179
Number of Court Hearings	46
Mileage	6,611
Animal Gift Fund Donations	0

Respectfully Submitted,

Rebekah Tomlinson  
Animal Inspector

## ANIMAL INSPECTOR

To the Officers & Residents of the Town of Acushnet:

Total Number of Quarantines	11
Number of Dogs Quarantines	5
Number of Cats Quarantines	6
Number of Rabies Investigated	1
Number of Rabies Investigated – Positive	0
Number of Rabies Cases – Negative	1
Number of Rabies Cases – Unsatisfactory	0
Number of People Who went for Rabies Vaccine	0
*Animals Were Unavailable for Quarantine	0
Number of Barn Inspections	87
Number of Oxen Inspected	0
Number of Buffalo Inspected (Water Buffalo)	0
Number of Cattle Inspections (incl. Dairy, Bulls, Heifers & Calves)	237
Number of Horses, Ponies & Minis Inspected	86
Number of Alpacas Inspected	8
Number of Donkeys Inspected	4
Number of Llamas Inspected	0
Number of Mules Inspected	0
Number of Sheep Inspected	186
Number of Goats Inspected	117
Number of Swine Inspected (2 Potbellies)	8
Number of Chickens Inspected	1,050
Number of Roosters Inspected	41
Number of Turkeys Inspected	13
Number of Peacocks Inspected	6
Number of Guinea Hens Inspected	12
Number of Waterfowl Inspected	163
Number of Swans Inspected	4
Number of Pheasants Inspected	40
Number of Geese Inspected	32
Number of Rabbits	170

Respectfully Submitted,

Rebekah Tomlinson  
Animal Inspector

# BOARD OF HEALTH

## Board Members

Robert Medeiros, Chairman  
David M. Davignon, Clerk  
Thomas Fortin, Inspector

## Office Staff

Joann DeMello, Senior Clerk  
Wanda L. Hamer, Senior Clerk  
Joseph Correia, Health Agent

To the Officers and Residents of the Town of Acushnet,

## Nursing Health Care Programs:

Blood Pressure Screenings were held by the Community Nurse and Hospice Care of Fairhaven every Wednesday from 9:00 am to 10:00 am at the Council on Aging Building at 59 ½ South Main Street. Monthly Blood Pressure Screenings were held at the Acushnet Presidential Terrace – 23 Main Street – for all residents located at the premises. The Community Nurses followed up with 42 communicable diseases that were reported to the Board of Health Office.

## Blood Drives

Blood Drives performed by the American Red Cross and sponsored by the Acushnet Board of Health were held on the following dates at the American Legion:

- January 31; May 23; July 18; November 5, 2019.

## EASTERN EQUINE ENCEPHALITIS (EEE)/ WEST NILE VIRUS (WNV)

Eastern Equine Encephalitis Risk levels was elevated to High and Critical risk levels throughout the summer and fall. While the West Nile Virus threat remained Moderate. Bristol County Mosquito Control Project maintain their ground spraying activities and MDAR did several rounds of aerial spraying to knock down mosquito populations. As a result, the Agent and Staff answered questions from concerned residents, posted notices around Town and on the Local Cable Channel and through the Code Red System warning residents of the risk, to wear mosquito spray, long sleeves and to curtail outdoor activities. Special thank you to Chief Kevin Gallagher for his help!

The Agent kept constant contact with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health and was part several conference calls with Local Boards of Health regarding Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) and West Nile Virus (WNV) threats.

## Vaping Ban

On September 24, 2019 Governor Baker banded the use of all vaping products for 4 months. This resulted in the Board of Health to remove all vaping products and paraphernalia from the shelves of our convenience stores and vape shop.

On November 21, 2019 Governor Baker signed a bill that Modernized Tobacco Control. On December 11, 2019 the Board of Health was required to implement the new law with in the Town. The new law now encompasses all electronic nicotine delivery devices and products used in them.

## Tobacco Control

On November 27, 2018 The Board of Health voted to update their tobacco control regulation making the minimum legal age for the sale of tobacco to 21. The new

regulation took effect on December 30, 2018.

In August of 2018 the Board of Health joined the Massachusetts Tobacco Cessation and Prevention program along with New Bedford, Dartmouth, Freetown, Fairhaven, Rochester and Marion to form a coalition to:

- o Protect youth from exposure to tobacco and vaping industry tactics and prevent youth initiation of tobacco/nicotine use
- o Protect residents from secondhand smoke
- o Ensure all Massachusetts users of tobacco/nicotine have access to cessation resources
- o Identify tobacco-related disparities and target efforts toward those disproportionately affected prevent the sale of tobacco products to minor.

Joe Carvalho, the program manager was deputized by the Board as the Tobacco Compliance Officer for the Town.

**EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS:**

Sam Butler, Emergency Planner for Bristol County Public Health Emergency Preparedness Coalition worked with the Board of Health regarding Emergency Dispensing Sites (EDS). Sam assisted the Board and staff with planning in the event of a disaster, outbreak or shelter requirements. The Town’s Emergency Dispensing Site is located at the Albert Ford Middle School located at 708 Middle Road. This site is registered with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. The State has now established new guidelines regarding EDS quarterly drills, these drills are State mandated and required to be performed by the Board of Health. It keeps all personnel involved with the EDS site updated and informed and allows the Planner to review the test drill and write up an evaluation regarding the process and procedure if an actual emergency were to occur in Town.

The Board of Health conducted a mandatory call down drill under the direction of the Bristol County Planner. The drill was conducted using the Health & Homeland Alert Network (HHAN) system. All results were compiled and sent to the Department of Public Health to meet the State mandates.

Septic System Repairs	49	Tobacco	12
Septic System New Const	17	Offal	8
Food Service		60 Well	8
Farmers Market		2 Body Art Establishment	3
Stable/Horse		29 Body Art Practitioner	8

**Inspections:**

Septic System	193	Mobile Home Parks	3
Title V Insp. (Witnessed)	78	Food Service	42
Septic System Abandonments	4	Housing	10
Soil Evaluations (Witnessed)	104	Complaints (General)	8
Percolation Tests (Witnessed)	48		

**Permits:**

**Total Receipts**

Permit Fees	\$47,030.15
Mobile Park Fees	\$ 8,712.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$55,742.15</b>

Board of Health Meetings	10
Septic Plans Reviewed	55
Homeland Security Meetings Attended	8
Informational Meetings Attended	12
DPH Conference Calls/Webinars	6

Respectfully submitted,  
Acushnet Board of Health

# **SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (SRPEDD)**

The Town of Acushnet is a member of the Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District. Originally founded in 1956, SRPEDD (pronounced “sir-ped”), is one of 13 regional planning agencies (RPAs) across the state and one of approximately 550 across the country.

SRPEDD serves 4 cities and 23 towns in southeastern Massachusetts. Through our work, we address common issues facing the region, including economic development, growth and land use, safe and efficient transportation, environmental stewardship, municipal partnerships, and general planning. A Commission of local mayors, selectmen, planning board members, and at-large members govern SRPEDD. Federal and state grants, local assessments, and local contracts fund our activities. In 2019, the Town of Acushnet paid \$1,882.87 to SRPEDD, based upon an assessment of 18.275 cents per capita.

SRPEDD also functions as the region’s staff for the Southeastern Massachusetts Metropolitan Planning Organization (SMMPO) and the regional Economic Development District (EDD) with the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA). Please visit SRPEDD’s website at [www.srpedd.org](http://www.srpedd.org) to review Highlighted Projects ([www.srpedd.org/highlights](http://www.srpedd.org/highlights)), including our Regional Data Center, Drone Program, and various municipal projects, such as community master plans. Our website also includes departmental web pages, a calendar of events, and recent news.

Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions, concerns, or project ideas.

Local citizens/officials representing Acushnet in SRPEDD activities:

Henry Young on the SRPEDD Commission.

Henry Young and Merilee Kelly on the Joint Transportation Planning Group (JTPG).

In 2019, SRPEDD provided technical assistance to Acushnet in the following areas; please note that funding sources are indicated in parentheses:

- Through a Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources (DOER) META grant, SRPEDD conducted a procurement for a solar photovoltaic feasibility study of municipal buildings and properties (DOER).
- SRPEDD conducted traffic counts on the following roadways: Hathaway Rd. east of Wing Rd., Main St. south of Perry St., Middle Road south of Hamlin Street, and Middle Road north of Nyes Lane (FHWA, MassDOT).

Highlights from SRPEDD’s general 2019 Work Program include the following:

- SRPEDD updated the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDs) for Southeastern Massachusetts, a regional document maintained by SRPEDD and certified by the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA). The CEDs maintains eligibility for the region’s cities and towns to receive EDA funding.
- SRPEDD completed the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), which sets regional priorities for federal transportation funds. The Southeastern Massachusetts Metropolitan Planning Organization (SMMPO) endorsed the FY 2020-2024 TIP.
- SRPEDD completed numerous local technical assistance projects through direct local contract, our Municipal Assistance (MA) program, and the District Local Technical

Assistance (DLTA) program. Projects include, but are not limited to, Master Plans, Economic Development Plans and Guides, Housing Production Plans, Complete Streets and Green Communities Program Participation, interactive mapping, and assisting with Community Compact Cabinet (CCC) Best Practices.

- SRPEDD continued work under year 2 of our Drone Program.
- SRPEDD continues as the lead agency for the Resilient Taunton Watershed Network (RTWN). The RTWN is a collaborative of local, non-profit, regional, and state and federal government representatives interested in the future health and resilience of the Taunton River Watershed. The RTWN provides information, conducts outreach and educational efforts, resources and tools to protect existing natural resources, reduce flooding, promote restoration, and develop sustainability (EPA).
- In partnership with UMass-Dartmouth and the Cape Cod Commission, SRPEDD is working to develop a Marine Science and Technology “super cluster” through a three-year U.S. EDA-funded effort. Year one (2019) includes an assessment of the sector; year 2 (2020) includes the development of a formal Industry Alliance comprised of leaders in business, finance, government, and academia; and year 3 includes the development of a marketing plan. UMass-Dartmouth is administering the project.
- Staff continued to work with the Taunton Pathways Committee and provided a review of the draft Scope of Work for the new rail trail segment along the Taunton River.
- SRPEDD provides fiduciary support services to the Southeast Regional Homeland Security Council (SRAC), comprised of 96 municipalities and the Wampanoag Nation.
- SRPEDD conducts a district-wide traffic-counting program and maintains a database of available traffic count data throughout the region. SRPEDD undertook 130 traffic counts at various locations this past year.
- SRPEDD continued to provide administrative and technical support to the Taunton River Stewardship Council (TRSC) through a Cooperative Agreement with the National Parks Service. The Council is a multi-community, multi-agency collaborative established through the designation of the Taunton River as a Federal Partnership Wild & Scenic River in 2009.
- In partnership with the TRSC, SRPEDD provides public education and stewardship opportunities to Taunton River Watershed communities, as well as access to local project funds through its Mini-Grants Program.
- SRPEDD is a member of two National Estuary Programs (NEP) including the Narragansett Bay Management Committee and Buzzards Bay Steering Committee, created to protect the resources and promote the stewardship of their respective watersheds. The Buzzards Bay and Narragansett Bay Watersheds together encompass the entirety of the SRPEDD area. As a member of these oversight committees, SRPEDD participates in the development of their respective Management Plans for both programs.
- SRPEDD worked with partners from the DEP, Buzzards Bay Coalition, USDA, Cape Cod Cranberry Growers Association, and the Cranberry Experiment Station to address nutrient reduction in the Wareham River.
- SRPEDD worked with the MA Division of Ecological Restoration to provide education and outreach materials and a regional workshop on the restoration of abandoned cranberry bogs.
- SRPEDD presented a workshop on agricultural vulnerability to the impacts of climate change for regional Agricultural Commissions at the 13th Annual SEMAP Agriculture

and Food Conference at Bristol County Agricultural High School.

- SRPEDD provides technical planning to two regional transit authorities, SRTA and GATRA, including route evaluations, rider surveys, performance standards and federal reporting.
- SRPEDD continues to operate the Pavement Management Program, evaluating pavement conditions on federal-aid eligible roadways in the region's cities and towns.
- SRPEDD maintains a comprehensive database of all 380 signalized intersections in the region. SRPEDD conducted 48 turning movement counts at various locations this past year during the AM, Midday and PM peaks
- SRPEDD continues to assist communities under the Regional Bicycle Plan addressing infrastructure needs and recommendations on how to improve connectivity throughout the region.
- SRPEDD completed the Regional Pedestrian Plan to promote recommendations to improve pedestrian connectivity within and between municipalities.
- SRPEDD continues work on the Regional Bus Stop Capital Investment Plan following the completion of the Regional Bus Stop Inventory in 2016. The inventory of data collected for GATRA and SRTA bus stops is available to assist on proposed capital improvements.
- SRPEDD maintains an extensive Geographic Information System (GIS) mapping program. The mapping program contains a number of data layers including, land-use, zoning, water resources, soils, habitats, transportation network, economic development, priority protection and priority development areas, and other data and information.
- SRPEDD operates the Southeastern Massachusetts Data Center, providing information to businesses, cities and towns, and individuals.

## BUILDING DEPARTMENT

To the residents and officers of the Town of Acushnet:

The Building Department issued 494 permits and collected \$121,053.50 in fees for the annual year ending in December 2019. The estimated value of work was \$15,532,039.68.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Permits</b>	<b>Fees Collected</b>	<b>Estimated Value of Work</b>
January 2019	22	\$6509.00	\$1,193,616.00
February	24	\$5314.00	\$633,611.00
March	27	\$5871.00	\$909,328.00
April	56	\$12,509.00	\$1,730,718.78
May	59	\$7337.00	\$1,039,396.00
June	25	\$3728.00	\$546,784.00
July	36	\$12,034.50	\$1,672,660.00
August	37	\$36,920.00	\$5,088,747.00
September	45	\$5429.00	\$478,592.00
October	49	\$11,598.00	\$1,533,095.90
November	22	\$3,967.00	\$378,093.00
December	23	\$2,648.00	\$327,398.00
<b>Subtotals</b>	<b>425</b>	<b>\$113,864.50</b>	<b>\$15,535,539.68</b>

Certificate of Occupancy		Included with building permit fees	N/A
Certificate of Inspection	19	\$700.00	N/A
Mechanical Permits	15	\$750.00	N/A
Sheet Metal Permits	23	\$1,150.00	N/A
Trenching Permits	5	\$230.00	N/A
Zoning Permits	6	\$230.00	N/A
<b>Zoning Inquiries</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>\$50.00</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>494</b>	<b>\$116,974.50</b>	<b>N/A</b>

Respectfully submitted,  
 James A. Marot, Building Commissioner  
 Nathan Darling, Deputy Building Inspector  
 Tania Tavares, Clerk

## BUILDING PERMITS

To the residents and officers of the Town of Acushnet:

The following permits were issued for the annual year ending in December 2019.

<b>Structures</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Additions	18
Chimney	3
Commercial	0
Decks	25
Demolitions	15
Doors	22
Dwelling	19
Garage	10
Insulation	33
Miscellaneous	30
Pool	24
Renovations	22
Roof	78
Shed	12
Siding	31
Signs	5
Solar	46
Temporary Structures	3
Windows	49
Woodstoves	19
<b>Totals</b>	<b>464</b>

Respectfully submitted,  
James A. Marot, Building Commissioner  
Nathan Darling, Deputy Building Inspector  
Tania Tavares, Clerk

# BUILDING DEPARTMENT YEARLY COMPARISON

## Number of Permits Yearly

Months	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
January	15	6	12	28	18	18	19	9	25	18	31	22
February	19	18	8	23	20	18	12	13	22	23	41	24
March	14	20	24	32	26	31	40	27	37	25	32	27
April	33	22	27	35	38	46	69	48	45	39	49	56
May	36	25	25	36	41	45	46	40	60	45	56	59
June	32	35	37	44	33	35	49	49	44	47	40	25
July	23	29	29	32	43	40	49	41	34	34	48	36
August	19	32	35	53	28	54	33	55	29	37	56	37
September	31	32	35	37	31	43	59	49	59	28	35	45
October	31	40	30	31	40	42	58	59	41	38	41	49
November	29	17	27	31	36	31	25	39	46	30	34	22
December	18	13	17	23	20	22	39	40	36	36	23	23
<b>Totals</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>289</b>	<b>306</b>	<b>405</b>	<b>374</b>	<b>425</b>	<b>498</b>	<b>469</b>	<b>478</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>486</b>	<b>425</b>

  

Certificates of Inspections	10	17	13	15	20	17	18	17	30	22	27	19
Zoning Inquiries	9	2	1	2	2	4	5	4	1	1	1	1
Zoning Permits	0	7	4	7	9	8	5	5	2	5	5	6
Trenching Permits	0	15	11	3	9	9	9	2	9	2	2	5
Mechanical Permits	0	0	0	2	5	7	15	14	23	15	27	15

Sheet Metal Permits	0	0	0	3	5	15	27	18	25	18	28	23
Gas Permits	99	87	94	96	103	138	123	110	128	108	189	146
Plumbing Permits	79	100	72	82	94	109	104	95	104	103	103	87
Electric Permits	160	145	153	155	163	201	257	289	259	205	264	250
<b>Totals</b>	<b>357</b>	<b>373</b>	<b>348</b>	<b>365</b>	<b>410</b>	<b>508</b>	<b>563</b>	<b>554</b>	<b>581</b>	<b>479</b>	<b>646</b>	<b>552</b>
<b>Total ALL Permits</b>	<b>657</b>	<b>662</b>	<b>654</b>	<b>770</b>	<b>784</b>	<b>933</b>	<b>1061</b>	<b>1023</b>	<b>1059</b>	<b>879</b>	<b>1132</b>	<b>977</b>

## 2019 CUMMULATIVE BUILDING DEPARTMENT REPORTS

<b>Month</b>	<b># Bld. Permits</b>	<b>Bld. Total Permit Fees</b>	<b>Bld. Est. Value</b>
January	22	\$6,509.00	\$1,193,616.00
February	24	\$5,314.00	\$633,611.00
March	27	\$5,871.00	\$909,328.00
April	56	\$12,509.00	\$1,730,718.78
May	59	\$7,337.00	\$1,039,396.00
June	25	\$3,728.00	\$546,784.00
July	36	\$12,034.50	\$1,672,660.00
August	37	\$36,920.00	\$5,088,747.00
September	45	\$5,429.00	\$478,592.00
October	49	\$11,598.00	\$1,533,095.90
November	22	\$3,967.00	\$381,593.00
December	23	\$2,648.00	\$327,398.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>425</b>	<b>\$113,864.50</b>	<b>\$15,535,539.68</b>

## 2019 CUMMULATIVE BUILDING DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Job Descriptions	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Totals
Structures	1	1	1	2	2	2	4	2	1	2	2	2	18
Additions													
Chimney	1			1							1		3
Commercial													0
Decks			1	3	5	3	3	1	1	5	2	1	25
Demolitions	2			2	2	3		1	2		2	1	15
Doors	2	2		3	2	1	1		2	1	4	4	22
Dwelling	3	1	3	3		1	3	4		1			19
Garage				2	2	1	1	2	1		1		10
Insulation	2			4	3		4	2	3	9	3	3	33
Miscellaneous	1	4	4	2	5	1	2	3	4	1	2	1	30
Pool			1	6	3	3	7	2	2				24
Renovations	2	3		2	2			2	4	2	3	2	22
Roof	3	2	5	8	9	2	4	5	10	15	11	4	78
Sheds				1	4	1	1		2	2	1		12
Siding		4	2	3	6	2	2	3	5	3	1		31
Signs	1		1	1				1		1			5
Solar	4	3	5	5	5	4	2	3	2	9	2	2	46
Temporary Structures			1		1	1							3
Windows	1	1	4	7	7	1	2	4	4	6	8	4	49
Woodstoves	2	1		1	1	1		3	2	2	2	4	19
<b>Totals</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>464</b>

**2019 CUMMULATIVE BUILDING DEPARTMENT REPORTS  
MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS C/O BUILDING DEPARTMENT**

Month	Mechanical Permits	Mechanical Fees	Sheet Metal Permit	Sheet Metal Fees	Trenching Permits	Trenching Total Permit Fees	Zoning Inquires	Zoning Permits	Zoning Fees	Annual Insp.	Annual Fees	Violations	Amount
January	3	\$150.00	3	\$150.00	0	\$-	-	-	-	-	-	0	-
February	4	\$200.00	4	\$200.00	0	\$-	-	-	-	-	-	0	-
March	0	\$-	0	\$-	0	\$-	-	-	-	-	-	0	-
April	4	\$200.00	4	\$200.00	1	\$50.00	-	1	\$30.00	-	-	0	-
May	0	\$-	0	\$-	0	\$-	-	-	-	-	-	0	-
June	0		1	\$50.00	0	\$-	-	-	-	1	\$50.00	0	-
July	2	\$100.00	3	\$150.00	1	\$50.00	-	1	\$40.00	-	-	0	-
August	0	-	2	\$100.00	1	\$50.00	-	-	-	3	\$50.00	0	-
September	1	\$50.00	3	\$150.00	0	-	1	3	\$120.00	2	\$50.00	0	-
October	0	-	1	\$50.00	0	-	0	1	\$40.00	1	\$50.00	0	-
November	-	-	1	\$50.00	1	\$40.00	-	-	-	-	-	0	-
December	1	\$50.00	1	\$50.00	1	\$40.00	-	-	-	12	\$500.00	0	-
<b>Totals</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>\$750.00</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>\$1,150.00</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>\$230.00</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>\$230.00</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>\$700.00</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>\$-</b>

## WIRING DEPARTMENT

To the residents and officers of the Town of Acushnet:

The Wiring Department issued 250 permits and collected \$51,252.00 in fees for the annual year ending in December 2019.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Permits</b>	<b>Fees Collected</b>
January 2018	31	\$4,940.00
February	18	\$3,150.00
March	21	\$3,310.00
April	27	\$8,562.00
May	22	\$2,860.00
June	26	\$2,620.00
July	23	\$2,380.00
August	14	\$9,370.00
September	14	\$6,150.00
October	22	\$3,860.00
November	12	\$1,675.00
December	20	\$2,375.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>\$51,252.00</b>

Respectfully submitted,

James A. Marot, Building Commissioner  
Frank Knox, Wire Inspector  
Thomas De Costa, Deputy Inspector  
Tania Tavares, Clerk

## PLUMBING DEPARTMENT

To the residents and officers of the Town of Acushnet:

The Plumbing Department issued 87 permits and collected \$8,701.00 in fees for the annual year ending in December 2019.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Permits</b>	<b>Fees Collected</b>
January	5	\$620.00
February	10	\$1,050.00
March	10	\$956.00
April	10	\$905.00
May	5	\$560.00
June	6	\$370.00
July	4	\$380.00
August	8	\$840.00
September	11	\$1,200.00
October	4	\$320.00
November	7	\$810.00
December	7	\$690.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>\$8,701.00</b>

Respectfully submitted,

James A. Marot, Building Commissioner  
Raymond LaFrance, Plumbing Inspector  
William Alphonse, Deputy Plumbing Inspector  
Tania Tavares, Clerk

## GAS DEPARTMENT

To the residents and officers of the Town of Acushnet:

The Gas Department issued 146 permits and collected \$9,486.00 in fees for the annual year ending in December 2019.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Permits</b>	<b>Fees Collected</b>
January	20	\$1,180.00
February	10	\$950.00
March	13	\$905.00
April	15	\$885.00
May	13	\$792.00
June	9	\$570.00
July	10	\$535.00
August	10	\$740.00
September	18	\$1,145.00
October	6	\$380.00
November	8	\$564.00
December	14	\$840.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>\$9,486.00</b>

Respectfully submitted,

James A. Marot, Building Commissioner  
Raymond LaFrance, Gas/Plumbing Inspector  
William Alphonse, Deputy Gas/Plumbing Inspector  
Tania Tavares, Clerk

## ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

In the year 2019, the Zoning Board of Appeals received seven applications. Of those seven, six were for special permits, one was also for a variance, and one of the applications was withdrawn. The Board granted four of the cases and denied one; one case is still pending.

Kevin Paim – Case #2018.08.07B- Special Permit- Denied  
(Case continued from 2018)

Marc Cordeira- Case #2019.03.12A- Special Permit- Granted

Andrea Andrews- Case #2019.05.07A- Special Permit- Granted

David Daniel- Case #2019.06.04A- Variance and Special Permit- Granted

Joseph Sebastiao- Case #2019.08.06A- Special Permit- Granted

Manuel Almeida- Case #2019.10.08A- Special Permit- Pending

Cindy Young- Case #2019.11.12A- Special Permit- Withdrawn

Respectfully Submitted,  
Amanda Baptiste  
Zoning Board of Appeals Secretary

# 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:

- Protection of 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 passive and recreational open space as well as encourage conservation and agricultural preservation restrictions.

Conservation Commission Town Hall office hours:

- Monday, Wednesday, Thursday – 8:00 am to 4:00 pm
- Tuesday – 8:00 am to 7:00 pm
- Friday 8:00 am – 11:30 am
- Appointments are strongly advised, especially after noon

The Conservation Commission holds its public hearings every second and fourth Tuesday night of the month at 6:00 pm in the Conservation office located in the Parting Ways Building at 130 Main Street.

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

2019 Filings under MGL Chapter 131 Section 40:

- Notices of Intent – 11
- Order of Conditions Extension - 1
- Requests for Determination of Applicability –12
- Requests for Certificate of Compliance – 9
- Site Visits – 40

## What's New in 2019

2019 was a lean year for the Conservation Commission. We spent the entire year short one member, making it difficult to get a quorum for some meetings. In March we had three people attend the annual conference of the Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissioners. We always enjoy that conference and the chance to learn a lot and network with other commission members and staff. The pollinator garden, an acre-sized lot above the golf course on Main Street, continues to keep us busy. Pollinators

are suffering from loss of habitat and other problems due to various diseases, parasites, and pesticides. Our garden is a safe, pesticide-free place to come forage between crops. The numerous flowers and flowering trees attract bees and butterflies. We've had some volunteer help in the garden this year, as well as from the golf course staff, which we appreciate very much. As the year closes we still have an opening for a voting Commission member, which we hope to fill soon.

**Commission Membership:**

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

As of December 31, 2019, the Conservation Commission and staff included:

Robert Rocha, Chairman  
Ted Cioper, Vice Chairman  
Everett Philla, Member  
Heidi Pelletier, Member  
Evelyn Bouley, Member  
Paul Valente, Member  
Merilee Kelly, Agent  
Joann Demello, Senior Clerk

Respectfully submitted,  
Merilee Kelly, Agent  
Acushnet Conservation Commission

# COUNCIL ON AGING

Heather Sylvia, Director  
Patricia Geggatt Midurski, Outreach Specialist  
Janice Fortin, Receptionist  
Brad Schick, Custodian  
Marcel Beaulieu, Driver  
Roger Fortin, Driver  
Linda Guilbeault, Chairman of the Board/Receptionist  
Gerard Bergeron, Vice Chair  
Paulette Hudson, Secretary  
Pauline Teixeira, Board of Directors Member  
Carol Simpkin, Board of Directors Member  
Maurice Samson, Board of Directors Member  
Deborah Raposa, Board of Directors Member

The Council on Aging and Senior Community Center, 59 ½ South Main Street, is open and staffed Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Transportation is available daily 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

New Employees and Board of Directors Members:

- Deborah Raposa, Member, Board of Directors
- Carol Simpkin, Member, Board of Directors
- Roger Fortin, Van Driver, part time

Below is a snapshot of the new activities the Council on Aging has offered in 2019:

- Yoga
- Drumming Circle
- Precision Sculpt Exercise
- Watercolor Paint Classes

In March of 2019, the Town of Acushnet was officially recognized as an Age Friendly Community through AARP.

Information and referral are available both at the Senior Community Center and in the home by appointment. Residents new to our programs can speak directly with a staff member who can assess their needs and provide current information on services and programs available both through the Council on Aging and our partnering agencies. Health insurance counseling for Medicare recipients is available at the Center from our two certified SHINE Counselors.

In 2019, 1026 unduplicated seniors took part in at least one program or activity not including Meals on Wheels. Of these participants 24.1% were over the age of 85.

Transportation by the COA vans was provided for 66 unduplicated residents for a total of 1003 rides which included trips for early voting, grocery shopping, medical appointments, personal errands and more.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the Acushnet Public Library Staff and

Trustees for allowing us to use their community room for programming, the Acushnet Fire Fighter's Association for their generous donation to our Memory Café program, the Acushnet Rifle and Pistol Club for their support and the Ford Middle School for including us on Kindness Day and holding food drives on our behalf.

2019 Grant/Gift Funders:

- Association for the Relief of Aged Women (ARAW)
- Executive Office of Elder Affairs (EOEA)
- Massachusetts Council on Aging (MCOA)
- Senior Whole Health
- Title III, Coastline Elderly Services, Inc.
- MArtap Mini grant
- Southcoast Health Community Benefits

To learn more about the Council on Aging visit our website at <https://www.acushnet.ma.us/council-on-aging>.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Heather Sylvia, Director

## CULTURAL COUNCIL

The Cultural Council was able to grant 100% of the applications received with the funds from the Massachusetts Cultural Council and the Town of Acushnet. The Council researches each application to insure that the proposed program meets the criteria & eligibility requirements, definition of Arts, Humanities or Sciences, for grant funding.

With help from the Safe Harbor provision Steven Watts & Jeannine Watts were able to sit in on the December Meeting to vote to ensure the Council had a quorum. The Council is in need of members, if anyone is interested, please contact the Board of Selectmen's Office for more info

Respectfully Submitted,

Amanda Baptiste  
Charlene Correia  
Lisa Leonard, Chairperson  
Michelle Watts

## **PUBLIC WORKS**

Daniel Menard - Director DPW  
Kathy Silva - Business Manager  
Anne-Marie Tomascik - Clerk

### **Highway Department**

Paul Fortin - Foreman  
Peter Fortin  
Thomas Menard  
Matthew Tripp  
Peter Westgate

### **Water/Sewer Division**

Cameron Barlow - Foreman  
Eric Abreu  
Ryan McCarthy  
John Westgate

### **Trash/Recycling Division Contracted with Waste Management**

Peter Fortin

To the Officers and Residents of the Town of Acushnet:

The Highway Division has continued to improve drainage and roadways throughout the Town. The following is a list of major projects completed:

- Constructed a retaining wall, replaced curbing and paved at the Acushnet River Valley Golf Course.
- Completed drainage projects on Frank Street and Lantern Lane.
- Cleared and cleaned the Detention Pond on Margaret Street and installed a new fence around the area.
- Removed several trees in various locations around the Town.
- Assisted in the preparation of new sidewalks at Presidential Terrace.
- Collaborated with Woodward & Curran Engineering to file the CWMP with the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP)
- Removed existing baseball field at the schools, raised the base and regraded the field to construct a new Soccer field. Loamed, seeded and installed new irrigation system on Soccer field and constructed and paved a new walking path around schools and Soccer field.
- Completed River View Park project, cleared trees, graded lot, loamed and seeded.
- Reclaimed and repaved Hathaway Road.
- Completed paving project at Fire Station #2 and patched several areas around the Town such as Hamlin Street, Slocum Street, Balsam Brook Lane, and the overlaying of Manchester Lane.
- Collaborated with the State on implementing a plan for repairs of the Hamlin Street Bridge.

- Inspected residential recycling barrels for contaminants in various areas of Town.
- Completed maintenance and repairs on all snow vehicles for the upcoming winter.

The Department of Public Works list of daily jobs consists of the patching of potholes, replacing street signs, cleaning and repairing catch basins and manholes, recycling, mowing and weed removal, sweeping, brush cutting, removing debris from roads after storms, regrading and compacting dirt roads, plowing, sanding and salting.

### **Water & Sewer Division**

The Water Department continues to replace broken meters. Each quarter seventy-five old water meters are replaced. Maintenance of the systems is always ongoing and consists of the vacuuming of curb boxes, gate boxes, exercising valves, maintaining, painting and flushing of fire hydrants and water testing.

The Sewer Division continues to maintain four sewer pump stations. The maintenance consists of cleaning of the wet wells, replacing worn valves, cleaning the pumps, and removing any blockage in the check valves.

### **Trash & Recycling**

- Screening loam from recycled leaves, composting and various Town projects.
- Worked weekly with Waste Management to ensure scheduled pick-up of residential trash and recycling is completed.
- Crushing of asphalt and concrete.
- Grinded trees and wood waste into mulch using tub grinder.

If you notice a problem with the roads, water, sewer, trash or recycling please contact the DPW at (508) 998-0230 so we can investigate the issue.

Respectfully submitted,  
Daniel Menard, Director DPW



# EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

To the Officers and Residents of the Town of Acushnet:

The Acushnet Office of Emergency Management (OEM) continues to provide trained support services to many town departments – including Police, Fire, EMS and the Department of Public Works (DPW). A strictly volunteer agency, the Acushnet OEM coordinates emergency and disaster relief efforts at the local level under the jurisdiction of the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) as well as the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). We continue to have the designation from the Eastern Massachusetts Amateur Radio Emergency Services (ARES) as the sub-regional command center for their organization, meaning Amateur Radio volunteers within Acushnet OEM would help staff the Acushnet OEM with Amateur Operators for weather related and communication emergency incidents in Southeast Massachusetts based on ARES leadership discretion. During non-emergencies, the facility will be used for training of our emergency management agency, other local departments in the town of Acushnet and our other emergency preparedness partners including other town emergency management agencies and non-governmental organizations.

We continue to have access to the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) Web EOC program, public safety and Amateur Radio communications resources. Acushnet OEM provided services to backup public safety with weather related incidents to open a shelter/warming center in the town as necessary, support other town needs at other town department's request and to provide auxiliary support to Eastern Massachusetts ARES as the ARES sub-regional command center.

For 2019, we would like to express our sincerest condolences to Acushnet OEM member, Diane Reizovic about the loss of her husband and fellow Acushnet OEM member, Roger Reizovic on October 26th, 2019. Roger was an extremely active member of the Acushnet OEM and a friend to all of us in Acushnet OEM and other public service and emergency management agencies in neighboring communities. He was honored during the Acushnet OEM monthly communications test with a final farewell and last call on the Acushnet OEM frequency. He was a valued member of our agency and will be missed greatly and the 2019 Acushnet OEM Town Report is dedicated to his memory and all of his past contributions to our agency.

During 2019, members of the Acushnet OEM continue to maintain the Acushnet OEM Headquarters located at 14 Thomas Street and to utilize this location as the town's Emergency Operations Center or EOC. Through software that we have to track the number of volunteer hours worked by the volunteers of Acushnet OEM, our volunteers have completed approximately 1029 hours of volunteer community service to the town of Acushnet and the Acushnet OEM. At the FEMA dollar rate of volunteer service of \$32.15 dollars per hour (as noted on <https://independentsector.org/resource/the-value-of-volunteer-time/>), this would equate to \$33,082.35 of total donated work given to the town of Acushnet and its residents.

Acushnet OEM HQ was staffed to provide an Amateur Radio communications link for South Coastal Massachusetts, Cape Cod and between Acushnet OEM, MEMA and the National Weather Service previously in Norton Massachusetts. Weather reports for the

town of Acushnet and surrounding areas were relayed to MEMA and NWS via Amateur Radio by Acushnet OEM members and via the weather station on site at the agency throughout 2019 as needed. It is also noted that the Acushnet OEM through the efforts of Ed Caron, Operations Officer and Assistant Acushnet OEM Director, also supports the regular monthly tests of the MEMA Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Services (RACES) and ARES Nets from the Acushnet OEM HQ facility where all communication capabilities of the Acushnet OEM are tested.

Through Emergency Management Performance Grants (EMPG), Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and Citizen Corps grants written by Acushnet OEM volunteer Assistant Director Ed Caron, the town has succeeded in securing over 37,000 dollars in funding since 2009 and the Acushnet OEM for 2019 secured approximately 2,500 dollars via a Citizen Corps grant, 3,500 dollars in EMPG grant funding, and an additional 3500 dollar in grant money is pending from the 2019 EMPG grant system. The grants for this year were used to purchase 4 streamlight portable scene lights, hi viz vests and an electronic messaging board.

The town based activities for the past year included providing lighting at town events and traffic control at planned activities such as the Acushnet Rabies Clinic, Acushnet Youth Soccer Parade, Acushnet Car Show/Cruise Night, the Labor Day Road Race, Apple Peach Parade, Halloween Parade and Christmas Light Illumination and Sing-A-Long at Acushnet Fire Station 1. We also provided mutual aid support for the town of Fairhaven for their Fathers Day Road Race for traffic management as well as mutual aid support to the city of New Bedford for the July 4th fireworks and the New Year's Eve fireworks.

The Acushnet OEM staff also informed its members and where appropriate, town residents, of numerous other training classes for shelters, CERT and other classes that were held across the South Coastal Massachusetts area. Acushnet OEM held the Heart Saver CPR and First Aid classes for Acushnet OEM members on January 28th and 30th, 2019.

I would like to personally thank the many members of the Acushnet Office of Emergency Management who give freely of their time based solely on their interest in giving something back to their community. Thank you to the Board of Selectmen and the Town Administrator for their continued support, and a very heartfelt thank you to the residents of the town of Acushnet for supporting your local office of emergency management.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gerard A. Bergeron; Director

## POLICE DEPARTMENT

To the officials and residents of the Town of Acushnet, I hereby submit my report for the year ending December 31, 2019.

In February 2019, Chief Michael Alves formally announced his intent to retire in November 2019. The Board of Selectmen contracted with a professional and well respected outside vendor to conduct an assessment center evaluation of internal candidates in accordance with Massachusetts Civil Service regulations. The initial assessment took place on August 29th and was followed by a writing assignment and oral interviews. On October, 29, 2019, I was fortunate enough to be selected by the Board of Selectmen to serve as only the 3rd Acushnet Police Chief in the past 42 years. Having worked significant time under both Chief Alves and Chief Michael Poitras before him, I hope to embody the strengths of both and build upon my own talents in order to maintain the level of service and professionalism the community has come to expect of their police department over the past decades. On behalf of the entire Acushnet Police Department, I extend best wishes to Chief Alves for a happy and well-deserved retirement.

The uniform patrol division remains the backbone of the Acushnet Police Department. The bulk of their job involves responding to calls for service that run the spectrum from relatively minor to critical and life threatening. They also perform traffic enforcement and motor vehicle crash investigation. The underlying skill that all officers practice is problem solving. Many issues that come to our attention are not purely “police” problems. That being said, patrol officers are trained and educated to root out the causes of an issue and, when necessary, enlist the assistance of one or more of our partner agencies and/or organizations to find the best solution.

As technology has grown more affordable and become a regular part of our everyday life, so too has it become intertwined with most of the criminal investigations we conduct. Simply put, this has made police work complicated and time consuming. Search warrants for electronic devices and the forensic analysis of those devices that follows require a high degree of expertise in both the emerging technology and criminal procedure. I assure the town that Acushnet Police Department currently has the personnel up to the task. Detective Sergeant Keith Ashley and Detective Jeremy Fontes are among the most knowledgeable investigators in the region. I am committed to providing all officers with the training necessary to keep pace.

Personnel costs represent better than 90% of the police department budget. Our officers are our most valuable resource. Recruiting, selecting, and retaining officers is a challenge shared by police departments across the nation. Acushnet is no different. We continue to lose talented young officers to more lucrative positions in other jurisdictions. It will take a comprehensive and creative strategy to reach and then maintain a proper staffing level. The start of that process was promoting Michael Matton to the sergeant’s position made vacant by my promotion to Chief. Sgt. Matton is a nearly 20-year veteran of the department. He is well respected by both the community and the department. He will do well teaching and mentoring the officers under his watch.

In 2019, the department issued nearly 375 firearms’ licenses. This total represents a 30% increase over 2018, following a national trend. The complex and detail-oriented

application procedure is mandated by the State of Massachusetts. A redistribution of responsibilities within the Acushnet Police Department will hopefully streamline the process for applicants going forward in 2020.

On behalf of the entire police department I would like to thank the Selectmen, Town Officials and residents that have supported us throughout the year.

The following is a partial list of activities followed by the current staff of the department.

### OTHER ACTIVITIES

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

Calls for Service	6259
209A/HPO Requested	8
209A Violated	18
209A/HPO served	64
Abandoned Vehicle	5
Administrative Duties	36
Alarm Calls	441
Ambulance	964
Animal Complaints	206
Annoying Phone Calls	3
Arrests	222
Arson	0
Assault w/Hands	2
Assault w/Other Dangerous	1
Assault/simple no injury	6
Assist Other Police Department	89
Assist Agency/Not Police	32
B&E motor vehicle	20
B&E, Attempted Forced Entry	4
B&E	12
Death/Natural, unattended	4
Directed Patrols	428
Disabled Motor Vehicles	47
Disorderly, disturbing peace	22
Disturbance, noise complaint	82
Domestic Disturbance	80
Domestic Disturbance, verbal	18
E911 hang up/abandoned	169
E911 Test call	62
Elder Affairs	4
Erratic Operation	64
Family Resource	5
Fire runs	205
Fireworks	21
Follow up to prev. call	111
Found Items	37

Fraud/Bad checks	83
Harassment	28
Humane calls/Injured animal	80
Hunting violations	2
Illegal Dumping	4
Items returned to owner	28
Larceny	34
Littering	1
Lost items	18
Mental health Investigation	3
Missing Person-adult	10
Missing Person-child	6
M.V. Theft other	1
M.V. recoveries	1
M.V. stolen	4
Neighbor Problems	28
Notifications	30
Open Windows/Door	7
Parking Complaints	59
Person Assist	507
PC (Sec 12 & Sec35)	22
Police Information	278
Prisoner Transport	72
Rape	2
Road Safety/Hazards	86
Robbery by Firearm	0
SAIN Interviews	5
Search Warrant Executed	6
Sex Offenses/not rapeq	3
Sex Offender Registrations	5
Sex Offender Notification	2
SEMLEC Activation	1
Shots Fired	3
Stolen Property	2
Summons Service	28
Suicide/Attempted Suicide	16
Suspicion	27
Suspicious Person	86
Suspicious M.V.	147
Suspicious investigation	69
Threats	16
Traffic Accidents	188
Traffic Accidents/Hit & Run	37
Traffic non-moving	29
Traffic Moving	771
Trespassing	6
Turned in Items	7
Unwanted Person	24
Vandalism	18
Weapons Violation	1

**MEMBERS OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

CHIEF OF POLICE  
Christopher R. Richmond

SERGEANTS  
Thomas L. Carreau  
Gary S. Coppa  
John A. Bolarinho  
Keith A. Ashley  
Michael A. Matton

FULL TIME OFFICERS  
James D. Costa                      Derek W. Cathcart  
Jeremy T. Fontes                      Kevin K. Walsh  
Danny B. DeAmaral                      Gene W. Robinson  
Ryan M. Lavoie                      Ryan D. Hemphill  
Andrew G. Cordeiro                      Jason T. White  
Adam J. Hebert                      Michael P. Lajoie  
Quinn T. Indio

PART TIME OFFICERS  
Michael J. Nunes                      Tyler J. Lopes  
Dominik Sullivan-Souza                      Nathaniel Turgeon  
Travis Ferreira

DISPATCHERS  
Suzanne M. Nocon  
Alan D. Bowen  
Laurent R. St. Jean

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISSTANT  
Rebecca Braga

Sincerely,  
Christopher R. Richmond  
Chief of Police

**TOWN OF ACUSHNET  
MINUTES FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
Monday, May 13, 2019**

**At Seven o'clock in the Evening  
at the Albert F. Ford Middle School, 708 Middle Road  
Transcript of Articles in the Warrant for the  
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
Monday, May 13, 2019  
At 7:00 p.m.**

To any of the Constables of the Town of Acushnet, in said County of Bristol,  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Acushnet, who being qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs, to meet at the Albert F. Ford Middle School, 708 Middle Road, in said Acushnet, on Monday, the thirteenth day of May, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.; then and there to act upon the enclosed articles, to wit:

In case all articles in the foregoing Warrant shall not be acted upon at the Meeting called for on Monday, May 13, 2019, to meet in Adjourned Sessions at such time and place as the meeting shall determine.

This building is accessible to the handicapped and designated parking is provided. If requested, at least one week before the meeting, warrants with large print can be available. Please call the Town Clerk's office at least one week before the Town Meeting at 508-998-0200 x4215.

Town of Acushnet  
Report of the Finance Committee

GREETINGS TO THE CITIZENS OF ACUSHNET:

The Finance Committee is pleased to present our recommendations for the Fiscal Year 2020 Town Budget.

It is the Finance Committee's responsibility to receive the budgets from all Town Departments, analyze them, conduct hearings and present a balanced budget to Town Meeting.

Beginning in January, we met individually with our Department Heads along with Chairmen of various boards and committees to allow them an opportunity to present and explain their financial needs for FY2020. A prime concern always is balancing the needs presented to us with the effect on our tax rate.

We believe that the requests for funding received from our departments are reasonable and justifiable. We agree with the Board of Selectmen and are recommending a 2% cost

of living adjustment in wages and the adoption of the Wage & Classification Plan which have been included in recommended budgets. We must pay competitive wages in order to retain our trained, experienced and dedicated employees.

In addition to the operating budget, we are recommending funding of the capital requests from our various departments as well as funding to maintain our Town Buildings. These requests are addressed as articles on the Town Warrant.

Working with the School Committee, Superintendent and School Business Manager we have recommended a 3.1% increase to the school budget. We are also recommending capital article requests as well. We are ever mindful that the demands on our schools for additional services remains high. We are grateful to be able to work within our means to recommend an increase to their operational budget of \$448,127; capital needs equaling \$230,000 and an additional \$50,000 to a reserve fund for special education costs.

The aggressive management of operating costs over the years has resulted in an operating budget in which there is virtually nothing left to cut unless we decrease services currently provided to our residents. The burden of supplying these services within the tax rate structure will continue to be an uphill struggle.

It is equally important that we maintain an adequate stabilization account. In recent years we have put money into this account and feel the need to continue to save for future emergencies; again, with consideration for the effect on our tax rate.

Your support of the Finance Committee's recommended budget and warrant articles will help ensure the continued financial stability of our Town. The Finance Committee extends our sincere gratitude to all Town Employees, Elected Officials and Appointed Boards, your continued support during these economically challenging years have made it possible to sustain the fiscal stability of the Town of Acushnet.

Sincerely,

The Acushnet Finance Committee,

Robert St. Jean, Chairman  
Michael R. Boucher, Vice-Chairman  
Susan Delgado  
Robert A. Ferreira  
Cathy Murray, Secretary

John C. Howcroft  
Eric McGlynn  
Jacqueline Stanley  
Michael St. Onge

# Town Clerk/Board of Registrars Report 2019

The Town Clerk's Office provides information and is responsible for maintaining and overseeing the Town's official and historical records, for the residents of Acushnet. The Town Clerk is the chief election official of all elections and a Registrar of Voters. The additional services provided by this office are copies of vital records, voter registrations, dog licenses, marriage intentions, business certificates, raffle permits, zoning and general bylaws, town meeting article certifications, and archival and genealogy research.

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In 2019, the Town Clerk's Office was relatively quiet in regards to elections and town meetings with only the Annual Town Election and Annual Town Meeting donning the calendar. The following were those prepared and executed by the Town Clerk's Office in the calendar year:

### 2019 Elections & Town Meetings

Annual Town Election	April 1 <sup>st</sup>
Annual Town Meeting	May 13 <sup>th</sup>

\*All 2019 results of the election and town meeting minutes can be found elsewhere in this town report.

### 2019 Highlights:

- ❖ The Town Clerk's Office and staff spent the first few months of 2019 organizing and settling into the new and spacious office. In addition, the building of our new vault, located off the rear of the Parting Ways building began in the spring with completion in the fall. In late fall, shelving units were installed and the maintenance crew relocated all Town Hall vault contents from those housed in the Town Hall vault into its new temperature controlled space in the Parting Ways building.
- ❖ March 24<sup>th</sup>, the Town Clerk's Office participated in the Annual Town Rabies Clinic, located at the Town Barn, organized by Rebekah Tomlinson, Animal Control Officer. Dr. Christine Gaumont and staff of the Acushnet Animal Hospital were onsite and administered rabies shots while the staff of the Clerk's Office issued the 2019 annual dog licenses. The Town Clerk's licensing results were as follows:

License Type	Dog Licenses Issued
<b>Spayed/Neutered</b>	<b>34</b>
<b>Unaltered</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>1-4 Dog Kennel</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>5-15 Dog Kennel</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>15+ Dog Kennel</b>	<b>0</b>

The above results are lower than previous years and are attributed to Dr. Gaumont, for the second year, offering 3-year vaccinations for any animal with proof of a current vaccination.

- ❖ I would be remiss, if I did not include the confusion created when the April 1<sup>st</sup>, Annual Town Election was simultaneously held while school was in session. Although this was an unintended error, it brought out much fear within our community. However, with the unending cooperation of the School Committee and Administration, Town Administrator, Department of Public Works, Police Department, Emergency Management, Council on Aging and the Town Clerk’s Office staff, the election proved successful. And more importantly, all of those who worked together as a dedicated and professional team insured the utmost safety of each and every student, which, was of paramount priority.

### Dog Licenses Recap

Below is a recap of Dog Licenses issued for each calendar year:

Dog Licenses Issued	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Individual	1831	1847	1807	1789	1797	1747
K (3-4 Dog Kennel)	99	93	77	85	86	96
KK (5-15 Dog Kennel)	15	11	9	10	15	19
KKK (15+ Dog Kennel)	4	5	4	4	3	2

### Financial Update

\*Below is a recap of fees collected in the Town Clerk’s Office:

General Ledger Accounts	FY2019 Revenue	FY2018 Revenue	FY2017 Revenue	FY2016 Revenue	FY2015 Revenue
Dog Licenses	\$22,635	\$23,455	\$18,335	\$19,590	\$20,096
Business Certificates	\$1,320	\$2,165	\$2,230	\$1,265	\$1,985
Town Clerk Fees*	\$10,025	\$8,899	\$8,060	\$8,640	\$7,936
Town Clerk Late Fees	\$9,591	\$4,797	\$3,545	\$2,930	\$2,210
Dog Fines	\$6,650	\$6,623	\$2,785	\$5,005	\$5,055
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$50,221</b>	<b>\$45,939</b>	<b>\$34,955</b>	<b>\$37,430</b>	<b>\$37,282</b>

\* Includes fees for vital records certified copies, marriage intention applications, by-law & resident books, copies, etc.

**In Conclusion:**

In 2019, although a quieter election year, there was still much activity in the office. A special thank you goes out to our building/maintenance crew for repurposing the former police station into such a warm and welcoming space that will accommodate the Town Clerk's Office and our residents for many generations to come.

Finally, many thanks to Nancy Clerc, Rachel Charbonneau and Vicki Asiaf, the Election and Town Meeting employees, the Department of Public Works, the School Committee and Administration, Rebekah Tomlinson and all others that have supported the Town Clerk's Office throughout the year and support us in better serving our residents.

2019 was an exciting year in the Town Clerk's office and I look forward to 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela A. Labonte, CMMC  
Town Clerk

**Town of Acushnet**  
**FY20 Revenue Budget Estimate**  
**Includes Other Sources of Funds**

<b>Revenue Sources</b>	<b>FY19 Recap</b>	<b>FY20</b>
<b>General Fund Operations Revenue Estimate:</b>		
Fiscal Year Levy Limit	\$ 16,601,843	\$ 17,237,500
Fiscal Year 2.5% Adjustment	415,046	430,938
Fiscal Year New Growth	220,611	160,000
<b>Legal Levy Limit</b>	17,237,500	17,828,438
Add: Debt Exclusion	453,498	447,498
Less: Unused Levy Capacity	(9,986)	
<b>Actual Levy</b>	17,681,012	18,275,936
Less: FY Overlay (Allowance for Abatements/ Exemptions)	(300,475)	(250,000)
Less: Tax Title Certification		
Less: Other Deficits		
Less: Solar Farm Revenue to Cap Exp Fund	(37,200)	(32,150)
<b>Total Estimated Operational Tax Levy:</b>	<b>\$ 17,343,337</b>	<b>\$ 17,993,786</b>
FY Cherry Sheet State Receipts		
Chapter 70	6,323,332	6,348,772
Charter Tuition Reimbursement	16,028	10,272
Unrestricted General Govt Aid	1,567,707	1,610,035
Veteran's Benefits	166,201	166,580
Exemptions (Vets, Blind & Surviving Spouse)	52,966	57,237
State Owned Land	38	40
Plus: Public Libraries	16,053	16,993
<b>Subtotal Estimate State Revenue</b>	8,142,325	8,209,929
Less: FY Offsets - Public Libraries	(16,053)	(16,993)
Less: Assessments	(375,672)	(379,178)
	(391,725)	(396,171)
<b>Total Estimated State Aid:</b>	<b>\$ 7,750,600</b>	<b>\$ 7,813,758</b>

Local Receipts Revenues:

Motor Vehicle	1,000,000	1,200,000
Penalties & Interest on Taxes	110,000	110,000
Charges for Services - Water	1,620,626	1,695,537
Charges for Services - Solid Waste Fees	7,000	7,000
Fees	32,500	32,500
Other Departmental Revenue	70,000	70,000
Licenses & Permits	160,000	160,000
Fines & Forfeits	10,000	10,000
Investment Income	13,500	13,500
Medicaid Reimbursement	75,000	75,000
<b>Total Estimated Local Receipts:</b>	<b>\$ 3,098,626</b>	<b>\$ 3,373,537</b>

**Total Available for Appropriation**

<b>\$ 28,192,563</b>	<b>\$ 29,181,081</b>
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EMS Receipts Reserved Fund	516,367	519,252
Other Sources of Funds - Debt Premium F/B	1,550	1,550
Water Surplus	-	50,000
Uncaptured Enterprise Indirect Costs	231,858	231,858
Free Cash to Balance GF Budget	230,657	230,657
<b>Total Estimated Other Sources of Operational Funds:</b>	<b>\$ 980,432</b>	<b>\$ 1,033,317</b>

**Total Estimated General Fund Operational Revenue:**

<b>\$ 29,172,995</b>	<b>\$ 30,214,397</b>
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**GLOSSARY OF TERMS**

Appropriation: An authorization to make expenditures and to incur obligations for specific purposes. An appropriation is granted by Town Meeting and is usually limited in time and amount as to when it may be expended. Any part of the general appropriation not spent or encumbered by June 30 automatically reverts to surplus, which may become Free Cash. A specific appropriation is carried forward from year to year until spent for the designated purpose or transferred by Town Meeting vote to another account.

Assessed Valuation: A valuation set upon real or personal property by the Board of Assessors as a basis for levying taxes.

Budget: A plan of financial operation consisting of an estimate of proposed expenditures for a given period and the means of financing them. The budget is voted in the spring at Town Meeting for the fiscal year that begins the following July 1st.

Capital Budget: A plan of proposed capital outlays and the means of financing them for the current year.

Cherry Sheet: An annual statement received from the Massachusetts Department of Revenue detailing estimated payments to the town for the next fiscal year and the estimated state and county government charges payable by the town. The Assessors in setting the tax rate use these amounts. The actual receipts and charges may vary from the estimates.

Community Preservation Act (CPA): The Town adopted the Community Preservation Act (CPA) in 2004. This Act allows the town to collect up to a 3% surcharge (Acushnet has voted 1.5%) on property tax bills (the funds can be matched up to 100% by the state when funds are available), which creates the Community Preservation Fund, to use for Community Preservation purposes. Each year, the town must appropriate, or reserve (but not necessarily spend), 10% of the funds for each of the three Community Preservation purposes: Open Space, Historic Resources, and Community Housing. The remaining 70% of the funds can be appropriated or reserved used for any of the three purposes and for Recreation and for administration.

Debt Service: Payment of interest and repayment of principal to holders of the Town's debt instruments.

Fiscal Year: A 12-month period, commencing July 1 and ending June 30, to which the annual budget applies. Fiscal years are often denoted FYXX with the last two numbers representing the calendar year in which it ends, for example, FY19 is the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019.

Free Cash: Free cash is the portion of unreserved fund balance available for appropriation. It is not cash but rather is approximately the total of cash and receivables less current liabilities and earmarked reserves also reduced by reserves for uncollected taxes. This is also referred to as "available cash". The amount is certified annually by the Massachusetts Department of Revenue.

General Fund: The major town-owned fund which is created with town receipts and which is charged with expenditures payable from revenues.

Grant: A contribution of assets by one governmental unit or other organization to another. Typically, these contributions are made to local governments from the state and federal governments. Grants are usually made for specific purposes.

Line-Item Budget: A format of budgeting that organizes costs by type of expenditure such as expenses, equipment, and salaries.

Overlay: The amount set aside to allow for uncollected property taxes. An amount for the overlay is added to the appropriations and other charges. Overlay Surplus – see below.

Overlay Surplus: The unused amount of the overlay for prior years, which may be transferred, by a vote of the Town, to the reserve account or used for extraordinary items.

Property Tax Levy: The amount produced by multiplying the assessed valuation of property by the tax rate. The tax rate is expressed “per thousand dollars” of assessed valuation.

Reserve Fund: Money set aside by Town Meeting to be allocated by the Finance Committee for extraordinary or unforeseen expenditures.

Stabilization Fund: A special reserve funded by Town Meeting for future expenditures.

Tax Classification Tax Allocation: Before setting the tax rate each year, a classification hearing is held by the selectmen to determine the shares of the tax levy to be paid by each class of property in the community, and whether to allow an open space discount, residential exemption, or small commercial exemption. The Assessors provide information about the impact of these options at the hearing. The decisions of the Selectmen are reported to the Bureau of Accounts and are referred to as the “Classification Tax Allocation.”

**Terms associated with Proposition 2½:**

Debt or Capital Exclusion: The Town can assess taxes in excess of the levy limit by voting a debt exclusion or capital outlay exclusion. This amount does not become a permanent part of the levy limit base but does allow the Town to assess taxes for a specific period in excess of the limit for payment of debt service costs or payment of capital expenditures.

Excess Levy Capacity: The difference between the Town’s tax levy limit and its actual tax levy for the current year. It is the additional tax levy that could be raised without asking for an override.

New Growth: The amount of property tax revenue that the Town can add to its allowable tax levy as a result of new construction, alterations, subdivisions or change of use which increases the value of a parcel of land by more than certain amounts.

Override: An amount, voted by the Town, which is permanently added to the levy limit. A majority vote of the Selectmen allows an override question to be put on the ballot.

Override questions must be presented in dollar terms and must specify the purpose of the override. Overrides require a majority vote of approval by the Town.

Tax Levy Limit: The maximum amount of the tax levy for a period under the restrictions of Proposition 2½. It is calculated as the prior year limit plus new growth plus 2.5% of the prior year levy limit.

**WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
Monday, May 13, 2019**

At Seven o'clock in the Evening  
at the Albert F. Ford Middle School, 708 Middle Road

WEATHER: Rainy & Chilly ±46°  
LOCATION: Ford Middle School  
WARRANT & NEWSPAPER NOTICES:  
Approved by Nicholas A. Gomes, Moderator  
TIME MEETING OPENED: 7:06 P.M.  
ATTENDANCE: 115  
TIME MEETING ADJOURNED: 9:36 P.M.

THE FOLLOWING WERE PRESENT:

<p>Nicholas Gomes, Moderator Brian Noble, Town Administrator Kevin Gaspar, Sr., Board of Selectman Catherine Muller, Treasurer/Collector Pamela Labonte, Town Clerk Dr. Michael Boucher, Finance Committee Vice-Chairman John Howcroft, Finance Committee Eric McGlynn, Finance Committee</p>	<p>Jeffrey Blake, Kopelman &amp; Paige, Town Council Roger Cabral, Board of Selectmen Chairman David Desroches, Board of Selectmen Julie Hebert, Finance Director Robert St. Jean, Finance Committee Chairman Susan Delgado, Finance Committee Robert Ferreira, Finance Committee</p>
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**2019 Acushnet Annual Town Meeting Consent Agenda**

A consent agenda’s purpose is to act expeditiously upon certain types of articles that historically have generated no controversy and can reasonably be voted upon without debate. With a consent agenda, several articles can be addressed with a single vote, thereby ensuring that a greater proportion of Town Meeting’s time is dedicated to articles that are the subject of genuine debate.

When the Consent Agenda is called, the Moderator will read out the number of each article, one by one. If a voter has a question or concern about a particular article’s inclusion on the Consent Agenda, s/he should say “hold” when the article’s number is called. If the purpose of the “hold” is only to ask a simple question, the Moderator

will attempt to get the question answered quickly with the goal of leaving the article on the Consent Agenda. Failing that, or if the article is held for debate, the article will be removed from the Consent Agenda. After each article has been called, the Moderator will ask Town Meeting to pass all articles on the Consent Agenda that have not been otherwise removed in a single vote. It is hoped that voters will remove articles from the Consent Agenda only in cases where genuine concern exists.

**The Consent Agenda included below, will be taken up before Article 1 of the Annual Town Meeting on Monday, May 13, 2019.**

**ARTICLE 1:** To see if the Town will accept the reports of its Officers, Boards, Departments, Committees, and Commissions, as printed in the 2018 Annual Report, or act on anything relative thereto. (*Requested by the Board of Selectmen*) – (NO HOLD)

**MOTION:** *I move that the Town hear and act upon the reports of the Officers, Boards, Departments, Committees, and Commissions as printed in the 2018 Annual Report.*

**ARTICLE 5:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for state or federal grants, and to expend any monies received, as outlined in the appropriate grant application; or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto. (Requested by the Board of Selectmen) – (NO HOLD)

**MOTION:** *I move that the Town Authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for state or federal grants and to expend any monies received as set forth in the appropriate grant applications.*

**ARTICLE 6:** To see if the Town will vote to accept and expend any sum or sums of money that may be available from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (Massachusetts Department of Transportation) for Chapter 90 type construction, improvements, and/or reconstruction of public ways and associated equipment; and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into contracts relative thereto, and to appropriate said sum or sums in anticipation of reimbursement from the Commonwealth; or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto. (Requested by the Board of Selectmen) – (NO HOLD)

**MOTION:** *I move that the Town vote to accept and expend any sum or sums of money that may be available from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for Chapter 90 type construction improvements or reconstruction of public ways and associated equipment, further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into contracts relative thereto and to appropriate said sum or sums in anticipation of reimbursement from the Commonwealth.*

**ARTICLE 7:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the consent of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018, in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Law (MGL), Chapter 44, §4, and to issue a note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with MGL, Chapter 44, §17, or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto. *(Requested by the Board of Selectmen)* – (NO HOLD)

**MOTION:** *I move the Article as written in the Warrant.*

**ARTICLE 32:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the members of the Cemetery Board to perform work in the Cemeteries and to determine the compensation to be paid to said members; or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto. (Requested by the Board of Selectmen) – (NO HOLD)

**MOTION:** *I move this Article as written in the Warrant.*

**ARTICLE 33:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the members of the Recreation Commission to perform work in the park and to determine the compensation to be paid to said members; or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto. (Requested by the Board of Selectmen) – (NO HOLD)

**MOTION:** *I move this Article as written in the Warrant.*

**ARTICLE 35:** To see if the Town will vote to allow the Board of Library Trustees to sell for the sum of \$1 the discarded books and periodicals of the Acushnet Public Library to the Friends of Acushnet Public Library, a non-profit library support group, or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto. *(Requested by the Library Trustees)* – (NO HOLD)

**MOTION:** *I move that the Town vote to allow the Board of Library Trustees to sell discarded books and periodicals of the Acushnet Public Library to the Friends of the Acushnet Public Library for the sum of one dollar.*

**ARTICLE 38:** To see if the Town will adopt the resolution outlined in Appendix 2 of this document, to wit

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS** the efficient administration of Town affairs is achieved through the largely voluntary assumption of official responsibilities by elected or appointed officers combined with the loyal and faithful service of salaried employees, and,

**WHEREAS** certain persons have during the calendar year of 2017 concluded periods of service during which they have made substantial contributions to the public weal,

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the names and nature of service of the following named persons be herewith noticed and recorded in the minutes of this Annual Town Meeting of 2018 in grateful recognition of their work on behalf of the Town,

or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.  
*(Requested by the Board of Selectmen) – (NO HOLD)*

**MOTION:**

***I move that the town recognize and express our gratitude to those employees, board, and commission members who completed their service to the Town in the calendar year 2017 by the adoption of the resolution as shown in Appendix 2 of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant of 2018.***

***MOTION: I move that the Town vote to take out of order Articles 1, 5, 6, 7, 32, 33, 35, and 38, and that they be “passed by consent” in accordance with the motions shown on the “2019 Acushnet Annual Town Meeting Consent Agenda” distributed to Town Meeting attendees this evening.***

**MOTION MADE BY:**

***(MODERATOR) SEEING NO ARTICLES HELD, THE MODERATOR PUTS TO VOTE ALL ARTICLES IN THE 2019 TOWN MEETING CONSENT AGENDA AS WRITTEN.***

**VOTE REQUIRED:**

***MAJORITY***

**PASS/FAIL:**

***HEARING NO OPPOSITION, THE ENTIRE 2019 ACUSHNET ANNUAL TOWN MEETING CONSENT AGENDA, AS WRITTEN, PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.***

**ARTICLE 1: Included within Consent Agenda - Passed**

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**ARTICLE 2:** To see if the Town will raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds a certain sum of money to be added to line item 0104423-529000, Snow Removal/ Ice Control, or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Board of  
Selectmen

**The Finance Committee recommends this Article unanimously in the amount of \$10,000.**

*MOTION: I move that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$10,000 to the FY2019 Snow and Ice Budget to cover a deficit created by winter snow removal.*

*MOTION BY: KEVIN A. GASPAR, SR.*

*VOTE REQUIRED: MAJORITY*

*FINANCE COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN ST. JEAN STATES THE FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THIS ARTICLE, UNANIMOUSLY, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,000.00.*

*PASS/FAIL: HEARING NO OPPOSITION FOR ARTICLE 2, THE ARTICLE PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.*

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**ARTICLE 3:** To see if the Town will raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds a sum of money to meet obligations for union and personnel contracts, said sum to be apportioned by the Finance Director to the applicable line items in Article 3 of the 2018 Annual Town Meeting, or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Board of  
Selectmen

**This Article funds the cost of union and personnel contracts that have settled in the previous fiscal year.**

**The Finance Committee recommends this Article unanimously in the amount of \$50,000.**

*MOTION: I move that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$50,000 to*

*Article 3 of the Annual Town Meeting of May 2018 Omnibus Budget to cover obligations incurred in the settlement of the Town's Collective Bargaining Agreements and Personnel Contracts.*

*MOTION BY: DAVID DESROCHES*

*VOTE REQUIRED: MAJORITY*

*FINANCE COMMITTEE: VICE-CHAIRMAN BOUCHER STATES THE FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THIS ARTICLE UNANIMOUSLY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50,000.00.*

*PASS/FAIL: HEARING NO OPPOSITION ON ARTICLE 3 THE ARTICLE PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.*

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**ARTICLE 4:** To see if the Town will vote, under the provisions of the General Laws of Massachusetts, Chapter 41, §108, or any amendments thereto, to fix the salaries of all elected officials and to fund and approve collective bargaining agreements for Fiscal Year 2020, and raise and appropriate any sum or sums therefor, and further raise and appropriate any sum or sums of money for the maintenance of the several departments of the Town, and for other necessary charges, in accordance with the amount recommended by the Finance Committee as shown in the final column of the Warrant;

**FISCAL 2020 OMNIBUS BUDGET**

	<b>DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>FY18 Actual</b>	<b>FY19 Appropriation</b>	<b>FY20 Requested</b>	<b>Finance Committee Recommends</b>
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>					
1110	RESERVE FUND				
	Expense Total	168,769	150,000	150,000	150,000
1113	TOWN MEETING & ELECTIONS				
	Expense Total	1,724	11,000	8,500	8,500
1114	MODERATOR				
	Salary Total	725	725	725	725
	Expense Total	-	370	370	370
1122	SELECTMEN				
	Salary Total	199,849	224,361	231,423	231,423

	Expense Total	23,904	29,300	29,700	29,700
1131	FINANCE COMMITTEE				
	Salary Total	1,564	2,025	2,066	2,066
	Expense Total	210	550	550	550
1135	TOWN ACCOUNTANT				
	Salary Total	160,386	164,165	176,098	176,098
	Expense Total	32,300	39,100	40,100	40,100
1141	ASSESSORS				
	Salary Total	106,360	107,252	118,312	118,312
	Expense Total	48,614	46,725	50,755	50,755
1145	TOWN TREASURER/ COLLECTOR				
	Salary Total	199,096	195,822	197,756	197,756
	Expense Total	12,347	38,400	47,400	47,400
1151	TOWN COUNSEL				
	Expense Total	65,881	84,500	84,500	84,500
1155	TECHNOLOGY				
	Salary Total	18,025	18,386	24,354	24,354
	Expense Total	149,740	110,464	117,550	117,550
1161	TOWN CLERK				
	Salary Total	121,754	125,980	127,023	127,023
	Expense Total	4,652	5,850	5,825	5,825
1163	BOARD OF REGISTRARS				
	Salary Total	10,842	12,000	11,000	11,000
	Expense Total	7,862	10,850	8,950	8,950
1171	CONSERVATION COMMISSION				
	Salary Total	57,176	58,992	72,795	72,795
	Expense Total	9,210	9,750	9,750	9,750
1172	SOIL BOARD				
	Salary Total	998	1,900	1,900	1,900
	Expense Total	-	200	200	200
1175	PLANNING BOARD				
	Salary Total	51,998	53,242	55,228	55,228

	Expense Total	266	2,025	1,925	1,925
1176	BOARD OF APPEALS				
	Salary Total	653	2,030	2,030	2,030
	Expense Total	491	2,150	2,150	2,150
1192	TOWN BUILDINGS				
	Salary Total	117,303	132,346	99,838	99,838
	Expense Total	100,201	114,000	119,500	119,500

**GENERAL GOVERNMENT  
TOTAL:**

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<b>1,673,100</b>	<b>1,754,460</b>	<b>1,798,273</b>	<b>1,798,273</b>
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	<b>DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>FY18 Actual</b>	<b>FY19 Appropriation</b>	<b>FY20 Requested</b>	<b>Finance Committee Recommends</b>
<b>PUBLIC SAFETY:</b>					
	POLICE				
2210	DEPARTMENT				
	Salary Total	1,860,361	1,874,267	2,124,806	2,124,806
	Expense Total	301,601	278,570	284,195	284,195
	FIRE/EMS				
2220	DEPARTMENT				
	Salary Total	856,723	829,176	852,973	852,973
	Expense Total	187,459	146,390	166,840	166,840
	BUILDING				
2241	DEPARTMENT				
	Salary Total	105,470	108,072	130,410	130,410
	Expense Total	10,115	16,850	16,350	16,350
	SEALER WEIGHTS/ MEASURES				
2244					
	Salary Total	1,101	1,123	1,146	1,146
	EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT				
2291	AGENCY				
	Salary Total	990	1,000	2,750	2,750
	Expense Total	8,930	12,064	14,400	14,400
2292	ANIMAL CONTROL				
	Salary Total	41,157	42,165	44,128	44,128
	Expense Total	2,793	4,500	4,500	4,500
2294	FORESTRY				

	Salary Total	600	600	600	600
	Expense Total	5,195	7,775	10,300	10,300
<b>PUBLIC SAFETY TOTAL:</b>		<b>3,382,815</b>	<b>3,322,552</b>	<b>3,653,398</b>	<b>3,653,398</b>
<b>EDUCATION:</b>					
3320	OLD COLONY REGIONAL				
	Expense Total	1,756,434	1,855,472	1,773,537	1,773,537
3325	ACUSHNET SCHOOL DEPARTMENT				
	Expense Total	13,991,125	14,334,404	14,782,531	14,782,531
<b>TOTAL EDUCATION:</b>		<b>15,747,559</b>	<b>16,189,876</b>	<b>16,556,068</b>	<b>16,556,068</b>
<b>PUBLIC WORKS:</b>					
4422	DEPT. PUBLIC WORKS - HIGHWAY				
	Salary Total	340,590	386,155	389,041	389,041
	Expense Total	336,195	306,800	332,200	332,200
4423	SNOW & ICE REMOVAL				
	Expense Total	164,076	110,000	110,000	110,000
4424	STREET LIGHTING				
	Expense Total	42,619	50,000	25,000	25,000
4431	SEMASS				
	Salary Total	17,439	17,700	18,837	18,837
	Expense Total	787,951	860,500	937,500	937,500
4491	CEMETERY				
	Salary Total	5,464	5,464	5,464	5,464
	Expense Total	1,023	1,325	1,325	1,325
<b>PUBLIC WORKS TOTAL:</b>		<b>1,695,357</b>	<b>1,737,944</b>	<b>1,819,367</b>	<b>1,819,367</b>
5510	BOARD OF HEALTH				
	Salary Total	147,306	130,614	134,626	134,626
	Expense Total	15,706	16,350	16,350	16,350

5541	COUNCIL ON AGING				
	Salary Total	92,714	100,357	117,342	117,342
	Expense Total	20,734	20,740	21,740	21,740
5543	VETERANS				
	Salary Total	19,284	19,670	20,064	20,064
	Expense Total	211,875	226,345	236,445	236,445
<b>TOTAL HUMAN SERVICES:</b>		<b>507,619</b>	<b>514,076</b>	<b>546,567</b>	<b>546,567</b>

**CULTURE &  
RECREATION:**

6610	LIBRARY DEPARTMENT				
	Salary Total	179,130	199,719	219,263	219,263
	Expense Total	52,629	58,076	59,149	59,149
6630	RECREATION DEPARTMENT				
	Expense Total	17,029	19,687	20,393	20,393
6650	PARK DEPARTMENT				
	Salary Total	20,412	20,420	20,420	20,420
	Expense Total	15,780	18,917	19,167	19,167
6691	HISTORICAL COMMISSION				
	Expense Total	8,891	5,800	5,800	5,800
2699	MISCELLANEOUS				
	Salary Total	4,121	5,000	5,000	5,000
	Expense Total	9,596	11,166	11,166	11,166
<b>CULTURE &amp; RECREATION TOTAL:</b>		<b>307,588</b>	<b>338,785</b>	<b>360,358</b>	<b>360,358</b>

**DEBT SERVICE:**

7710	RETIREMENT OF DEBT				
	Expense Total	195,000	252,000	257,000	257,000
7751	INTEREST				

Expense Total	136,638	142,105	136,540	136,540
<b>TOTAL DEBT SERVICE:</b>	<b>331,638</b>	<b>394,105</b>	<b>393,540</b>	<b>393,540</b>
<b>NON-DEPARTMENTAL:</b>				
1911 PENSIONS				
Expense Total	1,339,040	1,412,808	1,509,589	1,509,589
1914 INSURANCE				
Expense Total	1,725,019	1,887,763	1,831,700	1,831,700
<b>NON-DEPARTMENTAL TOTAL:</b>	<b>3,064,059</b>	<b>3,300,571</b>	<b>3,341,289</b>	<b>3,341,289</b>
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$26,709,215</b>	<b>\$27,552,369</b>	<b>\$28,468,860</b>	<b>\$28,468,860</b>

or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Board of  
Selectmen

**This Article advances the Operating Budget for the Town for the Fiscal Year that begins on July 1<sup>st</sup>. The Finance Committee has balanced the available revenue with the department requests and is advancing this budget for the approval of Town Meeting.**

**The Finance Committee recommends this Article unanimously.**

***MOTION:** I move that the Town fix the salaries of all elected officials for Fiscal Year 2020 and appropriate funds for the payment of said salaries and compensation, including the approval and funding of the Town's obligations under the Collective Bargaining Agreements completed in the calendar year 2019, the payment of debt and interest, provide for a reserve fund, and for charges, expenses and outlays of the several town departments for the ensuing twelve (12) month period through June 30, 2020; all as set forth in the budget presented by the Finance Committee, and, as funding therefor; to appropriate from Taxation the sum of \$17,993,786; transfer the sum of \$7,813,758 from Projected State Aid Receipts; the sum of \$3,373,537 from Estimated Local Receipts; and to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$462,515; and transfer from EMS Reserved Receipts account the sum of \$519,252 and further the sum of \$1,550 from Fund Balance Reserved for Debt Premiums. All to fund the budget as recommended by the Finance Committee as shown in the final column of Article 4 in the Warrant for the May 13, 2019 Annual Town Meeting.*

MOTION BY: ROBERT ST. JEAN

VOTE REQUIRED: MAJORITY

PASS/FAIL: HEARING NO OPPOSITION, ARTICLE 4  
PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.

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**ARTICLE 5: Included within Consent Agenda – Passed**

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**ARTICLE 6: Included within Consent Agenda – Passed**

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**ARTICLE 7: Included within Consent Agenda – Passed**

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**ARTICLE 8:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum or sums of money to operate the Golf Club Enterprise Fund as shown below:

Reserve Fund	\$ 100,000
Salaries	525,579
Operation & Maintenance	421,581
Capital Outlay	70,863
Debt Service	346,150
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,464,173</b>

and that this sum be raised as follows:

Golf Center Revenue	\$ 1,364,173
Golf Retained Earnings	100,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1,464,173</b>

or take any other action relative thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Board of  
Selectmen

**This Article authorizes the “Enterprise Fund” for the operation of the Golf Club. It permits the use of dedicated funds collected for the services provided to be spent within the fiscal year for the expenses of operating the Golf Club.**

**The Finance Committee recommends this Article unanimously.**

***MOTION:** I move that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,464,173 to operate the Golf Club Enterprise authorized under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, §53F½, as set forth in Article 8 of the May 13, 2019 Annual Town Meeting Warrant.*

***MOTION BY:** ROGER A. CABRAL*

***VOTE REQUIRED:** MAJORITY*

***FINANCE COMMITTEE:** VICE-CHAIRMAN BOUCHER STATES THE FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED THIS ARTICLE UNOPPOSED.*

***PASS/FAIL:** HEARING NO OPPOSITION, ARTICLE 8 PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.*

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**ARTICLE 9:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Golf Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings a sum not to exceed \$150,000 for the purpose of cart path work, construction of forward tees, bunker work, golf cart re-financing or pre-payment, tent replacement and/or other necessary and proper expenditures approved by the Golf Management Committee and the Board of Selectmen, or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Board of  
Selectmen

**This Article authorizes the capital expenditure of the Golf Enterprise in Fiscal 2020.**

**The Finance Committee recommends this Article unanimously.**

***MOTION:** I move to transfer from the Golf Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings the sum of \$150,000 for the purpose of cart path work, construction of forward tees, bunker work, golf cart re-financing or pre-payment, tent replacement and/or other necessary and proper capital expenditures approved by the Golf Management Committee and the Board of Selectmen.*

***MOTION BY:** KEVIN A. GASPAR, SR.*

***VOTE REQUIRED:** MAJORITY*

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

VICE-CHAIRMAN BOUCHER STATES THE FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THIS ARTICLE UNOPPOSED.

PASS/FAIL: HEARING NO OPPOSITION, ARTICLE 9 PASSES, UNANIMOUSLY.

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ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum or sums of money to operate the Sewer Enterprise Fund as shown below:

Reserve Fund	\$ 50,000
Salaries	87,714
Operations & Maintenance	555,273
Capital Outlay	3,000
Debt Service	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 695,987</b>

and that this sum be raised as follows:

Sewer Revenues	\$ 645,987
Sewer Retained Earnings	50,000
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$ 695,987</b>

or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Board of Selectmen

**This Article authorizes the “Enterprise Fund” for the operation of the Sewer Department. It permits the use of dedicated funds collected for the services provided to be spent within the fiscal year for the expenses of operating the Sewer Department.**

**The Finance Committee recommends this Article unanimously.**

*MOTION: I move that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$695,987 to operate the Sewer Enterprise authorized under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, §53F½, as set forth in Article 10 of the May 13, 2019 Annual Town Meeting Warrant.*

MOTION BY:

DAVID DESROCHES

VOTE REQUIRED:

MAJORITY

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

CHAIRMAN ST. JEAN STATES THE FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THIS ARTICLE, UNANIMOUSLY.

PASS/FAIL: HEARING NO OPPOSITION, ARTICLE 10 PASSES, UNANIMOUSLY.

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**ARTICLE 11:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or otherwise provide the sums for the Sewer Phase 3 – Infiltration & Inflow Evaluation Program; or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Board of Selectmen

**This Article continues the Infiltration & Inflow investigation by the Town’s Engineer’s, Woodard & Curran. The program assists the Town to evaluate ongoing excessive seasonal flow within the municipal sewer system, identify sources of extraneous flow, and provide recommendations to abate those sources.**

**The Finance Committee recommends this Article in the amount of \$57,000 unanimously.**

*MOTION: I move that the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$57,000 from the Sewer Enterprise Fund Reserves for the purpose of conducting an Inflow & Infiltration remediation study on a section of the sewer collection system as provided for in Article 11 of the May 13, 2019 Annual Town Meeting Warrant.*

MOTION BY:

ROGER A. CABRAL

VOTE REQUIRED:

MAJORITY

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

VICE-CHAIRMAN BOUCHER STATES THE FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THIS ARTICLE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$150,000, UNANIMOUSLY.

PASS/FAIL: HEARING NO OPPOSITION, ARTICLE 11 PASSES, UNANIMOUSLY.

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**ARTICLE 12:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or otherwise provide the sums recommended, or any other sum or sums, for Capital Improvement Budget for the departments of the Town, as set forth in the following schedule and determine whether such sums will be provided by taxation or by transfer or by a combination thereof,

Department	Item Description	Department Request	Finance Committee Recommends	Source of Funds
Conservation	GIS Plotter	\$2,000	\$2,000	Overlay Surplus
Police	Copy Machine	10,000	10,000	Overlay Surplus
Fire/EMS	Ambulance Laptops	9,500	9,500	EMS Reserve
Fire/EMS	Firefighter Turn-out Gear	11,700	11,700	EMS Reserve
Fire/EMS	Pumpers Refurbishment	25,000	25,000	Capital Exp. Fund
Fire/EMS	Tanker One Repair	5,000	5,000	Free Cash
Highway	Lift Gate	4,000	4,000	Free Cash
Highway	Mohawk Lift	16,000	16,000	Free Cash
Police	Mobile Computers	50,000	50,000	Free Cash
Police	Speed Limit Signs	7,500	7,500	Free Cash
Selectmen	Town Hall Roof Repair	30,000	30,000	Free Cash
Selectmen	Water Department Utility Truck	60,000	60,000	Water Reserve
Selectmen	Bulky Item Pick-up	13,000	13,000	Free Cash
Town Clerk	Voting Machines	30,000	30,000	Overlay Surplus
Total		\$273,700	\$273,700	

or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Board of Selectmen

**This Article provides for department capital requests.**

**The Finance Committee recommends this Article unanimously.**

*MOTION: I move that the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$21,200 from EMS Receipts Reserved, the sum of \$125,500 from Free Cash, the sum of \$42,000 from Overlay Surplus, the sum of \$25,000 from the Capital Expenditure Account and the sum of \$60,000 from Water Reserve for the purpose of the capital items as described in Article 12 of the May*

*13, 2019 Annual Town Meeting, and all accessory costs as incidental to the purchase and installation of the equipment aforementioned.*

*MOTION BY: KEVIN A. GASPAR, SR.*

*VOTE REQUIRED: MAJORITY*

*FINANCE COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN ST. JEAN STATES THE FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THIS ARTICLE, UNANIMOUSLY.*

*PASS/FAIL: HEARING NO OPPOSITION TO ARTICLE 12, THE ARTICLE PASSES, UNANIMOUSLY.*

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**ARTICLE 13:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or otherwise provide the sum of \$250,000 to provide for Road Repairs and Maintenance; or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Board of Selectmen

**This Article supplements the Chapter 90 Funds provided by the Commonwealth to perform need paving and maintenance of the town roads, culverts and drainage.**

**The Finance Committee recommends this Article unanimously.**

*MOTION: I move that the Town vote to transfer the amount of \$250,000 from Overlay Surplus to fund road construction and re-construction in accordance with the Pavement Management Plan including all drainage, supplies, police details, engineering costs, and all other related expenses.*

*MOTION BY: DAVID DESROCHES*

*VOTE REQUIRED: MAJORITY*

*FINANCE COMMITTEE: VICE-CHAIRMAN BOUCHER STATES THE FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THIS ARTICLE, UNOPPOSED.*

*PASS/FAIL: HEARING NO OPPOSITION, ARTICLE 13 PASSES, UNANIMOUSLY.*

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**ARTICLE 14:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from

available funds or otherwise provide the sums recommended, or any other sum or sums, for Capital Improvement Budget of the School Department as set forth in the following schedule and determine whether such sums will be provided by taxation or by transfer or by a combination thereof,

Item Description	Department Request	Finance Committee Recommends	Source of Funds
Curriculum Adoption Round 1	\$50,000	\$50,000	Free Cash
Driveway/Parking Lot Maintenance & Repair	20,000	20,000	Free Cash
Replace Roof Condensers (AES)	30,000	30,000	Free Cash
Roof Preventative Maintenance	15,000	15,000	Free Cash
Server Room Air Conditioning	6,000	6,000	Free Cash
Technology Equipment	25,000	25,000	Free Cash
Fire/Burglar Alarm	75,000	75,000	Free Cash
HVAC Server Upgrade	9,000	9,000	Free Cash
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$230,000</b>	<b>\$230,000</b>	

or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the School Committee

**This Article provides for School Department capital requests.**

**The Finance Committee recommends this Article unanimously.**

**MOTION:** *I move that the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$230,000 from Free Cash for the purpose of providing for the capital requests of the School Department as outlined in Article 14 of the May 13, 2019 Annual Town Meeting, and all accessory costs as incidental to the purchase and installation of the equipment aforementioned.*

**MOTION BY:** *ROGER CABRAL*

**VOTE REQUIRED:** *MAJORITY*

**FINANCE COMMITTEE:** *CHAIRMAN ST. JEAN STATES THE FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THIS ARTICLE, UNANIMOUSLY.*

*PASS/FAIL: SEEING NO OPPOSITION, THE ARTICLE PASSES, UNANIMOUSLY.*

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**ARTICLE 15:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money to add to the School District Reserve Fund for Special Education, established under Chapter 40, §13E at the Annual Town Meeting of May 14, 2018; or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the School  
Committee

**The Reserve Fund provides for unanticipated or unbudgeted costs of special education, out of district tuition and/or transportation. Money in the fund may only be expended or transferred by a majority vote of both the School Committee and the Board of Selectmen.**

**The Finance Committee recommends this Article in the amount of \$50,000.**

***MOTION:** I move that the Town vote to transfer \$50,000 from Free Cash for the purpose of adding to the School District Reserve Fund for unanticipated or unbudgeted costs of special education as established at the Annual Town Meeting of 2018.*

*MOTION BY:* BOB ST. JEAN

*VOTE REQUIRED:* MAJORITY

*FINANCE COMMITTEE:* VICE-CHAIRMAN BOUCHER STATES THE FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THIS ARTICLE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50,000, UNOPPOSED.

*PASS/FAIL:* HEARING NO OPPOSITION, ARTICLE 15  
*PASSES, UNANIMOUSLY.*

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**ARTICLE 16:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to negotiate payment in lieu of taxes (PILOT) agreements as authorized under Massachusetts General Law Chapter 59, §38H(b), or any other enabling legislation, on such terms and conditions, and for a term of years as the Board of Selectmen deems in the best interests of the Town and take any other action necessary or convenient for the implementation and administration of such agreement(s). Such agreements shall be submitted to Town Meeting for approval; or take any other action thereon or in relation

thereto.

Requested by the Board of  
Selectmen

**This Article empowers the Board of Selectmen to negotiate PILOT agreements with Solar Energy installations. Setting the value of electric generating equipment is not an exact science and the value of the equipment can vary depending on several factors that cannot be known in advance, such as the demand, the regional economy, and changes in regulations. MGL Chapter 59 §38 allows electrical generators to negotiate a payment in lieu of taxes “which shall be the result of good faith negotiations and shall be the equivalent of full and fair cash valuation...” and the agreement must be ratified by the municipal legislative body (Town Meeting). Such an agreement provides the opportunity to determine a predictable tax revenue stream for the Town and predictable tax payments for the generating company.**

*MOTION: I move this Article as written in the Warrant.*

*MOTION BY: ROGER A. CABRAL*

*VOTE REQUIRED: MAJORITY*

*PASS/FAIL: HEARING NO OPPOSITION, ARTICLE 16 PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.*

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**ARTICLE 17:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the Massachusetts General Court for special legislation, as set forth below, provided, however, that the General Court may make clerical or editorial changes of form only to the bill, unless the Board of Selectmen approve amendments to the bill before enactment by the General Court, and provided further that the Board of Selectmen is authorized to approve amendments which shall be within the scope of the general public objectives of this petition;

**AN ACT EXEMPTING ALL UNIFORMED POSITIONS IN THE FIRE DEPARTMENT OF THE TOWN OF ACUSHNET FROM THE CIVIL SERVICE LAW**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, all uniformed positions within the fire department of the Town of Acushnet, including the positions of fire chief, deputy chief, captain, lieutenant and firefighter shall be exempt from chapter 31 of the General Laws.

SECTION 2. This act shall not impair the civil service status of a

person holding a position described in Section 1 on the effective date of this act.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage;

or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Board of Selectmen  
and the  
Acushnet Permanent Firefighters IAFF Local 3281

**This Article proposes petitioning the Legislature for the removal of the Fire & Emergency Medical Services Department to be removed from Civil Service.**

*MOTION: I move that the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the Massachusetts General Court for special legislation, as set forth in Article 17 of the May 13, 2019 Annual Town Meeting, provided, that the General Court may make clerical or editorial changes of form only to the bill, unless the Board of Selectmen approve amendments to the bill before enactment by the General Court, and provided further that the Board of Selectmen is authorized to approve amendments which shall be within the scope of the general public objectives of this petition.*

MOTION BY: ERIC ARRUDA

VOTE REQUIRED: MAJORITY

PASS/FAIL: HEARING NO OPPOSITION, ARTICLE 17  
PASSES, UNANIMOUSLY.

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**ARTICLE 18:** To see if the Town will vote to approve the amended Agreement among the Towns of Acushnet, Carver, Lakeville, Mattapoisett and Rochester with respect to the Establishment of a Regional Vocational Technical High School District as proposed by the Old Colony District School Committee. The proposed agreement has been reviewed by the legal counsel of the Old Colony School District as well as the town counsels of all member communities a copy of which is on file with the Town Clerk; or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Board of  
Selectmen

**This Article updates the Regional Agreement between the Towns of Acushnet, Carver, Lakeville, Mattapoisett, and Rochester.**

*MOTION: I move that the Town vote to approve the amended Regional Agreement as proposed the Old Colony District School Committee.*

*MOTION BY:* *ROGER A. CABRAL*

*VOTE REQUIRED:* *MAJORITY*

*PASS/FAIL:* *HEARING NO OPPOSITION, ARTICLE 18 PASSES, UNANIMOUSLY.*

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**ARTICLE 19:** To see if the Town will vote to accept Massachusetts General Law Chapter 44, §53F¾, which establishes a special revenue fund known as the PEG Access and Cable Related Fund, to reserve cable franchise fees and other cable-related revenues for appropriation to support PEG access services and oversight and renewal of the cable franchise agreement, the fund to begin operation for the fiscal year 2020, which begins on July 1, 2019; and to further appropriate for the budget year 2020 the sum of \$90,000 for salaries and \$100,000 for equipment replacement, repair and/or upgrade, such appropriations under the direction of the Board of Selectmen, or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Board of  
Selectmen

**The Department of Revenue has declared that the Town must recognize the cable franchise money received as reserved for cable-related appropriation with oversight and renewal by Town Meeting. This change occurs for the FY20 year and is represented in the Omnibus Budget in Article 4.**

**The Finance Committee recommends this Article unanimously in the amounts indicated.**

*MOTION: I move that the Town vote to accept Massachusetts General Law Chapter 44, §53F¾, and establish a special revenue fund known as the PEG Access and Cable Related Fund, to reserve cable franchise fees and other cable-related revenues for appropriation to support PEG access services and oversight and renewal of the cable franchise agreement, the fund to begin operation for the fiscal year 2020, which begins on July 1, 2019; and to further appropriate for the budget year 2020 the sum of \$90,000 for salaries and \$100,000 for equipment replacement, repair and/or upgrade, such appropriations shall be under the direction of the Board of Selectmen.*

*MOTION BY:* *KEVIN A. GASPAR, SR.*

*VOTE REQUIRED:* *MAJORITY*

*FINANCE COMMITTEE:* *VICE CHAIR BOUCHER STATES THE FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THIS ARTICLE UNOPPOSED IN THE AMOUNT AS INDICATED.*

*PASS/FAIL: ARTICLE 19 PASSES WITH ONE IN OPPOSITION.*

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**ARTICLE 20:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into contracts of up to five (5) years for the purchase of contract services and supplies for the Town, or its Enterprise and Revenue Funds; or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Board of  
Selectmen

**Currently under Massachusetts General Law Chapter 30b, a procurement officer shall not award a contract for a term exceeding three (3) years unless authorized by a majority vote at Town Meeting. This law may apply to any number of types of contracts. This authorization by Town Meeting will allow the Board of Selectmen to have the option of seeking more advantageous, longer term contracts when deemed to be in the best interest of the Town.**

*MOTION:* I move that Article 20 as written in the Warrant.

*MOTION BY:* DAVID DESROCHES

*VOTE REQUIRED:* MAJORITY

*PASS/FAIL:* HEARING NO OPPOSITION FOR ARTICLE 20,  
THE ARTICLE PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.

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**ARTICLE 21:** To see if the Town will to amend the bylaws of the Town as follows:

Currently:

Article 1, Section 2. The annual election of officers shall be held on the first Monday of April in each year and the annual meeting for the transaction of business shall be held on the fourth (4th) Monday of April, opening and closing at such hours as may be determined by the Board of Selectmen.

Proposed:

Article 1, Section 2.1 The Annual Town Meeting shall be held on the second Monday in May of each year, or at such other time as shall be determined by vote of the Town.

Article 1, Section 2.2 The annual election of officers shall be held on the first Saturday following the annual town meeting or at such other time as shall be determined by vote of the Town.

or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Town Clerk

**This Article amends the Town Bylaws to place Town Meeting on the second Monday in May of each year and to move the Annual Town Election to a Saturday after Town Meeting to avoid a school day and to encourage additional participation.**

**MOTION:** *I move Article 21 as written in the Warrant.*

**MOTION BY:** *PAMELA LABONTE*

**VOTE REQUIRED:** *2/3 MAJORITY*

**PASS/FAIL:** *THE ARTICLE PASSES WITH A MINORITY OF OPPOSITION, WHICH SATISFIES THE 2/3<sup>RD</sup>'S REQUIREMENT.*

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**ARTICLE 22:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into energy supply contracts in excess of three years; or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Board of  
Selectmen

**This Article permits the Board of Selectmen to enter into agreements for the purchasing of net metering energy credits that will afford the town significant cost savings over multiple budget years. Often, contracts such as these could be as much as 20 years.**

**The Finance Committee recommends this Article unanimously.**

**MOTION:** *I move that the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into energy supply contracts in excess of three years in accordance with the exceptions of MGL Chapter 30(b).*

**MOTION BY:** *ROGER A. CABRAL*

**VOTE REQUIRED:** *MAJORITY*

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

CHAIR ST. JEAN STATES THE FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THIS ARTICLE BY A UNANIMOUS VOTE.

PASS/FAIL:

ARTICLE 22 PASSES BY A MAJORITY VOTE WITH ONE OPPOSED.

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**ARTICLE 23:** To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Law Chapter 41, §41B which authorizes the Town to direct the payment of public employees for salaries, wages, or any other compensation by means of direct bank deposit to the account(s) of such employee, or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Board of Selectmen

**The adoption of this law shall mandate direct deposit payroll to all municipal employees however, the Town Administrator may exempt certain employees from this policy if the employee proves a hardship. Currently most employees use direct deposit for their paychecks. Regretfully, some employees lose or misplace their paychecks or are part-time and may not pick-up or deposit their paychecks in a timely manner. As other responsibilities increase, the Treasurer's office must find ways to improve efficiency and remove unnecessary repetitive tasks.**

**MOTION:** *I move Article 23 as written in the Warrant.*

**MOTION BY:** *KEVIN A. GASPAR, SR.*

**VOTE REQUIRED:** *MAJORITY*

**PASS/FAIL:** *HEARING NO OPPOSITION TO ARTICLE 23, THE ARTICLE PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.*

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**ARTICLE 24:** To see if the Town will vote to amend the general bylaws of the town by adding a new section to provide for the registration and maintenance of abandoned and/or foreclosed properties;

**Chapter XXX. Property Maintenance.**

**Article I. Registration and Maintenance of Abandoned and/or Foreclosed Properties.**

**§ XXX-1. Purpose; enforcement authority.**

- A. It is the purpose and intent of this bylaw to protect and preserve public safety, health, welfare and security, and the quiet enjoyment of occupants, abutters, and neighbors, by:
1. Requiring all residential property owners, including lenders, trustees and service companies, to register abandoned and/or foreclosed residential properties with the Town of Acushnet; and by
  2. Regulating the maintenance and security of abandoned and/or foreclosed residential properties to help prevent blighted and unsecured residences.
- B. The Building Commissioner or another designee of the Board of Selectmen shall have enforcement authority as to this bylaw and is herein authorized to conduct inspections as authorized under this bylaw.

**§ XXX-2. Definitions.**

When used in this bylaw, the following terms shall have the following meanings, unless a contrary intention clearly appears:

**ABANDONED**

A residential property which is not being used or occupied as a residence despite containing a residential building. "Abandoned" does not include a residential building that is unoccupied while undergoing renovations, or while undergoing repairs due to fire or other casualty. "Abandoned" does not apply to accessory buildings or structures on the premises nor does it apply to residential property that is temporarily vacant due to seasonal absences.

**COMMISSIONER**

The Building Commissioner of the Town of Acushnet or a designee authorized to enforce the terms of this bylaw.

**DAYS**

Consecutive calendar days.

**FORECLOSED**

A property, placed as security for a real estate loan, as to which all rights of the mortgagor or his grantee in the property have been terminated as a result of a default of the loan.

**LOCAL**

Within 20 miles of the property in question.

**MORTGAGEE**

The creditor, including but not limited to service companies, lenders, in a mortgage agreement, or any successor in interest of the mortgagee's rights, interests or obligations under the relevant mortgage agreement.

**PROPERTY**

Any real, residential property or portion thereof, located in the Town of Acushnet, including but not limited to buildings and structures situated on such property.

**RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY**

Any property that contains one or more dwelling units used, intended, or designed to be occupied for living purposes.

**TOWN**

The Town of Acushnet.

**§ XXX-3. Registration required.**

- A. All owners or mortgagees of abandoned and/or foreclosed residential properties shall register such properties with the Commissioner on forms provided by the Commissioner. If the owner is an out-of-state corporation, person, or other entity, the owner shall appoint an in-state agent authorized to accept service of process and other documents under this bylaw.
  - 1. Each registration must state the owner's, mortgagee's or agent's name, telephone number and mailing address located within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, including the name of the owner, street number, street name, city or town, and zip code; the mailing address shall not be a post office box.
  - 2. Each registration must also certify that the property has been inspected by the owner and must identify whether the property is abandoned, and if abandoned,

the condition of the property and the status of maintenance thereof. Each registration must designate a local individual or local property management company responsible for the maintenance and security of this property. This designation must state the individual or company's name, direct telephone number, and local mailing address; the mailing addresses shall not be a post office box.

- i. If the owner's inspection determines that the property is abandoned, the registration must be received by the Commissioner within seven days of the owner's inspection.
  - ii. If the owner's inspection determines that the property is not abandoned, but has been foreclosed, the registration must be received by the Commissioner within seven days of the foreclosure.
  - iii. If an inspection by the Commissioner determines that a property is abandoned and improperly maintained, the Commissioner shall notify the owner, mortgagee or his/her agent accordingly and, subsequently, registration as an abandoned property must be received by the Commissioner within 14 days of the Commissioner's notice.
- B. All property registrations pursuant to this section are valid for one calendar year from the date when the registration is received by the Commissioner. An annual registration fee of \$100 must accompany the registration form. Subsequent registrations and fees are due within 30 days after the date of the expiration of the previous registration. Subsequent registrations must certify whether the property remains abandoned and/or remains in foreclosure and shall restate the current condition of such property as required above.
- C. Any owner that has registered a property under this section must report any material change in the information contained in the registration within ten (10) days of the change.
- D. Once the property is no longer abandoned or is sold, the owner shall provide the Commissioner with written notice of legal occupancy or proof of sale, as the case may be.

**§ XXX-4. Maintenance and security.**

- A. Properties subject to this bylaw must be maintained in accordance with the State Building Code and with orders issued by the Commissioner in order to ensure the safety thereof. The local owner or local property management company must inspect and maintain the property on at least a monthly basis for as long as the property is abandoned.
- B. In accordance with state law, including but not limited to MGL c. 143, §§ 6 through 10, and 780 CMR 121.0, property that is abandoned must be safe and must be secured so as not to be accessible to unauthorized persons.
- C. Compliance with this section does not relieve the owner of any applicable obligations set forth in code regulations, covenant conditions, requirements of the Commissioner, and/or homeowners' association rules and regulations.

**§ XXX-5. Inspections.**

Pursuant to the State Building Code, the Commissioner or his/her designee shall have the authority and the duty to inspect properties subject to this bylaw for compliance with this bylaw and to issue citations for any violations. The Commissioner or his/her designee shall have the discretion to determine when and how such inspections are to be made, provided such determination is reasonably calculated to ensure that this bylaw and the State Building Code are enforced.

**§ XXX-6. Violations and penalties.**

In addition to any other means of enforcement available to the Commissioner, the Commissioner or a designee hereunder may enforce this bylaw by means of noncriminal enforcement pursuant to MGL c. 40, § 21D. The following penalties are established for purposes of said noncriminal disposition:

- A. A failure to initially register with the Commissioner pursuant to § XXX-3: \$300.
- B. A failure to properly designate the name of the local individual or local property management company responsible for the maintenance and the security of the property pursuant to § XXX-3: \$300 for each violation, and a like penalty for each day's continuation of such violation.

- C. A failure to maintain and/or to secure the property pursuant to § XXX-4: \$300 for each week during which the property is not maintained and/or not secured.
- D. The penalties provided in this section shall not be construed to restrict the Town from pursuing other legal remedies available to the Town. Violation of this bylaw shall be subject to a fine not to exceed \$300 for each violation; each day shall be considered a new violation, except as may be otherwise stated herein.

**§ XXX-7. Severability.**

If any provision of this bylaw is held to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, then such provisions shall be considered separately and apart from this bylaw’s remaining provisions, which shall remain in full force and effect, to the extent feasible.

or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Board of  
Selectmen

**This Article provides for the Property Maintenance of Abandon and/or Foreclosed Properties. It is designed to protect and preserve public safety, health, welfare, and security, and the quiet enjoyment of occupants, abutters, and neighbors.**

**MOTION:** *I move Article 24 as written in the Warrant.*

**MOTION BY:** *DAVID DESROCHES*

**VOTE REQUIRED:** *2/3<sup>rd</sup>s MAJORITY*

**MOTION:** *I move to amend the numbering of article 24 to comport with the existing bylaws.*

**MOTION BY:** *ROGER CABRAL*

**PASS/FAIL:** *HEARING NO OPPOSITION, SELECTMEN CABRAL’S AMENDMENT AS STATED IS MADE THROUGH MAJORITY VOTE WITH NO OPPOSITION.*

**MOTION:** *The Moderator puts the article to vote, as written in the warrant and as amended by the motion made by Selectman Cabral.*

PASS/FAIL: *NOTATING THE ONE IN OPPOSITION, THE MODERATOR DECLARES THE ARTICLE PASSES BY A 2/3<sup>rd</sup>s MAJORITY VOTE.*

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**ARTICLE 25:** To see if the Town will vote to accept the recommendations of the Planning Board by amending Article VIII as shown in Appendix 4; or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Planning Board

**This Article updates the Town’s Zoning Bylaw (Article VIII).**

**MOTION:** *I move Article 25 as written in the Warrant and the Appendix as presented.*

**MOTION BY:** *ROGER A. CABRAL*

**VOTE REQUIRED:** *2/3<sup>rd</sup>s MAJORITY*

**NOTES:** *DAVID DAVIGNON OF 33 ANSEL WHITE RD. QUESTIONS IF THE ARTICLE CAN BE AMENDED – SPECIFICALLY, TO MAKE AN AMENDMENT TO STRIKE 3.3 SCHEDULE OF USE REGULATIONS, SECTION 8 “NO COMMON DRIVEWAY SHALL BE CONSTRUCTED WITHIN ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY FEET OF ANY PRINCIPAL STRUCTURE SERVED THEREBY.*

*BUILDING INSPECTOR, JAMES MAROT STATES IT IS NOTHING MORE THAN A CLARIFICATION FOR A BYLAW THAT HAS BEEN IN PLACE FOR ALMOST 15/16 YEARS.*

*MR. DAVIGNON STATES, GIVEN THE CLARITY HE WITHDRAWS HIS MOTION AS HE FEELS IT WOULD DO MORE HARM THAN GOOD AND RECOMMENDS IT BE REVISITED IN THE FUTURE.*

*THE MODERATOR ACCEPTS THE WITHDRAWAL AND REQUESTS A RECOMMENDATION FROM THE PLANNING BOARD.*

**PLANNING BOARD:** *CHAIRMAN, MARC CENERIZIO STATES THE PLANNING BOARD RECOMMENDS THIS ARTICLE.*

PASS/FAIL:

HEARING NO OPPOSITION, ARTICLE 25  
PASSES UNANIMOUSLY AND MEETS THE  
2/3<sup>rd</sup>'s REQUIREMENT.

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**ARTICLE 26:** To see if the Town will vote to amend the General Bylaws of the Town by inserting a new bylaw entitled, "Storage or Trailer Boxes: Temporary Licenses" as follows:

**Storage or Trailer Boxes: Temporary Licenses**

Notwithstanding any other provisions of this by-law to the contrary, upon application from the owner or occupier of a parcel of land and payment of such fee, as it may be established from time to time, the Board of Selectmen may issue a temporary license to place a storage or trailer box, as defined herein, on such property to be used for the temporary storage of personal property for a period not to exceed one year. Such license may be renewed annually upon reapplication. All storage or trailer boxes existing on the effective date of this by-law shall be required to be licensed in compliance herewith within two months of the effective date of this by-law.

The term Storage or Trailer Box's is defined for purposes of this by-law as any completely enclosed or covered container of sufficient size to allow walk-in entry by a person, and used for outdoor storage, including, shipping containers, cargo boxes, truck bodies and trailers which were part of a tractor trailer unit. This definition shall not include a travel trailer or camping trailer which is a vehicle designed to be used for travel on highways on rubber tire wheels for recreational or residence purposes, is used for recreational purposes and which is currently registered with the Registry of Motor Vehicles.

All permanently purchased containers of this type shall require a permit from the Building Department and all applications shall be accompanied by a site plan confirming the containers location on the property and its conformance with zoning.

And further that non-substantive changes to the numbering of this bylaw be permitted in order that it be in compliance with the numbering format of the By-Laws of Town of Acushnet.

or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Board of  
Selectmen

**This Bylaw is being proposed to require permitting for all containers located on private property as to not impose on the quiet enjoyment of occupants, abutters, and neighbors.**

**MOTION:** *I move Article 26 as written in the Warrant.*

**MOTION BY:** *KEVIN A. GASPAR, SR.*

**VOTE REQUIRED:** *2/3<sup>rd</sup>'s MAJORITY*

**MOTION:** *TO TABLE ARTICLE 26*

**VOTE REQUIRED:** *2/3<sup>rd</sup>'s MAJORITY*

**MOTION BY:** *RESIDENT, NORMA MAE YORK*

**PASS/FAIL:** *MODERATOR OPTS FOR A HAND COUNT:*

*IN FAVOR: 49 / AGAINST: 38*

**DISCUSSION:** *THE MOTION TO TABLE ARTICLE 26 DOES NOT PASS BY A 2/3<sup>rd</sup>'s MAJORITY VOTE. RESIDENT, STEPHANIE ST. ONGE SUGGESTS THE EXIST-ING STRUCTURES BE GRANDFATHERED. THE MODERATOR AND TOWN COUNCIL OFFER AN AMENDMENT TO CLARIFY MS. ST. ONGE'S PROPOSAL TO CHANGE THE LAST SENTENCE OF THE PROPOSED IN THE FIRST PARAGRAPH TO READ:*

*"ALL STORAGE TRAILER BOXES EXISTING ON THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS BY-LAW **SHALL NOT** BE REQUIRED TO BE LICENSED IN COMPLIANCE HEREIN."*

*AFTER FURTHER DISCUSSION IT IS DETERMINED THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT WAS NOT SATISFACTORY.*

**MOTION:** *TO MOVE THE QUESTION*

**MOTION BY:** *RESIDENT, HENRY PRESTON*

**PASS/FAIL:** *THE MOTION TO MOVE THE QUESTION*

*PASSES*

*NOTES:*

*THE MODERATOR MOVES ON TO THE ORIGINAL MOTION FOR ARTICLE 26, AS WRITTEN, TO BE VOTED.*

*PASS/FAIL:*

*MODERATOR OPTS FOR A HAND COUNT:*

*IN FAVOR: 53 / AGAINST: 26*

*ARTICLE 26 DOES PASS WITH 53 FOR AND 26 AGAINST.*

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**ARTICLE 27:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by purchase, gift, or eminent domain, the fee interest, permanent easements and temporary easements in, on and under portions of certain parcels of land located on Hamlin Street and other abutting ways, for public way purposes, including without limitation, for the construction, alteration, installation, maintenance, improvement, repair, rehabilitation, replacement and/or relocation of public ways, including a bridge, sidewalks, driveways, guardrails, drainage, utilities, slopes, embankments, grading, construction and other related purposes, to enable the Town to undertake the Hamlin Street Bridge Over the Acushnet River Reconstruction Project, which parcels are listed on a sheet entitled “Parcel Summary Sheet” and approximately shown on plans entitled “Massachusetts Department of Transportation Highway Division Plan and Profile of Hamlin Street Over Acushnet River (Bridge Nos. A-03-003, A-03-007 & A-03-008),” dated March 21, 2019, prepared by Tylin International, on file with the Town Clerk, as said plans may be amended from time to time, and land within 200 feet of said parcels; to transfer the care, custody, and control of a portion or portions of Town-owned property or properties shown on the aforesaid plans from the board or officer having custody of the same for the purposes for which such properties are currently held to the Board of Selectmen for public way and related purposes and further to dedicate said portion or portions of the Town-owned properties to the aforesaid purposes; to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, and/or borrow a sum of money to fund the foregoing and any and all costs incidental or related thereto, including, without limitation, the cost of any land and easement acquisitions; and, further, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into any and all agreements and take any and all actions necessary or appropriate to carry out the foregoing transactions, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Requested by the Board of  
Selectmen

**This Article allows for the taking of small parcels of land on Hamlin Street to accommodate the road layout and bridge replacement projects.**

**(See the map in Appendix 5.)**

**MOTION:** *I move Article 27 as written in the Warrant.*

**MOTION BY:** *DAVID DESROCHES*

**VOTE REQUIRED:** *MAJORITY*

**PASS/FAIL:** *ARTICLE 27 PASSES WITH ONE IN OPPOSITION.*

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**ARTICLE 28:** To see if the Town will reserve from FY 2020 Community Preservation Fund - Estimated Revenues, the sum of \$9,200 for administrative expenses, 10% (\$18,400) for open space purposes; 10% (\$18,400) for historic preservation; 10% (\$18,400) for affordable housing; and the remaining \$119,600 to the FY 2020 Community Preservation Fund budgeted reserve; or take any other action relative thereon or in relation thereto.

Submitted by the Community  
Preservation Committee

**This Article follows Massachusetts General Law that requires the reserving of certain percentages of the Community Preservation Act funds for specific purposes. This is done annually at Town Meeting.**

**The Finance Committee will make its' recommendation at Town Meeting.**

**MOTION:** *I move the Town vote to reserve from FY 2020 Community Preservation Fund - Estimated Revenues, the sum of \$9,200 for administrative expenses, 10% (\$18,400) for open space purposes; 10% (\$18,400) for historic preservation; 10% (\$18,400) for affordable housing; and the remaining (\$119,600) to the **FY 2020** Community Preservation Fund budgeted reserve.*

**MOTION BY:** *MARC  
CENERIZIO*

**VOTE REQUIRED:** *MAJORITY*

**FINANCE COMMITTEE:** *CHAIRMAN ST. JEAN STATES THE FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THIS ARTICLE WITH A UNANIMOUS VOTE.*

**PASS/FAIL:** *HEARING NO OPPOSITION, ARTICLE 28 PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.*

CPA ARTICLES CANNOT BE AMENDED TO EXCEED THE AMOUNT

RECOMMENDED BY THE CPC.

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**ARTICLE 29:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 from the Community Preservation Fund balance and/or the Undesignated Fund Balance of the Community Preservation Act Funds account and/or the FY20 budgeted reserves of the Community Preservation Act Funds for the purpose of improvement, expansion, and reconstruction of the School Fields located at 800 Middle Road, all pursuant to the Community Preservation Act; or take any other action relative thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Community Preservation  
Committee

**This Article funds expansion and continued improvement to the School Fields.**

**The Finance Committee recommends this Article unanimously.**

***MOTION:** I move that the Town vote to appropriate for recreation the sum of \$25,000 from the Community Preservation Fund Balance from the Undesignated Fund Balance of the Community Preservation Act to contribute to the cost of improvement, expansion, and reconstruction of the School Fields.*

*MOTION BY:* MARC CENERIZIO

*VOTE REQUIRED:* MAJORITY

*FINANCE COMMITTEE:* CHAIRMAN ST. JEAN RECOMMENDS THIS ARTICLE BY A UNANIMOUS VOTE.

*PASS / FAIL:* ARTICLE 30 PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.

CPA ARTICLES CANNOT BE AMENDED TO EXCEED THE AMOUNT RECOMMENDED BY THE CPC.

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**ARTICLE 30:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 from the Community Preservation Fund balance for Historic Preservation and/or the Undesignated Fund Balance of the Community Preservation Act funds account and/or the FY20 budgeted reserves of the Community Preservation Act funds for the purpose of refacing the façade of the Parting Ways Building and all incidental and related expenses connected with the construction, pursuant to the Community Preservation Act; or take

any other action relative thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Community  
Preservation Committee

**This Article funds the refacing of the Parting Ways Building.**

**The Finance Committee recommends this Article unanimously.**

*MOTION: I move that the Town vote to appropriate and transfer the sum of \$25,000 from the Community Preservation Fund Balance reserved for historic preservation of the Community Preservation Act for the purpose of granting said funds to reface the façade of the Parting Ways Building and all incidental and related expenses connected with the construction.*

*MOTION BY: MARC CENERIZIO*

*VOTE REQUIRED: MAJORITY*

*FINANCE COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN ST. JEAN STATES THE FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THIS ARTICLE BY A UNANIMOUS VOTE.*

*PASS / FAIL: ARTICLE 30 PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.*

CPA ARTICLES CANNOT BE AMENDED TO EXCEED THE AMOUNT RECOMMENDED BY THE CPC.

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**ARTICLE 31:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$35,000 from the Community Preservation Fund balance for Historic Preservation and/or the Undesignated Fund Balance of the Community Preservation Act funds account and/or the FY20 budgeted reserves of the Community Preservation Act funds for the purpose of adding ductless HVAC units to the Parting Ways Building and the Town Hall, including all incidental and related expenses connected with the installation, pursuant to the Community Preservation Act; or take any other action relative thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Community Preservation  
Committee

**This Article funds removes the window air-conditioners from the historic façade of the buildings and replaces them with energy efficient ductless HVAC units.**

**The Finance Committee recommends this Article unanimously.**

**MOTION:** *I move that the Town vote to appropriate and transfer the sum of \$35,000 from the Community Preservation Undesignated Fund Balance of the Community Preservation Act for the purpose of adding ductless HVAC units to the Parting Ways Building and the Town Hall, including all incidental and related expenses connected with the installation.*

**MOTION BY:** *MARC CENERIZIO*

**VOTE REQUIRED:** *MAJORITY*

**FINANCE COMMITTEE:** *VICE-CHAIRMAN BOUCHER STATES THE FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THIS ARTICLE UNOPPOSED.*

**PASS / FAIL:** *ARTICLE 31 PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.*

CPA ARTICLES CANNOT BE AMENDED TO EXCEED THE AMOUNT RECOMMENDED BY THE CPC.

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**ARTICLE 32:** **Included within Consent Agenda – Passed**

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**ARTICLE 33:** **Included within Consent Agenda – Passed**

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**ARTICLE 34:** To see if the Town will vote to fix the maximum amount that may be spent during fiscal year 2020 beginning on July 1, 2019 for the revolving funds established in town by-laws for certain departments, boards, committees, agencies or officers in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53E½;

<i>Revolving Fund</i>	<i>Authorized to Spend</i>	<i>Use of Funds</i>	<i>Revenue Source</i>	<i>FY20 Limit</i>
Public Library	Library Trustees	Library Activities	Fees & Fines	\$6,000
Conservation	Conservation Commission	Commission’s Activities	Fees Rec’d	\$2,500
Park & Recreation	Park & Recreation Commissioners	Park & Recreation Activities	Fees Rec’d	\$12,500
Council on Aging	Council on Aging Board	Senior Center Activities	Fees Rec’d	\$30,000

or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Board of  
Selectmen

**The Article seeks to renew the authorization to use the funds collected through fines, permit fees, and application fees for the support of that department’s activities. Two of the funds are established under the Bylaws of the Town, but Town meeting still needs to authorize the spending limit.**

**The Finance Committee recommends this Article unanimously.**

*MOTION: I move that the town fix the maximum amount that may be spent during fiscal year 2020 beginning on July 1, 2019 for the revolving funds established in town by-laws for certain departments, boards, committees, agencies or officers in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53E½, as presented in Article 34 of the May 13, 2019 Annual Town Meeting Warrant.*

*MOTION BY: DAVID DESROCHES*

*VOTE REQUIRED: 2/3<sup>rd</sup>s MAJORITY*

*FINANCE COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN ST. JEAN STATES THE FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THIS ARTICLE BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.*

*PASS/FAIL: HEARING NO OPPOSITION, ARTICLE 34 PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.*

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**ARTICLE 35: Included within Consent Agenda – Passed**

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**ARTICLE 36:** To see if the Town will vote to reaccept and reaffirm the provisions of G.L. c.32B, §20, as amended by the Municipal Modernization Act, Chapter 218 of the Acts of 2016 (the “Act”), under which the Town has established an Other Post-Employment Benefits Liability Trust Fund (the “OPEB Fund”), for which the Treasurer serves as custodian of the Fund; designate the Treasurer/Custodian as the Trustee of the OPEB Fund, with all the powers and responsibilities identified under the Act and this vote; authorize the Treasurer/Custodian, as Trustee, to employ investment consultant(s), as well as outside custodial service(s) to hold the monies in the Fund, and to pay for those services from the OPEB Fund; authorize the investment of the OPEB Fund under the prudent investor rule established under G.L. c.203C; authorize the Treasurer/Custodian, as Trustee, to execute any and all documents necessary to utilize outside custodial service(s) and/or investment consultant(s), including but not limited to trust agreements, participation agreements, investment agreements, and administrative services agreements;

and designate the Treasurer/Custodian as the “Plan Administrator”, as may be necessary to utilize outside custodial service(s) and authorize the Treasurer/Custodian acting as Plan Administrator to take any other action as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of the vote taken hereunder; and, further, that the balance in full be transferred from the OPEB Stabilization Account and the additional sum of \$100,000 be transferred from Overlay Surplus and deposited in the OPEB Fund; or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Board of Selectmen

**To move the town funds from a dedicated stabilization account to the State’s Trust Fund which will cut auditing expenses and administration fees and dramatically reduce the Town’s projected liability for OPEB.**

**The Finance Committee recommends this Article unanimously.**

**MOTION:** *I move Article 36 as written in the Warrant.*

**MOTION BY:** *ROGER A. CABRAL*

**VOTE REQUIRED:** *MAJORITY*

**FINANCE COMMITTEE:** *VICE-CHAIRMAN BOUCHER STATES THE FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THIS ARTICLE UNOPPOSED.*

*PASS/FAIL: HEARING NO OPPOSITION, ARTICLE 36 PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.*

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**ARTICLE 37:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds or otherwise provide a certain sum of money to be added to the Stabilization Fund as established in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 40, Section 5B, or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Board of Selectmen

**The Finance Committee recommends this Article unanimously.**

**MOTION:** *I move the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$263,209 to be added to the Town’s Stabilization Account.*

**MOTION BY:** *BOB ST. JEAN*

**VOTE REQUIRED:** *MAJORITY*

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

VICE-CHAIRMAN BOUCHER STATES THE FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THIS ARTICLE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$263,209. THE STABILIZATION FUND IS ACUSHNET'S SAVINGS ACCOUNT FOR THE FUTURE NEEDS OF THE TOWN. IT IS VITALLY IMPORTANT TO THE FINANCIAL HEALTH OF THE TOWN TO PROVIDE FOR THE FUTURE.

PASS/FAIL: ARTICLE 37 PASSES WITH OPPOSITION.

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**ARTICLE 38: Included within Consent Agenda – Passed**

You are directed to serve this Warrant by posting a copy thereof attested to by you in writing in each of nine public places in the Town at least fourteen days before the time for holding the meeting called for in the Warrant. Herefore fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk of said Town on or before the 25th day of April 2019.

Given under our hands this 23rd day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand and nineteen.

THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

\_\_\_\_\_  
Roger A. Cabral, Chairman

Attest:

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Kevin A. Gaspar, Sr.

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Pamela A. Labonte, Town Clerk

\_\_\_\_\_  
David Desroches

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**BRISTOL, SS.**

Pursuant to the within Warrant, I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Acushnet by posting up attested copies of the same at the Town Hall, the Council on Aging, the Acushnet Post Office, Jason's Variety, Scuttlebutts Variety, Ford Middle School, Acushnet Elementary School and the Acushnet Public Library, of said Town fourteen days at least before the date hereof, as within directed.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Constable of 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 2018.

The Planning Commission generally held regular meetings one Thursday a month, on a date agreed upon by the members, beginning at 6:30 PM. Regular meetings are held in the Planning Department office on the second floor of the Parting Ways Building. Public hearings and on-site meetings were posted in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, and most meetings have been televised.

The public is always invited to attend the public meetings. In past years, the Planning Commission was able to receive last minute submissions at their meetings. This has been negated due to a change in the Open Meeting Law requiring a posting of the complete agenda for every department more than 48 hours before the meeting. If your business is not on the agenda before the posting time, we regretfully cannot hear you. You will be directed to get on the agenda for the next meeting.

The Planning Department had a busy year of community service. Under the direction of Town Planner, Henry Young, we have moved forward on several projects including multiple ground mounted solar projects and residential subdivision site plan review and permitting. Day to day operation of the Planning Department is aided by the capable assistance of our veteran clerk, Donna Ellis.

Respectfully submitted,

The Planning Commission  
Marc Cenerizio, Chairman  
Richard Ellis  
Mark DeSilva  
Phil Mello  
Bryan Deschamps  
Henry Young, Town Planner

**THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
STATE RECLAMATION AND MOSQUITO  
CONTROL BOARD  
BRISTOL COUNTY MOSQUITO CONTROL PROJECT  
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This year marks the 60th anniversary of the Bristol County Mosquito Control Project and its services to the cities and towns of Bristol County. Our mission is to bring mosquito populations to tolerable levels using a variety of scientifically effective methodologies consistent with applicable laws. Surveillance, water management, biological and chemical controls are performed in an environmentally sensitive manner to minimize potential effects on people, wildlife and the environment.

The Project continues to make investments in new technologies that increase our efficiency and accuracy when fulfilling our mandate. We remain committed to applying environmentally responsible larvicide and adulticide products. Our surveillance program, along with service request data and updated GPS and computer equipment, allow us to focus our pesticide applications to targeted areas.

Disease risk from mosquitoes changes greatly from year to year, this is due to many environmental variables that change every season. Because of this constant change in risk, BCMCP works in a close relationship with the MA Dept. of Public Health to analyze disease risk in current and future years. Often, particularly during drought years, the public tends to forget about mosquito control, it is only the years when arbovirus activity becomes a public health problem that mosquito control gets noticed. 2019 was one of these years, it was extremely active for Eastern Equine encephalitis.

During the 2019 mosquito season, 127,007 mosquitoes were tested for the mosquito borne viruses EEE and WNV. There were 160 isolations of EEE and 3 human cases in the County. Bristol County had 16 mosquito pools test positive for WNV with 1 reported human case. There were no equine cases for EEE or WNV.

The Project continues its year round efforts to reduce mosquito breeding areas through water management and source reduction. Our goal is to remove debris, silt and vegetation from drainage ditches to improve water flow, thus eliminating standing water conducive to larval development. Work is conducted using mechanized machines and by hand.

During the period of January 1, 2019– December 31, 2019 the Bristol County Mosquito Control Project:

- Sprayed over 2,662 acres
- Treated 18.7 acres with B.t.i. 24 locations for mosquito larvae
- Received 239 requests for spraying
- Cleared and reclaimed 2,350 feet of brush
- Cleaned 505 feet of ditches by machine
- Mowed 1.25 acres of brush by machine
- Treated 360 catch basins

Throughout the year, we strive to educate the public concerning mosquito borne diseases and simple ways residents can protect themselves and help prevent breeding on their own property. We have many types of outreach programs available including speaking at public health events, radio/newspaper interviews, visiting local schools, senior centers, and creating informational handouts for distribution. Be sure to check out our website: [www.mass.gov/eea/bristolcountymosquitocontrol](http://www.mass.gov/eea/bristolcountymosquitocontrol) for updates and information.

I would like to thank the town officials and residents of Acushnet for their continued support and cooperation. Our Project is extremely proud of the work we perform and look forward to serving our communities in the upcoming year. If there are any questions concerning the Project's efforts or objectives, please feel free to contact our office.

Respectfully submitted,

Priscilla Matton  
Superintendent

January 3, 2020

Bristol County Mosquito Control Commissioners:

Robert Davis, Chairman  
Gregory D. Dorrance  
Joseph Barile  
Christine A. Fagan

## HISTORICAL COMMISSION

We had a good year at the Long Plain Museum and The Friend's Quaker Meetinghouse. We have had exterior work done at the Meetinghouse which has not been completed. New gutters and downspouts are being replaced. Also we have an on going project with the windows all refurbished by Mr. Sherman of Rochester. They are being restored to original. After all the windows are complete the need for storm windows would complete the work.

The Commission has been busy with getting funds from CPC to have the Museum painted by the Sheriff's dept. work crew. Most was completed with help from the Town guys working with the Building Dept. We are going to try to get new storm windows for the Museum as well.

Web page is: [www.longplainmuseum.org](http://www.longplainmuseum.org). at the Museum and we are on Facebook as well. Trying to ad all new functions that are going on at the Museum and Meetinghouse. The Historical Commission will be replacing the Town Markers along Main Street in 2020. Markers 5,6,7,9 need replacing.

Our project is the Perry Hill Church which the exterior has been completely finished thanks to CPC funding.. Now we have to complete the interior, plus some work needed to the under structure to secure the building. Our goal is still to complete the project so that we would be able to use it again.

We have a very active Historical Commission here in Acushnet and are looking for new members interested in the history of Acushnet and preserving our Historic Buildings. The townspeople should be proud of the condition of the Museum, Meetinghouse as well as Perry Hill Church. We try to open them in the summer on Sunday's so that everyone can visit them.

We are also trying to add more buildings to the National Historic Register and also Historic District, the Perry Hill Church has been approved by MHC to be allowed on the register. Just don't have enough funding for now.

The Hamlin Street bridge is also a project for the near future to be replaced. The Hamlin Woods is a new project with walking trails that lead to the Acushnet Saw Mills park in New Bedford.

The Commission has asked the Cemetery Board for permission to clean all the grave stones starting with the Meetinghouse and the Historical Cemetery's starting in the spring.

The Ancient Cemetery book and the 1860 census book is still available, we also have postcards and Acushnet maps 1851, and 1895, at the museum, call Pauline 508-961-7843 for information.

Also homes over 100 years may have a plaque made with original owner or builder to put on exterior of home. Many owners have taking the Commission up on this request, just

call Pauline for more information.

Respectfully submitted,  
Pauline Teixeira-Chairperson  
Eric Whitlock, acting Secretary  
Madeline J. Gwozdz  
Robert Gilmore

Acushnet Historical Commission

## **PARK DEPARTMENT**

Town of Acushnet, the Park and Recreation department submit the following report for calendar year ending December 31, 2019.

2019 again kicked off on our senior field with both Fairhaven High School and Old Colony using our field as their varsity home field when dry. We also opened the Fairhaven Acushnet Little League season on Knox Field in April. In 2019 Park Supervisor Mike Ashley continued to do an excellent job, which has led to nothing but compliments on the condition of our park and fields. In 2019 Chris Anderson began a 1 year term on the board and will look to be re-elected for another two years, come election day.

In July, Cathy Jason continued leading the towns Summer Rec. program. Cathy and this program are both great assets to our town, her program sees local kids doing arts and crafts, playing games and sports, as well as interacting with others for two hours of daily activity for 6 weeks of the summer. The kids are supervised by local adults and teenagers who help and participate with the children on all activities. Thank you Cathy, for both you and your crew's hard work and dedication each summer.

Our Park Superintendent is in his 4th year, Mike Ashley was assisted by Jack Pelletier until his deployment to Japan. Jack Pelletier is currently our longest tenured employee and continues to assist Mike with his duties in between his duties as an Army Reserve, thank you for your service to our park and country. Owen Richards, Jake Gallagher, Logan Soares are high school students that come to work with Mike and Jack after their school year is over. Thank you for all that you did for the park in 2019.

2019 was a bit of a challenge in field and playground usage due to the threat with EEE. While we pay for year round spraying we were still advised to close down the park at dusk, so evenings in the park was much quieter in 2019 than in years past. The Veteran's Memorial brings a special element to the park and the town and it's great to see it being used for Veteran's Day and Memorial Day ceremonies. In 2019 we have added and continue to upgrade our security systems around the memorial, playground and ball fields. We have been working on a design and have settled on a time period in which we will begin to work on our utility building between the playground and the Veteran's Memorial transforming it into a Pavilion and will be completed in early 2020. As a board, Michael Matton, Chris Anderson and Chad Leclair, we have some great ideas that have been discussed and our goal is to begin some of them in 2020 and in the years to come, please stay tuned. Our next goal is to focus on upgrading the playground, we have already started to look into some things and hope to use 2020 to lockdown work to begin in 2021. In closing, I want to thank our workers for all that they do to keep the park looking as good as it does. To Elf's Landscaping, Tru Green, the DPW, and many others for your work around the park keeping the grass green and the water wet. Our goal is to improve on 2019 with a better 2020, thank you.

Respectfully yours,  
Acushnet Park Board  
Chad Leclair – Chairman  
Chris Anderson  
Michael Matton

## ACUSHNET RIVER VALLEY GOLF COURSE

Acushnet River Valley Golf Course continues to make improvements to add value to its strong reputation of offering the best golf in the market for the lowest price. We have made some renovations to update our facility, as well as, upgraded our outing staging area, in addition to the plans to add some new tee boxes to offer a shorter course for beginners and older clientele. We are also planning on repairing bunkers in need of updating that appear to be worn, the attention to detail is what is first noticed by our loyal customers who continue to provide positive feedback on the results of our efforts for them.

As stated last year' the competitive landscape continues to change and evolve as the economic climate changes and real estate developments continue to flourish in the south coast area'. All things considered we maintained a strong position in the golf market. We capitalized on the stress placed on surrounding golf courses last year with high humidity, we were prepared and remained in outstanding condition then opened for the season after a wet spring , in outstanding shape. Our momentum from last season continued this season as we had a pretty decent season regarding the weather after a non-existent spring it kicked right into a sunny summer. It is our job to prepare the facility to capitalize on when the customer decides to start their golf season, and we did just that. Products, supplies, conditions, rates and service all wrapped up tight and done with a smile, just as the customer wants when they come out for a relaxing day of golf with friends and family. Our operation directly interacts with our clientele throughout a customer's round of golf thereby offering an opportunity to create a bonding relationship of their likes and dislikes continuing to try and improve our operation so they are enticed to frequent our Municipal Championship recreational golf facility. We accept and try and learn from all of our resident and non-resident customers' feedback.

Our Golf Now exposure continues to grow our customer base. It offers an opportunity for us to capture additional market share and we are making the most of it. It is fun and convenient, most golfers have the app on their phone. It is advertised throughout the PGA season during every broadcast. It was a wise endeavor on our behalf and will continue to add value in the eyes of our customers.

It is with great pride I continue to share the insight or our dedication, devotion and commitment to our surrounding communities as the foundation of an outstanding amenity and recreational facility provided by the town of Acushnet. We continue to assist loyal local community charity events in establishing golf tournament fundraisers resulting in thousands of dollars for their charities, over the past decade these charities have raised hundreds of thousands of dollars to help those in need.

Acushnet River Valley impacts the community in a very positive manner.

Our decision last season to buy our equipment on an as needed basis rather than negotiate 3 year rollover lease to own contracts served us well. It allows us more flexibility to accomplish necessary projects while rotating through our equipment fleet without having the debt. We continue to review our budget and make it more efficient every year. We will review the condition of the fleet and manage the required maintenance( or replace a troubled equipment if needed). Our current objective is how do we add even more value

to our customers within our current budget constraints. What projects can we take on to grow the business quicker. We review these concepts bi weekly and once a month with the golf committee. Ideas are expressed, reviewed and implemented to continue forward progress of this entire operation. We aggressively market the golf course conditions and low fees minimizing the cost and maximizing the impact, which provides us with flexibility to adapt to current market conditions and demands. This has been a successful strategy and we will continue to maximize it to its fullest potential. We have maintained our reputation and continue to get positive feedback regarding our level of commitment utilizing our database and communicating specials, low prices, course conditions in imagery, featured events and updating our website offering our customers with new promotions, updated images of the golf course's condition. An important fact to process is we are the affordable comfort for this area, we have grown to develop a loyal customer base that elect to bring their family, friends and business clients to Acushnet River Valley golf course because they know they will be treated with respect. This fact alone drives us to strengthen our relationship and exceed expectations.

I am proud to say Acushnet River Valley is one of the few succeeding in this economic climate. We have always believed and held true to our vision of providing the best possible experience for a fair price. In doing so, we have earned the respect and loyalty from a very large market area. The dedication to this vision is starting to bear fruit, our culture at the golf course is a winning attitude and it is contagious. It rubs off on our customers and on our vendors and then you realize we are all in this endeavor together.

The more success we have creates more success for all those involved.

We have a great ACUSHNET RIVER VALLEY TEAM. I would like to thank the team of Acushnet River Valley staff for tirelessly representing the town with exceptional dedication in achieving our objectives to offer outstanding professional customer service, we understand our customers deserve more. They deserve "the best", so that is exactly what we give them a feeling of community.

Thank you for your commitment and continued support.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dana Przybyszewski

## ACUSHNET PUBLIC LIBRARY

Continuing to use the FY2019-2023 Strategic Plan as a guide, Library staff and the Board of Trustees made it a priority to increase hours of operation at the Library in 2019. Friday hours had long been requested, and staffing levels now allow for the increase in hours. The Library saw an average of 133 additional checkouts per week by opening for four hours on Friday afternoons. Initiatives launched in late 2018 by the SAILS Library Network made an impact throughout 2019: automatic renewals of items that are renewable and a mobile app are two ways the Library is now easier to use than ever before.

Additional 2019 highlights include:

- A 45% increase in overall circulation from 2018, with over 46,000 children's books borrowed throughout the year.
- A 15% increase in program attendance from 2018, with 4,500 children, teens and adults visiting the library to attend an event.
- With donated funds, five brand new PCs, featuring Windows 10, were purchased and installed for public use. The Laptop Loan program, funded by the Friends of the Acushnet Public Library, continued to be of great service.
- 304 new library cards were issued.
- Presentations from local and regional authors including Jeff Belanger, Brian Murphy, and Ted Reinstein, art workshops, Portuguese fado musician Jose Vinagre, and a popular outdoor summer concert series.

### **Library Mission and Offerings – Materials, Programs, Services**

The mission of the Acushnet Public Library is to inspire lifelong learning and strengthen the entire community, through its materials, programs and services, in a welcoming space that is open to all.

The Library offers books, DVDs, audiobooks, music CDs, eBooks, newspapers, magazines, public computers, wifi, online databases, two Study Rooms, and mobile device and technology assistance, all at no cost. Print subscriptions to The Standard Times, The Advocate and the Sunday Boston Globe are held, in addition to over 80 print magazine subscriptions. There are two ways to download books, DVDs, music, and more to personal devices and at no cost to Acushnet Public Library cardholders: Overdrive and hoopla. Digital magazines were added to the Overdrive catalog in 2019. Printers, a copy machine, and a fax machine are available to the public for a small fee. Free children's programs support emerging literacy and are always in demand. Regular story times are offered throughout the year. In 2019, the library partnered with the local PACE program to offer play group style meetups for parents and caregivers with their young children. A 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten initiative was launched in the spring and continues to be popular. The annual Summer Reading Program encourages children to read during the summer months while reinforcing the skills gained during the school year. Hands-on programs for kids, including LEGO Club and Take Apart Workshops, are sought after. The Library also offers programs for adults. Member-driven book groups and a Movie Club meet monthly, in addition to a Knitters Group that meets bimonthly. Regular Technology sessions are scheduled. The delivery service, for homebound patrons, continues. The Community Room attracts various local and state non-profit groups to hold meetings and workshops. The monthly office

hours for Acushnet's State Representative, Girl Scouts meetings, and the 2019 session of the Council on Aging's Memory Café are just a few specific examples of how the Community Room is used.

The Library currently holds visitor passes to Buttonwood Park Zoo, The Hall at Patriot Place, Massachusetts Parks Pass Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR), Mystic Aquarium, New Bedford Whaling Museum, Plimoth Plantation, Robbins Museum of Archaeology, Roger Williams Park Zoo, and USS Constitution Museum. Patrons in good standing are able to check out passes, which provide free or discounted admission to these destinations.

The Library's Museum Pass Program, Laptop Loan program, Library of Things, featuring a telescope, cookie cutters, and cake pans, as well as many special events are made possible by the generosity and dedication of the Friends of the Acushnet Public Library, a non-profit community service organization that supports and enhances library services for the community. Information about how to join the Friends and the group's work can be found on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/AcushnetPublicLibFriends](http://www.facebook.com/AcushnetPublicLibFriends) and on the Library's website.

To obtain a free library card, please present a photo ID and proof of address. Children ages 5+ may have a card with parental permission. No card is required to use materials and services within the Library, with the exception of public computers.

### **State Certification and Interlibrary Loan Benefit for Patrons**

The Library maintained state certification in 2019. 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 2-½% each year over a three 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, which allows the Library to provide residents with a wider variety of materials and services. The Library is a full voting member of the SAILS Library Network. Through SAILS, library patrons have access to the collections of over 70 libraries. In addition to the automated system, SAILS provides cataloging services, technical support and continuing education. The SAILS system allows users to search the catalog, reserve materials, and renew items from a home PC or on a mobile device.

The Library is also a member of the Massachusetts Library System. MLS provides delivery of materials between libraries, regional reference and inter-library loan service, on-line databases, staff training, Summer Reading materials, and professional consultants at no charge to the library.

### **Library Hours of Operations, Staff, and Board of Trustees**

The Library is open year-round. Hours of operation are 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m., Monday and Wednesday; 1:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday; 1:00 p.m. –

5:00p.m., Friday; and 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Saturday. The telephone number is 508-998-0270 and the fax number is 508-998-0271. The website is [www.acupl.org](http://www.acupl.org), and the Facebook page is [www.facebook.com/AcushnetPublicLibrary](http://www.facebook.com/AcushnetPublicLibrary).

Staff of the Acushnet Public Library: Dina M. Brasseur, Director, M.S.L.I.S.; Sandra Medeiros, Patron Services Associate; Bethany Vieira, Children’s Room Assistant; Elisabeth Botelho, Dolores Henry, Kate Lindia, Mary Marshall, Lesley Perkins, and Cynthia Souza, Library Technicians; Richard Sevasin, Custodian.

The six-member Board of Library Trustees has the custody and management of the Library and all related property. The Board typically meets monthly. Acushnet Public Library Board of Trustees: Jennifer Alves (Chair), Diane Ferreira, Nancy Francis, Jeri Howland, Henry Preston, and Stephen Reale.

The Board of Trustees thanks the residents of Acushnet, the Friends of the Acushnet Public Library, Town officers, and other Town departments for their support throughout the year. The businesses, organizations, and individuals who fund the very popular Summer Reading Program, and the many library patrons who donate time and materials, are thanked, as well.

Respectfully submitted,

Dina M. Brasseur, Library Director and the Acushnet Public Library Board of Trustees

## LIBRARY STATISTICAL REPORT 2019

Active Borrower	5,134
Children’s Programs Held	164
Attendance at Children’s Programs	3,053
Tween/Teen Programs Held	21
Attendance at Tween/Teen Program	98
Adult Programs Held	139
Attendance at Adult Programs	1,340
Computers Available for Public Use	11
Computers Available with Internet Access	9
Sessions Held on Computers Available with Internet Access	3,126
Community Room Use	107
Study Room Use	326

### **Materials Holdings (Number of Items)**

Books	22,118
Periodical Subscriptions	90
DVDs	3,583
Audio	698
Downloadable eBooks/Audio/Video (does not include hoopla count)	47,418

### **Circulation (Times Borrowed)**

Books – Adult and Teen	28,206
Books – Children	46,182
Periodicals	3,486
DVDs	18,429
Audio	2,748
eBooks/eMagazines	3,338
Downloadable Audio/Video	3,386
Museum Passes	300
<b>Total Items Circulated</b>	<b>106,075</b>

## VETERAN'S SERVICES

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

The purpose of this position is to provide assistance for military veterans and their families in matters relating to their rights and benefits under various government programs for the Town of Acushnet. The incumbent Veteran Service Officer establishes support programs for financial, medical, educational and vocational matters. Work is generally performed in the second floor office of Town Hall during varied days of the week to accommodate phone requests of veterans. Meetings with veterans are held throughout the town, at people's homes, hospitals, and other veteran facilities.

It is my duty to make regular contact with recently discharged veterans as well as those having served their country in past wars and conflicts. Contacts are also made in person, by telephone, in writing, and by e-mail to Department of Veteran Services employees in the Boston office as well as local contact with VFW and American Legion Posts in Town.

The Veteran Services Officer manages all benefit applications and investigates and approves disbursements of monies and benefits under applicable governing laws and regulations. He assists veterans or their spouses in obtaining service records (DD-214), and assists them in the preparation of various applications and documents pertaining to their health or financial welfare, such as Chapter 115 Veterans Benefits, allowances, state bonuses, G.I. loans and burial allowances. He assists veterans in the preparation of various applications and documents pertaining to their seeking compensation for such health problems they may have developed while serving their country, such as exposure to Agent Orange or PTSD (Post Traumatic Stress Disorder).

It is the responsibility of the Town's Veterans' Service Officer (VSO) to prepare and submit appeal cases for veterans and their dependents, and appear or tele-conference before the Board of Veterans' Appeal on their behalf. The VSO acts as liaison between State and U.S. representatives on behalf of veterans and their dependents.

As VSO, I assist the veteran in finding ways to arrange transportation for disabled or ill veterans to and from VA hospitals or other health care providers. I also serve as Power of Attorney for veterans who request this service when researching and processing their cases to the Rating Review Board of the Department of Veteran Services.

It is the duty of the VSO to perform administrative work necessary to prepare payroll vouchers, billing and related finance and supply duties in-house. The VSO must keep abreast of developments and changes each year by the State Veterans Service Office, as well as keeping abreast of current changes in Massachusetts General Laws and Federal Laws.

I am responsible for assisting the VFW and Legion with flag memorials, and to organize and/or assist with recognition celebrations within the Town of Acushnet. I am available to answer any veterans' questions or requests, or those of their widows, simply by contacting my office. The majority of VSOs in the state are full time (40 hrs. wk) with

several working 10 to 20 hrs./week.

As the present position of VSO in Acushnet is a “part time” due to the Town’s population, it is generally my policy to be in my office at the Town Hall Mondays from 8a.m.-12 p.m. and Thursdays 10am -1 p.m. to work on submitting monthly town payment vouchers to veterans and or their widows, as well as being available for office visits. Variables occur each month, therefore a set amount of hours per week is not practical. I also am in the office on an additional day each week, however, that day is flexible and not open to the public. The hours are to be determined by the requirements of the work load and could vary occasionally.

I am also required to file each month, Town / State reimbursement documents and forms (Chapter 115-Veterans Benefits) of monies paid out by the Town to Veterans or their widows. The State of Massachusetts, Department of Veterans Services, reimburses each city/town in Massachusetts, 75% of all monies paid out by the Town’s VSO to Veterans and or their widows. Massachusetts is the only State in the country with this program. All VSOs must be reviewed and certified by the State of Massachusetts every three years.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ronald T. Cormier --- Veterans Service Officer

# PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The 2018-2019 school year was a productive one for the Acushnet Public Schools. This annual report will highlight and support the abundance of initiatives, activities, and achievements that took place in our town's public schools this past year.

## **School Committee**

The School Committee is the governing board of the town's public school system. In Acushnet, the committee is a five-member board elected to three overlapping terms. Current members of the Acushnet School Committee are:

Jody Tavares, Chair  
Sarah Gomes  
David DeTerra

Jennifer Downing, Vice-Chair  
Craig Sumner

The School Committee maintains several subcommittees. Current members that make up these subcommittees are as follows:

- Budget Subcommittee - Jennifer Downing and Sarah Gomes
- Negotiations Subcommittee - Jennifer Downing and Craig Sumner
- Policy and Evaluation Subcommittee - Sarah Gomes and Jody Tavares

Additionally, the School Committee maintains other positions as follows:

- Old Colony Vocational Appointment Committee - David DeTerra, Sarah Gomes, and Craig Sumner
- Southeastern Massachusetts Educational Collaborative (SMEC) Representative - Sarah Gomes

## **A Message from the Superintendent**

The district is continuing the mission of working in partnership with staff, parents, and the community to promote success, growth, and learning in a safe and supportive environment. We believe if we collaborate with these stakeholders, then our students will excel academically, socially, and emotionally and be prepared for the challenges that await them.

Hence, we have begun to not only collaborate within grade levels and with our buildings on this very important work, but we are working together throughout the district. Our vision that we are putting forth is that of "Two Schools...One District". This past year and moving forward, our intentions are that all strategic planning, system creating, and culture building embed this vision as the lens through which decisions are made. We have identified three core constructs that provided the underpinnings of our work:

- (1) Alignment – across curricular, assessments, instructional and social emotional approaches, and community partnerships.
- (2) Student Support – both academically and socially emotionally while embracing parents as partners.
- (3) Communication and Community – our progress will be enhanced or disrupted by how

we collaborate, resolve conflict, and build a sense of cohesiveness.

We continually strive to (1) Achieve Academic Excellence for All, (2) Create Thriving Social and Emotional Learning Experiences, and (3) Partner with Parents and Community in this work.

**Strategic Plan:** The district’s strategic plan is current and outlines a plan from January 2017 through January 2020. While the plan contains a lot of valuable information and action steps, it lacks alignment between AES and FMS. Therefore our Leadership Team is tasked with continuing to update this “living document” as we set goals that align with our vision, core values and corresponding action steps. This past year we developed a “one page” strategic overview which is being utilized to guide our work.

**Core Values:** Through a process of gathering input from leadership and educators throughout the district, we compiled a list of core values that guide our work. In addition, to the existing emphasis on collaborative environment and community engagement, our educators identified the following:

- Relationships and Trust
- Student Enthusiasm and Creativity
- Critical Thinkers and Problem Solvers
- Growth Mindset and Effort
- Meeting Students’ Academic and Social Emotional Needs
- Respect for each child’s uniqueness and abilities
- Respect for cultural differences
- Advocacy for our students
- Professional Growth

**Curriculum and Instruction:** The significance of identifying our core values is to ensure that they are embedded in all our efforts, and most importantly are tangible in our classrooms. Hence, we have begun the process of identifying how consistently our classrooms embrace core values such as critical thinking and problem solving, and student enthusiasm and creativity, and enhance students’ growth mindset.

As in all our efforts to date, we are conducting this work in a cross-district manner. That is, educators from both the elementary and middle school are part of the process. Specifically, our efforts include:

- Monthly walkthroughs of a given school conducted by a team of building leaders from both schools and the Superintendent.
- A more vertically aligned system of professional development for staff, where the two levels collaborate to ensure consistency.
- Review of existing curricular to ensure vertical alignment as well as alignment with the core values of critical thinkers and problem solvers, student enthusiasm and creativity, and meeting students’ academic needs. This work is being completed with a thorough curriculum audit at both schools and then district leaders and teachers will prioritize the curricular needs based on the outcomes of the audit.

Acushnet does not maintain a high school. As a result, Acushnet sends its students to several area high schools, which include Bristol County Agricultural High School,

Fairhaven High School, New Bedford High School, and Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School. All but the latter high school is accounted for in the school department's budget.

Several students were enrolled in various schools as part of school choice. As of December 2019, 20 students were enrolled in School Choice placements as follows:

- Old Rochester Regional: 9
- Freetown-Lakeville: 6
- New Bedford: 2
- Dartmouth: 1
- Mattapoissett: 1
- TEC Connections Academy (virtual school): 1

### **Albert F. Ford Middle School**

During the 2018-2019 School Year, we continued to experience an increase in our enrollment. As we continue to grow our rigorous academic programming, our focus remains on student achievement and maximizing growth for all students. As of June 2019, we had 439 students in grades 5-8 (101 students in the 5th grade, 106 in the 6th grade, 123 in the 7th grade and 109 in the 8th grade).

**Curriculum and Instruction:** All content area teachers are working on standards-based units of instruction, with high levels of rigor and student participation. Our Social Studies department rolled out a revised curriculum to reflect the newly adopted 2018 MA History and Social Science Curriculum Frameworks. This revision includes an emphasis on civics for all grade levels, including a civics class in 8th grade. All 5th graders spent one day at the Sea Lab program in New Bedford.

**Social Emotional Learning:** To support students who struggle with therapeutic and behavioral needs as well as all students, we have one guidance counselor and two school adjustment counselors. A full-time Child & Family counselor is also assigned to our district. The MARC Program (Massachusetts Aggression Reduction Center) from Bridgewater State University spoke to all students on anti-bullying in November 2019. Five staff members from Ford Middle School will be trained by the University and become certified trainers of their anti-bullying curriculum.

**Technology:** We have 184 chrome books spread out through grades 5-8 and all students access their own Google account. Teachers are using the Google classroom and many Google Apps throughout the school day. We currently have five educators who are Level 1 Google certified and will be training additional educators for the Level 2 certification.

**After School Activities:** We have girls' and boys' soccer and basketball teams, volleyball, and flag football. Our teams compete at home and away with three middle schools in New Bedford and several of the local charter schools. We also offer many after school clubs including: Art, Media, Yearbook, Drama, Fitness, Student Council, Rubik's Cube, Harry Potter, and Knitting. We offer a late bus on most Tuesdays and Thursdays throughout the school year. Ford Middle School's Band and Chorus proudly participate

in several music festivals and competitions throughout the year.

Our National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) is very active in our school community as well as the community of Acushnet. NJHS members volunteer at many in-and-out-of-school events throughout the year. For example, their volunteer efforts have included organizing food drives for the Acushnet Council on Aging, volunteering many hours at Gifts to Give and collecting cans of soup for our local food pantry.

Ford is also home to an accredited NASA Solar System Ambassador, Mr. Joseph Cote. Our program has junior Solar System Ambassadors consisting of 15 students in Grades 5-8. This group of talented and passionate students study and give presentations for our school community and the greater community of Acushnet on NASA topics and areas of study. We have launched several weather balloons and continue to explore and support the STEM curriculum. We also host a very active Boy Scout Program. In fact, Troop 11 has approximately 60 Cub and Boy Scouts.

### **Acushnet Elementary School**

Acushnet Elementary School (AES) has approximately 580 students in grades preschool through four. There continues to be five self-contained classrooms in grades one through four, two preschool classrooms, and two resource classrooms. We projected our need for six grade one classrooms for the 2019-2020 school year. Students in grades kindergarten through four receive instruction in art, computer technology, music, physical education and STEM (Science Technology, Engineering and Math).

The following curriculum initiatives ground all our professional collaborative meetings and student-centered instruction and assessment:

- We use data to provide targeted and standards-based instruction for the academic, social, emotional, behavioral and physical domains;
- We collaborate within grade levels (horizontal) and across grade levels (vertical) to align our expectations for assessing the Massachusetts Common Core Standards. This work includes discussions to calibrate standards-based instruction and assessment; and
- We strengthen our referral system to ensure appropriate support for academic and social, emotional learning. This work includes looking at ongoing anecdotal and formative data during our regularly scheduled Student Teacher Assistant Team (STAT) meetings.

As a result of our focus areas, professional development opportunities continue to strengthen and equip each educator's capacity to provide high quality, standards-based instruction to all learners. Professional development meetings and workshops have included:

- Updating ELA (English Language Arts) standards-based units by integrating the new HSS (History and Social Science) standards. We also collaborated at grade-level

meetings to plan for new resources for the integration of HSS standards.

- Maintaining a collaborative data talk model (predict, go visual, observe trends/patterns, and form conclusions) to align how we measure student growth and achievement, as well as provide interventions for at-risk learners.
- Creating look-fors to identify students' levels of mastery in the social and emotional curriculum standards. Our guidance team will support teachers in providing appropriate interventions for students who need assistance to be self-aware, to self-regulate and self-manage, and to be responsible decision makers.

AES has an active School Council that meets approximately five times a school year. Last year, Student Council's main projects included collaborating with our school lunch staff to add new condiment options and recycling materials, designing a future school store (The Wildcat Den), and sharing Wildcat News at monthly assemblies.

The Little Toy playground area underwent reconstruction to include two levels of recreational areas. We are in the process of securing funds to purchase two playground structures. The Big Toy playground was updated with new ground surface and replacement playground equipment (swings and climbing equipment).

AES continues to offer a wide range of extra-curricular school and community activities. These include: our annual Vocabulary Day parade and Veterans Day program, monthly PBIS school assemblies, PTO-sponsored field trips in each grade level, Rockin' Runners and Garden clubs, basketball, field day for grades pre-kindergarten to grade four, grade-level events (i.e., Pajama Read-a-thon Day- grade K; Gingerbread Houses with Families-grade 2; Science/Research Fair-grade 4), and before and after school extra help.

### **Special Education**

Acushnet Public Schools continues to provide students with disabilities access to high quality curriculum and inclusive general education programs. In-district resources coupled with supplementary consultative services provide the teaching and learning environment necessary for students with disabilities to work toward grade level expectations. Working together, general education staff and special education staff provide equitable and inclusive opportunities for all learners leading to improved outcomes for students with disabilities.

The district continues to provide high quality early childhood programs through two integrated preschool classrooms and a substantially separate classroom for students with more complex needs. The integrated classrooms offer four sessions, which provide early childhood readiness curriculum for our youngest learners. At the elementary and middle school levels, we provide inclusive as well as small group special education services for students with disabilities in order to provide a tiered level of support as needed. The elementary school has a resource model for students in K-2 and 2-4 which provides a more specialized setting for students requiring a more specialized approach to learning. Ford Middle School also offers resource services to students in 5-8 as well. The district

continues to strengthen the Therapeutic Learning Center (TLC) at the middle school which focuses on social/emotional and behavioral needs of students requiring a more clinical approach to working on these specific skills.

For any student with disabilities or learning needs, services in general education with supplementary aids is provided when possible in the least restrictive environment in the neighborhood school. There are special education teachers and paraprofessionals for each grade level, pre-k through 8, who help support the inclusion model. Special education teachers provide in-class academic support through a co-teaching model as well as small group specialized intervention. Eighty-eight percent (88%) of students, ages 3-5, are in full inclusion classrooms, and seventy-nine percent (79%) of students, ages 6-21 are also in inclusive classrooms.

The Special Education Department participated in an onsite visit from the Department of Education in the Spring of 2019. The district was once again found to have no non-compliances and given a classification of not needing assistance or intervention.

The Acushnet School District continues to be a full member of the Regional Educational Assessment and Diagnostic Services (READS) Collaborative along with Southeastern Massachusetts Educational Collaborative (SMEC). These collaborative programs provide specialized instruction and support to students beyond the scope of in-district programs.

### **McKinney-Vento**

Acushnet families who find themselves displaced or lacking fixed, adequate, regular housing are swiftly accommodated so that student attendance at school is not interrupted. Transportation is the primary resource provided to students and families who are considered homeless.

### **Districtwide Technology**

We continue to make great strides when it comes to supporting the technology needs of Acushnet Public Schools. Our department is made up of the Chief Technology Officer; a Registrar & Data Specialist; a full-time, and a part-time Computer Network Technician. Not only do we manage the day-to-day technology operations of the school district, we also oversee the town side operations.

The 2018/2019 school year proved to be another busy, yet successful year. It was our first year with the new Aspen student data management system. This new system allowed us to consolidate most student and family data into one software program. The system is used for report cards, demographic data, attendance and much more. Student Chromebooks were also purchased to enhance student technology access at both the Acushnet Elementary School and Ford Middle School. In addition numerous laptops and desktops were purchased to replace aging computers. We began to update many computers as well to the new Windows 10 operating system.

With the help of town meeting we were able to secure funding for several capital purchase items as well. We have begun to replace many of our aging classroom projectors that are used for instruction with new state-of-the-art touch panel screens. These TV's are essentially giant iPads that allow both teachers and students to actively engage in teaching and learning. We also upgraded our HVAC software which allows us to monitor and control heat/A.C. across the district.

As we continue to move forward, we look to increase interoperability between school and town technology resources. Creating a more personalized student technology experience is also in our future.

**Budget and Grants**

In May, Town Meeting appropriated \$14,662,271 for the school department for its FY 2020 budget. This budget was a 3.2% increase from the prior fiscal year. The positions of Curriculum Director and ELL Teacher were added in FY20.

The District applied for and received several grants for FY20:

<b>Grant</b>	<b>FY19 Allocation</b>	<b>FY 20 Allocation</b>	<b>Change</b>
Title IIA, (140)	\$15,391	\$18,822	+3,431
SpEd IDEA, (240)	\$265,623	\$286,459	+20,836
Early Childhood SpEd,	\$6,598	\$6,831	+\$233 (262)
Title I (305)	\$68,378	\$94,353	+\$25,975
Title IV (309)	\$5,404	\$10,000	+4,596

In total, the District received \$55,071 more in grant funds in FY20 than in FY19. Grant funds are used as follows:

**Title IIA**

Provides supplemental resources to school districts to support systems of support for excellent teachers and learning. Funds primarily used for mentors for new educators and administrators.

**IDEA 240**

Ensures that eligible students with disabilities receive a free and appropriate public education that includes special education and related services designed to meet their individual needs. Funds used for salaries, contract services, and supplies.

**Early Childhood SpEd**

Ensures that eligible 3, 4, and 5 year olds with disabilities receive a free and appropriate public education that includes special education and related services designed to meet their individual needs in the least restrictive environment. Funds used to offset preschool salaries.

**Title I**

Helps provide children significant opportunity to receive a fair, equitable, and high-quality education and to close educational achievement gaps. Funds used for teacher salaries, professional development and testing materials.

**Title IV**

Provides supplemental resources to build capacity and to ensure that all students have equitable access to high quality educational experiences. Supports well-rounded educational opportunities, safe and healthy students, and effective use of technology. Funds used for professional development and supplies.

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