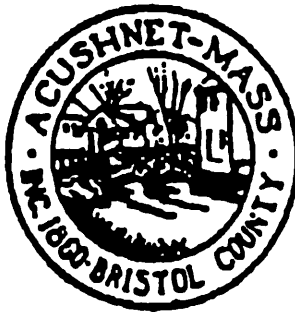


Town Records and Reports

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TOWN OFFICERS

TOWN OF ACUSHNET



1998

TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

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Police Department	9-1-1
Police Department	998-0240
Acushnet Emergency Medical Service (Ambulance)	9-1-1
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TOWN SERVICES

Animal Control Officer	998-9040
Assessors	998-0205
Building Department	998-0225
Cemetery Department	998-3908
Council on Aging	998-0280
Board of Public Works, Water/Sewer Department	998-0230
Emergency Management Agency (Civil Defense)	998-0295
Gas Inspector	998-0225
Health Board	998-0275
Park Department	998-0295
Planning Board	998-0230
Plumbing Inspector	998-0225
Russell Memorial Library	998-0270
School Business Manager	998-0261
Selectmen	998-0200
Superintendent of Schools	998-0260
Tax Collector	998-0210
Town Clerk	998-0215
Treasurer	998-0212
Tree Warden	998-8379
Veterans' Services	998-0225
Visiting Nurse Association	998-0275
Wire Department	998-0225

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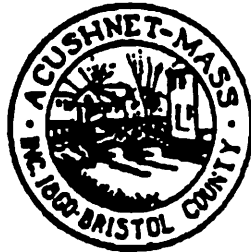
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1998

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In Memoriam

Taft A. Buaiz, Sr.

Housing Partnership

1976 -- 1991

Date of Death -- January 5, 1998

Manuel A. Rodriques

Volunteer Recycling Committee

Board of Public Works

1994 -- 1995

Date of Death -- January 15, 1998

John Sylvia

Board of Selectmen

1976 -- 1991

Board of Assessors

1974 -- 1975

Date of Death -- February 10, 1998

Edna Roman

School Department

1960 -- 1978

Date of Death -- April 19, 1998

Henry Alves

Highway Department

1971 -- 1987

Date of Death -- May 6, 1998

Cecelia Tavares

Precinct Worker

1981 -- 1998

Date of Death -- August 19, 1998

Brenda E. Raposa

Cemetery Board

1983 -- 1986

Safety Committee

1995 -- 1998

Date of Death -- December 27, 1998

TOWN OFFICERS 1997 -- 1998

Town Clerk

Richard Threlfall

Term Expires 1999

Board of Selectmen

Peter W. Koczera

Term Expires 1999

Everett L. Hardy, Jr.

Term Expires 2000

David E. Wojnar

Term Expires 2001

Board of Assessors

Eugene L. Dabrowski

Term Expires 1999

George H. Perry, Jr.

Term Expires 2000

Michael A. Cioper

Term Expires 2001

Board of Health

Robert Medeiros

Term Expires 1999

Gerald L. Toussaint

Term Expires 2000

Thomas J. Fortin

Term Expires 2001

School Committee

Robert M. Lanzoni

Term Expires 1999

Patricia Scott

Term Expires 1999

Francis R. Kuthan

Term Expires 2000

Manuel Goncalves

Term Expires 2001

Alan S. Miner

Term Expires 2001

Commissioner of Trust Funds

Juliana Perry

Term Expires 1999

Madeleine Cioper

Term Expires 2000

Nicolangela Filippone

Term Expires 2001

Trustees of Free Public Library

Christina Gaudette

Term Expires 1999.

Alfred H. Robichaud

Term Expires 2000

JoAnn Bertrand

Term Expires 2001

Cemetery Board

Joanne Cioper

Term Expires 1999

Paul H. Fortin

Term Expires 2000

Dorothy Lackie

Term Expires 2001

Park Commissioners

Raymond Cabral

Term Expires 1999

Donald J. Guenette

Term Expires 2000

Gary L. Rousseau

Term Expires 2001

Housing Authority

Mary M. Niemic		Term Expires 1999
James Vieira	(resigned 2/5/98)	Term Expires 2000
Nancy Brightman		Term Expires 2001
Paul St. Don	(resigned 11/12/98)	Term Expires 2002
David White		Term Expires 2003
Lawrence P. Mulvey	(appointed 6/29/98)	Term Expires 1999

Planning Board

Garry Rawcliffe		Term Expires 1999
Richard H. Ellis		Term Expires 2000
Richard A. Ellis		Term Expires 2001
Marc Cenerizio		Term Expires 2002
Richard P. Forand		Term Expires 2003

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

Matthew C. Goulet		Term Expires 1999
David W. Grenon		Term Expires 2000
Kenneth J. Souza		Term Expires 2000
Jean P. Lemieux		Term Expires 2001
Michael J. Lefrancois	(resigned 10/5/98)	Term Expires 2001
Robert St. Jean	(appointed 11/2/98)	Term Expires 1999

TOWN OATHS ADMINISTERED BY RICHARD THRELFALL
TOWN CLERK 1998

Date of Oath 1998	Name	Office	Date of Election or Appointment	Term Expires
Jan. 16, 1998	William Contois	COA Building Committee Member	Appointed 01/12/1998	05/01/1999
Jan. 16, 1998	Everett Hardy, Jr.	COA Building Committee Member	Appointed 01/12/1998	05/01/1999
Jan. 16, 1998	Joseph G. O'Brien	COA Building Committee Member	Appointed 01/12/1998	05/01/1999
Jan. 16, 1998	Herve W. Vandal Jr.	Constable	Appointed 01/12/1998	01/01/2001
Jan. 20, 1998	Ginger A. Miller	Registrar of Voters	Appointed 01/05/1998	02/01/2000
Jan. 20, 1998	Dr. Hector H. Roy	Finance Committee Member	Appointed 01/12/1998	01/12/1999
Jan. 27, 1998	Kerrie Almeida	Weigher	Appointed 01/26/1998	05/01/1999
Jan. 30, 1998	David Rawcliffe	COA Building Committee Member	Appointed 01/12/1998	05/01/1999
Feb. 2, 1998	Antonio Camara	Inspector of Animals	Appointed 02/02/1998	
Feb. 13, 1998	Dorothy Lackie	Clerk - Precinct III	Appointed 02/02/1998	05/01/2001
Feb. 24, 1998	Lucille Hardy	COA Building Committee Member	Appointed 01/12/1998	05/01/1999
Mar. 2, 1998	Ronald Labonte	Building Board of Appeals	Appointed 01/12/1998	05/01/2003
Mar. 26, 1998	Rebekah A. Tomlinson	Constable	Appointed 03/16/1998	03/16/2000
April 7, 1998	Joann C. Bertrand	Trustee Free Public Library	Elected 04/06/1998	04/01/2001
April 7, 1998	Michael Cioper	Assessor	Elected 04/06/1998	04/01/2001
April 7, 1998	Nicolangela Filippone	Commissioner of Trust Funds	Elected 04/06/1998	04/01/2001
April 7, 1998	Richard P. Forand	Planning Commissioner	Elected 04/06/1998	04/01/2003
April 7, 1998	Thomas J. Fortin	Board of Health	Elected 04/06/1998	04/01/2001
April 7, 1998	Michael J. Lefrancois	Board of Public Works	Elected 04/06/1998	04/01/2001
April 7, 1998	Alan S. Miner	School Committee	Elected 04/06/1998	04/01/2001
April 7, 1998	Juliana F. Perry	Commissioner of Trust Funds	Elected 04/06/1998	04/01/1999

Date of Oath 1998	Name	Office	Date of Election or Appointments	Term Expires
April 7, 1998	David E. Wojnar	Selectman	Elected	04/06/1998
April 28, 1998	William Murphy	COA Building Committee Member	Appointed	04/27/1998
April 30, 1998	Stephen D. Ellis	Representative OCRVTHS Committee	Appointed	05/01/1998
May 4, 1998	Dorothy Gomes	Inspector - Precinct I	Appointed	04/27/1998
May 5, 1998	Alan Coutinho	COA Building Committee Member	Appointed	01/12/1998
May 5, 1998	John Nunes	COA Building Committee Member	Appointed	01/12/1998
May 18, 1998	Marvin Allison	Historical Commission Member	Appointed	05/04/1998
May 18, 1998	Susan Hallet	Safety Committee Member	Appointed	05/04/1998
May 18, 1998	Lawrence Marshall	Board of Appeals Member	Appointed	05/04/1998
May 19, 1998	Ruth Gilmore	Council on Aging Member	Appointed	05/04/1998
May 19, 1998	Irwin Marks	Historical Commission Member	Appointed	05/04/1998
May 20, 1998	Gerard Bergeron	Cable Advisory Committee Member	Appointed	05/04/1998
May 20, 1998	Stella Bertrand	Council on Aging Member	Appointed	05/04/1998
May 20, 1998	Norma Pimental	Cultural Council Member	Appointed	05/04/1998
May 20, 1998	Gerrie Reed	Safety Committee Member	Appointed	05/04/1998
May 21, 1998	Kerrie Almeida	Weigher (Tilcon Capaldi, Inc.)	Appointed	05/04/1998
May 21, 1998	Louise Richard	Historical Commission Member	Appointed	05/04/1998
May 22, 1998	Alfred Brouillette	Animal Control Officer	Appointed	05/11/1998
May 26, 1998	Dorothy Gomes	Council on Aging Member	Appointed	05/04/1998
May 27, 1998	Norman Fredette	Capital Expenditure Comm. Member	Appointed	05/04/1998
May 27, 1998	David M. Tomlinson	Constable	Appointed	05/11/1998
May 28, 1998	Raymond LeBlanc	By-Law Review Committee Member	Appointed	05/11/1998
June 1, 1998	David Davignon	Conservation Commission Member	Appointed	05/04/1998
June 1, 1998	Barbara Mello	Board of Appeals Member	Appointed	05/04/1998
June 2, 1998	Robert Medeiros	Deputy Shellfish Warden	Appointed	05/04/1998

Date of Oath 1998	Name	Office	Date of Election or Appointments	Term Expires
June 2, 1998	Robert Medeiros	Housing Partnership Comm. Member	Appointed	05/01/2000
June 9, 1998	Filomena Yuille	Weigher (Tilcon Capaldi, Inc.)	Appointed	05/04/1998
June 17, 1998	Paul Pelletier	Finance Committee Member	Appointed	06/15/1998
June 24, 1998	Leonard Samerio	Conservation Commission Member	Appointed	06/01/1998
July 6, 1998	Raymond Hanks	Deputy Building Inspector	Appointed	06/29/1998
July 9, 1998	Madeline Gwozdz	Historical Commission Member	Appointed	05/04/1998
July 9, 1998	Rebekah A. Tomlinson	Animal Control Officer/Inspector	Appointed	06/29/1998
July 14, 1998	Alan Coutinho	Golf Mgmt. & Operational Committee	Appointed	07/13/1998
July 14, 1998	Ed Isaac	Golf Mgmt. & Operational Committee	Appointed	07/13/1998
July 14, 1998	Cindy Leonard	Golf Mgmt. & Operational Committee	Appointed	07/13/1998
July 14, 1998	John Nunes	Golf Mgmt. & Operational Committee	Appointed	07/13/1998
July 15, 1998	Milton M. Cordoniz	Constable	Appointed	06/29/1998
July 15, 1998	Gary Rousseau	Golf Mgmt. & Operational Committee	Appointed	07/13/1998
July 17, 1998	Roland E. Lavallee	Constable	Appointed	06/29,1998
July 22, 1998	Denise Botelho	Alternate Member - Cable Advisory	Appointed	06/15/1998
July 22, 1998	Patricia Scott	Capital Expenditure Comm. Member	Appointed	05/04/1998
July 23, 1998	Paul Picard	Conservation Commission Member	Appointed	05/04/1998
July 27, 1998	Michael Moses	Veterans' Agt. & Dir. Veterans' Services	Appointed	06/29/1998
July 27, 1998	Michael Moses	Veterans' Burial Agent & Grave Officer	Appointed	06/29/1998
July 28, 1998	Lawrence Mulvey	AHA Board of Commissioners	Appointed	06/29/1998
Aug. 4, 1998	Edward Govoni	Capital Expenditure Comm. Member	Appointed	05/04/1998
Aug. 5, 1998	Paul Melo	Safety Committee Officer	Appointed	05/04/1998
Aug. 8, 1998	Richard A. Moniz	Constable	Appointed	05/11/1998
Aug. 17, 1998	Debra Richard	Associate Registrar of Voters	Appointed	08/10/1998
Sept. 2, 1998	Robert Brown	Alternate Deputy Building Inspector	Appointed	06/29/1998

Date of Oath 1998	Name	Office	Date of Election or Appointments	Term Expires
Oct. 26, 1998	Frank J. Adesso	Constable	Appointed	01/19/1998
Nov. 5, 1998	Robert St. Jean	Board of Public Works Member	Appointed	11/02/1998
Nov. 16, 1998	Patricia Mendonca	Conservation Commission Member	Appointed	05/01/1998
Dec. 18, 1998	Michael Asquino	Constable	Appointed	11/18/1998
Dec. 29, 1998	Raymond LeBlanc	Tilcon Closure Plan Comm. Member	Appointed	12/07/1998
Dec. 29, 1998	Donald Guenette	Saw Mill Referral Board Member	Appointed	12/21/1998
	James Vieira	Acushnet Housing Authority	Resigned	02/05/1998
	Matthew Goulet	Capital Expenditure Committee	Resigned	04/07/1998
	Richard Threlfall	COA Building Committee Member	Resigned	04/07/1998
	Cecilia Tavares	Inspector - Precinct II	Resigned	06/09/1998
	Alfred Brouillette	Animal Control Officer	Resigned	07/01/1998
	Mary R. Allison	Conservation Commission	Resigned	09/10/1998
	Michael Lefrancois	Board of Public Works	Resigned	10/05/1998
	Robert Lanzoni	Capital Expenditure Committee	Resigned	10/06/1998
	Robert Bertrand	Conservation Commission	Resigned	10/06/1998
	Dorothy R. Renfree	Registrar of Voters	Resigned	11/12/1998
	Paul St. Don	Acushnet Housing Authority Comm.	Resigned	11/12/1998

RESULTS OF ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION

HELD APRIL 6, 1998

Register of Voters as of Close of Registration, March 16, 1998

	Democrats	Republican	Libertarian	Unenrolled	Total
Precinct I	946	78	0	960	1984
Precinct II	936	141	0	1,011	2088
Precinct III	721	122	0	1,062	1905
Totals	2,603	341	0	3,033	5977

CLERK'S REPORT -- PRECINCT I

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 poles were opened -- 0.
 Number of votes cast to be counted -- 721.
 Number of votes cast by males -- 364.
 Number of votes cast by females -- 357.
 Number of ballots spoiled -- 1.
 Number of escrow ballots -- 2.
 Number of ballots void or not used -- 274.
 Number of ballots received -- 976, plus 22 absentee -- total 998.
 Remarks: 2 Escrow ballots were cast.

The following officers were present:

Warden: Eva Mach
 Clerk: Juliana Perry
 Inspectors: Nora Gaouette, Dorothy Gomes, Arlette LaPalme,
 Joyce Tillet.
 Police Officers: Mark Antone, David Swift, Jim Vieira.

Polls were closed at 8:00 P.M. and the ballot box registered 721.

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

CLERK'S REPORT -- PRECINCT II

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 poles were opened -- 0.
Number of votes cast to be counted -- 762.
Number of ballots spoiled -- 2.
Number of ballots void or not used -- 204.
Number of ballots received -- 955, plus 11 absentee -- total 966.

The following officers were present:

Warden: Wanda Bourgeois
Clerk: Isabelle Forand
Inspectors: Nancy Brown, Stella Bertrand, Cecilia Tavares,
Dorothy Daniels
Police Officers: Chris Richmond

Polls were closed at 8:00 P.M. and the ballot box registered 762.

A true record, Attest: /s/ Isabelle Forand, Clerk
Clerk of Election Officers
Richard Threlfall, Town Clerk

CLERK'S REPORT -- PRECINCT III

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

Ballot box register when polls were opened -- 0.
Number of votes cast to be counted -- 463.
Number of ballots spoiled -- 0.
Number of ballots void or not used -- 512.
Number of ballots received -- 975.
Remarks: 1 ballot recycled.

The following officers were present:

Warden: Mary Jane Rymut
Clerk: Dorothy L. Lackie
Inspectors: Olive Laycock, Janice Richard, Florence Lecuyer,
Aline Saulniers, Alice Kut, Rebecca Alferes.
Police Officers: Paul Melo, Joseph Pontes, Michael J. Nunes.

Polls were closed at 8:00 P.M. and the ballot box registered 463.

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 6, 1998**

	Prec. I	Prec. II	Prec. III	Total
SELECTMEN				
Blanks	26	31	12	69
Kevin A. Gaspar, Sr.	32	38	25	95
Paul C. Pelletier	72	106	77	255
Richard Threlfall	253	272	162	687
David E. Wojnar	338	314	186	838
Write-Ins				
Howard Plaud		1		1
TOTAL	721	762	462	1945
ASSESSOR				
Blanks	179	204	113	496
Michael A. Cioper	541	557	345	1443
Write-Ins				
Paul Cote	1			1
Matthew Kut		1		1
Alfred Robichaud			1	1
Norman Nichols			1	1
Walter Tomkiewicz			1	1
Miscellaneous			1	1
TOTAL	721	762	462	1945
BOARD OF HEALTH				
Blanks	158	186	115	459
Thomas J. Fortin	563	576	341	1480
Write-Ins				
Thomas Fortin			1	1
Andy Taylor			1	1
Steve Raposa			1	1
Gerard Bergeron			1	1
Paul Picard			1	1
Miscellaneous			1	1
TOTAL	721	762	462	1945
SCHOOL COMMITTEE				
Blanks	523	603	324	1450
Manuel D. Goncalves	457	450	284	1191
Alan S. Miner	461	471	316	1248
Write-Ins				
Miscellaneous	1			1
TOTAL	1442	1524	924	3890

	Prec. I	Prec. II	Prec. III	Total
PARK COMMISSIONER				
Blanks	154	172	97	423
Gary L. Rousseau	567	590	362	1519
Write-Ins				
Paul Robitaille			1	1
Robert Huckabee			1	1
John Howard			1	1
TOTAL	721	762	462	1945
PLANNING COMMISSIONER				
Blanks	185	223	131	539
Richard P. Forand	536	539	330	1405
Write-Ins				
Steve Raposa			1	1
TOTAL	721	762	462	1945
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS				
Blanks	44	68	50	162
Matthew C. Goulet	512	450	253	1215
Mark R. Souto	165	244	159	568
TOTAL	721	762	462	1945
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS (3 YEARS)				
Blanks	174	259	158	591
Glen A. Alferes	188	218	161	567
Janet Mello	157	231	140	528
Michael J. Lefrancois	448	395	218	1061
Jean P. Lemieux	475	420	246	1141
Write-Ins				
Steven Raposa		1		1
Miscellaneous			1	1
TOTAL	1442	1524	924	3890
COMMISSIONER OF TRUST FUND (1 YEAR)				
Blanks	186	250	122	558
Juliana F. Perry	535	512	340	1387
TOTAL	721	762	462	1945
COMMISSIONER OF TRUST FUND (3 YEARS)				
Blanks	200	273	136	609
Nicolangela Filopone	521	489	325	1335
Write-Ins				
Glen Lacasse			1	1
TOTAL	721	762	462	1945

	Prec. I	Prec. II	Prec. III	Total
CEMETERY BOARD				
Blanks	701	737	438	1876
Write-Ins				
Billy Burtch	3			3
Jeff Williams	3			3
Paul St. Don	2			2
Paul Fortin	2	2		4
Kevin Gaspar, Jr.	1			1
Albert Daniel	1			1
Fred Duguay III	1			1
Gil Marques, Jr.	1			1
Wallie Parker	1			1
M. Mello	1			1
Howard Plaud	1			1
Jereome Desosier	1	2		3
George Cote		2	2	4
Alan Desroches		1		1
J. Monteiro, Jr.		1		1
Lawrence Marshall		3		3
Dorothy Lackie		3	15	18
Bill Jenkinson		1		1
Manuel Freitas		1		1
Jimmy Hardy		2		2
Everett Hardy, III		1		1
Eugene Cabral		1		1
Michael Miller		1		1
Richard Threlfall		1		1
David Rawcliffe		1		1
Barbara Barboza		1		1
Paul Teixeira		1		1
Barry Williams			1	1
Ted Cioper			1	1
Donald Gaspar			1	1
Gary Coppa			1	1
Paul Leahy			1	1
Betty Elgar			1	1
Matt Goulet			1	1
Miscellaneous	2			2
TOTAL	721	762	462	1945

TRUSTEE FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Blanks	177	203	113	493
Joann C. Bertrand	544	559	349	1452
TOTAL	721	762	462	1945

Attest:

Richard Threlfall
Town Clerk

**RESULTS OF STATE PRIMARY ELECTION
HELD TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 1998**

Register of Voters as of Close of Registration August 26, 1998

Precinct	Democrats	Republicans	Unenrolled	Reform	Total
I	955	80	996		2031
II	925	140	991		2056
III	719	116	1099		1934
Totals	2599	336	3086		6021

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

CLERK'S REPORT -- PRECINCT I

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

Polls were opened at 7:00 A.M. by Eva Mach, Warden
Ballot box register when polls were opened -- 0.
Number of votes cast to be counted -- 619.
Number of votes cast by Males -- 299.
Number of votes cast by Females -- 320.
Number of ballots spoiled -- 1.
Number of ballots void or not used -- 867.
Number of ballots received -- 1475, plus 12 absentee -- total 1487.

The following officers were present:

Warden: Eva Mach
Clerk: Juliana Perry
Inspectors: Antoinette Boissonneau, Nora Gaouette, Arlette LaPalme,
Joyce Tillet, Claire Gonsalves.
Police Officers: Keith Ashley, Paul Melo.

Poll was closed at 8:00 P.M. and the ballot box registered 619.

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

CLERK'S REPORT -- PRECINCT II

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

Polls were opened at 7:00 A.M. by Wanda Bourgeois, Warden.
Ballot box register when polls were opened -- 0.
Number of votes cast to be counted -- 709.
Number of votes cast by Males -- 300.
Number of votes cast by Females -- 409.
Number of ballots spoiled -- 1.
Number of ballots void or not used -- 814.
Total number of ballots received -- 1514, plus 10 absentee -- total 1524.

The following officers were present:

Warden: Wanda Bourgeois
Clerk: Isabelle Forand
Inspectors: Nancy Brown, Alice Kut, Stella Bertrand, Virginia Baird
Custodian: Raymond Davignon.
Police Officer: Donald Kemmath.

Remarks: Mrs. Renfree brought in certificate of change cards.
Polls were closed at 8:00 P.M. and the ballot box registered 709.

A true record, Attest: /s/ Isabelle Forand
Clerk of Election Officers
Richard Threlfall, Town Clerk

CLERK'S REPORT -- PRECINCT III

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

Polls were opened at 7:00 A.M. by Mary Jane Rymut, Warden.
Ballot Box register when polls were opened -- 0.
Number of votes cast to be counted -- 486.
Number of votes cast by Males -- 257.
Number of votes cast by Females -- 229.
Number of ballots spoiled -- 3.
Number of ballots void or not used -- 1033.
Number of ballots received -- 1517, plus 5 absentee -- total 1524.

The following officers were present:

Warden: Mary Jane Rymut
Clerk: Janice Richard
Inspectors: Irene Decotis, Olive Laycock, Aline Saulniers, Florence Lecuyer, Hope Reynolds.
Police Officers: LouAnn Jenkinson, Gary Rousseau, James Pelletier.

Polls were closed at 8:00 P.M. and the ballot box registered 487.

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

**RESULTS OF THE STATE PRIMARY ELECTION
HELD TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 1998**

DEMOCRATIC RESULTS

	Prec. I	Prec. II	Prec. III	Total
GOVERNOR				
Blanks	34	52	31	117
Brian J. Donnelly	100	93	74	267
Scott Harshbarger	226	266	175	667
Patricia McGovern	204	214	129	547
Write-Ins				
Cellucci	4	1		5
Joe Malone	1	1		2
Rufus Barnum		1		1
Miscellaneous		1		1
TOTAL	569	629	409	1607
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR				
Blanks	89	112	69	270
Dorothy A. Kelly Gay	289	298	200	787
Warren E. Tolman	190	219	140	549
Write-Ins				
Swift	1			1
TOTAL	569	629	409	1607
ATTORNEY GENERAL				
Blanks	60	66	44	170
Lois G. Pines	283	300	165	748
Thomas F. Reilly	226	261	199	686
Write-Ins				
Harshbarger		1		1
Ryan DaCosta		1		1
Miscellaneous			1	1
TOTAL	569	629	409	1607
SECRETARY OF STATE				
Blanks	158	215	122	495
William Francis Galvin	411	414	287	1112
TOTAL	569	629	409	1607
TREASURER				
Blanks	168	213	119	500
Shannon P. O'Brien	401	416	290	1107
TOTAL	569	629	409	1607

	Prec. I	Prec. II	Prec. III	Total
AUDITOR				
Blanks	172	224	128	524
A. Joseph DeNucci	397	405	281	1083
TOTAL	569	629	409	1607

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS

Blanks	116	132	78	326
Barney Frank	452	495	330	1277
Write-Ins				
Aurora Tallman		1		1
Peter Koczera			1	1
Miscellaneous	1	1		2
TOTAL	569	629	409	1607

COUNCILLOR

Blanks	43	54	31	128
David F. Constantine	314	350	230	894
J. Mark Treadup	212	225	148	585
TOTAL	569	629	409	1607

SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT

Blanks	123	134	74	331
Mark C. Montigny	446	494	334	1274
Write-Ins				
Harshbarger		1		1
S. Toomey			1	1
TOTAL	569	629	409	1607

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT

Blanks	130	158	90	378
Robert M. Koczera	437	469	313	1219
Write-Ins				
Paul Corbet	1			1
Peter Koczera	1			1
Michael Murray		2	2	4
D. Constantine			1	1
David Geratowski			2	2
Patricia Scott			1	1
TOTAL	569	629	409	1607

	Prec. I	Prec. II	Prec. III	Total
DISTRICT ATTORNEY				
Blanks	148	171	101	420
Paul F. Walsh, Jr.	420	455	307	1182
Write-Ins				
Lance Garth	1			1
Carlton Person		1		1
Phil Beauregard		1		1
Ron Pina			1	1
Miscellaneous		1		1
TOTAL	569	629	409	1607

SHERIFF				
Blanks	23	31	19	73
Joseph McIntyre	107	150	121	378
Robert J. St. Jean	404	391	241	1036
Steven M. Walsh	24	44	19	87
Write-Ins				
Ed Wiley	2	1		3
Tom Hodgson	8	11	9	28
Brad Justice	1			1
Miscellaneous		1		1
TOTAL	569	629	409	1607

COUNTY COMMISSIONER				
Blanks	84	116	61	261
Maria F. Lopes	275	281	186	742
James W. Coyne, Jr.	209	231	162	602
Write-Ins				
Miscellaneous	1	1		2
TOTAL	569	629	409	1607

REPUBLICAN RESULTS

GOVERNOR				
Blanks	3	5	1	9
Argeo Paul Cellucci	28	38	49	115
Joseph D. Malone	19	37	27	83
TOTAL	50	80	77	207

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR				
Blanks	4	18	13	35
Janet E. Jeghelian	22	35	25	82
Jane Marie Swift	24	27	39	90
TOTAL	50	80	77	207

	Prec. I	Prec. II	Prec. III	Total
ATTORNEY GENERAL				
Blanks	12	30	28	70
Brad Bailey	37	50	49	136
Write-Ins				
Karen McNut	1			1
TOTAL	50	80	77	207
SECRETARY OF STATE				
Blanks	13	31	29	73
Dale C. Jenkins, Jr.	37	49	48	134
TOTAL	50	80	77	207
TREASURER				
Blanks	13	29	30	72
Robert A. McGinn	37	51	47	135
TOTAL	50	80	77	207
AUDITOR				
Blanks	12	29	30	71
Michael T. Duffy	38	51	46	135
Write-Ins				
Miscellaneous			1	1
TOTAL	50	80	77	207
REPRESENTATIVE CONGRESS				
Blanks	50	80	76	206
Write-Ins				
June Langevin			1	1
TOTAL	50	80	77	207
COUNCILLOR				
Blanks	50	80	76	206
Write-Ins				
Pat Westgate			1	1
TOTAL	50	80	77	207
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT				
Blanks	50	80	77	207
TOTAL	50	80	77	207
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT				
Blanks	50	80	77	207
TOTAL	50	80	77	207

	Prec. I	Prec. II	Prec. III	Total
DISTRICT ATTORNEY				
Blanks	50	80	76	206
Write-Ins				
John Bernard			1	1
TOTAL	50	80	77	207
SHERIFF				
Blanks	7	17	15	39
Thomas M. Hodgson	38	58	61	157
Write-Ins				
Robert St. Jean	5	5	1	11
TOTAL	50	80	77	207
COUNTY COMMISSIONER				
Blanks	50	80	74	204
Write-Ins				
Maria Lopes			2	2
St. Don			1	1
TOTAL	50	80	77	207

REFORM RESULTS

GOVERNOR				
Blanks	0	0	0	0
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	0	0	0	0
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR				
Blanks	0	0	0	0
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	0	0	0	0
ATTORNEY GENERAL				
Blanks	0	0	0	0
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	0	0	0	0
SECRETARY OF STATE				
Blanks	0	0	0	0
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	0	0	0	0
TREASURER				
Blanks	0	0	0	0
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	0	0	0	0

	Prec. I	Prec. II	Prec. III	Total
AUDITOR				
Blanks	0	0	0	0
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	0	0	0	0
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS				
Blanks	0	0	0	0
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	0	0	0	0
COUNCILLOR				
Blanks	0	0	0	0
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	0	0	0	0
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT				
Blanks	0	0	0	0
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	0	0	0	0
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT				
Blanks	0	0	0	0
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	0	0	0	0
DISTRICT ATTORNEY				
Blanks	0	0	0	0
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	0	0	0	0
SHERIFF				
Blanks	0	0	0	0
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	0	0	0	0
COUNTY COMMISSIONER				
Blanks	0	0	0	0
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	0	0	0	0

Attest:

Richard Threlfall
Town Clerk

Percentage of votes cast -- 30%

RESULTS OF STATE ELECTION HELD TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 1998

Register of Voters as of Close of Registration October 14, 1998

Precinct	Democrats	Republicans	Unenrolled	Reform	Total
I	935	79	979		1993
II	949	140	1053		2142
III	722	119	1122		1963
TOTAL	2606	338	3154		6098

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

CLERK'S REPORT -- PRECINCT I

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

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

Ballot box register when polls were opened -- 0.

Number of votes cast to be counted -- 1087.

Number of ballots spoiled -- 0.

Number of escrow ballots cast -- 1

Number of ballots void or not used -- 589.

Number of ballots received -- 1701, plus 26 absentee ballots and 1 ballot from Precinct II -- total 1728.

The following officers were present:

Warden: Eva Mach

Clerk: Juliana Perry

Inspectors: Antoinette Boissonneau, Nora Gaouette, Dorothy Gomes, Claire Gonsalves, Lucille Hardy, Arlette LaPalme, Joyce Tillet.

Police Officers: Christopher Richmond, Thomas Carreau.

Remarks: Town Clerk brought one ballot from Precinct II. Machine rejected 4 ballots.

Polls were closed at 8:00 P.M. and the ballot box registered 1083.

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

CLERK'S REPORT -- PRECINCT II

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

Polls were opened at 7:00 A.M. by Wanda Bourgeois, Warden.
Ballot box register when polls were opened -- 0.
Number of votes cast to be counted -- 1270.
Number of ballots spoiled -- 0.
Number of ballots void or not used
Number of ballots received -- 1592, plus 36 absentee -- total 1628.

The following officers were present:

Warden: Wanda Bourgeois
Clerk: Dorothy Daniels
Inspectors: Virginia Baird, Deolinda Rosario, Stella Bertrand, Doris
Kasmire, Alice Kut, Lorraine Dabrowski, Jeannette Pepin.
Police Officers: Marc Antone, Donald Gaudette.

Remarks: Elizabeth Cormier was rejected to vote due to her address being in New Bedford. She was told she had to vote in New Bedford. John Wilhelmsen is deceased. Hilda C. Vincent, Danielle S. Cabral and David Arruda, Jr. had to fill out registration cards.

Polls were closed at 8:00 P.M. and the ballot box registered 1270.

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

CLERK'S REPORT -- PRECINCT III

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

Polls were opened at 7:00 A.M. by Mary Jane Rymut, Warden.
Ballot box register when polls were opened -- 0.
Number of votes cast to be counted -- 1108.
Number of ballots spoiled -- 0.
Number of ballots void or not used -- 609.
Number of ballots received -- 1700, plus 17 absentee -- total 1717.

The following officers were present:

Warden: Mary Jane Rymut
Clerk: Janice Richard
Inspectors: Olive Laycock, Irene Decotis, Florence Lecuyer, Aline
Saulnier, Betty White.
Police Officers: LouAnn Jenkinson, Joe Pontes.

Polls were closed at 8:00 P.M. and the ballot box registered 1108.

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

**RESULTS OF THE STATE ELECTION
HELD TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 1998**

	Prec. I	Prec. II	Prec. III	Total
GOVERNOR & LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR				
Blanks	21	29	12	62
Cellucci & Swift	469	620	517	1606
Harshbarger & Tolman	582	597	557	1736
Cook & Israel	14	22	20	56
Write-Ins				
Margaret Sylvia	1			1
Bret Talbot		1		1
Joseph Kennedy, Jr.			1	1
Miscellaneous		1	1	2
TOTAL	1087	1270	1108	3465
ATTORNEY GENERAL				
Blanks	77	99	55	231
Brad Bailey	257	330	293	880
Thomas F. Reilly	753	839	757	2349
Write-Ins				
Howard Stern			1	1
Miscellaneous		2	2	4
TOTAL	1087	1270	1108	3465
SECRETARY OF STATE				
Blanks	77	106	68	251
William F. Galvin	813	876	805	2494
Dale C. Jenkins, Jr.	140	229	185	554
David L. Atkinson	57	58	50	165
Write-Ins				
Miscellaneous		1		1
TOTAL	1087	1270	1108	3465
TREASURER				
Blanks	81	105	73	259
Bob Maginn	197	292	283	772
Shannon P. O'Brien	788	834	726	2348
Merton B. Baker	21	38	26	85
Write-Ins				
Miscellaneous		1		1
TOTAL	1087	1270	1108	3465

	Prec. I	Prec. II	Prec. III	Total
AUDITOR				
Blanks	87	123	77	287
A. Joseph DeNucci	786	813	765	2364
Michael T. Duffy	165	251	192	608
Carla A. Howell	49	82	74	205
Write-Ins				
Miscellaneous		1		1
TOTAL	1087	1270	1108	3465
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS				
Blanks	200	260	197	657
Barney Frank	879	1001	899	2779
Write-Ins				
Bob Corbett	1			1
Ivo Almeida	1			1
John Smith	1			1
Joe Malone	1			1
Victor Binheiro	1			1
Bob Girouard	1			1
Monica Lewinsky	1			1
Paul Texeira		1		1
Kevin Flynn			1	1
John Pacheco			1	1
Miscellaneous	1	8	10	19
TOTAL	1087	1270	1108	3465
COUNCILLOR				
Blanks	237	306	218	761
David F. Constantine	845	957	883	2685
Write-Ins				
Jeanne Saulnier	1			1
Mike Smith	1			1
Jay M. Treadup		1		1
Miscellaneous	3	6	7	16
TOTAL	1087	1270	1108	3465

	Prec. I	Prec. II	Prec. III	Total
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT				
Blanks	194	238	177	609
Mark C. Montigny	890	1025	920	2835
Write-Ins				
John Stellato	1			1
Peter Koczera	1			1
Paul Revere	1			1
Robert Koczera		1		1
John Breshand		1		1
Sean Toomey			1	1
Robert Goulart			1	1
Geoff Fernandes			3	3
Ken Rebello			1	1
Miscellaneous		5	5	10
TOTAL	1087	1270	1108	3465

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT				
Blanks	219	271	191	681
Robert M. Koczera	864	992	909	2765
Write-Ins				
Pat Gibbs	1			1
Thomas Jefferson	1			1
Pete Koczera	1			1
C. J. Stra	1			1
Michael Murray		3		3
Eleanor Mank		1		1
Tom Bell			1	1
David Gerwatowski			1	1
John Lippen			1	1
Miscellaneous		3	5	8
TOTAL	1087	1270	1108	3465

DISTRICT ATTORNEY				
Blanks	251	304	235	790
Paul F. Walsh, Jr.	834	961	867	2662
Write-Ins				
Bob St. Jean		1		1
Ben Dover		1		1
Ronald Pina			1	1
Bill Clinton			1	1
Miscellaneous	2	3	4	9
TOTAL	1087	1270	1108	3465

	Prec. I	Prec. II	Prec. III	Total
SHERIFF				
Blanks	25	26	19	70
Thomas M. Hodgson	464	586	572	1622
Joseph McIntyre	481	539	418	1438
Wayne G. Rego	7	8	4	19
Edward J. Wiley	108	111	95	314
Write-Ins				
Bob St. Jean	2			2
TOTAL	1087	1270	1108	3465
COUNTY COMMISSIONER				
Blanks	117	148	101	366
Maria F. Lopes	632	702	653	1987
Patrick H. Harrington	190	222	168	580
Joan E. Harwood	148	196	185	529
Write-Ins				
Mike Hunt		1		1
Miscellaneous		1	1	2
TOTAL	1087	1270	1108	3465
QUESTION 1				
Blanks	185	173	139	497
Yes	635	798	686	2119
No	267	299	283	849
TOTAL	1087	1270	1108	3465
QUESTION 2				
Blanks	156	173	128	457
Yes	658	755	677	2090
No	273	342	303	918
TOTAL	1087	1270	1108	3465
QUESTION 3				
Blanks	125	147	130	402
Yes	775	897	803	2475
No	187	226	175	588
TOTAL	1087	1270	1108	3465
QUESTION 4				
Blanks	98	106	92	296
Yes	814	947	840	2601
No	175	217	176	568
TOTAL	1087	1270	1108	3465

Attest: Richard Threlfall
Town Clerk

Percentage of votes cast 57%

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

The Town Election in April saw the election of David E. Wojnar, the youngest Selectman ever to be elected in the Town of Acushnet. The Board of Selectmen reorganized and Everett L. Hardy, Jr. was voted as Chairman for 1998-1999.

We realize that townspeople must be tired of the department heads complaining that every year their budgets get tighter and tighter, but the fact remains that they are. We sympathize with them but, to keep our taxes low, our budgets have to be tight in order that the taxpayers are not faced with a tremendous tax burden. We will continue to do the best we can.

One of the Board's major concerns over the past few years has been to transform the Town's financial reporting system. After the recent investment the Town made in office automation and the changes the Board supported in our financial department's structure, Powers & Sullivan (outside auditors) and the Department of Revenue have given the town an outstanding report in all phases of our FY98 audit.

The town's computer system has advanced tremendously within all departments. The town received the Geographical Information System through a grant which is a mapping system of the entire town. This will enable the Board of Assessors, Board of Public Works, Planning Commission and Conservation Commission to do their jobs to distribute information a little easier.

In August the Acushnet River Valley Golf Course opened. It has been a success from day one, with revenues ahead of projection. We would like to thank all the present and former committee members for all their assistance. The Gift Certificates sold during the holidays was also a tremendously successful program and we thank everyone who purchased them.

In October the construction bid for the Council on Aging Senior Center was awarded to Statewide Engineering & Construction Company. Soon our seniors will have the facility that they have dreamed about for many years. Finally their dream will become a reality in 1999. We would also like to thank the seniors who have given their time and effort to see this project through, and they know who they are.

In 1998 the Board of Selectmen appointed Teresa DaSilva as Town Collector. We welcome her to both the Municipal Staff and the Financial Team.

The town is also on the Internet, and with the assistance of Selectman Wojnar and Southeastern Regional Planning & Economic Development District (SRPEDD), the town has its own web page. Our address is www.acushnet.ma.us.

We are in the process of obtaining bid specifications for renovations to the Town Hall in order to comply with ADA regulations. Hopefully that will be completed in the year 1999.

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 1998 be your worst day in 1999.

Respectfully submitted,

Everett L. Hardy, Jr.
Peter W. Koczera
David E. Wojnar
Board of Selectmen

Elaine G. Miranda
Executive Secretary

Leane Pereira
Secretary

OFFICERS APPOINTED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Elizabeth Gatenby	2001
Valerie Lacasse	2001
Cynthia Leonard	2001
Paul Pelletier	2001
John Howcroft (Chairman)	2000
Mary Lou Marques (Vice Chairman)	1999
Eugene Perry	1999
Hector Roy	1999
Nicholas Wagner	1999

POLICE COMMISSIONERS

David E. Wojnar	2001
Everett L. Hardy, Jr.	2000
Peter W. Koczera	1999

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Elaine Miranda

TOWN ACCOUNTANT / DIRECTOR OF FINANCES

Alan G. Coutinho

TOWN COUNSEL

Kopelman & Paige

CONSTABLES

Milton Cordoniz	2001
Ronald LaVallee	2001
Richard Moniz	2001
David M. Tomlinson	2001
Herve W. Vandal, Jr.	2001
Frank Adesso	2000
Michael Asquino	2000
Rebekah Tomlinson	2000
Ronald Costa, Sr.	1999
Michael Coutinho	1999
George H. Grew	1999
Marc E. LaPlante	1999
George Souza	1999

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER / INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

Rebekah Tomlinson

REGISTRAR OF VOTERS

Ginger Miller	2000
Debra Richard (Associate)	2000
Lorraine Daniel	1999

FIRE CHIEF, FOREST WARDEN, INSPECTOR OF GARAGES

Paul R. Cote

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

David Davignon	2001
Paul Picard	2001
Joyce Reynolds	2001
Robert H. Bertrand	2000
Patricia Mendonca	2000
Leonard Samerio	2000
Ted Cioper	1999

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' Graves 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

Kerrie Almeida

Filomenia Yuille

ELECTION OFFICERS

PRECINCT I

Eva Mach (D)	Warden
Juliana Perry (R)	Clerk
Antoinette Boissoneau (D)	Inspector
Dorothy Gomes (D)	Inspector
Arlette LaPalme (D)	Inspector
Joyce Heidkamp Tillet (D)	Inspector

PRECINCT II

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

PRECINCT III

Mary Jane Rymut (D)	Warden
Dorothy L. Lackie	Clerk
Geraldine Frates	Inspector
Alice Hebert (R)	Inspector
Olive M. Laycock (R)	Inspector
Hope Reynolds (R)	Inspector
Janice Richard (R)	Inspector

BOARD OF APPEALS

Lawrence Marshall (Chairman)	2001
Barbara Mello	2001
Carole Westgate	2001
Henry T. Preston	2000
Gerard Touissant	2000
Gary G. Lemos	1999
Ronald Matton	1999

COUNCIL ON AGING

Stella Bertrand	2001
Irene Bouchard	2001
Ruth Gilmore	2001
Dorothy Gomes	2001
William Contois (Chairman)	2000
David Rawcliffe	1999
Milton Reynolds	1999

COUNCIL ON AGING BUILDING COMMITTEE

Marc Cenerizio	1999
William Contois	1999
Alan Coutinho	1999
Everett L. Hardy, Jr.	1999
Lucille Hardy	1999
William Murphy	1999
John Nunes	1999
Joseph G. O'Brien	1999
David Rawcliffe	1999

WIRE INSPECTOR

Frank Knox, Fire Inspector
Victor Periera, Deputy Wire Inspector

GAS INSPECTOR

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

INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS

Leo Lyonnais

PLUMBING DEPARTMENT

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

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Marvin Allison	2001
Madeline Gwozdz	2001
Irwin Marks	2001
Louise Richard	2001
Stephen Gilmore	2000
Roberta E. Leonard	2000
Joyce Reynolds	2000

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

Leo Coons
Linda Enos
Steven Raposa

SAFETY COMMITTEE

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

STREET NAME COMMITTEE

Paul Cote
Michael Poitras
Adrienne Rivet

BUILDING BOARD OF APPEALS

Ronald Labonte	2003
Raymond F. LeBlanc (Chairman)	2001
Frederick Law	2000
Conrad Desroches	1999
Amos Souza (deceased)	

SEALER OF WEIGHTS & MEASURES

Marianne Marshall

ARTS COUNCIL

Walton S. Dalton, Jr. (Advisor / Administrator)	2000
Donna Couto	2000
Deborah Fleet	2000
Henrietta Fleet	2000
Jeanne Siwik	2000
Edward Macomber	1999
Claudette Saulnier	1999

RIGHT TO KNOW COORDINATOR

Paul R. Cote (Fire Chief)

BY-LAW REVIEW COMMITTEE

Raymond LeBlanc	2001
Susan Forgues	2000
Leo Lyonnais	2000
Leo M. Rousseau	2000
Marc LaPlant	2000
Everett L. Hardy, Jr.	1999
Steven Raposa	1999
Carole Westgate	1999

PARTING WAYS BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

Charlotte Coutinho

Pearl Goulet

William Murphy

Connie Preston

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

David E. Wojnar (Board of Selectmen)

S.R.T.A. ADVISORY COMMISSION MEMBER

Everett L. Hardy, Jr.

GOLF MANAGEMENT & OPERATIONAL COMMITTEE

Alan Coutinho	1999
Manuel Goulart	1999
Everett L. Hardy, III	1999
Edward Issac	1999
Cynthia Leonard	1999
John Nunes	1999
Gary Rousseau	1999

SOIL CONSERVATION BOARD

Raymond Barlow

Madeleine Cioper

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

Marvin Allison	2000
Gerald Bergeron	2000
Denise Botelho	2000
Donald Lopes	2000
Everett Hardy, III	1999
George Souza	1999

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE COMMITTEE

Norman Fredette	2000
Edward Govoni	2000
Robert Lanzoni	2000
Patricia Scott	2000
David E. Wojnar	2000

GROWTH MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Jacqueline Brightman

Mark 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

David E. Wojnar

HOUSING PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE

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

PORTABLE SIGN COMMITTEE

Leo Lyonnais
Robert Hall
Paul Melo

Richard H. Ellis
Peter Koczera
Henry Preston

TAX SHIFT STUDY COMMITTEE

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

ADA COORDINATORS

Joao Acucena
Mac Cenerizio
Paul R. Cote
Valdene Kane

Leo Lyonnais
Madeleine Cioper
Stephen Gilmore
Elaine Miranda

Claudette Oliver (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

Paul 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

TEMPORARY ASSISTANT TOWN COLLECTOR
TEMPORARY ASSISTANT TREASURER
 Elaine G. Miranda

SAW MILL PROPERTIES REFERRAL BOARD

Michael Miller	1999
Peter W. Koczera	1999
Marc Cenerizo	1999
Donald Guenette	1999

TILCON CAPALDI CLOSURE PLAN COMMITTEE

Peter W. Koczera	1999
Raymond LeBlanc	1999
Paul Picard	1999

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

To the Officers and Residents of the Town of Acushnet:

Following is a recapitulation of the Fiscal 99 Tax Rate.

TAX RATE SUMMARY

Gross Amount to be Raised	\$16,157,540.33
Estimated Receipts and Available Funds	<u>9,586,871.35</u>
Net Amount to be Raised by Taxation	6,570,668.98

<u>LEVY B CLASSIFICATION</u>	<u>Tax Levy</u>	<u>Valuation</u>	<u>Tax/M</u>
Residential	\$5,705,724.02	\$411,668,400	13.86
Open Space	-0-	-0-	13.86
Commercial	318,147.69	17,823,400	17.85
Industrial	<u>279,770.19</u>	<u>15,673,400</u>	17.85
Subtotal	6,303,641.90	445,165,200	
Personal Property	<u>267,027.08</u>	<u>14,959,500</u>	17.85
Total	6,570,668.98	460,124,700	

EXPENDITURES

Appropriations at Town Meeting	\$15,746,350.35
Other Local Expenditures	85,492.10
State & County Charges	128,070.00
Overlay	<u>197,627.88</u>
Gross Amount to be Raised	16,157,540.33

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS AND AVAILABLE FUNDS

Estimated Receipts from State	\$5,855,100.00
Prior Years Over Estimates, State/County	605.00
Local Estimated Receipts	1,736,798.00
Enterprise Funds	1,158,071.00
Free Cash	419,815.00
Available Funds	<u>416,482.35</u>
Total Receipts	9,586,871.35

LOCAL ESTIMATED RECEIPTS

Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise	\$ 615,291.00
Penalty & Interest on Tax & Excise	76,610.00
Water	556,550.00
Licenses & Permits	106,299.00
Fines, Forfeits & Fees	30,883.00
Investment Income	115,000.00
Other Departmental Revenue	<u>236,165.00</u>
Total Estimated Receipts	1,736,798.00

The Board of Assessors received approval of Valuation in the month of September, 1998, enabling the Town to have actual tax bills sent, rather than estimated ones.

There are many new homes being built in Acushnet this year. That, along with Sales for 1997 being much higher than previous years, increased the valuations of residential property in town. Commercial values stayed the same or only a small value increase. Tax rate went down but bills were still higher since rate decrease did not offset valuation increase. Tax rate is figured on valuation and moneys approved at Town Meeting. Each year appropriation can be raised by 2 1/2%.

No appellate cases were filed for FY98, which will leave more funds available to be spent in the future. This is happening due to an accurate assessment system being used by the Board of Assessors, staff and consultant.

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

A G.I.S. system is in process of being implemented in Town. A grant given to the Conservation Commission purchased equipment, and in a cooperative effort Angela Filippone, of this office, has been working on and being trained for use of Software programs which will benefit the town. Angela has been appointed G.I.S. system coordinator. Board of Assessors, Conservation Commission, and Board of Public Works are just a few departments that will have immediate use of this new tool.

The Board has completed a project of taking new pictures throughout the Town. Each property can now be better identified. Through all of these processes, our information is becoming more streamlined and accurate.

Respectfully submitted,

Board of Assessors

Eugene I. Dabrowski, Chairman
George H. Perry, Jr.
Michael Cioper

Office Staff
Susanne Y. Sounik, Administrator
Angela Filippone, Senior Clerk

Consultant
Catherine M. Salmon

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

Births, Marriages and Deaths Vital Statistics 1998

BIRTHS:

In Acushnet	0	
In other municipalities	91	91
Resident	91	
Non-Resident	0	91
Male	53	
Female	38	91

MARRIAGES:

In Acushnet	18	
In other municipalities	29	
Return	1	48
Resident Bride and Groom	25	
Resident Groom	5	
Resident Bride	4	
Non-Resident Bride and Groom	14	48

DEATHS:

In Acushnet	23	
In other municipalities	52	75
Resident Deaths - Women	30	
Resident Deaths - Men	42	
Non-Resident Deaths - Women	3	
Non-Resident Deaths - Men	0	75

Attest:

Richard Threlfall
Town Clerk

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Reconciliation of Treasurer's Cash July 1, 1997 - June 30, 1998

Balances per Reconciled Bank Statements

Bank Boston		\$ 391,721.27
Boston Safe Deposit & Trust Co.	Money Market	45,490.34
Boston Safe Deposit & Trust Co.	Vendor Account	584.62
Citizens Bank & Trust	General Savings	1,854,077.89
Citizens Bank & Trust	Money Market	25,056.21
Citizens Bank & Trust	Collectors Account	185,474.10
First Federal Savings	School Lunch	41,362.26
First Federal Savings	Money Market	139,245.62
Fleet Bank	Money Market	140,091.64
Fleet Bank	Checking	154,967.46
Peoples Savings Bank	Money Market	150,621.25
Rockland Trust Company	Money Market	106,719.93
Slade's Ferry Bank	General	155,281.42
Slade's Ferry Bank	Payroll	611.40
Slade's Ferry Bank	Library Grant	11,256.30
State Street Bank & Trust	Money Market	<u>21,932.61</u>
		3,424,494.32

Deposits in Transits and Cash on Hand	1,100.00
	<u>3,425,594.32</u>

Fleet Bank - Various Town Trusts	416,534.75
Citizens Bank & Trust - Various Town Trusts	648,159.63
Citizens Bank & Trust - Planning Board	97,385.68

People's Savings - Certificate of Deposit	500,000.00
Rockland Trust - Certificate of Deposit	500,000.00
Citizens Bank - Certificate of Deposit	<u>500,000.00</u>

Total of All Cash and Investments for the Town	\$6,087,674.38
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I hereby certify that the foregoing schedule, setting forth the total cash in the custody of the Treasurer, is in agreement with the general ledger controls and the Auditors' Report.

Respectfully submitted,

John L. Nunes
Town Treasurer

**RECEIPTS
FISCAL YEAR 1998**

GENERAL FUND

PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES

1997	942.62
1998	<u>253,849.68</u>
	254,792.30

REAL ESTATE TAXES

1996	10,468.64
1997	106,431.03
1998	<u>5,667,391.75</u>
	5,784,291.42

TAX LIENS REDEEMED

Prior Years	152,403.00
1990	
1991	
1992	
1993	
1994	
1995	
1996	
	152,403.00

MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE

Prior Years	793.54
1991	285.00
1992	344.06
1993	245.32
1994	361.97
1995	2,074.49
1996	8,722.80
1997	106,459.84
1998	<u>511,003.71</u>
	630,290.73

FARM EXCISE

1997	1,004.01
1998	<u>0.00</u>
	1,004.01

PENALTY and INTEREST

Rubbish	1,330.00
Personal Property Tax	436.91
Real Estate Tax	28,391.41
Excise	17,782.14
Tax Liens Red.	98,317.43
Other	<u>0.00</u>
	146,257.89

RUBBISH

Rubbish Revenue	83,768.80
Liens	<u>4,535.83</u>
	88,304.63

FEES

Police Detail	5,400.70
Cable	1,536.00
Lien Certificates	12,275.00
Non-renewal Motor Vehicle	6,930.00
T.S.I.	<u>0.00</u>
	26,141.70

OTHER DEPARTMENTAL REVENUE

Assessors	1,217.32
Selectmen	278.00
Treasurer	278.50
Collector	2.25
Clerk	4,746.75
Conservation	0.00
Planning Board	2,800.00
Appeal Board	3,500.00
Police	1,593.00
Fire	4,895.00
Building	191.00
Weights & Measures	645.00
Recycling	0.00
Board of Health	34,630.75
Miscellaneous	5,356.47
Library	<u>303.13</u>
	60,437.17

LICENSES

Business	765.00
Liquor	9,275.00
Victualers	6,825.00
Amusement	2,095.00
Motor Vehicle	1,575.00
Dog	<u>3,650.00</u>
	24,185.00

PERMITS

Blasting	0.00
Oil Burner	2,325.00
Building	36,807.50
Electrical	12,786.00
Gas	4,183.00
Board of Health	12,098.00
Plumbing	11,514.00
Gun	<u>2,400.00</u>
	82,113.50

FINES and FORFEITURES

Dog	875.00
Library	1,639.58
Parking	<u>1,041.00</u>
	3,555.58

SALES OF INVENTORY

Cemetery Lots	<u>1,200.00</u>
	1,200.00

STATE SHARED REVENUE

Abatements to Veterans	11,769.00
Abatements to Surviving Spouse	350.00
Abatements to the Blind	875.00
Abatements to the Elderly	34,204.00
Veterans' Benefits	2,786.82
Highway Funds	111,540.00
Additional Assistance	30,043.00
Lottery Funds	1,218,001.00
Court Fines	9,962.90
Registry Fines	17,365.00
Other State	56.00
School Chapter 70	3,907,763.00
School Transportation	<u>156,148.00</u>
	5,500,863.72

MUNICIPAL MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENTS	37,863.25
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EARNINGS ON INVESTMENTS	169,637.66
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INTERFUND TRANSFERS

From Special Revenue	135,500.00
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TOTAL GENERAL FUND	<u>\$13,098,841.56</u>
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SCHOOL LUNCH FUND**\$203,579.43****HIGHWAY CHAPTER 90****\$134,875.20****SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS**

Building Maintenance	34,905.00
Empowerment Fund	12,000.00
P.E.G. Access	23,383.80
D.A.R.E. Grant	6,000.00
Police A.D.I.A.A.C.	27,419.00
Law Enforcement Trust	164.72
COPS Grant	24,850.00
Police Grant	13,237.40
Fire S.A.F.E.	4,441.35
LIG/MEG	10,454.05
Library Gift Fund	860.24
Library Building	2,000.00
L.S.T.A. Grant	6,000.00
Title 5	2,000.00
Arts Lottery Council	7,551.56
Council on Aging	7,012.00
Partingways Beautification	150.00
Notice of Intent - Conservation	2,105.00
E.M.S.	128,892.22
Insurance Reimbursement	2,162.91
Outside Ads	<u>50.76</u>

TOTAL SPECIAL REVENUE**\$315,640.01****SCHOOL SPECIAL REVENUE**

Chapter I	72,520.00
Title II	2,821.00
Chapter II	51,030.00
Early Childhood	6,370.00
D.D.E. - Title II	1,732.00
Drug Free School	5,392.00
Health Project	23,864.00
Frameworks (SPEDD)	4,539.00
PALMS Grant	2,169.00
School Building Rental	2,056.15
Tuition Fund	38,968.00
Ford Middle School	10,057.84
Elementary School Fund	32,391.28
Acushnet Com Part Grant	43,484.00
Com Partnership Grant	45,380.45

Literacy Challenge	10,000.00
Ed Reform Study Group	3,865.00
Technology Grant	31,560.00
Mass Perf. Assess #631	<u>6,000.00</u>

TOTAL SCHOOL SPECIAL REVENUE	\$394,199.72
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WATER FUND	\$521,088.89
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CAPITAL PROJECTS	\$1,030,761.03
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SEWER FUND	\$439,497.72
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GOLF ENTERPRISE	\$89,117.97
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TRUST FUNDS	
Contributions	137.84
Interest	47,662.74
Transfers	138,964.00
Earnings on Investments	<u>592.73</u>
	\$187,357.31

TOTAL	<u>\$16,414,958.84</u>
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Attest:

Alan G. Coutinho
Director of Finance

**APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES
FISCAL YEAR 1998**

	FY 1998 Actual Approp.	FY 1998 Actual Expend.
RESERVE FUND 1110		
F.B. RESERVE FUND	7,059.00	0.00
TOWN MEETING 1113		
Town Meeting / Election	8,000.00	5,815.12
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	33,970.00	33,968.96
Salaries - Clerical	11,282.00	11,281.67
Salaries - Temporary	2,000.00	80.02
Longevity	800.00	800.00
R & M Vehicles	1,478.00	761.20
Special Art School Facility Com.	25,000.00	842.28
Engineering Fees	9,778.00	9,778.00
Consulting / Grant Writer	5,000.00	3,000.00
Telephone	1,128.00	1,054.67
Communications - Advertising	1,239.00	1,239.41
Training & Testing	225.00	46.00
Gasoline	500.00	78.39
Office Supply	600.00	600.00
Town Report / Warrant	3,200.00	2,848.00
Meeting Expense	200.00	20.00
In-State Travel	125.00	69.00
Dues / Sub. / Membership	<u>1,400.00</u>	<u>1,361.00</u>
Total	108,407.00	78,310.60
FINANCE COMMITTEE 1131		
Salaries - Clerical	1,800.00	1,008.00
Office Supplies	250.00	248.98

	FY 1998 Actual Approp.	FY 1998 Actual Expend.
In-State Travel	300.00	0.00
Dues / Sub. / Memberships	<u>200.00</u>	<u>135.00</u>
Total	2,550.00	1,391.98

FINANCE DIRECTOR 1133

Salaries - Director of Finance	<u>4,659.00</u>	<u>4,659.00</u>
Total	4,659.00	4,659.00

TOWN ACCOUNTANT 1135

Salaries - Town Accountant	45,489.00	45,489.00
Salaries - Clerical	23,203.00	23,202.90
Salaries - Billing Clerk	5,801.00	5,801.00
Longevity	250.00	250.00
Auditing	10,000.00	10,000.00
Telephone	1,800.00	1,341.36
Office Supplies	1,300.00	1,249.91
In-State Travel	1,200.00	613.08
Dues / Sub. / Memberships	115.00	85.00
Additional Equipment	<u>500.00</u>	<u>499.99</u>
Total	89,658.00	88,532.24

ASSESSORS 1141

Salaries - Assessors	8,576.00	8,576.00
Salaries - Administrative Assistant	26,680.00	26,680.00
Salaries - Clerical	22,564.00	22,563.45
Salaries - Overtime	500.00	0.00
Longevity	1,000.00	1,000.00
R. & M. Office Equipment	175.00	164.00
Annual Update / Consultant	34,150.00	31,030.00
Telephone	600.00	413.66
Printing & Binding	450.00	112.00
Training	75.00	75.00
Marshall & Swift	1,200.00	978.95
Plot Plans	1,800.00	781.00
Reg. Deeds / Probate	150.00	71.28
Office Supplies	1,000.00	797.27
Photo Supplies	500.00	392.58
In-State Travel	200.00	195.00
Other In-State Travel	150.00	142.17
Dues	<u>250.00</u>	<u>195.00</u>
Total	100,020.00	94,167.36

FY 1998
Actual Approp.

FY 1998
Actual Expend.

TOWN TREASURER 1145

Salaries - Town Treasurer	30,000.00	29,279.65
Salaries - Clerical	23,203.00	23,202.90
Salaries - Temporary	1,500.00	0.00
Salaries - Overtime	600.00	252.42
Longevity	200.00	200.00
Repairs / Maintenance	213.00	213.15
Legal - Land Court	24,000.00	8,685.96
Payroll / Microfiche	17,500.00	17,486.72
Low Value Property	800.00	0.00
Loan Expense	2,000.00	865.05
Telephone	1,500.00	1,359.41
Registry Recordings	600.00	173.52
Office Supplies	1,300.00	1,213.29
Postage	16,000.00	14,209.70
In-State Travel	600.00	518.00
Dues	175.00	95.00
Bonding	500.00	420.00
Office Equipment	<u>6,300.00</u>	<u>364.85</u>
Total	126,991.00	98,539.62

TOWN COLLECTOR 1146

Salaries - Town Collector	32,000.00	15,278.27
Salaries - Clerical	45,128.00	41,496.00
Salaries - Temporary	4,500.00	1,837.39
Salaries - Overtime	3,120.00	1,249.25
Longevity	600.00	600.00
R. & M. Office Equipment	400.00	326.71
Tax Bills	5,500.00	1,589.18
Telephone	1,500.00	967.21
Communication - Advertising	1,200.00	195.50
Registry Recordings	300.00	0.00
Office Supplies	1,800.00	1,464.25
In-State Travel / Meals	900.00	21.00
Dues / Subscription / Membership	250.00	45.00
Bonding	750.00	387.00
Additional Equipment	<u>700.00</u>	<u>630.00</u>
Total	98,648.00	66,086.76

TOWN COUNSEL 1151

Legal - Land Court	<u>90,889.00</u>	<u>90,888.94</u>
Total	90,889.00	90,888.94

FY 1998
Actual Approp.

FY 1998
Actual Expend.

DATA PROCESSING 1155

Salaries - System Administrator	5,434.00	5,434.00
Repair / Maintenance Copier	3,867.00	3,697.66
Maintenance Agreement	14,100.00	13,370.49
Software Maintenance	7,270.00	5,944.62
Computer Training & Testing	2,000.00	2,000.00
Photo-copier Supply	2,500.00	1,810.36
Wiring Expense	350.00	0.00
Software Expense	20,000.00	14,994.00
Other Supplies	4,000.00	3,997.99
In-State Travel	200.00	18.90
Additional Equipment	<u>9,000.00</u>	<u>7,225.65</u>
Total	68,721.00	58,493.67

TOWN CLERK 1161

Salaries - Town Clerk	20,000.00	20,000.00
Salaries - Clerical	24,456.00	24,455.80
Salaries - Temp.	10,779.00	10,726.83
Salaries - Overtime	3,120.00	580.98
Longevity	200.00	200.00
Repairs / Maintenance	600.00	333.00
Special Article - Street Approval	1,200.00	0.00
Ballots	2,400.00	768.90
Vital Statistics	400.00	297.85
Telephone	1,200.00	510.40
Communications - Advertising	400.00	53.00
Office Supplies	1,600.00	1,412.85
Update Law Books	2,224.00	2,124.88
Postage	4,000.00	862.76
In-State Travel	1,000.00	315.07
Dues	200.00	45.00
Bonding	200.00	172.50
Additional Equipment	<u>1,050.00</u>	<u>986.86</u>
Total	75,029.00	63,846.68

REGISTRAR OF VOTERS 1163

Salaries - Temp.	4,000.00	3,862.93
Voting Program Movers	2,000.00	1,008.45
Street Voting / Census	2,700.00	1,938.38
Office Supplies	300.00	214.00
Postage	<u>1,700.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total	10,700.00	7,023.76

**FY 1998
Actual Approp.**

**FY 1998
Actual Expend.**

CONSERVATION 1171

Salaries - Clerical	5,200.00	5,200.00
Telephone	415.00	414.77
Communications - Advertising	75.00	0.00
Regional Conservation Com. Di.	6,656.00	5,183.43
Office Supplies	200.00	200.00
Photo Supplies	100.00	85.02
In-State Travel	250.00	240.60
Dues	125.00	115.00
Site Improvement Land Development	1,000.00	1,000.00
Additional Equipment	<u>150.00</u>	<u>150.00</u>
Total	14,171.00	12,588.82

SOIL BOARD 1172

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

PLANNING BOARD 1175

Salaries - Clerical	6,584.00	6,583.50
Training - Seminars - Meetings	100.00	0.00
Communications - Advertising	400.00	226.49
Recording	250.00	106.77
Registrar. Deeds / Update Maps	250.00	0.00
Consult. / Zoning Pack.	6,000.00	0.00
Office Supplies	400.00	380.88
In-State Travel	100.00	0.00
Dues	<u>100.00</u>	<u>88.50</u>
Total	14,184.00	7,386.14

BOARD OF APPEALS 1176

Salaries - Clerical	1,588.00	1,576.00
Communications - Advertising	1,150.00	1,017.44
Office Supplies	<u>50.00</u>	<u>48.38</u>
Total	2,788.00	2,641.82

TOWN HALL COMPLEX 1192

Salaries - Custodian	24,833.00	24,826.32
Salaries - Temp.	300.00	216.00
Overtime	200.00	0.00

	FY 1998	FY 1998
	Actual Approp.	Actual Expend.
Energy	22,000.00	21,915.57
Repairs & Maint. Building Grounds	8,549.00	8,548.84
Special Article - Roof Burt School	15,000.00	10,288.95
Special Article - A.D.A. Requirement	40,000.00	0.00
Supplies	5,000.00	4,986.87
Special Article - Howard Com.	<u>4,995.00</u>	<u>4,995.30</u>
Total	120,877.00	75,777.85

BY-LAWS 1197

Office Supplies	2,000.00	591.73
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POLICE DEPARTMENT 2210

Salaries - Police Chief	51,842.00	51,842.00
Salaries - Permanent Positions	739,044.00	723,416.17
Longevity	3,300.00	3,300.00
Clothing Allowance	7,900.00	7,218.17
Vehicle Maintenance	10,000.00	8,776.91
R. & M. Office Equipment	6,500.00	6,064.33
Software Maintenance	2,350.00	2,250.00
Telephone	4,657.00	4,656.56
Office Supplies	2,300.00	2,261.16
Gasoline	15,000.00	13,229.18
Meals	975.00	753.08
Other Supplies - Hardware / Lockup	19,450.00	19,442.74
In-State Travel	444.00	144.00
Dues	600.00	600.00
Equipment	<u>22,650.00</u>	<u>22,507.30</u>
Total	887,012.00	866,461.60

FIRE DEPARTMENT 2220

Salaries - Fire Chief	51,276.00	51,276.00
Salaries - Permanent	133,750.00	132,628.99
Salaries - Clerical Part Time	2,000.00	1,974.21
Salaries - Callmen	33,800.00	32,015.89
Overtime	27,456.00	13,500.83
Longevity	1,400.00	1,400.00
Clothing Allowance	2,760.00	1,784.00
Energy	5,300.00	4,426.01
Water	125.00	78.75
Repairs & Maint. - Building Goods	2,000.00	1,985.32
Special Article - Refurbish Station #2	288.00	168.81
Repairs Equipment / Maintenance	5,000.00	4,876.45

	FY 1998 Actual Approp.	FY 1998 Actual Expend.
Vehicle Maintenance	4,000.00	3,213.71
Radio Repair	1,000.00	1,000.00
Hepatitis B Shots	3,092.00	1,054.00
Medical Exams	405.00	0.00
Telephone	2,671.00	2,531.74
Training / CPR / 1st-Aid	7,000.00	6,571.07
Gasoline	3,120.00	1,468.68
Office Supply	2,000.00	1,996.43
Other Supplies	300.00	212.27
Dues	1,100.00	1,085.00
Dry Hydrants	618.00	0.00
Additional Equipment	<u>17,000.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total	307,461.00	265,248.16

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES 2232

Salaries - Director	28,894.00	28,894.00
Salaries - Permanent Position	21,115.00	21,115.00
Salaries - EMT's	84,420.00	83,028.32
Salaries - Billing Clerk	5,801.00	5,800.78
Longevity	400.00	400.00
Clothing Allowance	2,000.00	1,992.65
Energy	6,000.00	4,873.35
Repairs Equipment / Maintenance	1,800.00	1,799.80
Physicals	1,000.00	0.00
Telephone	1,980.00	1,945.79
Training & Testing	3,000.00	920.71
Collection Expense	900.00	191.87
Gasoline	1,500.00	1,360.07
Office Supplies	600.00	569.22
Vehicle Supplies - Maintenance	3,500.00	3,491.39
Medical & Surgical Supplies	7,000.00	6,973.65
Oxygen	2,110.00	2,094.44
Dues / Subscriptions / Memberships	2,200.00	2,171.85
Additional Equipment / Furniture	<u>1,000.00</u>	<u>979.39</u>
Total	175,220.00	168,602.28

From Taxation - \$35,602.28

From E.M.S. Res. Rec. Account - \$133,000.00

FY 1998
Actual Approp.

FY 1998
Actual Expend.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT 2241

Salaries - Building Inspector	29,370.00	29,370.00
Salaries - Clerical	22,564.00	22,560.47
Salary - Wire Inspector	6,250.00	5,206.00
Salary - Deputy Wire Inspector	4,882.00	4,882.00
Salaries - Deputy Building Inspector	2,987.00	1,964.50
Salary - Gas / Plumbing Inspector	6,437.00	6,435.00
Salaries - Deputy Gas/ Plumbing Inspr.	1,500.00	961.00
Salaries - Temporary	945.00	700.24
Longevity	400.00	400.00
Compensation Time	600.00	333.25
Training	938.00	938.00
Repairs / Equipment / Maintenance	255.00	207.18
Telephone	970.00	877.90
Plot Plans	1.00	0.00
Office Supplies	1,000.00	992.42
Vehicle Supplies	763.00	762.98
Gasoline	500.00	148.85
Meals	229.00	92.36
In-State Travel	433.00	280.82
Dues	275.00	275.00
Additional Equipment	<u>250.00</u>	<u>150.00</u>
Total	81,549.00	77,537.97

SEALER OF WEIGHTS & MEASURES 2244

Salaries - Permanent Position	721.00	721.00
Office Supplies	<u>50.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total	771.00	721.00

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY 2291

Longevity - Other Personal Ser.	100.00	60.00
Energy	1,200.00	1,177.23
Repairs / Equipment Maintenance	1,022.00	1,021.69
Repairs & Maintenance Building	7,500.00	7,495.80
Telephone	625.00	590.28
Gasoline	300.00	84.59
Maintenance & Supplies	100.00	24.07
Disaster Fund	100.00	0.00
In-State Travel	75.00	8.53
Additional Equipment /Gear	<u>1,000.00</u>	<u>986.99</u>
Total	12,022.00	11,449.18

FY 1998
Actual Approp.

FY 1998
Actual Expend.

ANIMAL CONTROL / DOG OFFICER 2292

Salaries - Director	3,112.00	2,852.63
Salaries - Temporary	1,600.00	1,275.00
Repair Maintenance Equipment	1,000.00	745.11
Telephone	650.00	601.79
Board Services	2,500.00	533.00
Animal Burials	100.00	3.00
Office Supplies	75.00	21.08
Gasoline	800.00	78.20
Dues	<u>30.00</u>	<u>30.00</u>
Total	9,867.00	6,139.81

FORESTRY 2294

Salary - Tree Warden	546.00	546.00
Tree Removal	1,955.00	1,955.00
Tree Planting	<u>500.00</u>	<u>500.00</u>
Total	3,001.00	3,001.00

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT 5350

Regional School	1,107,307.00	1,105,703.00
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ACUSHNET SCHOOL DEPARTMENT 5350

Expenses	7,137,753.00	7,116,593.49
Roof Principal	49,500.00	37,000.00
Roof Interest	<u>15,000.00</u>	<u>10,079.39</u>
Total	7,202,253.00	7,163,672.88

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT 4422

Salaries - Superintendent	27,790.00	27,788.98
Salaries - Permanent	167,425.00	166,365.79
Salaries - Clerical	7,234.00	7,157.42
Salaries - Overtime	2,580.00	2,280.25
Longevity	800.00	800.00
Clothing Allowance	3,319.00	3,318.70
Energy	6,000.00	4,096.79
Repairs & Maint. Building Grounds	2,000.00	1,986.14
Special Article- Hazardous Waste Rem.	4,000.00	3,687.50
Repairs & Maintenance Equipment	17,000.00	16,744.83
Rentals & Leases	5,000.00	4,048.18
Engineering Fees	3,000.00	2,535.00

	FY 1998 Actual Approp.	FY 1998 Actual Expend.
Telephone	1,500.00	1,372.25
Communications - Advertising	300.00	210.43
Police Detail	2,000.00	1,713.51
Training	700.00	700.00
Office Supplies	1,000.00	761.18
Gasoline	10,000.00	10,000.00
Personnel Safety Supplies	1,200.00	1,175.21
Road Materials	33,000.00	32,436.20
In-State Travel	500.00	25.00
Dues/Sub./Membership/Licenses	300.00	232.34
Additional Equipment	<u>20,000.00</u>	<u>17,512.03</u>
Total	316,648.00	306,947.73

HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION 4421

Highway Construction & Improvement	<u>16,903.00</u>	<u>10,450.00</u>
Total	16,903.00	10,450.00

HIGHWAY ROAD EQUIPMENT 4423

O.P.R.S. - Snow Removal Emergency	<u>25,000.00</u>	<u>24,436.13</u>
Total	25,000.00	24,436.13

STREET LIGHTS 4424

Energy	60,000.00	51,352.76
Special Article - Street Lights	<u>1,000.00</u>	<u>800.00</u>
Total	61,000.00	52,152.76

SEMASS 4431

Salaries - Superintendent	1,985.00	1,984.99
Salaries - Permanent Position	7,960.00	7,818.19
Salaries - Clerical	12,187.00	12,177.65
Curbside Pick-up	45,000.00	43,250.04
R/L - Incinerator - Semass	96,888.00	95,711.11
O.P.R.S. - Heavy Pick-up, etc.	8,000.00	7,953.68
Rubbish Removal	99,600.00	99,600.00
Communications - Advertising	5,000.00	39.61
Office Supplies	<u>1,000.00</u>	<u>177.62</u>
Total	277,620.00	268,712.89

FY 1998
Actual Approp.

FY 1998
Actual Expend.

CEMETERY 4491

Salaries - Temporary	5,400.00	5,400.00
Repairs - Equipment/Maintenance	400.00	203.70
Building/Grounds/Serv. & Chrg	650.00	606.05
Gasoline	250.00	250.00
Office Supplies	100.00	0.00
Building Repairs/Maint./Supplies	<u>225.00</u>	<u>24.50</u>
Total	7,025.00	6,484.25

HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE 5510

Board of Health	6,381.00	6,381.00
Salaries - Sanitarian	32,500.00	30,820.04
Salaries - Clerical	23,975.00	23,953.51
Salaries - Temporary	11,432.00	11,028.35
Longevity	600.00	400.00
Clothing Allowance	50.00	
Physician	3,100.00	1,937.50
Professional Public Health Agency	15,000.00	15,000.00
Clinic Expense - Rabies Control	1,000.00	59.00
Telephone	1,355.00	1,309.41
Communications - Advertising	700.00	572.97
Office Supply	1,700.00	1,638.68
Postage	400.00	396.80
Photocopying Supplies	600.00	573.39
Medical & Surgical Supplies	400.00	269.46
Water Testing	50.00	0.00
In-State Travel	960.00	823.20
Dues	130.00	80.00
Additional Equipment	<u>900.00</u>	<u>589.00</u>
Total	101,233.00	95,832.31

ANIMAL INSPECTOR 5519

Salaries - Permanent Position	1,911.00	1,911.00
In-State Travel / Training	<u>40.00</u>	<u>34.20</u>
Total	1,951.00	1,945.20

COUNCIL ON AGING 5541

Salaries - Department Head	6,800.00	6,800.00
Salaries - Temporary	7,280.00	6,801.00
Vehicle Maintenance	800.00	800.00
Telephone	480.00	480.00

	FY 1998	FY 1998
	Actual Approp.	Actual Expend.
Gasoline	1,500.00	489.49
Office Supplies	300.00	300.00
Postage	115.00	115.00
Meals Share	500.00	481.61
Nutrition	3,500.00	2,997.19
In-State Travel	2,150.00	1,600.00
Additional Equipment	<u>8,000.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total	31,425.00	20,864.29

VETERANS 5543

Salaries - Permanent Position	2,730.00	2,649.96
Office Supplies	200.00	0.00
Veterans' Benefits	<u>8,900.00</u>	<u>10.00</u>
Total	11,830.00	2,659.96

LIBRARY 6610

Salaries - Director	17,749.00	17,745.43
Salaries - Assistant Director	16,286.00	16,286.00
Salaries - Education	1,000.00	949.77
Salaries - Tech.	17,740.00	17,537.79
Salaries - Custodian	4,199.00	4,196.88
Longevity	500.00	500.00
Energy	3,400.00	3,253.78
R. & M. Building & Grounds	1,000.00	1,000.00
R. & M. Office Equipment	800.00	791.05
Telephone	1,252.00	1,252.08
Education	400.00	211.00
SEAL Expense	11,300.00	11,171.75
Office Supplies	2,200.00	2,199.43
Children Education Supplies	300.00	300.00
Other Supplies	7,000.00	6,999.61
In-State Travel	500.00	394.20
Additional Equipment	<u>1,000.00</u>	<u>958.36</u>
Total	86,626.00	85,747.13

RECREATION 6630

Energy	3,250.00	2,810.64
Service & Maintenance	1,500.00	1,490.27
Telephone	500.00	466.32
Communications - Advertising	117.18	117.18
Summer Youth	8,559.00	8,559.08
Office Supplies	50.00	2.95

	FY 1998 Actual Approp.	FY 1998 Actual Expend.
Hardware	600.00	598.28
Fencing / Lighting	500.00	498.00
Other Supplies - Athletic, etc.	<u>300.00</u>	<u>291.08</u>
Total	15,376.18	14,833.80

PARK DEPARTMENT 6650

Salaries - Permanent Position	8,550.00	8,549.14
Salaries - Permanent Laborer	4,700.00	4,699.61
Salaries - Clerical	1,586.00	1,500.00
Salaries - Temporary Park Attend.	2,348.00	2,345.66
Service - Trash Removal	595.00	594.70
Gasoline	500.00	500.00
Restroom Supplies	175.00	174.17
Stone Dust	700.00	422.37
Fertilizer	400.00	395.21
Bulb Replacement	600.00	586.40
Vandalism	750.00	744.93
Special Article - Park Walkway	<u>5,600.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total	26,504.00	20,512.19

HISTORICAL COMMISSION 6691

Energy	3,400.00	2,944.10
Repairs & Maint. Building Grounds	80.00	0.00
Telephone /Alarm	720.00	606.30
Communications - Advertising	50.00	0.00
Historic Inventory	2,160.00	0.00
Office Supplies	30.00	0.00
Postage	20.00	0.00
Dues / Subscription / Membership	50.00	50.00
Special Article - Historical Plaque	<u>1,400.00</u>	<u>1,259.15</u>
Total	7,910.00	4,859.55

CELEBRATIONS 6692

Road Race	600.00	300.00
Memorial Day / 4 July	<u>1,800.00</u>	<u>700.15</u>
Total	2,400.00	1,000.15

MISCELLANEOUS 2699

Shellfish Warden / Harbor Master	300.00	0.00
Herring Inspector	300.00	0.00
Cable TV	4,500.00	0.00

	FY 1998 Actual Approp.	FY 1998 Actual Expend.
Safety Committee	250.00	84.59
Housing Partnership	250.00	0.00
Article 10 - Buzzards Bay Act. Comm.	<u>1,266.00</u>	<u>1,266.00</u>
Total	6,866.00	1,350.59

RETIREMENT OF DEBT 7710

L.T.D. Purchase Lease Agreement	31,194.00	31,192.92
Long Term Debt	<u>13,300.00</u>	<u>13,300.00</u>
Total	44,494.00	44,492.92

INTEREST 7751

Long Term Debt Interest	284.00	283.29
Short Term Debt - Loan Interest	<u>22,000.00</u>	<u>162.91</u>
Total	22,284.00	446.20

REGIONAL HEALTH DISTRICT 5835

Health Agent	<u>4,795.00</u>	<u>4,794.66</u>
Total	4,795.00	4,794.66

COUNTY ASSESSMENTS 8830

County Tax	<u>77,340.00</u>	<u>77,340.00</u>
Total	77,340.00	77,340.00

STATE ASSESSMENTS 8850

Special Education	5,643.00	5,080.00
RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge	0.00	5,820.00
Mosquito	14,138.00	14,096.00
Air Pollution	1,993.00	1,993.00
RTA Assessment	19,983.00	19,983.00
SRPEDD	<u>1,433.00</u>	<u>1,433.00</u>
Total	43,190.00	48,405.00

PENSIONS 1911

Bristol County Retirement	272,077.00	268,923.02
Social Security	17,000.00	14,955.21
Medicare	<u>45,940.00</u>	<u>45,940.35</u>
Total	335,017.00	329,818.58

FY 1998
Actual Approp.

FY 1998
Actual Expend.

WORKERS' COMPENSATION 1912

Fringe Benefit / Charges	<u>40,000.00</u>	<u>32,239.27</u>
Total	40,000.00	32,239.27

UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION 1913

Fringe Benefits / Charges	<u>15,000.00</u>	<u>8,239.85</u>
Total	15,000.00	8,239.85

HEALTH INSURANCE 1914

NAA / Pilgrim Hlth / Teamsters Hlth	410,794.00	410,793.70
CRA / Flexible Benefits Plan	<u>1,860.00</u>	<u>1,740.00</u>
Total	412,654.00	412,533.70

LIABILITY INSURANCE 1945

Ins. Pr. Dis. - Fire/Police Acc. Hlth	6,500.00	6,275.00
Property Liability / MV	<u>51,833.00</u>	<u>51,833.00</u>
Total	58,333.00	58,108.00

TRANSFERS 9999

Trans. to Special Revenue	30,416.00	30,416.00
Trans. to Capital Projects	368,000.00	368,000.00
Trans. to Trust & Agency	<u>137,964.00</u>	<u>137,964.00</u>
Total	536,380.00	536,380.00

SEWER DEPARTMENT REVENUE 6004440

Salaries - Superintendent	17,985.00	15,904.99
Salaries - Permanent Position	11,314.00	9,388.56
Salaries - Clerical	907.00	907.00
Salaries - Billing Clerk	2,321.00	2,320.38
Salaries - Overtime	1,500.00	1,500.00
Additional Gross - Longevity	100.00	80.00
Fringe Benefit - Health / Vacation	3,600.00	1,468.96
Clothing Allowance	200.00	200.00
Energy	2,300.00	2,089.86
Repairs & Maint., Bldg/Grnds	100.00	4.73
Service & Maint Equipment	9,423.00	5,574.60
Vehicle Maintenance	200.00	10.81
Software Maintenance	800.00	0.00
Sewer Pumping - New Bedford	360,000.00	329,540.39

	FY 1998 Actual Approp.	FY 1998 Actual Expend.
Telephone	900.00	829.75
Training	400.00	0.00
Gasoline	400.00	400.00
Office Supplies	150.00	103.04
Sewer Bills	300.00	174.31
Postage	400.00	242.61
In-State Travel	600.00	270.75
Reserve Fund	2,000.00	0.00
Additional Equipment / Supplies	<u>5,000.00</u>	<u>2,401.50</u>
Total	420,900.00	373,412.24

From Sewer Users' Fees

WATER SURPLUS 2704450

Salaries - Superintendent	23,940.00	21,859.54
Salaries - Permanent / Labor	98,541.00	83,263.84
Salaries - Clerical	9,042.00	8,997.37
Salaries - Billing Clerk	9,281.00	9,280.74
Salaries - Overtime	7,700.00	5,242.86
Additional Gross / Longevity	400.00	8,098.83
Fringe Benefit - Health / Vacation	16,000.00	320.00
Clothing Allowance	1,200.00	1,200.00
Energy	1,400.00	920.09
New Bedford Water Bills	330,000.00	277,241.90
Repairs & Maint. Building Grounds	600.00	223.32
Vehicle Maintenance	2,000.00	1,471.04
Software Maintenance	3,000.00	0.00
Maintenance of System	2,000.00	1,888.24
Repair / Trench Repairs	3,000.00	2,244.08
Rentals & Leases	1,000.00	254.96
Hydrant Rentals	100.00	100.00
Telephone	600.00	598.43
Training	1,900.00	1,320.45
Other Purch. Serv. - Police Detective	2,000.00	1,662.50
Gasoline	1,800.00	1,800.00
Office Supplies	300.00	284.86
Water Bills	1,000.00	703.08
Postage	2,200.00	1,857.93
Water Testing	2,000.00	2,000.00
P.W. Suppl. Equipment/Supplies	12,000.00	8,832.95
In-State Travel	900.00	470.05
Dues/Sub./Membership/Lic.	300.00	217.00
Upgrading System	2,000.00	231.50

	FY 1998 Actual Approp.	FY 1998 Actual Expend.
Additional Equipment-New Meters	<u>10,000.00</u>	<u>9,850.50</u>
Sub-Total	546,204.00	452,436.06

RETIREMENT OF DEBT 2707450

Long Term Debt - Water	80,300.00	79,900.00
Long Term Debt - Interest	<u>10,000.00</u>	<u>7,001.18</u>
Sub-Total	90,300.00	86,901.18

TRANSFERS 270999

Transfer to General Fund	2,500.00	2,500.00
Transfer to Capital Project	<u>0.00</u>	<u>100,000.00</u>
Sub-Total	<u>2,500.00</u>	<u>102,500.00</u>

Total	639,004.00	641,837.24
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From Water Users' Fees

TOTAL	\$14,378,164.18	\$13,912,498.56
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OTHER EXPENDITURES

**FY 1998
Actual Expend.**

CAPITAL PROJECTS

School Computers	16,036.07
School Playground	0.00
E.M.S. Building	317,121.83
Computer Project	2,700.00
Water Wells	47,810.50
School Roofs	2,015.00
Water - James, John Streets	8,901.32
Nye's Lane	92,787.67
Sewer Project	32,390.49
Water Meter Replacement	6,800.00
ADA Compliance Town Hall	0.00
Fire Debt	<u>210,000.00</u>
Total	736,562.88

FY 1998
Actual Expend.

CHAPTER 90 HIGHWAY

Highway Projects & Equipment	<u>177,740.88</u>
Total	177,740.88

SCHOOL SPECIAL REVENUE

School Lunch	197,469.84
Grants & Funds	<u>386,201.00</u>
Total	583,670.84

SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

Community Development	4,995.99
Building Maintenance	51,851.19
Cable Education & Government Access	5,651.61
Peg Access	11,448.93
Empowerment Fund	10,072.66
Parting Ways Beautification	0.00
Police D.A.R.E.	6,000.00
Police A.D.I.A.A.C.	27,419.00
Police Grant	13,237.40
Cops Grant	24,850.00
Fire Safe Grant	4,051.47
Council on Aging	7,012.00
Library	16,641.91
B.O.H.	59.00
Arts Lottery Council	5,662.00
Title V - Water Pollution	6,918.19
Notice of Intent	5,915.94
E.M.S. Fund	133,000.00
Insurance Reimbursements	2,162.91
Outside Ads	<u>50.76</u>
Total	337,000.96

TRUSTS

Various	<u>57,985.52</u>
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GRAND TOTAL	<u>\$15,805,459.64</u>
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Attest:
Alan G. Coutinho
Director of Finance

**TOWN OF ACUSHNET
GENERAL FUND**

**BALANCE SHEET
JUNE 30, 1998**

ASSETS

CASH and SHORT TERM INVESTMENTS	\$1,749,626.71
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RECEIVABLES

Personal Property 1996-1998	7,062.25
Real Estate 1995-1998	309,120.65
Tax Liens	337,149.94
Tax Possessions	2,291.92
Taxes in Litigation	307.65
Motor Vehicle Excise 1991-1998	70,794.91
Farm Excise 1995-1997	432.75
Rubbish Receivable	1,673.75
Rubbish Liens 1996-1998	3,677.50
Other	975.00

TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$2,483,113.03</u>
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LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY

LIABILITIES

Warrants Payable	665,247.47
Other Liabilities	16,867.84
Accrued Payroll	62,203.38
Allow Abatement & Exemption 1995-1998	216,146.92
Tailings	17,989.60
Deferred Revenue	
Real Estate and Personal Property	100,035.98
Tax Liens	337,149.94
Tax Possessions	2,291.92
Tax Litigation	307.65
Rubbish	1,673.75
Rubbish Liens	3,677.50
Motor Vehicle	70,794.91
Farm Excise	432.75

TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>\$1,494,819.61</u>
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FUND EQUITY

Res. for Encumbrances	148,903.34
Res. for Expenditures	24,591.47
Undesignated Fund Balance	820,013.61
App. Deficit Snow Removal	0.00
Unprovided Abatements	0.00
Over/Under State Assessments	(5,215.00)

TOTAL FUND EQUITY **\$988,293.42**

TOTAL LIABILITIES and FUND EQUITY **\$2,483,113.03**

Attest:

Alan G. Coutinho
Director of Finance

**TOWN OF ACUSHNET
SCHOOL LUNCH**

**BALANCE SHEET
JUNE 30, 1998**

ASSETS

Cash	\$30,783.49
Petty Cash	100.00

TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$30,883.49</u>
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LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY

LIABILITIES

Warrants Payable	4,391.55
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TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>\$4,391.55</u>
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FUND EQUITY

Undesignated Fund Balance	26,491.94
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TOTAL FUND EQUITY	<u>\$26,491.94</u>
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TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	<u>\$30,883.49</u>
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Attest:

Alan G. Coutinho
Director of Finance

**TOWN OF ACUSHNET
SCHOOL SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS**

**BALANCE SHEET
JUNE 30, 1998**

ASSETS

Cash	\$158,533.22
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$158,533.22</u>

LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY

LIABILITIES

Warrants Payable	\$34,877.55
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>\$34,877.55</u>

FUND EQUITY

Chapter I	\$ 3,740.20
Chapter 2	106.56
Title II - P.L. 94-142	3,962.19
Early Childhood Grant	450.00
D.D.E. Title II	931.28
Drug Free School	60.54
Education Reform Study Group	2,000.00
Health Project Gr-GGCL	453.66
Com Partnership	114.71
Palms Grant	9.24
School Building Rentals	8,972.47
Tuition Fund	82,593.59
Education Reform Restructuring	0.00
Ford Middle School Fund	4,664.30
Elementary School Fund	4,270.81
School Playground	0.00
Tech. Literacy	5,341.10
Technology Grant	0.00
Curr Frameworks	44.20
Mass Perf	63.15
Acushnet Com Part	5,877.67
TOTAL FUND EQUITY	<u>\$123,655.67</u>

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	<u>\$158,533.22</u>
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Attest:

Alan G. Coutinho
Director of Finance

**TOWN OF ACUSHNET
SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS**

**BALANCE SHEET
JUNE 30, 1998**

ASSETS

CASH and SHORT TERM INVESTMENTS	\$264,905.36
RECEIVABLES	
E.M.S.	68,991.39
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$333,896.75</u>

LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY

LIABILITIES

Warrants Payable	5,755.38
Due to Collection Agency	0.00
Deferred Revenue E.M.S.	68,991.39

TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>\$74,746.77</u>
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FUND EQUITY

Res. for Expenditures	102,038.53
Com Development Grant	(4,871.37)
Building Maintenance Fund	9,855.19
Cable Education & Government Access	19,348.39
Peg Access	22,856.03
D.A.R.E. Grant	0.00
A.D.I.A.A.C. Police	0.00
Law Enforcement Trust	3,386.31
Cops Grant	0.00
Fire S.A.F.E.	401.25
Library Lig/Meg	10,543.97
Library Gift Fund	100.47
Library Building	40,000.00
Board of Health	421.00
Compost Bins	1,350.90
Title 5	13,081.81
Arts Lottery Council	5,597.90
Parting Ways Building Fund	0.00
Parting Ways Beautification	360.92

Notice of Intent Conservation	4,075.89
E.M.S. Fund	27,294.92
Outside Ads	0.00
Empowerment Fund	1,927.34
Police Grant	0.00
LSTA Grant	1,380.53
TOTAL FUND EQUITY	<u>\$259,149.98</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	<u>\$333,896.75</u>

Attrest:

Alan G. Coutinho
Director of Finance

**TOWN OF ACUSHNET
HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT FUND**

**BALANCE SHEET
JUNE 30, 1998**

ASSETS

CASH and SHORT TERM INVESTMENTS	(\$61,539.02)
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>(\$61,539.02)</u>

LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY

LIABILITIES

Warrants Payable	2,287.50
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TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>\$2,287.50</u>
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FUND EQUITY

Main Street	(11,504.62)
Keene Road	(350.00)
Mattapoisett Road	(835.00)
Hamlin Street	(10,500.00)
Middle Road	(12,000.00)
Central Fuel Facility	(28,636.90)
Reserved for Encumbrances	0.00
Undesignated Fund Balance	0.00

TOTAL FUND EQUITY	<u>(\$63,826.52)</u>
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TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	<u>(\$61,539.02)</u>
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Attest:

Alan G. Coutinho
Director of Finance

**TOWN OF ACUSHNET
WATER SURPLUS FUND**

**BALANCE SHEET
JUNE 30, 1998**

ASSETS

CASH AND SHORT TERM INVESTMENTS	\$104,320.40
RECEIVABLES	
Water Charges	(\$1,443.23)
Water Services	1,032.61
Water Liens Added to Taxes 1996-1998	7,981.31
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$111,891.09</u>

LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY

LIABILITIES	
Warrants Payable	28,530.61
Deferred Revenue Water	(410.62)
Deferred Revenue Water Liens	7,981.31
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>\$36,101.30</u>

FUND EQUITY

Reserved for Encumbrances	0.00
Reserved for Expenditures	30,000.00
Undesignated Fund Balance	45,789.79
TOTAL FUND EQUITY	<u>\$75,789.79</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	<u>\$111,891.09</u>

Attest:

Alan G. Coutinho
Director of Finance

**TOWN OF ACUSHNET
CAPITAL PROJECT FUNDS**

**BALANCE SHEET
JUNE 30, 1998**

ASSETS

CASH AND SHORT TERM INVESTMENTS	\$535,803.48
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TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$535,803.48</u>
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LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY

LIABILITIES

Warrants Payable	16,367.63
B.A.N. Payable	210,000.00

TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>\$226,367.63</u>
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FUND EQUITY

Reserved for Encumbrances	6,150.00
Water Pipe Replacement	30,017.85
Sewer Main Tarklin Hill	1,193.56
E.M.S. Building	11,458.03
Computer Account	4,893.97
Water Wells	6,948.20
School Roof	0.00
School Computers	0.00
School Playground	198.54
Water Meter Replace	88,700.00
ADA Compliance	368,000.00
Cap Project Bonded Equip.	(210,000.00)
Nyes Lane Water	12,875.70

TOTAL FUND EQUITY	<u>\$309,435.85</u>
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TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	<u>\$535,803.48</u>
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Attest:

Alan G. Coutinho
Director of Finance

**TOWN OF ACUSHNET
SEWER ENTERPRISE FUND**

**BALANCE SHEET
JUNE 30, 1998**

ASSETS

CASH AND SHORT TERM INVESTMENTS	\$120,648.60
RECEIVABLES	
Sewer Connection Charges	1,820.00
Sewer User Charges	4,288.41
Sewer Liens 1996-1998	11,727.58
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$138,484.59</u>

LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY

LIABILITIES	
Warrants Payable	3,909.50
Deferred Revenue Sewer	6,108.41
Deferred Revenue Sewer Liens	11,727.58
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>\$21,745.49</u>
FUND EQUITY	
Reserve for Encumbrances	0.00
Reserve for Expenditures	30,000.00
Undesignated Fund Balance	86,739.10
TOTAL FUND EQUITY	<u>\$116,739.10</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	<u>\$138,484.59</u>

Attest:

Alan G. Coutinho
Director of Finance

**TOWN OF ACUSHNET
GOLF ENTERPRISE FUND**

**BALANCE SHEET
JUNE 30, 1998**

ASSETS

CASH AND SHORT TERM INVESTMENTS	\$2,024,517.66
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LAND

Acquisition	1,637,100.18
Improvements	3,478,761.54
Improvements Interest	437,371.98
Buildings	20,286.09
Machinery & Equipment	19,728.50

TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$7,617,765.95</u>
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LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY

LIABILITIES

Warrants Payable	80,688.50
Bonds Payable	6,900,000.00
B.A.N. Payable	0.00

TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>\$6,980,688.50</u>
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FUND EQUITY

Reserved for Encumbrances	0.00
Contributed Capital	500,000.00
Unreserved Retained Earnings	137,077.45

TOTAL FUND EQUITY	<u>\$637,077.45</u>
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TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	<u>\$7,617,765.95</u>
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Attest:

Alan G. Coutinho
Director of Finance

**TOWN OF ACUSHNET
AGENCY FUNDS**

**BALANCE SHEET
JUNE 30, 1998**

ASSETS

CASH AND SHORT TERM INVESTMENTS	\$98,796.68
Deferred Comp. Inv. Pebsco	672,590.84
Deferred Comp. Inv. Copeland	359,620.00
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$1,131,007.52</u>

LIABILITIES

Warrants Payable	3.00
Deferred Compensation	1,032,210.84
Buttonwood Meadows	311.54
Greenwood Estates	808.20
Hathaway Farms	3,722.68
Heritage Estates	2,044.53
Oak Hill Estates	837.48
Mendall Hill Estates	2,715.43
Stoney Acres	760.04
Davis Farm Estates	385.12
Babineau Acres	0.00
Baker's Estate	279.65
Deep Brook Estates	889.26
Reservoir Estates	14,301.63
Squinn Brook II	962.06
Wild Rose Meadows	2,945.23
Wayland Estates	13,768.74
Apple Blossom Estates	14,194.10
Park Drive Extension	644.14
Golf View	2,056.04
Forestdale Estates	27,051.29
Sandpiper Lane	3,220.60
Wood Duck Estates	5,487.92
Outside Police Details	1,408.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>\$1,131,007.52</u>

Attest:

Alan G. Coutinho
Director of Finance

**TOWN OF ACUSHNET
GENERAL FUND**

**BALANCE SHEET
JUNE 30, 1998**

ASSETS

CASH AND SHORT TERM INVESTMENTS	\$1,749,626.71
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RECEIVABLES

Personal Property 1996-1998	7,062.25
Real Estate 1995-1998	309,120.65
Tax Liens	337,149.94
Tax Possessions	2,291.92
Taxes in Litigation	307.65
Motor Vehicle Excise 1991-1998	70,794.91
Farm Excise 1995-1997	432.75
Rubbish Receivable	1,673.75
Rubbish Liens 1996-1998	3,677.50
Other	975.00

TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$2,483,113.03</u>
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LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY

LIABILITIES

Warrants Payable	665,247.47
Other Liabilities	16,867.84
Accrued Payroll	62,203.38
Allowed Abatements & Exemptions 1995-1998	216,146.92
Tailings	17,989.60
Deferred Revenue	
Real Estate and Personal Property	100,035.98
Tax Liens	337,149.94
Tax Possessions	2,291.92
Tax Litigation	307.65
Rubbish	1,673.75
Rubbish Liens	3,677.50
Motor Vehicle	70,794.91
Farm Excise	432.75

TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>\$1,494,819.61</u>
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FUND EQUITY

Reserved for Encumbrances	148,903.34
Reserved for Expenditures	24,591.47
Undesignated Fund Balance	820,013.61
App. Deficit Snow Removal	0.00
Unprovided Abatements	0.00
Over/Under State Assessments	(5,215.00)

TOTAL FUND EQUITY **\$988,293.42**

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY **\$2,483,113.03**

Attest:

Alan G. Coutinho
Director of Finance

**TOWN OF ACUSHNET
TRUST FUNDS**

**BALANCE SHEET
JUNE 30, 1998**

ASSETS

CASH AND SHORT TERM INVESTMENTS	\$1,061,177.80
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TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$1,061,177.80</u>
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LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY

LIABILITIES

Warrants Payable	\$2,216.89
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TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>\$2,216.89</u>
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FUND EQUITY

Cemetery Care	\$78,527.49
Haydon Flower	287.60
Haydon-Candage Flower	458.95
Instructive Nursing	6,882.25
Leo/Ruth Jackson Flower	579.77
Omey/Cottle Flower	14,664.91
Tavis/Ellis Flower	3,750.83
Charles Beals Library Books	5,223.75
Albert LeConte Library Books	2,617.68
Allen/Rhoda Russell Library	9,432.21
Russell Library Maintenance	8,625.28
F. Sowa Library Books	13,707.02
Long Plain School Museum	7,048.09
W/G Owen Art Week	1,328.41
Russell Protestant Poor	70,416.98
Russell Town Hall	7,308.89
Sylvia P. Manter School	47,424.04
Henry H. Rogers School	9,139.92
Russell Public Schools	35,722.22
E. C. Burt School Library	2,716.49
Ruth Tabor Scholarship	7,877.66
Long Plain Meetinghouse	11,533.43
Meetinghouse Restoration	151,181.11
A. Fluegal Board of Health	1,118.43
RN Swift 1	12,271.32
RN Swift 2	285.29

Conservation	17,402.90
Unfunded Liability	108,651.68
Accumulated Sick Time	25,506.87
Stabilization	397,269.44
TOTAL FUND EQUITY	<u>\$1,058,960.91</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	<u>\$1,061,177.80</u>

Attest:
Alan G. Coutinho
Director of Finance

**TOWN OF ACUSHNET
LONG TERM DEBT GROUP**

**BALANCE SHEET
JUNE 30, 1998**

ASSETS	
AMOUNTS TO BE PROVIDED	\$425,000.00
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$425,000.00</u>

LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE

LIABILITIES	
Municipal Purposes Bonds	\$0.00
School Roof Bond	264,000.00
Water Improvement Bonds	161,000.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>\$425,000.00</u>

FUND EQUITY	
Bonds Authorized (Fire Truck)	\$210,000.00
Bonds unissued (Fire Truck)	(210,000.00)
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	<u>\$425,000.00</u>

Attest:

Alan G. Coutinho
Director of Finance

REPORT OF THE ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

To the Officers and Residents of the Town of Acushnet:

Number of Dogs Licensed	594
Number of Kennel Licenses	27
Number of Dogs Caught	33
Number of Cats Caught	6
Number of Dogs Claimed	24
Number of Cats Claimed	0
Number of Cats / Dogs Destroyed	1 dog, 10 cats injured on the street
Number of Cats / Dogs Adopted	15
Number of Dead Animals	120
Number of Complaints	751
Number of Rabies Cases Investigated	1
Number of Positive Cases	0
Number of Hearings heard by Selectmen	0
Number of Dogs restrained by Selectmen	0
Total Mileage	4,210 miles

Respectfully submitted,

Rebekah Tomlinson
Animal Control Officer

REPORT OF THE ANIMAL INSPECTOR

To the Officers and Residents of the Town of Acushnet:

Number of Dogs Quarantined	14
Number of Cats Quarantined	3
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Number of Cattle Inspected	74
(Cattle including dairy cows, heifers, calves, bulls)	
Number of Horses Inspected	80
Number of Ponies Inspected	9
Number of Lambs Inspected	4
Number of Goats Inspected	39
Number of Sheep Inspected	45
Number of Chickens Inspected	151
Number of Turkeys Inspected	2
Number of Rabbits Inspected	143
Number of Donkeys & Mules Inspected	2
Number of Ostriches Inspected	6
Number of Peacocks Inspected	2
Number of Llamas Inspected	1
Number of Swine Inspected	0

Respectfully submitted

Rebekah Tomlinson
Animal Inspector

REPORT OF THE ACUSHNET BOARD OF HEALTH

Robert Medeiros, Chairman	Thomas E. Fantozzi, R.S., C.H.O., Health Agent
Gerald Toussaint, Inspector	Maria Otocky, Administrative Assistant
Thomas J. Fortin, Clerk	Lori Walsh, Sr. Clerk

To the Officers and Residents of the Town of Acushnet:

The Board of Health respectfully submits the following report for the year 1998. The Board reorganized as follows:

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

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. Senior Citizens Health Counseling Clinics are available.

Tuberculosis Testing is available by appointment. Please call 995-0549.

Services:

With a full-time Health Agent, the Board of Health has been able to be actively involved with various town projects. This has enabled town departments to use their expertise in a combined effort for the good of the town.

The Department has kept pace with the increasing demands made by the influx of new construction and sale of existing homes. The ever increasing paperwork and inspections have been completed in a timely manner. With the sales of existing homes, there has been a steady increase in the repair of failed septic systems, thus ensuing the protection of the environment and public health. The goal of this Department is to protect the environment and the public health of the town residents.

Community Management Septic Program:

This was the first year of the town's participation in the Title V Betterment Loan Program. The Board chose to administer the program themselves, thereby enabling them to be able to review all aspects of the projects as they progress. The office has been open additional hours in order to accommodate residents seeking information and applications.

Inspections:

Septic Systems	260	Food Service	109
Title V Certification	24	Mobile Parks	3
Housing	6	Miscellaneous	20

Percolation Tests:

92

Total Receipts for 1998

Permits and Fees	\$26,057.00
Clinic Fees	2,341.00
Mobile Park Fees	<u>1,682.00</u>
Total	\$37,080.00

Respectfully submitted

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

**REPORT OF THE
HEALTH AGENT**

During 1998 on-site sewage disposal and existing and new construction continued to be the number one priority of the Board of Health.. Septic system permits issued numbered 113, ranging in capacity from 220 gallons per day to large systems, such as the new Council on Aging building (Burt School) at 2,000 gallons per day, or the Acushnet River Valley Golf Course, with a build-out flow of 6,700 gallons per day.

The Board approved 11 septic system repair loans under the new Title V Betterment Loan program, assisting homeowners with low interest financial assistance. As of 1998 the Board of Health Agency witnesses all Title V septic system inspections for property transfers. This enables both the sellers and prospective buyers to learn first hand the current status of the septic system and alternatives and solutions to correct non-complying (failing) septic systems.

The Board of Health Agent has attended several training seminars regarding innovative and alternative technologies and low pressure dosing septic systems. As a result of intensive research by both governmental and private business to develop better and more efficient methods of treating and managing waste water, new solutions to repair failing septic systems are now available where there are severe land restrictions, such as small lot size, poor soils, or wetlands. The Board of Health office now has a small reference library available to the public to answer any questions concerning septic systems, resource areas, or water supplies.

The Board continued ongoing programs, such as tobacco control, food service inspections, water testing, housing code enforcement, complaint and public health hazard resolution, solid waste and illegal dumping, and neighborhood health concerns.

During 1998 a renewed cooperative working relationship was established between town departments, resulting in efficient, cost effective services and response to citizen complaints and problems. This Board would like to thank the Board of Public Works and its employees, members of the Fire and Police Departments, Animal Control Officer, Selectmen and Finance Officers, and the Building Commissioner's office for their support and assistance during 1998. We look forward to serving the residents of Acushnet in 1999.

Respectfully submitted,

Acushnet Health Agent

REPORT OF THE PACT PROGRAM

The PACT Program (Prevention & Cessation of Tobacco) services the Boards of Health of Acushnet, Lakeville, Marion, Mattapoisett, and Rochester through a grant from the Massachusetts Tobacco Control Program. Our office is located in the Marion Board of Health because Marion is the lead agency for the Board of Health collaborative. The original grant was awarded four years ago to Acushnet, Marion and Rochester. Last year Lakeville and Mattapoisett joined the collaborative in the first of a new three-year grant.

The PACT Program's workplan includes three very specific areas of responsibility which include: policy promotion and enforcement to reduce tobacco sales to minors, policy promotion and enforcement aimed at reducing public exposure to environmental tobacco smoke (ETS), smoking cessation, and community services.

The good news is that we were able to promote, as well as enforce, policies that prohibited tobacco sales to minors through several avenues. First, the Boards of Health in Lakeville and Mattapoisett passed Tobacco Regulations which dealt with youth access and smoking in public places. Hearings were held in both communities, and the Board members passed the regulations

unanimously. Both regulations will be in force as of January 1999. In addition, Acushnet and Marion passed amendments to their existing regulations requiring all tobacco vendors to be permitted through their Boards of Health to remove all self-service displays. Amendments like these have been passed in communities across the Commonwealth in order to enforce existing local regulations in a fair and consistent manner.

Compliance checks were conducted in Acushnet, Marion, and Rochester four times this year. Acushnet, Marion and Rochester all had 100% compliance during two of these routine compliance checks. This means that not one store in those three communities sold tobacco products to minors during two routine surveys. The PACT Program commends local merchants for their continuing vigilance in their policy to always ask anyone who looks to be 26 years of age or under for an ID. Although we know teens are very resourceful in finding ways to purchase tobacco products, the efforts of our local merchants make it more and more difficult for them to do so.

We have also been hard at work educating both youth and adults in our communities about the dangers of second hand smoke. Two cable TV programs were produced to educate residents about ETS. The first was a program featuring Dr. John Ogren, pediatrician, who strongly advocated for smoke free homes and cars where children reside. The second was a program with Dr. William Franklin, an asthma and allergy specialist, who was very clear about the effects of second hand smoke on all asthma and allergy sufferers, especially restaurant employees.

Additionally, the PACT Program coordinated eight assemblies at area schools featuring Bob Mehrman, a lergyectomee, and Pam Laffin, a lung transplant recipient who suffers from emphysema. They spoke at Old Hammondtown, Old Rochester Regional High and Jr. High, Old Colony Voc Tech High School, and Apponequet High School, to a total of approximately 2000 students. Many of those students wrote letters to their local Boards of Health and their local newspapers advocating for smoke free public places, including restaurants.

As a result, the Lakeville Board of Health included a very comprehensive restaurant FTS section in its recently enacted regulation. In this way the residents in Lakeville have an option to dine in a safe environment with clean air. Now the communities of Acushnet, Lakeville, Marion and Rochester all contain language in their regulations that restrict smoking in restaurants.

The PACT Program was also able to provide smoking cessation services to 201 smokers in the communities it serves; 48 of those smokers participated in two hypnotherapy programs offered at Ford Middle School. One of the hypnotherapy sessions was sponsored by the Acushnet Public Schools (APS) Health Protection Grant and one was sponsored by the PACT Program. Shared programming between the APS and PACT has been ongoing and has enabled

residents of Acushnet to more smoking cessation services than either organization could deliver independently. The PACT Program would like to make special mention of the dedication and commitment exemplified by Jo-Anne Masson, R.N., APS School Health Educator, and the APS Health Advisory Council in these endeavors. Since there has been such a high demand for smoking cessation programs and the success rate has been so surprisingly high, we plan to continue to offer these free programs this coming year.

The PACT Program worked diligently to start a Nicotine Anonymous Program in the Greater New Bedford area. We are happy to report that we have an active group going on at the CVS Health Connection in New Bedford. We have found that success rates for quitters are even higher when participants join Nicotine Anonymous for ongoing support.

Last, but certainly not least, is the community awareness and education component of the PACT Program's workplan. The PACT Program and its volunteer youth groups, called TASC (Teens Against Smoking & Chewing) and Smokebusters (elementary school-age students) have planned, coordinated and participated in several events. They include our third annual Youth Day at the Dartmouth Mall; YMCA XTREME Day, which celebrated World No Tobacco Day; the fourth annual 4th of July Float; Family Fest at Umass/Dartmouth; and Gear Swaps at Old Rochester Junior High and Old Colony Voc Tech. The students also participated in the Smoke-free Discount Card Campaign, asking local businesses to honor discounts to students who signed smoke-free pledges.

Also, they all helped make "Operation Storefront" a resounding success by conducting a survey of the tobacco advertising on the exterior of local businesses. The data gathered by these volunteer students was submitted to the Massachusetts Department of Public Health in order to assess which communities in the Commonwealth are most targeted by the tobacco industry.

All in all, 1998 was an especially productive year. None of these efforts would have been possible without the unflagging support of the members of the Boards of Health of Acushnet, Lakeville, Marion, Mattapoisett and Rochester. It is collaborative efforts like this that make it possible for us to create a healthier environment for all of our residents.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith R. Coykendall, MSM, Program Director
PACT Program

REPORT OF THE BRISTOL COUNTY MOSQUITO CONTROL PROJECT

On June 30, 1998 the Bristol County Mosquito Control Project completed thirty-nine 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 mosquitoes.

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 mosquitoes 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 mosquitoes 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 draining ditches in lowland swamps to reduce their favorability as breeding sites for mosquito larvae.

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

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

The 1998 mosquito season started about the same time as past years with larvae appearing in most wetland areas during the month of March.

Adult mosquitoes began to appear in many areas of the county in the latter part of April; however, our fogging program did not start until the third week of May as temperatures before this time were too cold for early morning fogging.

Mosquito populations varied throughout the county. Many areas that had extremely large populations of adult mosquitoes in past years did not seem as bad this year, and areas that are usually quiet turned into a problem. We are not certain what caused this situation to occur.

The calls for service this year were the highest yet, probably due to the storm that dumped 14 inches of rain in most of the county. Certain types of mosquitoes were extremely high and others were very low. *Melanura* mosquitoes, which play an important part in the EE cycle, were very high. There were a number of EE virus isolations in this non-human biting mosquito this year but no human cases were reported. However, the virus affected two flocks of emus in eastern Massachusetts. A total of 30 emus died, 19 in Essex, MA and 11 in Norton, MA. The emus that were tested at the State Virus Lab tested positive for EE.

The Project sprayed all known mosquito-infested areas and answered all requests for spraying, for a total of 3,830.4 sprayed acres.

During the spring and summer months, 16.75 acres of breeding wetlands were larvicided.

During the fall and winter months, a total of 1,600 feet of brush was cut and 1,550 feet of drainage ditch was reclaimed. Our crawler tractor also dug 300 feet of drainage ditch.

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
Bristol County Mosquito Control Project

REPORT OF THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT

To the Officers and Residents of the Town of Acushnet:

The Building Department issued **343 permits** and collected **\$34,061.50** in fees for the fiscal year ending June 1998.

DATE	PERMITS	FEES COLLECTED
July	33	\$ 1,694.50
August	35	\$ 3,428.00
September	39	\$ 4,371.00
October	30	\$ 3,539.00
November	27	\$ 2,813.00
December	18	\$ 2,645.00
January	16	\$ 1,216.00
February	16	\$ 729.00
March	27	\$ 834.00
April	24	\$ 2,254.00
May	31	\$ 4,447.00
June	47	\$ 4,247.00
TOTAL	343	\$32,217.50
Certificate of Occupancy	80	\$ 1,200.00
Certificate of Inspection	15	\$ 575.00
Re-Inspection Fee	5	\$ 100.00
Refund	1	\$ (-42.00)
Copies	11	\$ 11.00
TOTAL BUILDING FEES		\$34,061.50

Respectfully submitted,

Leo Lyonnais, Inspector of Buildings
Robert Brown, Deputy Inspector
Raymond Hanks, 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 1998:

PERMIT FOR	AMOUNT
Accessory Apartment	01
Addition	21
Deck	21
Demolition	10
Dwelling	74
Fireplace	43
Garage	13
Pool	21
Porch	11
Renovation	16
Roof	24
Shed	21
Siding	09
Window	09
Wood Stove	09
Miscellaneous	40
TOTAL	343

Respectfully submitted,

Leo Lyonnais, Inspector of Buildings
Robert Brown, Deputy Inspector
Raymond Hanks, Deputy Inspector
Patricia Harbeck, Senior Clerk

REPORT OF THE WIRE INSPECTOR

To the Officers and Residents of the Town of Acushnet:

The Wire Department issued **271 permits** and collected **\$12,851.00** in permit fees for the fiscal year ending June 1998.

DATE	PERMITS	FEES COLLECTED
July	21	\$ 940.00
August	26	\$ 1,001.00
September	22	\$ 925.00
October	20	\$ 910.00
November	25	\$ 1,178.00
December	17	\$ 625.00
January	21	\$ 860.00
February	19	\$ 1,101.00
March	24	\$ 1,673.00
April	28	\$ 1,620.00
May	11	\$ 456.00
June	37	\$ 1,562.00
TOTAL	271	\$12,851.00

Respectfully submitted,

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

REPORT OF THE PLUMBING INSPECTOR

To the Officers and Residents of the Town of Acushnet:

The Plumbing/Gas Department issued 140 permits and collected \$11,181.00 in fees for fiscal year ending June 1998.

DATE	PERMITS	FEES COLLECTED
July	08	\$ 735.00
August	14	\$ 1,185.00
September	14	\$ 1,312.00
October	16	\$ 1,034.00
November	08	\$ 685.00
December	15	\$ 1,202.00
January	11	\$ 814.00
February	07	\$ 558.00
March	12	\$ 1,076.00
April	11	\$ 852.00
May	07	\$ 423.00
June	17	\$ 1,305.00
TOTAL	140	\$11,181.00

Respectfully submitted,

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

REPORT OF THE GAS INSPECTOR

To the Officers and Residents of the Town of Acushnet:

The Gas/Plumbing Department issued **107 permits** and collected **\$4,183.00** in fees for fiscal year ending June 1998.

DATE	PERMITS	FEES COLLECTED
July	02	\$ 79.00
August	10	\$ 400.00
September	10	\$ 338.00
October	13	\$ 638.00
November	05	\$ 168.00
December	15	\$ 556.00
January	17	\$ 591.00
February	10	\$ 413.00
March	09	\$ 382.00
April	06	\$ 304.00
May	05	\$ 243.00
June	05	\$ 171.00
TOTAL	107	\$4,183.00

Respectfully submitted,

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

REPORT OF THE ACUSHNET CABLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

To the Subscribers and Residents of Acushnet:

The Acushnet Cable Advisory Committee was newly appointed in November 1997. The Committee has five full time members and an alternate.

The Committee meets on the first Thursday of every month at the Acushnet Community Center at 7:00 p.m. This Committee, in the short span of one year since it was reappointed, has accomplished the following:

We have relocated and operate from the Acushnet Cable Studio in the Acushnet Community Center, located at 232 Middle Road, Acushnet, MA. The studio facilities are open and available to the residents of Acushnet for any production of interest to the community.

This Committee has been taping events of community interest since its inception, and in July of this year we began our own live programming on Acushnet's Channel 15 - Government Access programming.

The Committee has taped over 100 meetings in the last year. Several town board meetings were taped this year that previously were never taped nor shown on Access Two. We are presently showing live productions on Channel 15 every Monday, with broadcasts of the Selectmen's meetings on Acushnet's Channel 15 - Government Access.

During the past year we have taped several events of community interest, for example, the school concerts, the hopefully "annual" Gong Show, the Apple Peach Festival, Holiday greetings from the Department heads, Special Town Meetings, and one event that we missed - the candidates' night debut..

We have had training for camera operators, alpha gen operators and editing operators. The Committee welcomes anyone willing to volunteer for the above studio duties or as a camera operator. These positions are always needed.

This Committee hopes to become more experienced, better trained and equipped in order to film many more events live in the upcoming year. The Committee has developed plans to purchase additional studio equipment so that we may more effectively operate the studio, show additional tapes on a daily basis, run longer (up to three hours) productions, and update the studio for future events.

We are also trying to produce programs of community interest, such as studio interviews, possible debate forums and/or talk show style productions. If

anyone is interested in producing this type of production for the upcoming year, please contact the Committee.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Donald P. Lopes, Chairman
Everett Hardy III, Member
George Souza, Member
Marvin Allison, Member
Gerard Bergeron, Member
Denise Botelho, Alternate
Flo Dubois, Recording Secretary
Acushnet Cable Advisory Committee

REPORT OF THE ACUSHNET CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Objective:

The Acushnet Conservation Commission is a seven-member board established to administer the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act (MGL Chapter 131 Section 40) and collaborate with various town departments on 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	8:00 - 12:00 pm	Clerk
Tuesday	8:00 - 12:00 pm	Clerk
Wednesday	8:00 - 12:00 pm	Clerk
Thursday	8:00 - 12:00 pm	Clerk
	1:00 - 4:00 pm	Agent by appointment
Friday	8:00 - 12:00 pm	Clerk

In order to better serve the citizens of Acushnet, the Conservation office has extended its operating hours to now remain open five days per week!

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

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

1998 Filings under MGL Chapter 131 Section 40:

Notices of Intent	50
Requests for Determination of Applicability	15
Requests for Certificate of Compliance	7
Requests for Amendment of Order of Conditions	2
Requests for Extension of Order of Conditions	10
Enforcement Orders	2

1998 Achievements:

During 1998 the Conservation Commission worked continuously with the Department of Public Works on drainage improvements throughout areas in Town. Flood control and storm damage protection are just a few of the several

interests of the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act. The Conservation Commission is continually striving to ensure that new projects do not contribute to the flooding of existing properties, and although there are still many important areas which need improvement, the Commission, along with the DPW, are committed to trying to resolve these issues.

Also in March 1998, there were five members and staff of the Commission who attended the Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissions' Annual Conference. The MACC is a non-profit corporation, founded in 1961 to support, education and advocate on behalf of Conservation Commissions throughout the Commonwealth.

Commission Membership:

The Conservation Commission welcomed a new member in 1998, Patricia Mendonca. We also sadly saw the resignation of three long-time members: Walton Braley (1990-1998), Mary Allison (1995-1998), and Robert Bertrand (1996-1998). Consequently, there remains a vacant seat on the Commission; persons interested in the volunteer position may send a letter of interest to the Board of Selectmen.

As of January 1, 1999, the Board and staff included:

Paul Picard, Chairman	Ted Cioper, Vice Chairman
Joyce Reynolds, Member	David Davignon, Member
Leonard Sameiro, Member	Patricia Mendonca, Member
Melinda Ferreira, Clerk-Notary	
Laurell J. Farinon, Regional Conservation Agent	

Respectfully submitted,

Acushnet Conservation Commission

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL ON AGING

To the Officers and Residents of Acushnet:

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

The Senior Center is open to all seniors from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Lunch is served daily, with day before reservations, at 11:45 a.m. Free transportation is available to those who need it.

Our seniors play bingo each Monday and Wednesday at 12:45 p.m. and the Scrabble Club meets every Tuesday from 1:00 p.m. 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 to take them grocery shopping every Wednesday and Thursday morning. Seniors must call ahead if they need this service.

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

The Shine Program consists of a representative who assists elders in understanding health insurance, helps process claims, informs elders of their rights and assists them with problems involving health insurance.

Line dancing is held at the American Legion Hall on Hope Street on Thursday afternoons from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Sincere thanks to the American Legion for donating the use of the hall.

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

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

The Share Program is sponsored by the Acushnet Council on Aging and is distributed monthly from the Senior Center.

Due to arrangements made by the C.C.A. with COM Electric, COM Gas and Bell Atlantic, residents may now pay their utility and phone bills at the Acushnet Credit Union, a great convenience, especially for seniors.

We assist seniors in filling out forms for fuel assistance and the Pharmacy Program. We also have a tax consultant who will assist seniors in filling out their tax forms. These services are free of charge but appointments are needed.

This year a new group has been formed called "The Friends of the Acushnet Council on Aging." They invite you to establish your membership with them. This group is primarily interested in raising funds to assist the senior center financially. The "Friends" is a non-profit entity of the Acushnet Council on Aging. To join, simply call the center at 998-0280. A planning meeting is held once a month.

We distribute 500 copies of our monthly newsletter to various spots in town. We also send them to area councils on aging.

The Council has again applied for and received a yearly grant from the Department of Elder Affairs. This grant helps to maintain our bus which is used to transport seniors who have no transportation to come for lunch or to go grocery shopping.

The Town of Acushnet has been awarded a \$600,000.00 grant from the Department of Housing and Community Development for a new senior center. Occupancy at the new center will increase in capacity from the 50 now served at the Parting Ways building to 350 in the new center. The center is projected to open in May of 1999.

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

Respectfully submitted

William P. Contois, Director
Council on Aging

REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Richard H. Settele
Jo-Ann K. Ordway

Superintendent
Senior Clerk

HIGHWAY DIVISION

Raymond Barlow
Leonard Spooner
John Mello
Mark Faunce
Paul Fortin
Douglas Rodgers

Highway Supervisor
Working Foreman

Brian Monte
David Gifford

WATER / SEWER DIVISION

Antone Medeiros
John Genereux
Joel Herman

Water/Sewer Supervisor

To the Officers and Residents of the Town of Acushnet:

The Acushnet DPW - **Highway Division** has been busy during the 1998 calendar year with the major tasks accomplished by the Department encompassing repairing streets, cleaning drain lines, clearing drainage ditches, constructing and repairing manholes and catch basins, repairing sidewalks, clearing roadside brush, street sweeping, sanding and snow plowing.

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 1998.

Using \$275,000.00 of Chapter 90 Highway Funds, the following roadways were repaired or reconstructed, in part or in full: Keene Road, Mattapoisett Road, New Boston Road, Main Street, and Nestle's Lane.

In addition to these projects, the Department was able to assist other departments with small tasks and assist the Golf Course Committee.

Small drainage work was completed on Mattapoisett Road, Hathaway Road, Lawson Avenue, Main Street, James Street, and Nestle's Lane.

Finally, while no new equipment was purchased during 1998, a major effort was made to repair existing equipment, thus prolonging the useful life of this very costly machinery.

WATER AND SEWER DIVISION

The **Water/Sewer Division** installed 800 feet of new water main on John Street during 1998.

In addition, the Department also replaced six hydrants and repaired 12 water leaks and/or water main breaks in Town.

Water service installations included 70 new homes and 75 - 100 repairs, for a total of approximately 175 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. Eight hydrant valves were exercised and monthly water sampling was done. We also had many service inspections.

A study was begun and is under way in an effort to evaluate 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 1998.

Respectfully submitted,

Matthew Goulet
David Grennon
Robert St. Jean
Kenneth Souza
Jean Lemieux
Board of Public Works

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

**Some easy to understand things you can do to conserve water
(Ideas from the American Water Works Association)**

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

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

REPORT OF THE 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 organization, 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 three emergency vehicles, complete with onboard generators.

This year we assisted in a variety of events, such as the Apple Peach Parade, Christmas Sing-A-Long, Acushnet Road Race, and the Fathers' Day Road Race in Fairhaven. Also in 1998 we gave assistance with the Teen Dances at the Parting Ways of the Greens during the summer, which were a great success.

In 1998 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 and the Apple Peach Festival Parade, giving communications along the course. 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 communications and message capability when phone lines are 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. We held a training class for SKYWARN spotters which was a real success with 110 participants; this was held at the Acushnet Community Center on Middle Road.

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, 1998.

It has been a year since we have been in our new building. There have been many new experiences encountered. The neighbors have been very gracious and visit on a regular basis. There were two tree plantings on the premise, dedicated to the memories of Charles Peters and Rene Rivet.

We have been treating many more walk-in injuries and transports from our new station. We attribute this to better visibility and a sign of what EMS is becoming with managed care.

As the times change, we realized this year that if EMS was to continue providing the quality of care that the townspeople were used to, we needed to restructure. In order to do this, we needed to hire two more full timers. This gives us in-house round the clock coverage. We are no longer a call department but a part time department. All personnel work out of the station. This also upgraded the EMT's salaries, which was sorely needed.

We are continuing to provide CPR and First Aid training to the community. We are currently coordinating defibrillation training for the Police officers. Along with teaching CPR to the Health class, in conjunction with the Fire and Police departments, we are coordinating teaching the elementary classes RISK WATCH. This is a program to educate our youth on what to do in the case of various police, medical or fire emergencies.

We are currently staffed with 20 members. 16 are State EMT-D certified and four are currently awaiting upgrading. Six members are nationally certified and eight are updated to the new national curriculum. The remainder of the staff will be upgraded by the Spring, along with the Police/EMTs. We currently have 11 CPR instructors and two CPR instructor trainers. We also have one State Examiner and one Chief Examiner. We also acquired three ASHI instructors.

I would like to thank the members of Acushnet EMS for continuing to perform in the professional manner they always do.

Yours In Service to Life

Adrienne Y. Rivet, EMS Director, ASHI
Laura V. Ekstrom, Supervisor, ASHI
Robert R. Lavoie, Supervisor, CPRI

Full Time Personnel
David Bernard
Christine Cabral
Vivian Johns, Infection Control Officer

Liserta Arruda	Vernon Ekstrom-ASHI	Brian Messier
Kevin Black	Jessica Ellis	David Pereira
Raymond Cabral	Susan Forgues	Jenifer Mulcare-Sullivan
Patrick Comeau	Jennifer Johns	Jennifer Vargas
David Cooper	Michael Mentzer	

<u>EMS STATISTICS</u>	1996	1997	1998
Sex Assault/Rape	0	0	0
Medical Emergencies	271	404	428
Trauma	45	20	6
OD/Suicide	8	8	0
Medical Assessment	74	37	71
Fire	52	51	61
MVAS	106	68	54
MVA/Refusals	-	-	49
Births	0	1	0
DOA	8	4	7
Mutual Aid To Us	2	2	6
Cardiac Arrests	7	12	5
No Transports/Medical	103	97	37
Walk-Ins/Station	-	-	12
Mutual Aid > Fairhaven	44	45	13
Mutual Aid > New Bedford	8	6	9
Mutual Aid > Mattapoisitt	0	2	0
TOTAL	728	761	766

PARAMEDIC STATISTICS

Treated	129	139	141
Monitor	26	21	14
BLS	57	53	65
Cancelled	44	33	23
Not Available	28	21	24
TOTAL	290	267	267

REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

To the Officers and Residents of the Town of Acushnet:

During calendar year 1998, your Fire Department responded to 273 calls; a partial breakdown is as follows:

Structure Fires	14	Vehicle Fires	6
Outside of Structures	5	Brush Fires	11
Rubbish Fires	4	Motor Vehicle Accident	42
False Alarms	35	Mutual Aid Given	6
Spills, Leaks	41		

The following permits, certificates and reports were issued:

Cert. of Compliance	185	Oil Burner	88
Oil Storage	74	Plan Review	79
Propane Storage	58	Tank Truck Inspections	19
Blasting	1	UST Removal	14
Fire Reports	2	Open Burning Permits	642

With the addition of the new Engine 5 and the replacement of the Chief's car, all fire apparatus is in good operating condition.

During 1998 drills were conducted on a monthly basis. In addition, all members of the Rescue Squad were certified in usage of the Rescue Alive ice and water rescue sled. This included a hands-on water drill at Lake Street.

Your Fire Department received a \$2,587.00 grant for Student Awareness of Fire Safety Education (S.A.F.E.). Once again this money is targeted to the fourth graders for education in safety and the hazards of tobacco use.

The annual Open House was held during October and was well received by more than 250 Town residents. During this month, with the generosity of the Firefighters' Association, batteries were provided for over 50 homes at no cost to the residents.

A Firefighter I course was conducted with area towns for three new members of the Department. This has become a mandatory requirement prior to someone becoming a member of the Fire Department.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Paul R. Cote
Fire Chief

REPORT OF THE 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 1998.

Regular meetings were held on the first Monday of the month at 7:30 P.M. at various handicap-accessible locations around town, from the Acushnet Elementary School's various rooms to the Acushnet Community Center's rooms. If necessary, 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. We held public hearings on the issues, and put them on the warrant for Annual Town Meeting. We are pleased to report the passage of new zoning by-laws at the Town Meeting relating to these issues.

The Planning Commission was consulted by many Town residents regarding lot problems, roads, and access, as well as use issues. We are also holding public hearings on, among other issues, the first cases of proposed common driveways in Town.

Three Definitive Subdivisions were approved this year:

- 1) Golf View Estates, located off of Leonard Street
- 2) Wood Duck Road Subdivision, located off Keene Road
- 3) Sandpiper Lane Subdivision, located off Keene Road

The Planning Commission is currently holding a public hearing on another subdivision submission, Bernardo Farms, located off of Main Street.

Twenty Form A's were processed and accepted: 3 on Garrison Lane, 2 on Middle Road, 2 on North Main Street, and 1 each on Francis Street, Park Drive/Lambert Street, Rogerson Avenue, North Main Street/Austin Lane, Coury Drive/North Anthony Terrace/Mary Drive, Guillotte Street, Roosevelt Street, Hathaway Road, Main Street, Mendall Road, Keene Road, Andy's Court, and on the New Bedford/Acushnet town line.

On-site meetings and walk-throughs were held as needed.

The Planning Commission is always willing to assist individuals in understanding the land rules and regulations. Acushnet residents are welcome to attend all public meetings, which are posted at Town Hall on the bulletin boards in the Town Clerk's office and outside of the Selectmen's office.

Respectfully submitted,

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

ACUSHNET HISTORICAL COMMISSION

The Acushnet Historical Commission continues to carry out its mandate of historical preservation and education.

The Commission applied for a small grant to establish a Historical / Nature Trail at the site of the Whelden Mill. We have been advised that the grant has been approved but were informed that the funds from the Federal Government to cover these grants have not yet been received. We hope to be able to have the trail ready for summer visits.

The transfer of the White's Factory ruin property from the White family to the Fairhaven/Acushnet Land Preservation Trust finally went through. Discussions are expected to be held regarding plans for the site. It is expected that a historic preservation restriction will be added to the deed.

We were finally able to make an arrangement with Kathleen Fair, Chairman of the Dartmouth Historical Commission, to work for us on a free lance basis during the summer, researching historical homes. She was able to complete a dozen during the summer of 1998.

The Long Plain Museum was open for visits on Saturday and Sunday afternoons from the first weekend in June through the second weekend in September. On that weekend the Acushnet Historical Society once more hosted the popular annual Apple-Peach Festival on the grounds of the Museum. The Long Plain Friends Meetinghouse was open for visits on Sunday afternoons from the first weekend in June to the second weekend in September, and the Friends of the Friends Meetinghouse again hosted the popular free summer concert series, Music at the Meetinghouse, on three Saturday evenings during June, July and August.

A young Acushnet couple was married in the Meetinghouse in October. Despite the very rainy weather, the wedding was a success, with about 60 people in attendance. It is hoped we will be able to have more weddings during the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

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

REPORT OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY

April of 1999 will mark the 25th 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 6:30 P.M. The office is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 A.M. to 12:30 p.m.

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

NUMBER OF OCCUPANTS	NET INCOME RANGE
One Person	Max. - \$25,150.00
Two People	Max. - \$28,750.00

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
Lawrence Mulvey, Secretary

Sandra Keighley Bettencourt, Executive Director
Alice Soja, Administrative Assistant
Acushnet Housing Authority

REPORT OF THE PARK DEPARTMENT

We respectfully submit the annual report of the Park Department to the townspeople of Acushnet. Once again, the Park Department had a very busy year.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the many individuals, groups and organizations for their continued support and help throughout the years.

A new area in front of the park helps welcome you to Pope Park. A garden area with park benches has been completed in the front of the park on Main Street. The shuffleboard area has also been recently completed.

A picnic area is going to be put in the park near Knox Diamond. Also, the kiddie area that has been put behind Knox Diamond seems to continually get a lot of use.

The sprinkler systems have been completed on all fields and should be ready for use this spring.

The Summer Youth Program, under the direction of Kathy Jason, continues to draw many of the town's young children every year. Activities under the Summer Youth Program include arts and crafts, various sports games, and special field days.

Other activities in the Park are girls' softball, Phoenix Girls' Softball League, little league, Acushnet Youth Athletic Association, and a charity softball game between the Acushnet Police and Fire Departments.

Upgrading the restrooms is still part of future plans for the Park, as well as the planting of trees throughout the Park.

Special thanks to Ray Rivet, superintendent of the Park, for his continued hard work and energy in continuing to beautify our Park grounds. Thank you to the Board of Public Works for their continued efforts in helping our Department. Special thanks to Officer Paul Melo for his continued effort and involvement to ensure safety at the Park.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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, 1998.

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

Five new part-time officers, who were given contingent offers of employment in November of 1997, were hired upon graduation from the Reserve Intermittent Academy in April. Those officers are Keith Ashley, Nelson DeResendes, Christopher Kershaw, Jason Matton and Edward Silva.

Officer Charles Pelletier officially retired on January 19, 1998. Officer Gary Coppa was appointed from the part-time ranks to replace Officer Pelletier and will do so pending his graduation from the Plymouth Police Academy, scheduled to graduate on February 5, 1999.

Officer Gary L. Rousseau continued the D.A.R.E. program in the town's elementary schools and in the middle school.

The Police Department was very successful in obtaining grants in 1998. We continued to receive Federal monies - \$25,000 for the Community Police Officer project, and enough State monies (\$9,700) to cover all of the D.A.R.E. program expenses. We received \$25,441 from the Bureau of Justice Assistance Program, which was used to replace our outdated computer equipment. We received \$16,000 from the State's Community Policing Program, which is being used to purchase portable defibrillators which will be installed in the cruisers. Finally, we received a drug prevention block grant in conjunction with New Bedford and area communities which was used to purchase a 35MM camera. Of all the grants received, only one, the Bureau of Justice Assistance, required the town to raise any matching funds and that was only for \$2,827. The rest of the grants were free and clear, amounting to \$77,341.

We are living in prosperous times right now and our thinking is to use the available grant funds not only to pay for existing programs, such as DARE and our Community Police Officer, but also to purchase needed equipment that will continue to serve the Town when the good times are over. By doing so we will not have to raise money from the taxpayers to purchase the same equipment now or later.

The computer equipment purchased via the grant included replacing old, slow computers originally designed to operate a DOS system with fast Pentium II computers designed to operate Windows. An added benefit is that now all of the equipment is year 2000 compliant. Photo imaging was added to the operating system, meaning we can load photographs into the computer. This is

a great tool with many advantages, such as adding suspects' faces to their descriptions, creating photo lineups for identification purposes, and placing crime scene evidence into the Incident and/or Arrest Reports.

The portable defibrillators will be used by officers who generally are the first emergency people to arrive on the scene, to resuscitate individuals and to stabilize them until Emergency Medical Technicians arrive. It is impossible to predict whether or not these machines will ever actually save a life but they have been credited with saving lives in other communities. Strangely enough this is the type of purchase which would have required much deliberation had we needed to raise the money through taxation because the Town can only afford so much.

New firearm legislation, which went into effect on October 21, 1998, will have a major impact on the Police Department, particularly in fiscal year 2000 (July 1, 1999 through June 30, 2000). The largest effect will come from the fact that everyone's Firearm Identification card (FID) will expire on their birthday wherever it falls within fiscal 2000. We anticipate 1,500 people coming in to renew their FID cards in fiscal 2000, in addition to our normal gun licensing workload. For this reason officer James Costa has been assigned to assist in firearms licensing during fiscal 2000.

All members of the department were qualified or requalified with their duty weapons and shotguns.

Officer Louann Jenkinson received recognition from MADD as Acushnet's tenth Officer of the Year.

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

OTHER ACTIVITIES

	1997	1998
Complaints Answered	6,488	6,577
Parking Tickets	76	73
Larcenies	153	133
Breaking & Entering	76	54
Attempted Breaks	6	15
Arrests - M/V, Narcotics, B@Es, Larceny, Warrants	365	386
Summons Served	224	305
Stolen M/V	4	11
Accidents Investigated	129	134
Fatalities	0	0
Robberies	2	0
M/V Citations	854	897

MEMBERS OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

CHIEF OF POLICE

Michael R. Poitras

SERGEANTS

Barry W. Monte

Stephen McCan

Michael G. Alves

FULL TIME OFFICERS

Gil Marques, Jr.

Paul J. Melo

Marc J. Antone

Gary L. Rousseau

Thomas L. Carreau

John A. Bolarinho

Joseph R. Pontes

Louann Jenkinson

James D. Costa

David A. Swift

Christopher R. Richmond

PART TIME OFFICERS

Donald J. Guenette

James C. Pelletier

Michael J. Nunes

Nelson J. DeResendes

Jason L. Matton

James M. Vieira

Gary A. Coppa

Keith A. Ashley

Christopher J. Kershaw

Edward P. Silva

DISPATCHERS

Annette Y. Richard

Kimberly A. DeFrias

Respectfully submitted,

Michael R. Poitras

Chief of Police

REPORT OF THE RUSSELL MEMORIAL LIBRARY

This has been a year of loss and change in our staff. Our devoted employee of 20 years, Cecelia Tavares, passed away suddenly this summer. Our dedicated custodian of 31 years, Helen Guenette, has informed us that she will not be returning after the new year. Both these employees worked many years to provide excellent service for the town library and its patrons. We would like to convey our sympathy to the Tavares family and wish Helen good health and good luck in her retirement.

Our staff consists of the following employees dedicated to providing the best possible service to the citizens of Acushnet: Valdene Kane, Director (7 years); Claudette Olivier, Assistant Director (20 years); Connie Preston, Library Technician (8 years); and newcomer Library Technician Denise Hamer. With the growth in patronage, our library staff was really overextended. The town gave us the go-ahead to hire a page to help in the shelving of materials. Town resident Judith Caruthers was hired for this position. A custodian will be hired in 1999.

For the first time in many years the open hours of the library have been expanded. Our hours now are:

Sunday	Closed
Monday	3 - 6
Tuesday	1 - 8
Wednesday	10 - 6
Thursday	1 - 8
Friday	Closed
Saturday	10 - 1

Our small but mighty Friends of the Russell Memorial Library is led by capable volunteers Connie Preston and Cynthia Marks. Our annual book sale was held on September 12, 1998. Mrs. Preston and Mrs. Marks would like to send special thanks to all those who helped: Rebecca Marks, Irwin Marks, Deborah Healey and Henry Preston. The moneys from the sale of these donated and surplus items go towards 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 cards. 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 Barbara Diamond Goldin. Mrs. Goldin presented three separate

performances for first, second, and third 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 sixth summer program was a great success. We had visits from "*The Magic Guy*," John Stetson; Theater troupe *Theater To Do*, which presented **Where the Wild Things Are and Caps for Sale**; and the storyteller/songster, Len Cabral. The children created balloon pinatas, built summer snowmen, and beautified the library grounds with sidewalk art. We ended with hungry readers decorating their own cookies. All children who satisfied the requirement of visiting the library five times over the summer received a library certificate of accomplishment and a coupon for a free sundae donated by McDonald's Restaurants. The theater group and the story writer were funded by a grant from the Acushnet Cultural Council. Unfortunately, the Acushnet Cultural Council has informed us that they will no longer be able to fund programs held at the library since the library is not handicapped accessible.

The program "*Celebrate! Read!*" was supported by materials from the Southeastern 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 Animal Hospital, Acushnet Cultural Council, Acushnet Lions Club, Acushnet Mobile Homes, Acushnet Firefighters Association, Acushnet Police Association, Acushnet Power Lines, Inc., Acushnet Rifle & Gun Club, Adams & Adams, Inc., Applied Technology Associates, Inc., Babe's Auto Body, Bartin Products - Rainbow Sales & Service, Bay State Mobile Home Park & Sales, Leo Beaudoin - Carpenter-Builder, Blue Point Restaurant, CB's Family Variety, Captain's Place Family Restaurant, Car Fair, Century House, Christine's Wedding Invitations & Accessories.

Also, Charlotte & Donald Coutinho, D & P Contracting, Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Desroches, Donut Mill, Exclusive Yankee Ingenuity, Gagnon Liquors, Inc., The House Doctor, the Keyman, Kingsley Signs, Knox Electric, Maurice Lamothe Sewer Rooter, Law Office of Shane A. Carlson, Little People's College, Inc., Joyce D. Lopes Realty Corp., Better Homes & Gardens, M.A.G., Irrigation Inc., MVM Mechanical Contractors, Inc., McDonald's Restaurant, Ralph & Marjorie Macomber, Main-Line Electric, Inc., Marmelo's Liquors, Inc., Murray's Auto Sales, Olde New England Clay Works, Perry Farm Patchworks, Roseland Nursery, Inc., Santos TV Service, Shaw's Supermarkets - Fairhaven, Shaw's Supermarkets - New Bedford, St. Amand Corporation, Stop & Shop Supermarket - King's Highway, Titleist and Foot-Joy Worldwide, Paul Trahan Enterprise, Wal-Mart - Fairhaven, Jim Waskiel Furniture Refinishing & Repairing, Whaling City Cameras, and Whelden Brook Nursery.

We would also like to thank Roseland Nursery for donating bookmarks and Acushnet Federal Credit Union for donating borrowers' card covers. We would

also like to thank our Friends of the Russell Memorial Library for the refrigerator magnets that we give to new patrons, 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 the year. The Brownies meet on Tuesday and Thursday 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.

Two sessions of pre-school story hour were held, one the spring and one in the fall. Acushnet residents ages 3, 4 and 5 are invited to attend. Parents are asked to remain at the library during the entire session and help their child with a simple craft.

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 library now has two computers dedicated to Internet access.

Patrons can now reach the SEAL public access catalog and Searchbank, a periodical database, from home. You need a telnet connection to do this. Patrons need to log on to www.sailsinc.org, click on SEAL, and follow the directions.

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

The Russell Memorial Library now has a presence on the Worldwide Web. Our homepage may be accessed at: <http://www.ultranet.com/~acushlib/>.

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 \$10,065 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 \$9,000 Information Literacy for Students Grant from federal funds distributed by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners. These moneys will be used to teach research skills to all students in the seventh grade at Ford Middle School, to buy a new computer to access the Internet, and to build a non-fiction collection to support the schools' curricula.

We are still moving toward the eventual construction of a new library in Acushnet! The Library Building Committee members are Alfred Robichaud (Chairman), JoAnn Bertrand (Secretary), Ted Govoni, Deborah Healey, James Knox, Peter Koczera, Constance Preston, and Marylou Marques. Valdene Kane, Library Director, is an ex-officio member. The town selectmen are helping in the search and acquisition of a property suitable for a new library.

The trustees continue to support SEAL. The library has been on-line for approximately eleven 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, has also expanded our access. Planning is now being done to fuse the two networks into one bigger one. 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. The Southeastern Massachusetts Regional Library System contracts a van delivery service which 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:

Monday	3 - 6
Tuesday	1 - 8
Wednesday	10 - 6
Thursday	1 - 8
Saturday	10 - 1

Library Phone Number: (508) 998-0270
Library FAX Number: (508) 998-0271
E-Mail Address: dkane@sailsinc.org
Homepage: <http://www.ultranet.com/~acushlib/>

Respectfully submitted,

Christina Gaudette, Chairperson
JoAnn Bertrand, Secretary
Alfred Robichaud
Russell Memorial Library

RUSSELL MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Statistical Report 1998

Volumes at beginning of year	15,857
Volumes purchased	1,401
Volumes donated	127
Volumes lost/withdrawn	1,000
Volumes at end of year	16,385
Periodical subscriptions purchased	38
Periodical subscriptions donated	<u>75</u>
Total	113
Videos owned	770
Audio books owned	264
Music CD's owned	162
CD-ROM's owned	127

Registration

Borrowers at beginning of year	4,335
Borrowers registered in 1998	<u>290</u>
Total	4,625

Circulation

Items circulated	33,826
Items borrowed from SEAL libraries	1,123
Items lent to SEAL libraries	2,283
Items borrowed from libraries outside SEAL	<u>52</u>
Total	37,284

Respectfully submitted,

Valdene Kane
Library Director

REPORT OF THE ACUSHNET SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

I am pleased to offer this report on the state of public education in the Town of Acushnet, Massachusetts. The public schools of Acushnet are directed by a School Committee elected to three year overlapping terms. Your School Committee members at this time include:

Tricia Scott, Chairman

Robert Lanzoni

Manuel Goncalves, Vice Chairman

Alan Miner

Frank Kuthan

Earlier this year Alan Miner became the newest member of the School Committee. He joins Manuel Goncalves, who was elected to a full three year term. Their terms of office extend through the year 2001.

The year 1998 became a year of recognition for the Acushnet Public Schools. The Boston based Donahue Institute of the University of Massachusetts identified our schools as being on the top 10% of the most effective school systems in the state. Acushnet was the only school system in the area so chosen. Effective schools were identified as those that reach levels of achievement above what would normally be predicted, based upon per-pupil spending and community characteristics. In addition, our third grade students scored tops in the area on the first statewide Iowa Test of Reading (only third graders were tested).

All in all, this has been a very good year for our schools in the respect that much recognition and attention has been given to the fine work being done here. The *Standard-Times* referred to our schools as a "best buy ... one so superior in performance for the dollar that it cannot be ignored" (9/7/98). This is truly high praise and we are grateful to our community for providing the resources necessary to attain such a level of recognition.

The other major event this past year was the establishment by Town Meeting of a School Facilities Study Committee to investigate school facilities needs and to report back to Town Meeting with a recommended solution. The committee met frequently, held a number of public information meetings, and brought its recommendation before a Town Meeting held on January 19, 1999. Town Meeting overwhelmingly voted to construct a new middle school and to renovate the existing buildings. As of this writing, a special election has been scheduled for the purpose of approving a debt exclusion for the project.

The Acushnet Elementary School offers a wealth of activities and programs for both students and the community. All of the classrooms have been wired for Internet access and networking capability. Technology is becoming more and more a part of our total educational program. Our investment in quality equipment has provided us with the best in technology for our students.

Did you know that the elementary school offers a six-week school enrichment program which includes such after school activities as sports, theater, arts and crafts, and other exciting projects for students? If late transportation busses are provided for the elementary school, we will be able to extend the school day to provide additional assistance to those students who are at educational risk. A partnership with Com Electric was formed that allowed their employees to come into the school for the purpose of assisting teachers in the classroom for one hour per month.

Partnerships with our Town Police and Fire Departments continue to serve the students in Acushnet. The Fire Department continued the SAFE Program in the fourth grade. Firefighters came into the school for four days to discuss fire safety. The thirteen week DARE program offered by the Police Department was once again presented to the students in the fifth and eighth grade classes.

Grandparents Day is always a special event at the elementary school. Grandparents join their grandchildren for lunch in the cafeteria. Participation in this annual event has been increasing each year.

Both the elementary school and the middle school are in the process of seeking accreditation from the New England Association of Schools and Colleges. This is a very stringent process and only the finest schools achieve accreditation status. It is expected that this process will take another year for the elementary school and two years for the middle school.

Some of the other highlights of 1998 at the elementary school included:

- * Illustrator Susan Arciero visited all students in the library
- * Fifth grade students and their families participated in Family Math and Science Night
- * The Lloyd Center visited the fourth grades and constructed a life sized whale in the gym
- * Middle school students visited first grade students and read to them
- * MCAS (high stakes testing) was given to fourth graders for the first time
- * Fifth graders spent a night with the dinosaurs at the Museum of Science
- * Third graders became involved in the "Ernestina" project
- * Author Barbara Diamond Gulch visited grades 1, 2 and 3
- * The Martha's Vineyard Band performed a joint concert with our band
- * Two book fairs were held
- * Students participated in the District Attorney's Safety Calendar contest.

At the Ford Middle School the year 1998 ended with the appointment of a

new Assistant Principal. Donna Dixon assumed her responsibilities following the holiday recess. Her presence at Ford is providing valuable assistance to students and staff alike. We welcome her to our wonderful middle school. The Ford Middle School continues to dedicate itself to meeting the mandates of education reform and to provide our students with the best possible educational opportunities that we can afford.

Professional development training activities for staff are focused on preparing staff to meet the challenge of the curriculum frameworks of the MCAS. The commitment of the Ford Middle School to the early adolescent remains a driving force in all decisions made at the school.

The following changes have occurred during the past year:

- * Enrollment increased by 4.5%
- * MCAS (high stakes testing) was given to eighth graders for the first time
- * All classrooms were Internet and cable connected
- * A homework page was established off the school home page, visit it at: www.ultranet.com/~fordms/homework-center
- * Accreditation subcommittees and a steering committee were established
- * A peer mediation program was established through a federal grant.

In 1998 many exciting things have happened in curriculum. In January the Language Arts team, which consists of one representative from each grade level, as well as a representative from both the special education department and the Title I department, completed and had approved the language arts curriculum. This curriculum has been aligned with the Massachusetts State Frameworks and refined through the knowledge and experience of the entire team.

Beginning in the summer of 1998, the Social Studies Team commenced work on the creation of a new social studies curriculum. The team has completed the identification of what is to be taught at each grade level. Like the language arts effort, this social studies curriculum is being aligned with the state frameworks. Also in the summer of 1998 a curriculum audit was completed of all existing curricula to insure that they comply with the new state standards.

Finally, in the area of curriculum, a plan for curriculum evaluation was created. The plan ensures that each curriculum will be evaluated and revised on a four year rotating basis.

Special education programming in Acushnet focuses upon providing students with the skills necessary for them to successfully function in the so-called regular classroom. Federal law requires that all children be educated in the "least restrictive environment." What this means is that, to the extent

possible, children should receive their education in the regular classroom which is the least restrictive environment. We have organized our program to deliver special education services to children in the regular classroom. Not only is this educationally sound and humane, but it is also the law.

The year 1998 has been one of excitement, recognition and transition for the Acushnet Public Schools. We have enjoyed wide community support and for this we are truly grateful. We look forward to the new millennium with visions of new and improved school facilities so that we can continue to provide the level of quality that our children and our community deserve. Acushnet has much of which to be proud.

On behalf of your schools and your School Committee, I thank the community for your caring support this past year.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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ACUSHNET AT A GLANCE

Incorporated: February 13, 1860

Type of Government: Open Town Meeting

Population: 9,331
9,843 (State Census)

Total Valuation:

Class 1 and 2 Tax Rate: \$14.16 per \$1,000 (Fiscal Year 1998)

Class 3 and 4 Tax Rate: \$17.43 per \$1,000 (Fiscal Year 1998)

Registered Voters: 6,161

Total Area: 18 Square Miles

Churches: 6
Public Schools: 2
Parochial Schools: 1
Regional School: 1

Principal Industries:

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

4th CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT'

Congressman Barney Frank

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

10th BRISTOL REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT

Robert Koczera

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

2nd BRISTOL SENATORIAL DISTRICT

Mark C. W. Montigny

Office: (617) 722-1440

Annual Election of Officers: 1st Monday in April

Annual Town Meeting: 4th Monday in April