

Town Records and Reports

of the

TOWN OFFICERS

TOWN OF ACUSHNET



1997

TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

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

TOWN SERVICES

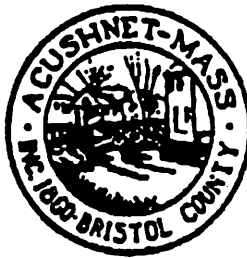
Accountant	998-0220
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Building Department	998-0225
Gas & Plumbing Inspector	998-0225
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Town Clerk	998-0215
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Tree Warden	998-8379
Veteran's Services	998-0225
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In Memoriam

Doris A. Messier

School Department

1959 - 1965

Board of Health

1981 - 1995

Date of Death -- January 2, 1997

Raymond H. Gonneville

Highway Department

1952 - 1970

Park Commission

1955 - 1958

Planning Board

1959 - 1970

Date of Death -- March 10, 1997

Alice N. Tatro

Council on Aging

1979 - 1997

Date of Death -- March 14, 1997

Lea F. Maillet

Council on Aging

1994 - 1996

Date of Death -- April 19, 1997

Margaret Heap

Board of Health

1927 - 1938

Date of Death -- April 22, 1997

Matthew L. Niziolek

School Department

1942 - 1967

Date of Death -- May 2, 1997

In Memoriam

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

TOWN OFFICERS 1996 - 1997

Town Clerk

Richard Threlfall	Term Expires 1999
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Board of Selectmen

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

Board of Assessors

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

Board of Health

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

School Committee

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

Commissioner of Trust Funds

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

Trustees of Free Public Library

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

Cemetery Board

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

Park Commissioners

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

Housing Authority

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

Planning Board

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

Moderator

Robert E. Francis	Term Expires 1999
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Tree Warden

Robert M. Lanzoni	Term Expires 1999
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Board of Public Works

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

RESULTS OF ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION HELD APRIL 7, 1997

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

CLERK'S REPORT - PRECINCT I

To the Town Clerk of Acushnet:

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

Polls were opened at 10:00 a.m. by Warden Eva Mach.

Ballot box register when polls were opened 0.

Number of votes cast to be counted 466.

Number of votes cast by males 235.

Number of votes cast by females 231.

Number of ballots spoiled -0-.

Total number of ballots received 1011 + 13 absentee ballots.

Ballots returned 558.

The following officers were present:

Warden: Eva Mach

Clerk: Juliana Perry

Inspectors: Anntoinette Boissoneau, Nora Gaouette, Arlette LaPalme, Joyce Tillett.

Police Officers: Gil Marques, Joseph Pontes, James Costa.

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

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

CLERK'S REPORT - PRECINCT II

To the Town Clerk of Acushnet:

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

Polls were opened at 10:00 a.m. by Warden Wanda Bourgeois.
Ballot box register when polls were opened 0.
Number of votes cast to be counted 443.
Number of ballots spoiled -0-.
Number of votes void or not used 576.
Total number of ballots received 1008 + 11 absentee ballots.

The following officers were present:

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

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

A true record, Attest: /s/ Virginia Baird, Clerk
Clerk of Election Officers
Richard Threlfall, Town Clerk

CLERK'S REPORT - PRECINCT III

To the Town Clerk of Acushnet:

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

Polls were opened at 10:00 a.m. by Warden Mary Jane Rymut.
Ballot box register when polls were opened 0.
Number of votes cast to be counted 255.
Number of ballots spoiled -0-.
Number of ballots returned 751.
Number of ballots received 1000 + 6 absentee ballots.

The following officers were present:

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

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

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

RESULTS OF THE ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION

HELD APRIL 7, 1997

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

SCHOOL COMMITTEE - 3 YEARS

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

SCHOOL COMMITTEE - 2 YEARS

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

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

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

COMMISSIONER OF TRUST FUNDS

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

TRUSTEE OF FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

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

CEMETERY BOARD

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

PARK COMMISSIONER

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

HOUSING AUTHORITY - 5 YEARS

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

HOUSING AUTHORITY - 2 YEARS

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

PLANNING BOARD

Blanks	136	124	70	330
Marc Cenerizio	330	319	185	834
Total	466	443	255	1164

A true copy, Attest:

Richard Threlfall
Town Clerk

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

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

Elaine G. Miranda
Executive Secretary

Leanne Pereira
Secretary

OFFICERS APPOINTED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

FINANCE COMMITTEE

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

POLICE COMMISSIONERS

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

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY ASSISTANT TOWN COLLECTOR ASSISTANT TOWN TREASURER Elaine Miranda

TOWN ACCOUNTANT/DIRECTOR OF FINANCE Alan G. Coutinho

TOWN TREASURER John Nunes

TOWN COUNSEL Kopelman & Paige

CONSTABLES

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

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

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER
Alfred Brouillette

ASSISTANT ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER
Emanuel Maciel

DEPUTY ANIMAL INSPECTOR/OFFICER
Christy Dias (Fairhaven)

ASSISTANT DEPUTY ANIMAL OFFICER/INSPECTOR
Alfred Brouillette

REGISTRAR OF VOTERS

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

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

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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

MOTH SUPERINTENDENT
Robert Lanzoni

ENFORCEMENT AGENT FOR THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Leo Lyonnais

**VETERANS' AGENT, DIRECTOR OF VETERANS' SERVICES
VETERANS BURIAL AGENT FOR INDIGENT SOLDIERS &
SAILORS & VETERANS GRAVE OFFICER (C115 S7 & 9)**

Michael P. Moses

ACUSHNET EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES DIRECTOR

Adrienne Y. Rivet

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (CIVIL DEFENSE)
DEPUTY CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR**

Gerard Bergeron

PUBLIC WEIGHERS

Donat A. Desroches

Filomena Zuille

ELECTION OFFICERS

PRECINCT 1

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

PRECINCT 2

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

PRECINCT 3

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

BOARD OF APPEALS

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

COUNCIL ON AGING

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

COUNCIL ON AGING BUILDING COMMITTEE

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

WIRE INSPECTOR

Frank Knox
Al Hubert (Resigned)

DEPUTY WIRE INSPECTOR

Victor Pereira
James Knox (Resigned)

GAS INSPECTOR

Raymond N. LaFrance
(Appointed by the Building Commissioner)

ALTERNATE GAS INSPECTOR

Henry Daigle
(Appointed by the Building Commissioner)

PLUMBING INSPECTOR

Raymon N. LaFrance
(Appointed by the Building Commissioner)

ALTERNATE PLUMBING INSPECTOR

Henry Daigle
(Appointed by the Building Commissioner)

INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS

Leo Lyonnais

DEPUTY BUILDING INSPECTOR

Christopher Renfree

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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

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

Leo Coons

Stephen D. Ellis

Steven Raposa

SAFETY COMMITTEE

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

STREET NAME COMMITTEE

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

BUILDING BOARD OF APPEALS

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

INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

Antonio Camara

SEALER OF WEIGHTS & MEASURES

Marianne Marshall

YOUTH COMMISSION

Nancy Francis

Everett L. Hardy, Jr.

Reverend Robert Hardy

Mark Kochanek

Charles Pelletier

ARTS COUNCIL

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

RIGHT TO KNOW COORDINATOR

Paul R. Cote (Fire Chief)

BY-LAW REVIEW COMMITTEE

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

PARTING WAYS BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

Charlotte Coutinho

Matthew Goulet

Pearl Goulet

William Murphy

Connie Preston

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

Robert J. St. Jean (Board of Selectmen)

S.R.T.A. ADVISORY COMMISSION MEMBER

Everett L. Hardy, Jr.

GOLF COURSE/RECREATION DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

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

SOIL CONSERVATION BOARD

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

TOWN INSURANCE BROKER

Feitelberg Agency, Inc.

WELLFIELD STUDY COMMITTEE

Barbara Bonville	Gerard DaCosta
Richard H. Ellis	Mitchell Kut

CABLE T.V. ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

COAL PLANT DESIGNEE

Walton Braley

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE COMMITTEE

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

GROWTH MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

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

POWER STUDY COMMITTEE

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

HOUSING PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE

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

PORTABLE SIGN COMMITTEE

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

TAX SHIFT STUDY COMMITTEE

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

ADA COORDINATORS

Joao Acucena	Marc Cenerizio
Madeleine Cioper	Paul R. Cote
Stephen Gilmore	Valdene Kane
Leo Lyonnais	Elaine Miranda
Claudette Olivier (Alternate)	

HERRING WARDEN

John Mello

ASSISTANT HERRING WARDEN

Ted Govoni

SHELLFISH WARDEN/HARBOR MASTER

Alfred Braley

DEPUTY SHELLFISH WARDEN

Robert Medeiros

ASSISTANT SHELLFISH WARDEN/HARBOR MASTER

Peter W. Koczera

PPWG - HARBOR TRUSTEE COUNCIL MEMBER

Alfred Braley

PCB REPRESENTATIVE

Peter W. Koczera

SPECIAL POLICE OFFICER OF NEW BEDFORD WATER WORKS

Arthur Calheta

SPECIAL POLICE OFFICER ACUSHNET METHODIST CHURCH

David Rawcliffe

GOLF MANAGEMENT & OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Alan Coutinho	1998
John Howcroft	1998
Edward Isaac	1998
John Nunes	1998
Gary Rousseau	1998
Robert J. St. Jean	1998
Manuel Goulart	1999

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

To the Officers and Residents of the Town of Acushnet.

Following is a recapitulation of the Fiscal 98 Tax Rate.

TAX RATE SUMMARY

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

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

EXPENDITURES

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

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS AND AVAILABLE FUNDS

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

LOCAL ESTIMATED RECEIPTS

Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise	594,315.00
Penalty and Interest on Tax and Excise	69,169.00
Water	628,484.00
Licenses and Permits	93,676.00
Fines, Forfeits and Fees	57,470.00
Investment Income	115,639.00
Other Departmental Revenue	143,777.00

Total Estimated Receipts 1,702,530.00

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

There is a great deal of building in the Town of Acushnet. The sales for 1996 were lower though, which is what mainly dropped the valuation for the Town by a little over nine million dollars. Commercial as well as Residential. The tax rate on the other hand has risen due to the amount spent at Town Meeting. The amount spent is allowed to rise 2-1/2% each and every year.

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

The consultant to the Board of Assessors is continuing to make in-house inspections to update the Assessors' records as required by the Department of Revenue, as well as building permit inspections.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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

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

Consultant
Catherine M. Salmon

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

Births, Marriages and Deaths Vital Statistics 1997

BIRTHS:

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

MARRIAGES:

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

DEATHS:

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

Attest:

Richard Threlfall
Town Clerk

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Reconciliation of Treasurer's Cash

July 1, 1996 - June 30, 1997

Balances per Reconciled Bank Statements

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

John L. Nunes
Town Treasurer

RECEIPTS FISCAL YEAR 1997

GENERAL FUND

PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES

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

REAL ESTATE TAXES

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

TAX LIENS REDEEMED

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

MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE

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

FARM EXCISE

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

PENALTY AND INTEREST

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

RUBBISH

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

FEES

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

OTHER DEPARTMENTAL REVENUE

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

LICENSES

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

PERMITS

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

FINES AND FORFEITURES

Dog	825.00
Library	1,827.94
Parking	<u>752.00</u>
	3,404.94

STATE SHARED REVENUE

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

MUNICIPAL MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT 42,949.60

EARNINGS ON INVESTMENTS 115,639.17

INTERFUND TRANSFERS

From Special Revenue 142,500.00

TOTAL GENERAL FUND \$12,007,019.23

SCHOOL LUNCH FUND**\$207,825.44****HIGHWAY CHAPTER 90****\$249,560.80****SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS**

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

SCHOOL SPECIAL REVENUE

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

<u>WATER FUND</u>	\$513,649.87
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<u>CAPITAL PROJECTS</u>	\$516,130.44
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<u>SEWER FUND</u>	\$520,166.23
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<u>GOLF ENTERPRISE</u>	\$25,466.41
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<u>TRUST FUNDS</u>	
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Contributions	50.00
Interest	40,383.56
Transfers	<u>46,165.80</u>
	\$86,599.36

TOTAL	<u>\$14,702,739.42</u>
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Attest:

Alan G. Coutinho
Director of Finance

**APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES
FISCAL YEAR 1997**

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

**FY 1997
Actual Approp.**

**FY 1997
Actual Expend.**

TOWN ACCOUNTANT 1135

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

ASSESSORS 1141

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

TOWN TREASURER 1145

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

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

TOWN COLLECTOR 1146

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

TOWN COUNSEL 1151

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

DATA PROCESSING 1155

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

	FY 1997	FY 1997
	Actual Approp.	Actual Expend.

TOWN CLERK 1161

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

REGISTRAR OF VOTERS 1163

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

CONSERVATION 1171

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

SOIL BOARD 1172

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

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Actual Approp.

FY 1997
Actual Expend.

PLANNING BOARD 1175

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

BOARD OF APPEALS 1176

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

TOWN HALL COMPLEX 1192

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

BY-LAWS 1197

Office Supplies	2,001.00	1,977.47
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POLICE DEPARTMENT 2210

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

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

FIRE DEPARTMENT 2220

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

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES 2232

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

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

From Taxation: \$10,091.01

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

BUILDING DEPARTMENT 2241

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

SEALER WEIGHTS & MEASURES 2244

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

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY 2291

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

ANIMAL CONTROL/DOG OFFICER 2292

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

FORESTRY 2294

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

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT 5350

Regional School	1,047,420.00	1,047,420.00
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ACUSHNET SCHOOL DEPARTMENT 5350

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

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HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT 4422

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

HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION 4421

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

HIGHWAY ROAD EQUIPMENT 4423

O.P.R.S. - Snow Rem., Emerg.	25,000.00	24,508.04
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STREET LIGHTS 4424

Electricity	60,000.00	53,554.64
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SEMASS 4431

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

CEMETERY 4491

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

HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE 5510

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

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Actual Approp.**

**FY 1997
Actual Expend.**

ANIMAL INSPECTOR 5519

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

COUNCIL ON AGING 5541

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

VETERANS 5543

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

LIBRARY 6610

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

	FY 1997	FY 1997
	Actual Approp.	Actual Expend.

RECREATION 6630

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

PARK DEPARTMENT 6650

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

HISTORICAL COMMISSION 6691

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

CELEBRATIONS 6692

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

	FY 1997 Actual Approp.	FY 1997 Actual Expend.
MISCELLANEOUS 2699		
Shellfish Warden/Harbor Master	300.00	38.68
Herring Inspector	300.00	0.00
Cable TV	1,200.00	218.16
Art. 10 - Buzzard Bay Act. Comm.	<u>1,266.00</u>	<u>1,266.00</u>
Total	3,066.00	1,522.84
RETIREMENT OF DEBT 7710		
L. T. D. Purchase Lease Agree.	31,193.00	31,192.92
Long Term Debt	<u>25,000.00</u>	<u>25,000.00</u>
Total	56,193.00	56,192.92
INTEREST 7751		
Long Term Debt Interest	1,100.00	1,099.08
Short Term Debt - Loan Interest	<u>25,000.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total	26,100.00	1,099.08
REGIONAL HEALTH DISTRICT 5835		
Health Agent	26,102.00	26,102.00
COUNTY ASSESSMENTS 8830		
County Tax	73,363.00	73,362.57
STATE ASSESSMENTS 8850		
Spec. Ed.	10,191.00	5,248.00
RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge	0.00	3,640.00
Mosquito	13,308.00	13,297.00
Air Pollution	1,915.00	1,915.00
RTA Assessment	19,496.00	19,496.00
SRPEDD	<u>1,433.10</u>	<u>1,433.10</u>
Total	46,343.10	45,029.10
PENSIONS 1911		
Bristol County Retirement	271,216.00	271,216.00
Social Security	18,000.00	17,892.47
Medicare	<u>39,200.00</u>	<u>38,975.38</u>
Total	328,416.00	328,083.85

WORKERS COMPENSATION 1912

Fringe Benefit/Charges	62,242.00	62,242.00
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UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION 1913

Fringe Benefits/Charges	15,533.66	6,345.14
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HEALTH INSURANCE 1914

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

LIABILITY INSURANCE 1945

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

TRANSFERS 9999

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

SEWER DEPARTMENT REVENUE 6004440

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

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

From Sewer Users' Fees

WATER SURPLUS 2704450

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

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

OTHER EXPENDITURES

FY 1997
Actual Expend.

CAPITAL PROJECTS

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

CHAPTER 90 HIGHWAY

Highway Projects & Equipment	110,044.25
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SCHOOL SPECIAL REVENUE

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

SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

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

**FY 1997
Actual Expend.**

TRUSTS

Various

9,221.57

GRAND TOTAL

\$14,652,513.38

Attest:

Alan G. Coutinho
Town Accountant

TOWN OF ACUSHNET GENERAL FUND

BALANCE SHEET JUNE 30, 1997

ASSETS

CASH and SHORT TERM INVESTMENTS	\$1,330,011.45
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RECEIVABLES

Personal Property 1992-1997	4,812.17
Real Estate 1990-1997	199,791.86
Allow Abate. & Exempt. 1992-1997	(310,893.05)
Tax Liens 1973-1996	493,183.00
Tax Possessions	2,291.92
Taxes in Litigation	307.65
Motor Vehicle Excist 1991-1997	61,696.94
Farm Excise 1996-1997	319.00
Rubbish Receivable	4,202.50
Rubbish Liens 1995-1997	3,694.64
Other	<u>2,550.00</u>

TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>\$1,791,968.08</u></u>
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LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY

LIABILITIES

Warrants Payable	472,942.42
Other Liabilities	30,723.31
Accrued Payroll	39,928.64
Tailings	2,266.14
Deferred Revenue	
Real Estate and Personal Property	(106,289.02)
Tax Liens	493,183.00
Tax Possessions	2,291.92
Tax Litigation	307.65
Rubbish	4,202.50
Rubbish Liens	3,694.64
Motor Vehicle	61,696.94
Farm Excise	<u>319.00</u>

TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u><u>\$1,005,267.14</u></u>
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FUND EQUITY

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

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

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

Attest:

Alan G. Coutinho
Director of Finance

**TOWN OF ACUSHNET
SCHOOL LUNCH**

**BALANCE SHEET
JUNE 30, 1997**

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

Attest:

Alan G. Coutinho
Director of Finance

**TOWN OF ACUSHNET
SCHOOL SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS**

**BALANCE SHEET
JUNE 30, 1997**

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

Attest:

Alan G. Coutinho
Director of Finance

**TOWN OF ACUSHNET
SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS**

**BALANCE SHEET
JUNE 30, 1997**

ASSETS	
CASH and SHORT TERM INVESTMENTS	\$282,791.43
RECEIVABLES	
E.M.S.	<u>58,669.53</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$341,460.96</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	
LIABILITIES	
Warrants Payable	2,280.50
Due to Collection Agency	0.00
Deferred Revenue E.M.S.	<u>58,669.53</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>\$60,950.03</u>
FUND EQUITY	
Com. Dev. Grant	124.62
Building Maintenance Fund	26,801.38
Cable Education & Gov. Access	25,000.00
PEG Access	10,921.16
D.A.R.E. Grant	0.00
A.D.I.A.A.C. Police	0.00
Law Enforcement Trust	3,221.59
Cops Grant	0.00
Fire S.A.F.E.	11.37
Library Lit/Meg	10,863.67
Library Gift Fund	488.92
Library Building	38,000.00
Board of Health	480.00
Composite Bins	1,350.90
Title 5	18,000.00
Arts Lottery Council	3,708.34
Parting Ways Building Fund	0.00
Parting Ways Beautification	210.92
Notice of Intent Conservation	7,886.83
E.M.S. Fund	133,441.23
Outside Ads	<u>0.00</u>
TOTAL FUND EQUITY	<u>\$280,510.93</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	<u>\$341,460.96</u>

Attest:

Alan G. Coutinho
Director of Finance

**TOWN OF ACUSHNET
HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT FUND**

**BALANCE SHEET
JUNE 30, 1997**

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

Attest:

Alan G. Coutinho
Director of Finance

**TOWN OF ACUSHNET
WATER SURPLUS FUND**

**BALANCE SHEET
JUNE 30, 1997**

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

Attest:

Alan G. Coutinho
Director of Finance

**TOWN OF ACUSHNET
CAPITAL PROJECT FUNDS**

**BALANCE SHEET
JUNE 30, 1997**

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

Attest:

Alan G. Coutinho
Director of Finance

**TOWN OF ACUSHNET
SEWER ENTERPRISE FUND**

**BALANCE SHEET
JUNE 30, 1997**

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

Attest:

Alan G. Coutinho
Director of Finance

**TOWN OF ACUSHNET
GOLF ENTERPRISE FUND**

**BALANCE SHEET
JUNE 30, 1997**

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

Attest:

Alan G. Coutinho
Director of Finance

**TOWN OF ACUSHNET
TRUST FUNDS**

**BALANCE SHEET
JUNE 30, 1997**

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

Attest:

Alan G. Coutinho
Director of Finance

**TOWN OF ACUSHNET
AGENCY FUNDS**

**BALANCE SHEET
JUNE 30, 1997**

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

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

Attest:

Alan G. Coutinho
Director of Finance

**TOWN OF ACUSHNET
LONG TERM DEBT GROUP**

**BALANCE SHEET
JUNE 30, 1997**

ASSETS	
AMOUNTS TO BE PROVIDED	\$13,300.00
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$13,300.00</u>

LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	
LIABILITIES	
Municipal Purposes Bonds	\$13,300.00
Sewer Project Phase II Bond	0.00
Water Improvement Bonds	<u>0.00</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>\$13,300.00</u>

FUND EQUITY	
Bonds Authorized (Water)	\$240,900.00
Bonds Authorized (School Roof)	301,000.00
Bonds Authorized (Golf Course)	5,800,000.00
Bonds Unissued (Water)	(240,900.00)
Bonds Unissued (School Roof)	(301,000.00)
Bonds Unissued (Golf Course)	<u>(5,800,000.00)</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	<u>\$13,300.00</u>

Attest:

Alan G. Coutinho
Director of Finance

REPORT OF THE ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

To the Officers and Residents of the Town of Acushnet:

Total number of dogs	1453
Total number of dog owners	1100
Number of dogs licensed	480
Number of dogs unlicensed	973
Number of kennel licenses	25
Number of dogs caught	54
Number of cats	27
Number of dogs claimed	35
Number of cats claimed	0
Number of cats/dogs destroyed	15
Number of cats/dogs adopted	30
Number of dead animals	97
Number of complaints	618
Number of RABIES cases investigated	1
Number of POSITIVE cases	0
Number of hearings heard by Selectmen	1
Number of dogs restrained by Selectmen	1
Number of court hearings	0
Total mileage	4774

Respectfully submitted,

Alfred O. Bouillette
Animal Control Officer

**REPORT OF THE
ANIMAL INSPECTOR**

To the Officers and Residents of the Town of Acushnet:

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

Respectfully submitted,

Antonio B. Camara
Animal Inspector

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

Thomas J. Fortin, Chairman
Robert Medeiros
Gerald Toussaint

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

To the Officers and Residents of the Town of Acushnet:

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

The Board reorganized as follows:

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

Health Care Program

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

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

Health District

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

Full-time Sanitarian

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

Receipts for 1997:

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

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas J. Fortin, Chairman
Robert Medeiros
Gerald Toussaint

REPORT OF THE HEALTH AGENT

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

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

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

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

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

REPORT OF THE PACT PROGRAM

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Judith R. Coykendall, MSM
Program Director

REPORT OF THE BRISTOL COUNTY MOSQUITO CONTROL PROJECT

On June 30, 1997 the Bristol County Mosquito Control Project completed thirty-eight years of service to the cities and towns of Bristol County.

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

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

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

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

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

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

It is the policy of the Bristol County Mosquito Control Program to use pesticides that are environmentally safe so that the safety of the people and environment are not jeopardized. We use as many of the biological insecticides as are practical with the environmental conditions present in the New England

area. We are presently using three different formulations of B.T.I. in our larviciding program.

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

The 1997 mosquito season got underway with mosquito larvae appearing in many wetland areas by mid-March. Mosquito breeding sites were much larger than previous years due to the extremely high water levels. This resulted in unusually large broods of adult mosquitos.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Alan W. DeCastro
Superintendent

REPORT OF THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT

To the Officers and Residents of the Town of Acushnet:

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Leo Lyonnais, Inspector of Buildings
Chris Renfree, Deputy Inspector
Patricia Harbeck, Senior Clerk

REPORT OF THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT

To the Officers and Residents of the Town of Acushnet:

The following permits were issued for the fiscal year ending June 1997.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Leo Lyonnais, Inspector of Buildings
Chris Renfree, Deputy Inspector
Patricia Harbeck, Senior Clerk

REPORT OF THE GAS INSPECTOR

To the Officers and Residents of the Town of Acushnet:

The Gas/Plumbing Department issued 82 permits for the fiscal year ending June 1997, and collected \$3,010.00 in fees.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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

REPORT OF THE PLUMBING INSPECTOR

To the Officers and Residents of the Town of Acushnet:

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

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

REPORT OF THE WIRE INSPECTOR

To the Officers and Residents of the Town of Acushnet:

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

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

REPORT OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Objective:

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

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

Conservation Commission Town Hall office hours:

Monday	9:00 - 1:00 pm	Secretary
Tuesday	9:00 - 1:00 pm	Secretary
Wednesday	9:00 - 1:00 pm	Secretary
Thursday	9:00 - 1:00 pm	Secretary
	1:00 - 4:00 pm	Agent by appointment
Friday	9:00 - 1:00 pm	Secretary

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

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

1997 Filings under MGL Chapter 131 Section 40:

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

Commission Membership:

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

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

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

1997 Achievements:

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

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

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

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

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

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

Respectfully submitted,
Conservation Commission

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL ON AGING

To the Officers and Residents of Acushnet:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Senior I.D. photos are taken by appointment. The Share Program is sponsored by the Acushnet Council on Aging and is distributed from the Center.

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

We assist seniors in filling out forms for fuel assistance. Income tax forms are also filled out free of charge for our seniors. Appointments are required for these services.

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

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

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

REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Richard H. Settele
Debra J. Threlfall

Superintendent
Senior Clerk

HIGHWAY DIVISION

Raymond Barlow
Leonard Spooner
John Mello
Paul Fortin
Douglas Rodgers

Highway Supervisor
Working Foreman

Brian Monte
David Gifford

WATER/SEWER DIVISION

David J. Fredette
Antone Medeiros
Mark Faunce
John Genereux

Water/Sewer Supervisor
Working Forman

Joel Herman

To the Officers and Residents of the Town of Acushnet:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WATER AND SEWER DIVISION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

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

REPORT OF THE ACUSHNET EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

To the Officers and Residents of Acushnet:

The Acushnet Emergency Management Agency are volunteers who are trained to support the work of Town departments, such as Police, Fire, E.M.S., Public Works and any other Town Organizations, as well as working with the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency and the Federal Emergency Management Agency. We respond to personal crises as well as town-wide disasters such as hurricanes and winter storms. We provide lighting to town events and traffic control for parades and traffic accidents.

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

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

In 1997, again I would like to thank SEMCARES, the Southeast Coastal Massachusetts Amateur Radio Emergency Services which is a group of Amateur Radio operators (Ham Radio), for their assistance in the Acushnet Road Race giving communications along the course. This also provided the race with an extra set of eyes and safety for the runners. This year we also are involved more with the SEMCARES which will provide us with communications in case there are power and telephone outages and also when shelters are opened. SEMCARES will provide point to point communications and message capability when phone lines go down.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,
Gerard Bergeron, Director

REPORT OF THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE

To the Officers and Residents of the Town of Acushnet, MA, I hereby submit my annual report for the year ending December 31, 1997.

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

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

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

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

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

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

We continue to receive many ambulance requests directly into the EMS office. We urge everyone to take advantage of the E 9-1-1 system. We are currently educating the community, through CPR classes, on how to access their emergency services by simply dialing 9-1-1. We continue our commitment to teaching citizens Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR). This year we were fortunate to start teaching CPR classes to the Health class at the Middle School and babysitting classes to interested teens.

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

I would like to thank the Building Committee and EMS Department members for their diligence and patience throughout this project. We thank the townspeople for allowing us to serve them in 1997.

The year's statistics are as follows:

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

Yours In Service To Life

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

Liseta Arruda
 David Bernard
 Kevin Black
 Christine Cabral
 Raymond Cabral

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

Mark Joseph
 Patrick Mentzer
 David Pereira
 Michael Rebello
 Amy Valente

REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

To the Officers and Residents of the Town of Acushnet:

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

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

The following permits, certificates, and reports were issued:

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

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

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

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

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

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

Thank you, residents and officials for your continued support.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul R. Cote
Fire Chief

REPORT OF THE HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

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

REPORT OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY

April of 1998 will mark our 24th anniversary at Presidential Terrace.

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

Our meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month throughout the year in the Community Hall at residential Terrace at 7:00 p.m. The office is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

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

NUMBER OF OCCUPANTS	NET INCOME RANGE
One Person	Max. \$23,500.00
Two Persons	Max. \$26,900.00

As of August 9, 1996, DHCD has eliminated the maximum asset limits as long as the applicant's yearly net income is below the net income range.

Applicants must be over the age of 60 years or handicapped/disabled to be eligible.

Our 689 Project on Garfield Street has been open for over five years and working successfully.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

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

REPORT OF THE ACUSHNET PLANNING COMMISSION

To the Officers and Residents of the Town of Acushnet:

The Planning Commission respectfully submits the following report for the calendar year 1997:

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

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

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

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

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

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

Two preliminary subdivision plans were received:

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

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

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

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

REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

To the officials and residents of the Town of Acushnet, I hereby submit my report for the year ending December 31, 1997.

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Town purchased a new 1997 Ford cruiser.

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

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

OTHER ACTIVITIES

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

MEMBERS OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

CHIEF OF POLICE

Michael R. Poitras

SERGEANTS

Barry W. Monte
Stephen McCann
Michael G. Alves

FULL TIME OFFICERS

Gil Marques, Jr.
Charles G. Pelletier
Louann Jenkinson
James D. Costa
David A. Swift
Christopher R. Richmond

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

PART TIME OFFICERS

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

James M. Vieira
Gary A. Coppa

DISPATCHERS

Annette Y. Richard
Kimberly A. DeFrias

Respectfully submitted,

Michael R. Poitras
Chief of Police

REPORT OF THE PARK DEPARTMENT

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

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

REPORT OF THE RUSSELL MEMORIAL LIBRARY

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

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

Our small, but mighty, Friends of the Russell Memorial Library is led by capable volunteers, Connie Preston and Cynthia Marks. Our annual booksale was held on September 6, 1997. Mrs. Preston and Mrs. Marks would like to send special thanks to all those who helped: Cecelia Tavares, Deborah Healey, Norman Thatcher, Emily McLaughlin, and Rose Trahan. The moneys from the sale of these donated and surplus items go toward building our video collection and toward children's programming.

Our staff visited all classes at the Acushnet Elementary School. The library sponsored a contest to see which class had the most children who had their own library card. Pizza parties were given to the top three classrooms. Thanks to the following merchants: Judy's D & D Pizza, Metro Pizza, and Papa Gino's. We used our grant from the Acushnet Cultural Council to bring in noted author, Janet Taylor Lisle. Mrs. Lisle presented three separate performances for third, fourth, and fifth grades. She talked about what it is like to be an author and where she gets her ideas. The children were marvelous listeners and many later came to the library to request her books.

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

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

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

We would also like to thank Roseland Nursery for donating bookmarks and Acushnet Federal Credit Union for donating borrowers' card covers. We would also like to thank our Friends of the Russell Memorial Library for the refrigerator magnets that we give to new patrons, the videos, and the special programs for our children. We would also like to thank the Police Association for the additions to our children's video collection.

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

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

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

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

Patrons can now access the SEAL public access catalog from home. Please see a librarian for details.

In addition to our book collection, patrons may borrow videos, games, teaching kits, audiobooks, music CD's, and CD/ROM's.

With the efforts of the director, staff, and trustees, along with their determination that the town maintain and improve upon minimum standards for a town of our size, Acushnet was awarded state grants totaling \$10,393 from the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners. This money has been designated by the Finance Committee to fulfill the materials' expenditures required by the Board of Library Commissioners. Town officials have been advised that when the town population is verified to be over 10,000 in the next census, the minimum standards for library service will change. The library will be required to be open more hours and have more stringent requirements for staff credentials.

The library received a \$6000 Health Information Grant from federal monies distributed to individual libraries by The Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners. These monies will be used for programming and materials in health-related areas.

The trustees continue to support SEAL. The library has been on-line for approximately ten years. Because of our network membership, the library can offer our patrons access to and delivery of materials from other libraries' collections which now encompass more than 1,000,000 unique titles. The linking of the administrations of SEAL and another network, ABLE, will also expand our access. Membership in SEAL has enabled the town library to provide services to our residents which would be otherwise impossible. Towns which chose not to join an automated network cannot provide their patrons with our expanded advantages. Through SEAL, our library obtains professional cataloging for all of its materials and participates in interlibrary and intralibrary loan networks. Students may now access our network from a home Internet connection and reserve necessary materials. Sponsored by the Eastern Massachusetts Regional Library System, SEAL's van delivery system provides our patrons with materials usually within a library day or two of the original request. We receive delivery five days a week thanks to a locked box.

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

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Alfred Robichaud, Chairperson
 Christina Gaudette, Secretary
 JoAnn Bertrand

RUSSELL MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Statistical Report 1997

Volumes at beginning of year	15,008
Volumes purchased	1,341
Volumes donated	103
Volumes lost/withdrawn	595
Volumes at end of year	15,857

Periodical subscriptions purchased	36
Periodical subscriptions donated	72
Total	108

Videos owned	563
Audiobooks owned	85
Music CD's owned	100
CD/ROM's owned	83

Registration

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

Circulation

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

Respectfully submitted,

Valdene Kane, Library Director

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Conclusion

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

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

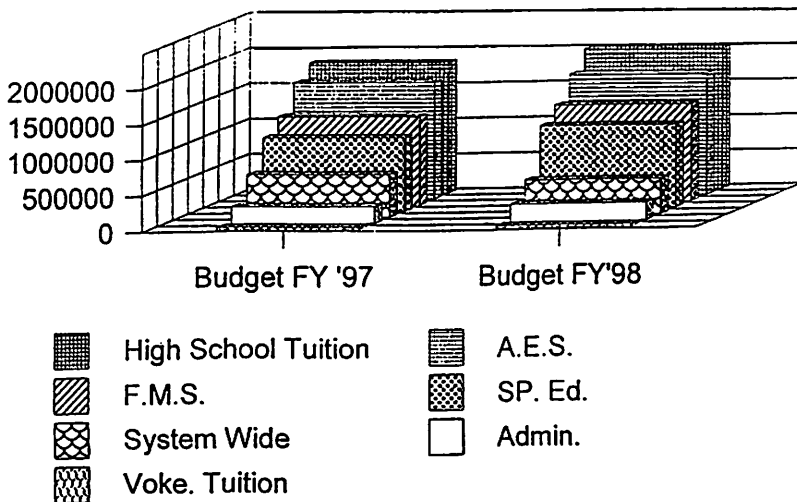
Respectfully submitted,

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

FY98 BUDGET BREAKDOWN

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

SCHOOL BUDGET BREAKDOWN



REPORT OF THE SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

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

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Marianne E. Marshall
Sealer of Weights and Measures

REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONERS SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

(SRPEDD)

The Town of Acushnet continued its participation in the Southeastern Regional Planning & Economic Development District during 1997. SRPEDD (pronounced sir-ped) is the regional agency serving twenty-seven cities and towns in southeastern Massachusetts. We are governed by a commission of local mayors, selectmen, planning board members and at-large members. We are funded by federal and state grants and local assessments. For 1997, the Town of Acushnet paid \$1,433.10 for our services, based upon an assessment of 15 cents per capita.

During the past year, the Town was represented on the SRPEDD Commission by Robert St. Jean and Marc Cenerizio. The Joint Transportation Planning Group representative was Richard Settele and Manuel Raposa.

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

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

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

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

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

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

- Zoning Amendment Review
- SRPEDD computerizes accident data annually

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

Respectfully submitted,

Southeastern Regional Planning & Economic Development District
(SRPEDD)

REPORT OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

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

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ACUSHNET AT A GLANCE

Incorporated: February 13, 1860

Type of Government: Open Town Meeting

Population: 9,209

9,554 (State Census)

Total Valuation

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

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

Registered Voters: 5,906

Total Area: 18 Square Miles

Churches: 6

Public Schools: 2

Parochial Schools: 1

Regional School: 1

Principal Industries:

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

4th CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Congressman Barney Frank

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

2nd BRISTOL SENATORIAL DISTRICT:

Mark C. W. Montigny

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Annual Election of Officers: 1st Monday in April

Annual Town Meeting: 4th Monday in April