

**Town Records and Reports**

**of the**

**TOWN OFFICERS**

**TOWN OF ACUSHNET**



**1999**

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## TOWN SERVICES

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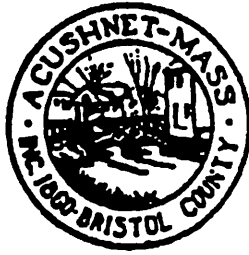
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**Year Ending December 31st**

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Walpole, MA 02032

## *In Memoriam*

### **Elton A. Ashley**

Selectman

1956-1968 - 1970-1973

Moderator

1954

Date of Death - January 4, 1999

### **Louise F. Taber**

Board of Health

1942 - 1961

Date of Death - February 27, 1999

### **Donald J. Guenette, Jr.**

Summer Recreation Program

Community Center

1994 - 1999

Date of Death - April 18, 1999

### **Yvonne Parker**

School Teacher

1942 - 1973

Date of Death - August 14, 1999

### **George O. Marote**

Police Department

1974 - 1978

Date of Death - September 20, 1999

## **TOWN OFFICERS 1998 - 1999**

### **Town Clerk**

Richard Threlfall	Term Expires 2002
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### **Board of Selectmen**

Everett L. Hardy, Jr.	Term Expires 2000
David E. Wojnar - Chairman	Term Expires 2001
Peter W. Koczera	Term Expires 2002

### **Board of Assessors**

George H. Perry, Jr.	Term Expires 2000
Michael A. Cioper	Term Expires 2001
Eugene L. Dabrowski	Term Expires 2002

### **Board of Health**

Gerald L. Toussaint	Term Expires 2000
Thomas J. Fortin	Term Expires 2001
Robert Medeiros	Term Expires 2002

### **School Committee**

Francis R. Kuthan	Term Expires 2000
Manuel Goncalves	Term Expires 2001
Alan S. Miner - Chairman	Term Expires 2001
Joann C. Bertrand	Term Expires 2002
Robert Lanzoni	Term Expires 2002

### **Commissioner of Trust Funds**

Leanne Pereira	Term Expires 2000
Madeleine Cioper	Term Expires 2000
Nicolangela Filippone	Term Expires 2001

### **Trustees of Free Public Library**

Alfred H. Robichaud	Term Expires 2000
JoAnn Bertrand	Term Expires 2001
Christina Gaudette	Term Expires 2002

### **Cemetery Board**

Paul H. Fortin	Term Expires 2000
Dorothy Lackie	Term Expires 2001
Joanne Cioper	Term Expires 2002

### **Park Commissioners**

Donald J. Guenette	Term Expires 2000
Gary L. Rousseau	Term Expires 2001
Marc J. Antone	Term Expires 2002

### **Housing Authority**

Diane Gagnon	Term Expires 2000
Nancy Brightman	Term Expires 2001
Lawrence P. Mulvey	Term Expires 2002
David White (State appointed)	Term Expires 2004
Mary M. Niemic	Term Expires 2004

### **Planning Board**

Richard H. Ellis	Term Expires 2000
Richard A. Ellis	Term Expires 2001
Marc Cenerizio	Term Expires 2002
Richard P. Forand	Term Expires 2003
Leo N. Coons, Jr.	Term Expires 2004

### **Moderator**

Robert E. Francis	Term Expires 2002
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### **Tree Warden**

Everett L. Hardy, Jr.	Term Expires 2002
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### **Board of Public Works**

David W. Grenon	Term Expires 2000
Kenneth J. Souza	Term Expires 2000
Jean P. Lemieux (resigned 6/1/99)	Term Expires 2001
Robert St. Jean	Term Expires 2001
Matthew Goulet - Chairman	Term Expires 2002
David Tomlinson (appointed 11/2/98)	Term Expires 2000

**TOWN OATHS ADMINISTERED BY RICHARD THRELFALL  
TOWN CLERK - 1999**

<b>Date of Oath 1999</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Office</b>	<b>Date of Election or Appointments</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
Jan. 10, 1999	Alfred Gonsalves	COA Building Committee Member	Appointed 02/04/1999	05/01/1999
	Matthew C. Goulet	Chairman, Democratic Committee	Resigned 01/25/1999	
Feb. 05, 1999	Richard Settele	BOS Alternate Member on SRPEDD	Appointed 02/04/1999	02/04/2000
Feb. 09, 1999	Milton Reynolds	COA Bldg. Comm. Member (Alternate)	Appointed 02/04/1999	05/01/1999
Feb. 10, 1999	John Carvalho	COA Building Committee Member	Appointed 02/04/1999	05/01/1999
Mar. 01, 1999	Mark Cenerizo	Saw Mill-Referral Board Member	Appointed 12/21/1998	12/21/1999
Mar. 01, 1999	Rebekah Tomlinson	Inspector of Animals	Appointed 02/22/1999	03/31/1999
Mar. 18, 1999	Leonard Alves	Conservation Commission	Appointed 03/01/1999	05/01/2000
Mar. 25, 1999	Sharon Fortier	Constable	Appointed 03/22/1999	03/22/2001
Mar. 26, 1999	Phillip C. Davis	Constable	Appointed 03/22/1999	03/22/2001
Mar. 30, 1999	Michael J. Coutinho	Constable	Appointed 03/22/1999	03/22/2001
	Joyce Reynolds	Conservation Commission	Resigned 03/31/1999	
April 3, 1999	Mrc E. LaPlante	Constable	Appointed 04/26/1999	05/01/2001
April 5, 1999	Richard Threlfall	Town Clerk	Elected 04/05/1999	04/01/2002
	Peter W. Koczera	Board of Selectmen	Elected 04/05/1999	04/01/2002
	Eugene L. Dabrowski	Assessor	Elected 04/05/1999	04/01/2002
	Robert Medeiros	Board of Health	Elected 04/05/1999	04/01/2002
	Joann C. Bertrand	School Committee	Elected 04/05/1999	04/01/2002
	Robert M. Lanzoni	School Committee	Elected 04/05/1999	04/01/2002
	Christina Gaudette	Trustee Free Public Library	Elected 04/05/1999	04/01/2002
	Joanne Cioper	Cemetery Board	Elected 04/05/1999	04/01/2002
	Marc J. Antone	Park Commissioner	Elected 04/05/1999	04/01/2002

<b>Date of Oath 1999</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Office</b>	<b>Date of Election or Appointment</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
	Mary M. Niemic	Housing Authority (5 years)	Elected	04/01/2004
	Lawrence Mulvey	Housing Authority (3 Years)	Elected	04/01/2002
	Diane A. Gagnon	Housing Authority (1 Year)	Elected	04/01/2000
	Leo N. Coons, Jr.	Planning Commissioner	Elected	04/01/2004
	Matthew C. Goulet	Board of Public Works (3 Years)	Elected	04/01/2002
	Robert J. St. Jean	Board of Public Works (2 Years)	Elected	04/01/2002
	Robert E. Francis	Moderator	Elected	04/01/2002
	Everett L. Hardy, Jr.	Tree Warden	Elected	04/01/2002
April 7, 1999	Roland LaValle	Veterans' Agent	Appointed	10/01/1999
April 7, 1999	Dr. Hector H. Roy	Finance Committee Member	Appointed	05/01/2001
April 14, 1999	Brian E. Costa	Constable	Appointed	02/22/2001
	Wanda Bourgeois	Warden - Precinct II	Resigned	
May 4, 1999	Gregory Wood	Conservation Commission Member	Appointed	05/01/2000
May 10, 1999	Gary Lemos	Board of Appeals	Resigned	
May 12, 1999	William Contois	SRTA Advisory Committee	Appointed	05/01/2000
May 17, 1999	George Marshall	Acushnet Cultural Council	Appointed	05/01/2002
	Leanne Pereira	Trust Fund Commissioner	Accepted	04/01/2002
	Jean P. Lemieux	Board of Public Works	Resigned	
May 24, 1999	Alan Coutinho	COA Building Committee Member	Appointed	05/01/2000
May 24, 1999	Lorraine Daniel	Registrar of Voters	Appointed	05/01/2002
May 24, 1999	John Nunes	COA Building Committee Member	Appointed	05/01/2000
May 26, 1999	John Carvalho	COA Building Committee Member	Appointed	05/01/2002
May 26, 1999	Joseph G. O'Brien	COA Building Committee Member	Appointed	05/01/2000
May 27, 1999	Robert Brown	Deputy Building Inspector	Appointed	05/01/2001
May 27, 1999	David M. Tomlinson	Constable	Appointed	05/11/2001



<b>Date of Oath 1999</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Office</b>	<b>Date of Election of Appointment</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
May 28, 1999	Alfred Gonsalves	COA Building Committee Member	Appointed 05/10/1999	05/01/2000
June 3, 1999	Conrad Desroches	Building Board of Appeals	Appointed 05/10/1999	05/01/2004
June 3, 1999	Milton Reynolds	Council on Aging Member	Appointed 05/10/1999	05/01/2002
June 3, 1999	Milton Reynolds	COA Building Committee Member	Appointed 05/10/1999	05/01/2000
June 4, 1999	George Souza	Cable Advisory Committee	Appointed 05/10/1999	05/01/2001
June 8, 1999	David Rawcliffe	Council on Aging Member	Appointed 05/10/1999	05/01/2002
June 8, 1999	David Rawcliffe	COA Building Committee Member	Appointed 05/10/1999	05/01/2000
June 11, 1999	David Davignon	Conservation Commission Member	Appointed 05/10/1999	05/01/2002
June 16, 1999	Victor J. Pereira	Deputy Wire Inspector	Appointed 05/10/1999	05/01/2001
June 30, 1999	Arthur Calheta	Spec. Police Offr. - N.B. Water Works	Appointed 05/10/1999	05/01/2001
June 30, 1999	Marianne Marshall	Sealer ofWeights & Measures	Appointed 05/10/1999	5/01/2002
July 1, 1999	Rebekah A. Tomlinson	Animal Control Officer/Inspector	Appointed 06/28/1999	05/01/2001
July 2, 1999	Richard J. Lally	Zoning Board of Appeals	Appointed 06/14/1999	05/01/2001
	David M. Tomlinson	Constable	Resigned 07/06/1999	
July 29, 1999	Raymond Barlow	Soil Board Member	Resigned 07/08/1999	
Aug. 2, 1999	Everett Hardy, III	Cable Advisory Committee	Appointed 05/10/1999	05/01/2001
Sept. 9, 1999	Raymond Sleight	Paring Ways Beautification Member	Appointed 07/12/1999	05/01/2001
Sept. 9, 1999	Margaret Santos	Acushnet Cultural Council Member	Appointed 06/07/1999	06/07/2002
Sept. 15, 1999	David E. Wojnar	Downtown Steering Committee Member	Appointed 09/13/1999	05/01/2000
Sept. 17, 1999	Leo Rousseau	Downtown Steering Committee Member	Appointed 09/13/1999	05/01/2000
Sept. 20, 1999	Alan Coutinho	Downtown Steering Committee Member	Appointed 09/13/1999	05/01/2000
Sept. 20, 1999	Susan J. Hallett	Downtown Steering Committee Member	Appointed 09/13/1999	05/01/2000
Sept. 20, 1999	Larry Marshall	Soil Board Member	Appointed 09/13/1999	05/01/2001
Sept. 20, 1999	Raymond Sleight	Downtown Steering Committee Member	Appointed 09/13/1999	05/01/2000
Sept. 20, 1999	Paul Trahan	Downtown Steering Committee Member	Appointed 09/13/1999	05/01/2000

<b>Date of Oath 1999</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Office</b>	<b>Date of Election or Appointment</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
Sept. 21, 1999	Barry Williams	Deputy Wire Inspector	Appointed	05/01/2000
Sept. 22, 1999	David P. Gagnon	Golf Mgmt & Operational Committee	Appointed	08/04/2000
Sept. 22, 1999	Roland E. Lavallee	Veterans' Agent	Appointed	05/01/2000
Sept. 29, 1999	Geraldine Frates	Downtown Steering Committee Member	Appointed	05/01/2000
Sept. 29, 1999	James Madruga, Jr.	Golf Mgmt. & Operational Committee	Appointed	08/04/2000
Oct. 1, 1999	Monika Weldon	Conservation Agent	Appointed	04/04/2000
Oct. 5, 1999	Alan G. Coutinto	Acting Executive Secretary	Appointed	10/04/1999
	Hector H. Roy	Finance Committee Member	Resigned	10/07/1999
Oct. 12, 1999	Claire Gonsalves	Inspector - Precinct I	Appointed	10/04/1999
Oct. 12, 1999	Dorothy Gomes	Inspector - Precinct I	Appointed	10/04/1999
Oct. 12, 1999	Arlette LaPalme	Inspector - Precinct I	Appointed	10/04/1999
Oct. 12, 1999	Juliana Perry	Clerk - Precinct I	Appointed	10/04/1999
	Anna Sameiro	Inspector - Precinct III	Resigned	10/12/1999
Oct. 13, 1999	Eva Mach	Warden - Precinct I	Appointed	10/04/1999
Oct. 13, 1999	Hope Reynolds	Inspector - Precinct III	Appointed	10/04/1999
Oct. 13, 1999	Joyce H. Tillet	Inspector - Precinct I	Appointed	10/04/1999
Oct. 14, 1999	Jeannette Pepin	Sub. - Precinct II	Appointed	10/04/1999
Oct. 15, 1999	Irene DeCotis	Inspector - Precinct III	Appointed	10/04/1999
Oct. 18, 1999	Stella Bertrand	Inspector - Precinct II	Appointed	10/04/1999
Oct. 19, 1999	Dorothy Daniels	Clerk - Precinct II	Appointed	10/04/1999
Oct. 19, 1999	Olive M. Laycock	Inspector - Precinct III	Appointed	10/04/1999
Oct. 20, 1999	Geraldine Frates	Inspector - Precinct III	Appointed	10/04/1999
Oct. 21, 1999	Dorothy Lackie	Clerk - Precinct III	Appointed	10/04/1999
Oct. 22, 1999	Deborah Pelletier	Inspector - Precinct II	Appointed	10/04/1999
Oct. 26, 1999	Marc Cenerizio	Open Space Committee	Appointed	10/18/1999
Oct. 26, 1999	Melinda N. Ferreira	Open Space Committee	Appointed	10/18/1999

<b>Date of Oath 1999</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Office</b>	<b>Date of Election or Appointment</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
Oct. 26, 1999	Nicolangela Filippone	Open Space Committee	Appointed 10/25/1999	05/01/2001
Oct. 26, 1999	John Nunes	Acting Town Collector	Appointed 10/25/1999	
Oct. 28, 1999	Virginia Baird	Inspector - Precinct II	Appointed 10/04/1999	07/10/2001
Oct. 28, 1999	Betty White	Inspector - Precinct III	Appointed 10/04/1999	07/01/2001
Oct. 29, 1999	Ted Cioper	Open Space Committee	Appointed 10/18/1999	05/01/2001
Oct. 30, 1999	Leonard Sameiro	Open Space Committee	Appointed 10/18/1999	05/01/2001
Nov. 2, 1999	Honora Gaouette	Inspector - Precinct I	Appointed 10/04/1999	07/10/2001
Nov. 2, 1999	Mary Jane Rymut	Warden - Precinct III	Appointed 10/04/1999	07/10/2001
Nov. 3, 1999	Paul Picard	Open Space Committee	Appointed 10/18/1999	05/01/2001
Nov. 4, 1999	Leonard Alves	Open Space Committee	Appointed 10/18/1999	05/01/2001
Nov. 17, 1999	Monika S. Weldon	Open Space Committee	Appointed 10/18/1999	05/01/2001
Nov. 23, 1999	David Lee Botas	Constable	Appointed 10/18/1999	05/01/2001
Dec. 2, 1999	Everett L. Hardy, Jr.	By-Law Review Committee	Appointed 10/25/1999	05/01/2001
Dec. 2, 1999	Everett L. Hardy, Jr.	COA Committee Member	Appointed 05/10/1999	05/01/2002
Dec. 2, 1999	Everett L. Hardy, Jr.	Moth Superintendent Inspector	Appointed 05/10/1999	05/01/2000
Dec. 2, 1999	Everett L. Hardy, Jr.	SRTA Advisory Committee	Appointed 05/03/1999	05/01/2000
Dec. 2, 1999	Patricia Mondonca	Open Space Committee	Appointed 10/18/1999	05/01/2001
Dec. 2, 1999	Bob Rocha	Open Space Committee	Appointed 11/22/1999	05/01/2001
Sept. 29, 1999	Manuel A. Goulart	Golf Mgmt. & Operational Committee	Appointed 08/04/1999	08/04/2000
Sept. 29, 1999	Ed Isaac	Golf Mgmt. & Operational Committee	Appointed 08/04/1999	08/04/2001
Sept. 29, 1999	Cynthia Leonard	Golf Mgmt. & Operational Committee	Appointed 08/04/1999	08/04/2001
Oct. 13, 1999	Lucille Hardy	Warden - Precinct II	Appointed 01/04/1999	07/10/2001
	Nicholas Wagner	Finance Committee Member	Resigned 11/22/1999	
Dec. 20, 1999	Mary Lou Marques	Finance Committee Member	Appointed 12/13/1999	12/13/2002

# RESULTS OF SPECIAL OVERRIDE ELECTION HELD ON FEBRUARY 22, 1999

	Democrat	Republican	Unenrolled	Reform	Total
Precinct I	942	83	994		2019
Precinct II	951	148	1092		2191
Precinct III	741	115	1151		2007
<b>Totals</b>	<b>2634</b>	<b>346</b>	<b>3237</b>		<b>6217</b>

## CLERK'S REPORT - PRECINCT 1

To the Town Clerk of Acushnet:

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

Polls were opened at 10:00 a.m. by Eva Mach, Warden.  
 Box register when polls were opened - 0.  
 Number of votes cast to be counted - 811.  
 Number of ballots spoiled - 1.  
 Number of Escrow ballots cast - 0.  
 Number of ballots void or not used - 470.  
 Number of ballots received - 1264, plus 17 absentee ballots.

The following officers were present:

Warden: Eva Mach  
 Clerk: Juliana Perry  
 Inspectors: Antoinette Boissonneau, Nora Gaouette, Dorothy  
                   Gomes, Claire Gonsalves, Lucille Hardy, Arlette LaPalme.  
 Police Officers: Keith Ashley, James Pelletier.

Remarks:

Polls were closed at 8:00 p.m. and the ballot box registered 811.

A true record, attest: /s/ Juliana Perry

Clerk of Election Officers

Attest:

Richard Threlfall, Town Clerk

## **CLERK'S REPORT - PRECINCT II**

To the Town Clerk of Acushnet:

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

Polls were opened at 10:00 a.m. by Wanda Bourgeois, Warden.  
Box register when polls were opened - 0.  
Number of votes cast to be counted - 939.  
Number of ballots spoiled - 0.  
Number of Escrow ballots cast - 1.  
Number of ballots voided or not used - 231.  
Number of ballots received - 1248, plus 21 absentee ballots.

The following officers were present:

Warden: Wanda Bourgeois  
Clerk: Dorothy Daniels  
Inspectors: Virginia Baird, Stella Bertrand, Lorraine Dabrowski,  
Deolinda Rosario, Doris Kasmire.  
Police Officers: Marc Antone, Paul Mello.  
Custodian: Raymond Davignon.

Remarks: One ballot in Escrow.

Polls were closed at 8:00 p.m. and the ballot box registered 939.

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

## **CLERK'S REPORT - PRECINCT III**

To the Town Clerk of Acushnet:

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

Polls were opened at 10:00 a.m. by May Jane Rymut, Warden.  
Box register when polls were opened - 0.  
Number of votes cast to be counted - 788.  
Number of ballots spoiled - 0.  
Number of Escrow ballots cast - 0.  
Number of ballots void or not used - 479.  
Number of ballots received - 1250, plus 17 absentee ballots.

The following officers were present:

Warden: Mary Jane Rymut  
Clerk: Dorothy L. Lackie  
Inspectors: Olive Laycock, Hope Reynolds, Betty White, Irene  
Decotis, Florence Lecuyer, Janice Richard.  
Police Officers: Lou Ann Jenkinson, David Swift.

Remarks: Polls were closed at 8:00 p.m. and the ballot box registered 788.

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

**RESULTS OF THE SPECIAL OVERRIDE ELECTION  
HELD ON FEBRUARY 22, 1999**

**BALLOT QUESTION ONE**

Shall the Town of Acushnet be allowed to exempt from the provisions of Proposition Two and One-Half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued in order to secure architectural services for developing plans and specifications for the construction of a new middle school and for repairs, renovations and additions to the two existing school buildings, and for the construction of a new middle school and repairs, renovations and additions to the two existing school buildings, and for purchasing any associated equipment and services?

					YES NO
Question	Prec. I	Prec. II	Prec. III	Total	
Blanks	2	1		3	
Yes	150	243	272	665	
No	659	695	516	1,870	
<b>Total</b>	<b>811</b>	<b>939</b>	<b>788</b>	<b>2,538</b>	

Attest: Richard Threlfall, Town Clerk

Percentage of votes cast - 41%

# RESULTS OF THE ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION

## HELD ON APRIL 5, 1999

Register of Voters as of Close of Registration March 16, 1999

	<b>Democrat</b>	<b>Libertarian</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Unenrolled</b>	<b>Total</b>
Precinct I	930		83	992	2005
Precinct II	954	01	148	1082	2185
Precinct III	746		118	1167	2031
<b>Totals</b>	<b>2630</b>	<b>01</b>	<b>349</b>	<b>3241</b>	<b>6221</b>

### CLERK'S REPORT - PRECINCT I

To the Town Clerk:

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

Polls were opened at 10:00 a.m. by Eva Mach, Warden.  
 Box register when polls were opened - 0.  
 Number of votes cast to be counted - 678.  
 Number of ballots spoiled - 0.  
 Number of Escrow ballots cast - 0.  
 Number of ballots void or not used - 584.  
 Number of ballots received - 1242, plus 20 absentee ballots.

The following officers were present:

Warden: Eva Mach  
 Clerk: Juliana Perry  
 Inspectors: Antoinette Boissonneau, Nora Gaouette, Dorothy Gomes, Claire Gonsalves, Lucille Hardy, Arlette La Palme, Joyce Tillet.  
 Police Officers: Chris Kershaw, Eddie Silva.

Remarks: Voting Machine wouldn't take one ballot. Ballot inserted in the manual slot.

Polls were closed at 8:00 p.m. and the ballot box registered 677.

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

## **CLERK'S REPORT - PRECINCT II**

To the Town Clerk:

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

Polls were opened at 10:00 a.m. by Wanda Bourgeois, Warden.  
Box register when polls were opened - 0.  
Number of votes cast to be counted - 727.  
Number of ballots spoiled - 1.  
Number of Escrow ballots cast - 0.  
Number of ballots void or not used - 530.  
Number of ballots received - 1243, plus 15 absentee ballots.

The following officers were present:

Warden: Wanda Bourgeois  
Clerk: Dorothy Daniels  
Inspectors: Virginia Baird, Stella Bertrand, Lorraine Dabrowski,  
Doris Kasmire, Deolinda Rosario.  
Police Officers: Keith Ashley

Remarks: One spoiled ballot. 15 Absentee ballots received. Needed black felt marking pens for booths.

Polls were closed at 8:00 p.m. and the ballot box registered 727.

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

## **CLERK'S REPORT - PRECINCT III**

To the Town Clerk:

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

Polls were opened at 10:00 a.m. by Mary Jane Rymut, Warden.  
Box register when polls were opened - 0.  
Number of votes cast to be counted - 455.  
Number of ballots spoiled - 1.  
Number of Escrow ballots cast - 0.  
Number of ballots void or not used - 781.  
Number of ballots received - 1237.



The following officers were present:

Warden: Mary Jane Rymut

Clerk: Dorothy L. Lackie

Inspectors: Olive Laycock, Betty White, Hope Reynolds, Aline  
Saulniers, Florence Lecuyer.

Police Officers: Michael Nunes, James Pelletier.

Remarks: Polls were closed at 8:00 p.m. and the ballot box registered 454.

A true record, Attest: /s/ Dorothy L. Lackie

Clerk of Election Officers

Attest:

Richard Threlfall, Town Clerk

**RESULTS OF THE ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION  
HELD ON APRIL 5, 1999**

	Prec. I	Prec. II	Prec. III	Total
<b>TOWN CLERK</b>				
Blanks	188	180	110	478
Richard Threlfall	488	545	345	1378
Write-ins				
Yvonne Desrosier	2			2
John Howcroft		1		1
Lillian Garbaciak		1		1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>678</b>	<b>727</b>	<b>455</b>	<b>1860</b>
<b>SELECTMEN</b>				
Blanks	6	13	5	24
Peter Koczera	314	368	255	937
Garry L. Rawcliffe	358	346	195	899
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>678</b>	<b>727</b>	<b>455</b>	<b>1860</b>
<b>ASSESSOR</b>				
Blanks	189	204	126	519
Eugene L. Dabrowski	489	520	329	1338
Write-ins				
Al Robichaud		1		1
John Peters		1		1
Miscellaneous		1		1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>678</b>	<b>727</b>	<b>455</b>	<b>1860</b>
<b>BOARD OF HEALTH</b>				
Blanks	186	220	121	527
Robert Medeiros	492	506	334	1332
Write-ins				
Fortin		1		1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>678</b>	<b>727</b>	<b>455</b>	<b>1860</b>
<b>SCHOOL COMMITTEE</b>				
Blanks	255	290	179	724
Robert M. Lanzoni	451	424	248	1123
Patricia A. Scott	206	277	211	694
Joann C. Bertrand	444	461	272	1177
Write-ins				
Roger Cabral		1		1
Thomas Kirk		1		1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1356</b>	<b>1454</b>	<b>910</b>	<b>3720</b>

	Prec. I	Prec. II	Prec. III	Total
<b>COMMISSIONER OF TRUST FUNDS</b>				
Blanks	672	723	451	1846
Write-ins				
Gil Marques, Jr.	1			1
Leo Rousseau	1			1
Leanne Pereria	1			1
Bob Lanzoni	1			1
Steven McNanamon III	1			1
Bob St. Jean	1			1
Wayne Pimental		1		1
Phillips Adams		1		1
Michael Murray		1		1
Larry Marshall		1		1
Conrad Richard			1	1
Steven Rapoza			1	1
Irwin Marks			1	1
Ginger Miller			1	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>678</b>	<b>727</b>	<b>455</b>	<b>1860</b>
<b>TRUSTEE OF FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY</b>				
Blanks	190	227	125	542
Christina Gaudette	488	499	330	1317
Write-ins				
Thomas Kirk		1		1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>678</b>	<b>727</b>	<b>455</b>	<b>1860</b>
<b>CEMETERY BOARD</b>				
Blanks	200	219	122	541
Joanne Cioper	478	507	332	1317
Write-ins				
Jeffrey Pelletier			1	1
Paul Fortin		1		1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>678</b>	<b>727</b>	<b>455</b>	<b>1860</b>
<b>PARK COMMISSIONER</b>				
Blanks	200	205	122	527
Marc J. Antone	476	522	331	1329
Write-ins				
Gil Marques	1			1
Stephen DeSouza			1	1
James Costa			1	1
Miscellaneous	1			1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>678</b>	<b>727</b>	<b>455</b>	<b>1860</b>

	Prec. I	Prec. II	Prec. III	Total
<b>HOUSING AUTHORITY - 5 YEARS</b>				
Blanks	223	248	154	625
Mary M. Niemic	453	476	299	1228
Write-ins				
Jim Vieira	1			1
D. Gagnon	1	2		3
Edward Chase, Jr.			2	2
Lawrence Mulvey		1		1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>678</b>	<b>727</b>	<b>455</b>	<b>1860</b>
<b>HOUSING AUTHORITY - 3 YEARS</b>				
Blanks	660	705	447	1812
Write-ins				
Gil Marques, Jr.	1			1
Lawrence Mulvey	11	7	2	20
Gilbert Alves	1			1
William Jenkinson	1	1	1	3
Robert St. Jean	1			1
Jim Vieira	1			1
Diane Gagnon	1	7		8
Ed Chase, Jr.	1	1		2
Geraldine Frates		1		1
Richard Lally		1		1
Eleanor Mank		1		1
Joann Bertrand		1		1
Jeanne St. Jean		1		1
William Hunter		1		1
Peter Koczera			1	1
John Frates			1	1
Gary Rawcliffe			1	1
Butch Jarvis			1	1
Michael Nunes			1	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>678</b>	<b>727</b>	<b>455</b>	<b>1860</b>
<b>HOUSING AUTHORITY - 1 YEAR</b>				
Blanks	667	715	451	1833
Write-ins				
Lawrence Mulvey	1	1	1	3
Gilbert Alves	1			1
Diane A. Gagnon	7	3	1	11
Bob St. Jean	1			1
Dot Gomes	1			1
Richard Lally		2		2
Debra Faria		1		1
William Jenkinson		2		2
Edward Chase		1	1	2

	Prec. I	Prec. II	Prec. III	Total
Paul Trahan		1		1
Geraldine Frates		1		1
John Pacheco			1	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>678</b>	<b>727</b>	<b>455</b>	<b>1860</b>
<b>PLANNING COMMISSIONER</b>				
Blanks	221	235	145	601
Leo N. Coons, Jr.	457	492	310	1259
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>678</b>	<b>727</b>	<b>455</b>	<b>1860</b>
<b>BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS - 3 YEARS</b>				
Blanks	200	240	149	589
Matthew C. Goulet	472	480	300	1252
Write-ins				
Paul Fortin	4	4	2	10
Ron Pelletier	1			1
Roy Rivet		1		1
Cathy Martin		1		1
Peter Koczera			1	1
Leo Coons			1	1
Walter M. John			1	1
Glen Alferes			1	1
Miscellaneous	1	1		2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>678</b>	<b>727</b>	<b>455</b>	<b>1860</b>
<b>BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS -2 YEARS</b>				
Blanks	180	215	119	514
Robert J. St Jean	497	508	333	1338
Write-ins				
Paul Fortin	1	2		3
Pete Koczera			1	1
Raymond Barlow			1	1
Glenn Alferes			1	1
Keith Amaral		1		1
Miscellaneous		1		1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>678</b>	<b>727</b>	<b>455</b>	<b>1860</b>
<b>MODERATOR</b>				
Blanks	231	239	135	605
Robert E. Francis	439	485	319	1243
Write-ins				
Howard Plaud		1		1
Michael J. Gonet	1	1		2
Harry Preston	2			2
James Hardy	1		1	2
Bob St. Jean	1			1
Donald Gasper	1			1
Miscellaneous	2	1		3
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>678</b>	<b>727</b>	<b>455</b>	<b>1860</b>

	Prec. I	Prec. II	Prec. III	Total
<b>TREE WARDEN</b>				
Blanks	203	225	122	550
Everett L. Hardy, jr.	475	500	333	1308
Write-ins				
L. Homme		1		1
John Peters		1		1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>678</b>	<b>737</b>	<b>455</b>	<b>1860</b>

A true record, Attest:

Richard Threlfall,  
Town Clerk

## **RECOUNT OF APRIL 5, 1999 ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION**

### **BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

	Prec. I	Prec. II	Prec. III	Total
Blanks	6	13	3	22
Peter Koczera	314	368	256	938
Gary L. Rawcliffe	358	347	196	901
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>678</b>	<b>728</b>	<b>455</b>	<b>1861</b>

A True Copy, Attest:

Richard Threlfall,  
Town Clerk

The Recount called by Garry L. Rawcliffe of 74 Mecca Way, Acushnet, held on Wednesday, April 21, 1999 in the Town Hall Basement at 7:00 p.m.

# **REPORT OF THE ACUSHNET BOARD OF SELECTMEN 1999**

In April of this year, Peter W. Koczera was re-elected to his third term, and the Board reorganized, electing David E. Wojnar as Chairman. It was a year marked with change and improvements.

## **Restructuring**

After notification of the retirement of long-time Executive Secretary Elaine Miranda, the Board commissioned the Center for Policy Analysis at the University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth, to conduct a study for recommendations for future Town structure. Following one of their recommendations, the Board appointed former Finance Director Alan G. Coutinho as the Town's first Town Administrator and Robin M. Reasor to replace him as Finance Director.

## **Senior Center & Town Hall Improvements**

It was a year that saw the completion of two substantial Capital Improvements. The Council on Aging Center at the former Burt School, with the help of a Community Development Block Grant from the Department of Housing & Community Development, opened, providing Acushnet's seniors with one of the nicer facilities in the area. The Town also completed the Americans with Disabilities Act's (ADA) required renovations at the Town Hall, allowing us again to use this beautiful building to conduct town business. If you haven't had a chance to stop in and see either of these projects, we recommend you do.

## **Downtown Village Area**

The Board has a vision of an improved village area and appointed a Downtown Steering Committee to help bring that vision to fruition. With the help of a \$75,000.00 award from the State, the Town hired the Cecil Group to conduct a study for the Downtown Revitalization. They sought input from residents, officials and the private sector. In doing so, they've received some incredible ideas. The Board and our elected State officials were instrumental in the Town being eligible for a matching grant to get some of these ideas accomplished.

## **Rivet Land Purchase**

The Town purchased property on Main Street that will, in the future, serve the Town on two fronts. A part of the property will be used for Conservation/Recreation purposes while the other will serve as a future water source. The Town was also awarded a self-help grant for \$115,600.00 by the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs to help defray this cost.

## **Parting Ways Building**

In 1999, with the help of Senator Montigny, a \$325,000.00 grant was awarded to our Town. In the upcoming year we will begin renovations to the

Parting Ways Building to bring this historical property up to ADA code as well.

**Golf Course**

The Acushnet River Valley Golf Course completed its second season of operation and is on target with its original projections. The 1999 season planned for 30,875 rounds of golf and the actual number was 30,969. Projected revenues were \$1,029,570.00, and actual revenues were \$1,040,622.00. The June 30th Fiscal Year, as reported in the Finance Director's section, shows that the course's actual revenue was \$135,000.00 above projections.

**Man of the Year**

We would also like to congratulate Selectman Hardy in his award as Acushnet's Man of the Year.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Alan G. Coutinho  
Town Administrator



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

### **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Roger A. Cabral .....	2003
James L. Hardy .....	2003
Gail A. Rodrigues .....	2003
Mary Lou Marques (Vice Chairman) .....	2002
Elizabeth Gatenby .....	2001
Valerie Lacasse .....	2001
Cynthia Leonard .....	2001
Paul Pelletier .....	2001
John Howcroft (Chairman) .....	2001
Hector Roy (Resigned)	
Nicholas Wagner (Resigned)	

### **POLICE COMMISSIONERS**

David E. Wojnar .....	2001
Everett L. Hardy, Jr. ....	2000
Peter W. Koczera .....	2002

### **TOWN ADMINISTRATOR**

Alan G. Coutinho

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

Robin Reasor

### **TOWN COUNSEL**

Kopelman & Paige

### **CONSTABLES**

David Lee Botas .....	2001
Milton Cordoniz .....	2001
Brian E. Costa .....	2001
Michael Coutinho .....	2001
Phillip C. Davis .....	2001
Sharon Fortier .....	2001
Marc E. LaPlante .....	2001
Ronald LaVallee .....	2001
Richard Moniz .....	2001
George Souza .....	2001
Herve W. Vandal, Jr. ....	2001
Frank Adesso .....	2000
Michael Asquino .....	2000
Rebekah Tomlinson .....	2000

David Tomlinson (Resigned)

### **ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER / INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS**

Rebekah Tomlinson

**REGISTRAR OF VOTERS**

Lorraine Daniel .....	2002
Ginger Miller .....	2000
Debra Richard .....	2000

**FIRE CHIEF, FOREST WARDEN, INSPECTOR OF GARAGES**

Paul R. Cote

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

David Davignon .....	2002
Ted Cioper .....	2002
Paul Picard .....	2001
Leonard Alves .....	2000
Patricia Mendonca .....	2000
Leonard Samerio .....	2000
Gregory Wood .....	2000
Monika Weldon .....	Conservation Agent

Joyce Reynolds (Resigned)

Laurell J. Farinon, Conservation Agent (Resigned)

**MOTH SUPERINTENDENT / INSPECTOR OF PEST CONTROL**

Everett L. Hardy, Jr.

**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)

Roland E. Lavallee

**ACUSHNET EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES DIRECTOR**

Adrienne Y. Rivet

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY DIRECTOR**

Gerard Bergeron

**PUBLIC WEIGHERS**

Kerrie Almeida  
Filomenia Yuille

## **ELECTION OFFICERS**

### **PRECINCT I**

Eva Mach (D) ..... Warden  
Juliana Perry (R) ..... Clerk  
Honora Gaouette (U) ..... Inspector  
Dorothy Gomes (D) ..... Inspector  
Claire Gonsalves (D) ..... Inspector  
Arlette LaPalme (D) ..... Inspector  
Joyce Heidkamp Tillet (D) ..... Inspector

### **PRECINCT 2**

Lucille Hardy (U) ..... Warden  
Dorothy Daniels (U) ..... Clerk  
Virginia Baird (R) ..... Inspector  
Stella Bertrand (D) ..... Inspector  
Estelle Cusson (D) (Sub) ..... Inspector  
Doris Kasmire (D) ..... Inspector  
Deborah Pelletier (U) ..... Inspector  
Jeannette Pepin (D) (Sub) ..... Inspector  
Deolinda Rosario (D) ..... Inspector

### **PRECINCT 3**

Mary Jane Rymut (D) ..... Warden  
Dorothy L. Lackie ..... Clerk  
Irene DeCotis (U) ..... Inspector  
Geraldine Frates ..... Inspector  
Alice Hebert (R) ..... Inspector  
Olive M. Laycock (R) ..... Inspector  
Hope Reynolds (R) ..... Inspector  
Janice Richard (R) ..... Inspector  
Anna Sameiro (D) ..... Inspector  
Betty White (U) ..... Inspector

### **BOARD OF APPEALS**

Ronald Matton (Alternate) ..... 2004  
Richard J. Lally (Alternate) ..... 2001  
Lawrence Marshall (Chairman) ..... 2001  
Barbara Mello ..... 2001  
Carole Westgate ..... 2001  
Henry T. Preston ..... 2000  
Gerard Touissant ..... 2000

## **COUNCIL ON AGING**

David Rawcliffe .....	2002
Milton Reynolds .....	2002
Stella Bertrand .....	2001
Irene Bouchard .....	2001
Ruth Gilmore .....	2001
Dorothy Gomes .....	2001
William Contois (Chairman) .....	2000

## **COUNCIL ON AGING BUILDING COMMITTEE**

John Carvalho .....	2002
William Contois .....	2000
Alan Coutinho .....	2000
Alfred Gonsalves .....	2000
Everett L. Hardy, Jr. ....	2000
John Nunes .....	2000
Joseph G. O'Brien .....	2000
David Rawcliffe .....	2000
Milton Reynolds .....	2000
John Santos .....	2000

## **WIRE INSPECTORS**

Frank Knox , Wire Inspector  
Victor Periera, Deputy Wire Inspector  
Barry Williams, Deputy Wire Inspector

## **GAS INSPECTOR**

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

## **INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS**

Leo Lyonnais

## **DEPUTY BUILDING INSPECTOR**

Robert Brown

## **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

## **DOWNTOWN STEERING COMMITTEE**

Alan G. Coutinho .....	2000
Geraldine Frates .....	2000
Susan J. Hallett .....	2000
Leo Rousseau .....	2000
Raymond Sleight .....	2000
Paul Trahan .....	2000
David E. Wojnar .....	2000

## **SAFETY COMMITTEE**

Kenneth Deneault .....	2000
Lewis Elgar, Jr. ....	2000
Susan Hallett .....	2000
Paul Melo (Police Department) .....	2000
Gerrie Reed .....	2000

## **STREET NAME COMMITTEE**

Paul Cote  
Michael Poitras  
Adrienne Rivet

## **BUILDING BOARD OF APPEALS**

Conrad Desroches .....	2004
Ronald Labonte .....	2003
Raymond F. LeBlanc (Chairman) .....	2001
Frederick Law .....	2000

## **SEALER OF WEIGHTS & MEASURES**

Marianne Marshall

## **ARTS COUNCIL**

George Marshall .....	2002
Margaret Santos .....	2002
Walton S. Dalton, Jr. (Advisor/Administrator) .....	2000
Donna Couto .....	2000
Deborah Fleet .....	2000
Harriette Fleet .....	2000
Jeanne Siwik .....	2000

## **RIGHT TO KNOW COORDINATOR**

Paul R. Cote (Fire Chief)

**BY-LAW REVIEW COMMITTEE**

Everett L. Hardy, Jr. ....	2002
Steven Raposa .....	2002
Richard Threlfall .....	2002
Carole Westgate .....	2002
Raymond LeBlanc .....	2001
Susan Forgues .....	2000
Leo Lyonnais .....	2000
Leo M. Rousseau .....	2000
Marc LaPlant .....	2000
Christopher Renfree .....	2000

**PARTING WAYS BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE**

Donna Breault	Ann Marie Ciolfi
Charlotte Coutinho	Pearl Goulet
William Murphy	Connie Preston
Raymond Sleight	

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

David E. Wojnar (Board of Selectmen)  
Richard Settele (BOS Alternate Member)

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

Everett L. Hardy, Jr.  
William Contois

**GOLF MANAGEMENT & OPERATIONAL COMMITTEE**

David P. Gagnon .....	2000
Manuel Goulart .....	2000
James Madruga, Jr. ....	2000
Edward Issac .....	2001
Cynthia Leonard .....	2001
Gary Rousseau .....	2001
David E. Wojnar .....	2001

**SOIL CONSERVATION BOARD**

Marc Cenerizio	Everett L. Hardy, Jr.
Larry Marshall (BPW Rep.)	Robert Medeiros
Paul Picard	Thomas E. Fantozzi (SCB Inspector)

**TOWN INSURANCE BROKER**

Feitelberg Agency, Inc.

**WELLFIELD STUDY COMMITTEE**

Barbara Bonville	Gerard DaCosta
Richard H. Ellis	Mitchell Kut

### **CABLE T.V. ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Everett Hardy, III .....	2001
George Souza .....	2001
Marvin Allison .....	2000
Gerald Bergeron .....	2000
Denise Botelho .....	2000
Donald Lopes .....	2000

### **GROWTH MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

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

### **EMPOWERMENT REPRESENTATIVES**

David E. Wojnar  
Alan G. Coutinho

### **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	Richard A. Ellis
Robert Hall	Peter Koczera
Paul Melo	Henry Preston

### **TAX SHIFT STUDY COMMITTEE**

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

### **ADA COORDINATORS**

Joao Acucena	Leo Lyonnais
Marc Cenerizio	Madeleine Cioper
Paul R. Cote	Stephen Gilmore
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**

Peter W. Koczera

**PPWG - HARBOR TRUSTEE COUNCIL MEMBER**

Alfred Braley

**PCB REPRESENTATIVE**

Peter W. Koczera

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

Arthur Calheta

**SPECIAL POLICE OFFICER, ACUSHNET METHODIST CHURCH**

David Rawcliffe

**TILCON CAPALDI CLOSURE PLAN COMMITTEE**

Peter W. Koczera

Raymond LeBlanc

Paul Picard

**OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE**

Leonard Alves .....	2001
Marc Cenerizio .....	2001
Ted Cioper .....	2001
David Davignon .....	2001
Nicolangela Filippone .....	2001
Everett L. Hardy, Jr. ....	2001
Patricia Mendonca .....	2001
Paul Picard .....	2001
Leonard Sameiro .....	2001
Monika S. Weldon, Agent .....	2001
Melinda Ferreira, Clerk .....	2001
Bob Rocha .....	2001
Geraldine Frates .....	2001



# REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

To the Officers and Residents of the Town of Acushnet:

Following is a recapitulation of the Fiscal 2000 Tax Rate

## TAX RATE SUMMARY

Gross Amount to be Raised	\$17,743,255.36
<i>Estimated Receipts and Available Funds</i>	<u>10,805,102.00</u>
Net Amount to be Raised by Taxation	\$ 6,938,153.36

LEVY B CLASSIFICATION	Tax Levy	Valuation	Tax/M
Residential	6,038,314.59	428,553,200	14.09
Open Space	-0-	-0-	14.09
Commercial	329,926.69	18,187,800	18.14
Industrial	<u>297,354.51</u>	<u>16,392,200</u>	18.14
Sub Total	6,665,595.79	463,133,200	
Personal Property	<u>272,553.50</u>	<u>15,025,000</u>	18.14
Total	6,938,149.29	478,158,200	

## EXPENDITURES

Appropriations at Town Meeting	17,328,964.00
Other Local Expenditures	87,310.58
State & County Charges	128,778.00
Overlay	<u>198,202.78</u>
Gross Amount to be Raised	17,743,255.36

## ESTIMATED RECEIPTS AND AVAILABLE FUNDS

Estimated Receipts from State	\$ 6,157,084.00
Prior Years Over Estimates, State/County	93.00
Local Estimated Receipts	1,814,242.00
Enterprise Funds	1,768,621.00
Free Cash	561,565.00
Available Funds	<u>503,497.00</u>
Total Receipts	\$10,805,102.00

## LOCAL ESTIMATED RECEIPTS

Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise	630,000.00
Penalty & Interest on Tax & Excise	11,160.00
Water	516,279.00
Licenses & Permits	116,381.00
Fines, Forfeits & Fees	32,141.00
Investment Income	115,000.00
Other Departmental Revenue	<u>293,281.00</u>
Total Estimated Receipts	1,814,242.00

The Board of Assessors received approval of Valuation in the month of September, 1999, 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 1998 being much higher than the previous year, increased the valuations of residential property in town. Commercial values stayed the same or only a small value increase. The tax rate went up. Tax rate is figured using valuation and moneys approved at Town Meeting. Each year appropriation can be raised by 2 1/2%.

Very few appellate cases filed for FY99. This is happening due to 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 the process of being implemented in Town. 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 the G.I.S. system coordinator. The Board of Assessors, Conservation Commission and the Board of Public Works are just a few departments that will have a use for this new tool.

Respectfully submitted,

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

*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 - 1999

### BIRTHS

In Acushnet	0	
In other municipalities	85	85
Resident	85	
Non-Resident	0	85
Male	47	
Female	38	85

### MARRIAGES

In Acushnet	19	
In other municipalities	39	58
Resident Bride and Groom	37	
Resident Groom	7	
Resident Bride	4	
Non-Resident Bride and Groom	10	58

### DEATHS

In Acushnet	12	
In other municipalities	54	66
Resident Deaths - Women	34	
Resident Deaths - Men	32	
Non-Resident Deaths - Women	0	
Non-Resident Deaths - Men	0	66

Attest:  
Richard Threlfall  
Town Clerk

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

### **Reconciliation of Treasurer's Cash July 1, 1998 - June 30, 1999**

#### **Balances per Reconciled Bank Statements –**

Bank Boston		\$ 577,859.28
Boston Safe Deposit & Trust Co.	Money Market	20,310.31
Boston Safe Deposit & Trust Co.	Small City	734.97
Boston Safe Deposit & Trust Co.	Vendor Account	1,568.54
Citizens Bank & Trust	General Savings	1,669,618.22
Citizens Bank & Trust	Money Market	38,110.50
Citizens Bank & Trust	Collectors Account	429,251.95
Citizens Bank & Trust	Golf Course	223,549.62
Citizens Bank & Trust	Payroll	385.66
First Federal Savings	School Lunch	48,494.36
First Federal Savings	Money Market	228,044.04
Fleet Bank	Money Market	210,317.66
Fleet Bank	Checking	261,907.06
Peoples Savings Bank	Money Market	134,773.32
Rockland Trust Company	Money Market	246,678.83
Slade's Ferry Bank	General	84,548.22
Slade's Ferry Bank	Library Grant	11,391.34
State Street Bank & Trust	Money Market	23,237.08
		<hr/> 4,210,780.96
Deposits in Transits and Cash on Hand		<hr/> 1,400.00
		4,212,180.96
Fleet Bank - Various Town Trusts		423,835.96
Citizens Bank & Trust - Various Town Trusts		1,182,922.70
Citizens Bank & Trust - Planning Board		140,752.33
Rockland Trust - Certificate of Deposit		<hr/> 500,000.00
<b>Total of All Cash and Investments for the Town</b>		<hr/> <b>\$ 6,459,691.95</b>

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

Respectfully submitted,

John L. Nunes  
Town Treasurer

## RECEIPTS FISCAL YEAR 1999

### GENERAL FUND

#### PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES

1996	49.00
1997	213.00
1998	326.00
1999	<u>263,240.00</u>
	263,628.00

#### REAL ESTATE TAXES

1990	167.00
1991	170.00
1992	184.00
1993	195.00
1994	212.00
1995	218.00
1996	8,228.00
1997	40,037.00
1998	128,756.00
1999	6,021,130.00
2000	<u>298.00</u>
	6,199,595.00

#### TAX LIENS REDEEMED

Prior Years	192,080.00
1990	
1991	
1992	
1993	
1994	
1995	
1996	
	<u>192,080.00</u>

#### MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE

Prior Years	403.00
1991	5.00
1992	9.00
1993	90.00
1994	436.00
1995	1,064.00
1996	2,375.00
1997	9,399.00
1998	109,630.00
1999	<u>526,904.00</u>
	650,315.00

**FARM EXCISE**

1998	<u>1,114.00</u>
	1,114.00

**PENALTY and INTEREST**

Rubbish	215.00
Personal Property Tax	346.00
Real Estate Tax	42,665.00
Excise	17,934.00
Tax Liens Red.	85,579.00
Other	<u>0.00</u>
	146,739.00

**RUBBISH**

Rubbish Revenue	22,620.00
Liens	<u>2,685.00</u>
	25,305.00

**FEES**

Police Detail	4,411.00
Cable	1,578.00
Lien Certificates	13,250.00
Non-renewal Motor Vehicle	4,360.00
T.S.I.	<u>0.00</u>
	23,599.00

**OTHER DEPARTMENTAL REVENUE**

Assessors	1,126.00
Selectmen	25.00
Treasurer	11.00
Collector	1.00
Clerk	5,461.00
Conservation	0.00
Planning Board	2,060.00
Appeal Board	2,875.00
Police	1,745.00
Fire	7,031.00
Building	75.00
Weights & Measures	655.00
Recycling	0.00
Board of Health	27,375.00
Miscellaneous	8,818.00
Library	<u>464.00</u>
	57,722.00

## LICENSES

Business	740.00
Liquor	15,575.00
Victualers	525.00
Amusement	3,660.00
Motor Vehicle	1,650.00
Dog	<u>6,755.00</u>
	28,905.00

## PERMITS

Blasting	0.00
Oil Burner	1,180.00
Building	40,631.00
Electrical	11,447.00
Gas	3,776.00
Board of Health	15,714.00
Plumbing	11,464.00
Soil Removal	675.00
Gun	<u>2,589.00</u>
	87,476.00

## FINES and FORFEITURES

Dog	2,085.00
Library	2,398.00
Parking	<u>726.00</u>
	5,209.00

## SALES OF INVENTORY

Cemetery Lots	<u>450.00</u>
	450.00

## STATE SHARED REVENUE

Abatements to Veterans	11,666.00
Abatements to Surviving Spouse	350.00
Abatements to the Blind	1,138.00
Abatements to the Elderly	34,196.00
Veterans Benefits	288.00
Highway Funds	111,540.00
Additional Assistance	30,043.00
Lottery Funds	1,345,632.00
Court Fines	7,649.00
Registry Fines	19,282.00
Other State	1,562.00
School Ch. 70	4,231,990.00
School Transportation	<u>147,731.00</u>
	5,943,067.00

MUNICIPAL MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENTS	59,343.00
EARNINGS ON INVESTMENTS	15,914.00
INTERFUND TRANSFERS	
From Special Revenue	102,039.00
From Enterprise	<u>5,000.00</u>
	107,039.00
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b><u>\$13,907,700.00</u></b>

<b>SCHOOL LUNCH FUND</b>	<b>\$226,430.00</b>
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<b>HIGHWAY CHAPTER 90</b>	<b>\$347,571.00</b>
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<b>SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	
Community Development	4,996.00
Building Maintenance	0.00
Cable Ed. & Government Access	0.00
P.E.G. Access	25,466.00
Empowerment Fund	0.00
D.A.R.E. Grant	9,700.00
Police A.D.I.A.A.C.	25,441.00
Law Enforcement Trust	2,892.00
COPS Grant	18,205.00
Community Policing	16,000.00
Fire S.A.F.E.	2,587.00
LIG / MEG	10,065.00
Library Gift Fund	193,543.00
Library Building	40,000.00
L.S.T.A. Grant	1,381.00
Library Info Grant	9,000.00
Title 5	100,000.00
Arts Lottery Council	7,702.00
Council on Aging	8,812.00
COA Building	626,500.00
Notice of Intent-Conservation	2,450.00
E.M.S.	154,922.00
Insurance Reimbursement	14,058.00
outside Ads	<u>234.00</u>
<b>TOTAL SPECIAL REVENUE</b>	<b><u>\$1,268,958.00</u></b>



## **SCHOOL SPECIAL REVENUE**

Chapter I	72,312.00
Title II 94-142	63,840.00
Chapter II	2,760.00
Early Childhood	6,540.00
D.D.E. - Title II	2,876.00
Drug Free School	6,777.00
Education Reform	(1,287.00)
Future Educators	(2,041.00)
Health Protect	23,059.00
School Building Rental	2,470.00
Tuition Fund	33,113.00
Ford Middle School	10,552.00
Elementary School Fund	22,559.00
Acushnet Comm. Part Grant	4,056.00
Com. Partnership Grant	85,309.00
PALMS Grant	1,661.00
Curr. Framework (SPEDD)	4,635.00
Technology Grant	16,035.00
Essential Skills #382	2,385.00
Mass. Perf. Access #631	3,000.00

<b>TOTAL SCHOOL SPECIAL REVENUE</b>	<b><u>\$360,612.00</u></b>
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## **WATER FUND**

**\$590,381.00**

## **CAPITAL PROJECTS**

**\$0.00**

## **SEWER FUND**

**\$409,411.00**

## **GOLF ENTERPRISE**

**\$701,502.00**

## **TRUST FUNDS**

Contributions	7,548.00
Interest	0.00
Transfers	315,091.00
Earnings on Investments	<u>57,354.00</u>
	<b><u>\$379,993.00</u></b>

## **TOTAL**

**\$18,192,557.00**

Attest:

Robin M. Reasor  
Director of Finance

**APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES  
FISCAL YEAR 1999**

	<b>FY 1999 Actual Approp.</b>	<b>FY 1999 Actual Expend.</b>
<b>RESERVE FUND 1110</b>		
F.B. RESERVE FUND	70,000.00	69,598.00
<b>TOWN MEETING 1113</b>		
Town Meeting / Election	17,275.00	14,139.00
<b>MODERATOR 1114</b>		
Salary	500.00	500.00
Supplies	15.00	0.00
In State Travel	19.00	0.00
Dues / Memberships	<u>15.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total	549.00	500.00
<b>SELECTMEN 1122</b>		
Salaries - Selectmen	11,950.00	11,950.00
Salaries - Executive Secretary	35,499.00	35,499.00
Salaries - Clerical	29,640.00	29,564.00
Salaries - Temporary	2,000.00	493.00
Longevity	800.00	800.00
R. & M. Vehicles	750.00	68.00
Special Article School Facility Com.	24,158.00	11,877.00
Special Article Open Space	5,000.00	0.00
Engineering Fees	5,800.00	5,800.00
Consulting / Grant Writer	5,000.00	0.00
Telephone	1,200.00	1,075.00
Communications - Advertising	1,674.00	1,674.00
Training & Testing	200.00	125.00
Gasoline	500.00	155.00
Office Supply	650.00	600.00
Town Report / Warrant	3,500.00	3,338.00
Meeting Expense	200.00	200.00
In-State Travel	375.00	366.00
Dues / Subscriptions / Membership	1,450.00	1,414.00
Additional Equipment	<u>10,000.00</u>	
Total	140,346.00	104,998.00

	<b>FY 1999 Actual Approp.</b>	<b>FY 1999 Actual Expend.</b>
<b>FINANCE COMMITTEE 1131</b>		
Salaries - Clerical	1,800.00	1,362.00
Office Supplies	250.00	233.00
In-State Travel	300.00	0.00
Dues / Subscriptions / Memberships	200.00	135.00
Total	<u>2,550.00</u>	<u>1,730.00</u>

<b>FINANCE DIRECTOR 1133</b>		
Salaries - Director of Finance	5,679.00	5,679.00
Total	<u>5,679.00</u>	<u>5,679.00</u>

<b>TOWN ACCOUNTANT 1135</b>		
Salaries - Town Accountant	47,536.00	47,536.00
Salaries - Clerical	23,898.00	23,897.00
Salaries - Billing Clerk	5,975.00	5,975.00
Longevity	450.00	450.00
Auditing	10,000.00	10,000.00
Telephone	1,890.00	1,424.00
Office Supplies	1,300.00	800.00
In-State Travel	1,200.00	638.00
Dues / Subscriptions / Memberships	115.00	100.00
Additional Equipment	750.00	418.00
Total	<u>93,114.00</u>	<u>91,238.00</u>

<b>ASSESSORS 1141</b>		
Salaries - Assessors	9,777.00	9,777.00
Salaries - Administrative Assistant	27,881.00	27,881.00
Salaries - Clerical	23,240.00	23,239.00
Salaries - Overtime	500.00	486.00
Longevity	1,200.00	1,200.00
R. & M. Office Equipment	175.00	164.00
Annual Update / Consultant	33,120.00	30,120.00
Telephone	600.00	417.00
Printing & Binding	450.00	187.00
Training	50.00	0.00
Marshall & Swift	1,200.00	987.00
Plot Plans	6,800.00	5,000.00
Registry Deeds / Probate	150.00	0.00
Office Supplies	1,000.00	724.00
Photo Supplies	500.00	0.00

	<b>FY 1999 Actual Approp.</b>	<b>FY 1999 Actual Approp.</b>
In-State Travel	200.00	116.00
Other In-State Travel	150.00	32.00
Dues	250.00	195.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>107,243.00</b>	<b>100,525.00</b>

#### **TOWN TREASURER 1145**

Salaries - Town Treasurer	31,350.00	31,350.00
Salaries - Clerical	23,898.00	23,897.00
Salaries - Temp.	1,500.00	0.00
Salaries - Overtime	2,100.00	2,060.00
Longevity	400.00	400.00
Repairs / Maintenance	200.00	0.00
Legal - Land Court	24,000.00	20,223.00
Payroll / Microfiche	14,000.00	10,832.00
Low Value Property	800.00	0.00
Loan Expense	2,000.00	1,145.00
Telephone	1,560.00	1,255.00
Registry Recordings	500.00	0.00
Office Supplies	1,000.00	314.00
Postage	2,600.00	2,419.00
In-State Travel	16,000.00	15,056.00
Dues	700.00	676.00
Bonding	250.00	100.00
Office Equipment	630.00	555.00
Additional Equipment	5,974.00	4,904.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>129,462.00</b>	<b>115,186.00</b>

#### **TOWN COLLECTOR 1146**

Salaries - Town Collector	30,000.00	29,670.00
Salaries - Clerical	23,240.00	21,872.00
Salaries - Temporary	9,000.00	7,105.00
Salaries - Overtime	3,000.00	1,264.00
Longevity	600.00	0.00
R. & M. Office Equipment	500.00	450.00
Tax Bills	5,500.00	3,521.00
Telephone	1,000.00	983.00
Communication - Advertising	4,714.00	2,491.00
Registry Recordings	1,400.00	664.00
Office Supplies	1,500.00	1,363.00
In-State Travel / Meals	800.00	254.00

	<b>FY 1999 Actual Approp.</b>	<b>FY 199 Actual Expend.</b>
Dues / Subscriptions / Memberships	250.00	35.00
Bonding	800.00	800.00
Additional Equipment	<u>500.00</u>	<u>175.00</u>
Total	82,804.00	70,647.00

#### **TOWN COUNSEL 1151**

Legal - Land Court	<u>74,000.00</u>	<u>74,000.00</u>
Total	74,000.00	74,000.00

#### **DATA PROCESSING 1155**

Salaries - System Administrator	5,679.00	5,679.00
Repair / Maintenance - Copier	15,500.00	11,558.00
Maintenance Agreement	3,595.00	3,595.00
Software Maintenance	7,870.00	6,984.00
Computer Training & Testing	2,000.00	1,750.00
Photocopier Supply	2,500.00	2,500.00
Wiring Expense	350.00	0.00
Software Expense	10,006.00	9,953.00
Other Supplies	4,000.00	2,840.00
In-State Travel	200.00	0.00
Additional Equipment	<u>7,774.00</u>	<u>7,478.00</u>
Total	59,474.00	52,337.00

#### **TOWN CLERK 1161**

Salaries - Town Clerk	20,900.00	20,900.00
Salaries - Clerical	23,240.00	23,239.00
Salaries - Temp.	12,839.00	12,820.00
Salaries - Overtime	3,000.00	863.00
Longevity	400.00	400.00
Repairs / Maintenance	600.00	245.00
Special Article - Street Approval	2,200.00	0.00
Ballots	2,400.00	1,376.00
Vital Statistics	500.00	53.00
Telephone	1,200.00	1,031.00
Communications - Advertising	400.00	110.00
Office Supplies	1,600.00	1,409.00
Update Law Books	1,400.00	757.00
Postage	3,000.00	909.00
In-State Travel	800.00	137.00
Dues	200.00	60.00

	<b>FY 1999 Actual Approp.</b>	<b>FY 1999 Actual Expend.</b>
Bonding	200.00	53.00
Additional Equipment	<u>1,200.00</u>	<u>1,014.00</u>
Total	76,079.00	65,376.00

#### **REGISTRAR OF VOTERS 1163**

Salaries - Temp.	4,000.00	4,000.00
Voting Program Movers	2,000.00	1,816.00
Street Voting / Census	3,900.00	2,787.00
Office Supplies	300.00	300.00
Postage	<u>500.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total	10,700.00	8,903.00

#### **CONSERVATION 1171**

Salaries - Clerical	12,761.00	12,761.00
Special Article - Appraisals	10,000.00	2,250.00
Telephone	400.00	400.00
Communications - Advertising	75.00	75.00
Regional Conservation Comm. Di	8,580.00	6,691.00
Office Supplies	200.00	200.00
Photo Supplies	100.00	81.00
In-State Travel	250.00	206.00
Dues	475.00	315.00
Site Improvement Land Development	2,000.00	2,000.00
Additional Equipment	<u>150.00</u>	<u>150.00</u>
Total	34,991.00	25,129.00

#### **SOIL BOARD 1172**

Salaries - Clerical	184.00	72.00
Office Supplies	<u>26.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total	210.00	72.00

#### **PLANNING BOARD 1175**

Salaries - Clerical	6,000.00	5,319.00
Training - Seminars - Meetings	400.00	29.00
Communications - Advertising	100.00	0.00
Recording	250.00	0.00
Registration Deeds / Update Maps	250.00	22.00
Consult. / Zoning Pack.	0.00	0.00
Office Supplies	650.00	545.00
In-State Travel	100.00	0.00

	<b>FY 1999 Actual Approp.</b>	<b>FY 1999 Actual Expend.</b>
Dues	300.00	90.00
Total	8,050.00	6,005.00

#### **BOARD OF APPEALS 1176**

Salaries - Clerical	1,650.00	851.00
Communications - Advertising	1,040.00	1,017.00
Office Supplies	50.00	33.00
Total	2,740.00	1,901.00

#### **TOWN HALL COMPLEX 1192**

Salaries - Custodian	26,531.00	24,950.00
Salaries - Temp.	300.00	300.00
Overtime	200.00	38.00
Energy	23,000.00	19,986.00
Repairs & Maintenance Building Grounds	8,000.00	6,911.00
Special Article - Roof Burt School	4,711.00	0.00
Special Article - A.D.A. Requirement	40,000.00	20,882.00
Supplies	5,000.00	4,206.00
Total	107,742.00	77,273.00

#### **BY-LAWS 1197**

Office Supplies	2,000.00	353.00
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#### **POLICE DEPARTMENT 2210**

Salaries - Police Chief	53,348.00	53,348.00
Salaries - Permanent Positions	769,515.00	762,268.00
Longevity	3,300.00	3,300.00
Clothing Allowance	8,650.00	8,525.00
R. & M. Building	2,950.00	2,946.00
Vehicle Maintenance	10,000.00	9,734.00
R. & M. Office Equipment	5,500.00	3,576.00
Software Maintenance	3,048.00	3,048.00
Special Article - Medical Exams	700.00	320.00
Telephone	4,700.00	4,489.00
Training & Testing	400.00	399.00
Gasoline	15,000.00	9,612.00
Office Supplies	3,400.00	3,361.00
Meals	1,180.00	1,165.00
Other Supplies - Hardware/Lockup	13,400.00	11,677.00
In-State Travel	750.00	721.00

	<b>FY 1999 Actual Approp.</b>	<b>FY 1999 Actual Expend.</b>
Dues	750.00	695.00
Equipment	<u>29,900.00</u>	<u>26,816.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>926,491.00</b>	<b>906,000.00</b>

#### **FIRE DEPARTMENT 2220**

Salaries - Fire Chief	52,672.00	52,672.00
Salaries - Permanent	139,389.00	136,208.00
Salaries - Clerical Part time	2,000.00	2,000.00
Salaries - Callmen	36,000.00	36,000.00
Overtime	28,000.00	27,269.00
Longevity	1,800.00	1,800.00
Clothing Allowance	2,800.00	2,800.00
Energy	5,500.00	4,302.00
Water	125.00	81.00
Repair & Maintenance Building Grounds	2,500.00	2,471.00
Special Article - Refurbish Station #2	120.00	113.00
Special Article - Refurbish Station #1	10,500.00	9,095.00
Repairs Equipment/Maintenance	2,500.00	2,479.00
Vehicle Maintenance	10,720.00	10,710.00
Radio Repair	1,000.00	1,000.00
Hepatitis B Shots	2,038.00	124.00
Medical Exams	405.00	0.00
Telephone	2,690.00	2,262.00
Training / CPR / 1st Aid	7,000.00	7,000.00
Gasoline	3,000.00	1,192.00
Office Supply	1,000.00	952.00
Other Supplies	300.00	238.00
Dues	1,100.00	1,092.00
Dry Hydrants	618.00	34,925.00
Additional Equipment	<u>45,000.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>358,777.00</b>	<b>336,785.00</b>

#### **EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES 2232**

Salaries - Director	30,195.00	30,195.00
Salaries - Permanent Position	22,402.00	22,402.00
Salaries - EMT's	5,974.00	5,974.00
Salaries - Billing Clerk	106,118.00	106,009.00
Longevity	400.00	400.00
Clothing Allowance	2,000.00	1,993.00
Energy	11,000.00	6,147.00
R. & M. Buildings and Grounds	250.00	247.00
Repairs Equipment/Maintenance	1,655.00	1,650.00



	<b>FY 1999 Actual Approp.</b>	<b>FY 1999 Actual Expend.</b>
Physicals	600.00	296.00
Telephone	2,100.00	1,966.00
Training & Testing	3,000.00	1,917.00
Collection Expense	1,208.00	258.00
Gasoline	1,500.00	1,326.00
Office Supplies	600.00	538.00
Supplies	500.00	487.00
Vehicle	2,300.00	2,266.00
Medical Surgical Supplies	8,000.00	7,782.00
Oxygen	2,700.00	2,700.00
Dues / Subscriptions / Membership	2,200.00	2,142.00
Additional Equipment / Furniture	15,500.00	14,681.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>220,202.00</b>	<b>211,376.00</b>
From Taxation	\$109,338.00	
From E.M.S. Res. Rec. Account		\$102,038.00

#### **BUILDING DEPARTMENT 2241**

Salaries - Building Inspector	30,691.00	30,691.00
Salaries - Clerical	23,240.00	23,239.00
Salary - Wire Inspector	8,274.00	8,274.00
Salary - Deputy Wire Inspector	1,000.00	635.00
Salaries - Deputy Building Inspector	2,945.00	1,713.00
Salary - Gas/Plumbing Inspector	6,631.00	6,631.00
Salary - Deputy Gas/Plumbing Inspector	1,500.00	108.00
Salaries - Temporary	1,080.00	613.00
Longevity	400.00	400.00
Compensation Time	1,200.00	763.00
Training	1,115.00	1,115.00
Repairs / Equipment /Maintenance	255.00	195.00
Telephone	970.00	873.00
Plot Plans	1.00	0.00
Office Supplies	1,000.00	955.00
Vehicle Supplies	700.00	288.00
Gasoline	500.00	232.00
Meals	229.00	114.00
In-State Travel	709.00	610.00
Dues	275.00	237.00
Additional Equipment	16,540.00	16,241.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>99,255.00</b>	<b>93,927.00</b>

#### **SEALER OF WEIGHTS & MEASURES 2244**

Salaries - Permanent Position	721.00	721.00
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	<b>FY 1999 Actual Approp.</b>	<b>FY 1999 Actual Expend.</b>
Office Supplies	<u>50.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total	771.00	721.00

#### **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY 2291**

Longevity - Other Personal Services	50.00	0.00
Energy	1,350.00	1,046.00
Repairs / Equipment Maintenance	1,200.00	1,093.00
Repairs & Maintenance Building	1,541.00	1,541.00
Telephone	650.00	595.00
Gasoline	300.00	124.00
Maintenance & Supplies	250.00	225.00
Disaster Fund	100.00	0.00
In-State Travel	75.00	71.00
Additional Equipment/Gear	<u>1,000.00</u>	<u>999.00</u>
Total	6,516.00	5,694.00

#### **ANIMAL CONTROL / DOG OFFICER 2292**

Salaries - Director	20,000.00	20,000.00
Salaries - Temporary	0.00	0.00
Repair Maintenance Equipment	1,000.00	952.00
Telephone	675.00	668.00
Board Services	2,500.00	628.00
Animal Burials	100.00	0.00
Office Supplies	75.00	74.00
Gasoline	800.00	403.00
Dues	30.00	30.00
Additional Equipment	<u>21,600.00</u>	<u>21,498.00</u>
Total	46,780.00	44,253.00

#### **FORESTRY 2294**

Salary Tree Warden	546.00	410.00
Tree Removal	550.00	550.00
Tree Planting	<u>500.00</u>	<u>494.00</u>
Total	1,596.00	1,454.00

#### **SCHOOL DEPARTMENT 5350**

Regional School	1,204,635.00	1,204,635.00
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	<b>FY 1999 Actual Approp.</b>	<b>FY 1999 Actual Expend.</b>
<b>ACUSHNET SCHOOL DEPARTMENT 5350</b>		
Expenses	7,606,868.00	7,464,277.00
Roof Principal	39,000.00	39,000.00
Roof Interest	12,732.00	12,732.00
Total	<u>7,658,600.00</u>	<u>7,516,009.00</u>

#### **HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT 4422**

Salaries - Superintendent	29,050.00	29,050.00
Salaries - Permanent	175,006.00	168,738.00
Salaries - Highway Superintendent	39,285.00	30,285.00
Salaries - Clerical	7,008.00	6,983.00
Salaries - Overtime	4,000.00	2,547.00
Longevity	1,100.00	900.00
Clothing Allowance	4,500.00	4,181.00
Energy	6,000.00	4,223.00
Repairs & Maintenance Building Grounds	2,000.00	2,000.00
Special Article - Draining Squinn Brook	2,500.00	0.00
Repairs & Maintenance Equipment	20,494.00	20,490.00
Rentals & Leases	5,000.00	4,979.00
Engineering Fees	3,735.00	2,099.00
Telephone	1,200.00	1,199.00
Communications - Advertising	500.00	179.00
Police Detail	2,000.00	1,876.00
Training	1,000.00	655.00
Office Supplies	1,000.00	977.00
Gasoline	10,000.00	8,701.00
Street Sign Supplies	1,500.00	1,441.00
Personnel Safety Supplies	1,000.00	957.00
Road Materials	39,862.00	39,035.00
In-State Travel	500.00	101.00
Dues / Subsc./Membership/Licenses	300.00	216.00
Additional Equipment	5,000.00	4,853.00
Special Article - Equipment	46,000.00	4,000.00
Total	<u>400,540.00</u>	<u>340,665.00</u>

#### **HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION 4421**

Highway Construction & Improvement	6,453.00	6,453.00
Total	<u>6,453.00</u>	<u>6,453.00</u>

	<b>FY 1999 Actual Approp.</b>	<b>FY 1999 Actual Expend.</b>
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### **HIGHWAY ROAD EQUIPMENT 4423**

O.P.R.S. - Snow Removal Emergency	25,000.00	41,320.00
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### **STREET LIGHTS 4424**

Energy	60,000.00	48,897.00
Special article - Street Lights	200.00	0.00
Total	60,200.00	48,897.00

### **SEMASS 4431**

Salaries - Superintendent	2,075.00	2,075.00
Salaries - Permanent Position	4,934.00	4,934.00
Salaries - Clerical	6,742.00	6,742.00
Salaries - Highway Superintendent	3,365.00	3,365.00
Curbside Pick-up	44,550.00	44,550.00
R./L. - Incinerator - SEMASS	98,000.00	94,916.00
O.P.R.S. - Heavy Pick-up, etc.	18,220.00	17,308.00
Rubbish Removal	102,600.00	102,600.00
Communications - Advertising	2,000.00	845.00
Office Supplies	500.00	84.00
Total	282,986.00	277,419.00

### **CEMETERY 4491**

Salaries - Temporary	5,700.00	5,700.00
Repairs - Equipment / Maintenance	650.00	288.00
Building/Grounds/Maint/Service & Chrg.	400.00	146.00
Gasoline	250.00	160.00
Office Supply	50.00	0.00
Building Repairs/Maintenance/Supplies	225.00	53.00
Total	7,275.00	6,347.00

### **HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE 5510**

Board of Health	7,275.00	7,275.00
Salaries - Sanitarian	39,500.00	39,500.00
Salaries - Clerical	24,994.00	24,993.00
Salaries - Temporary	15,642.00	15,627.00
Salaries - Overtime	1,600.00	819.00
Longevity	400.00	400.00
Clothing Allowance	100.00	100.00
R. & M. Buildings	6,150.00	5,435.00

	<b>FY 1999 Actual Approp.</b>	<b>FY 1999 Actual Expend.</b>
Physician	2,000.00	775.00
Professional Public Health Agency	15,000.00	15,000.00
Clinic Expense - Rabies Control	600.00	10.00
Telephone	1,600.00	1,431.00
Communications - Advertising	500.00	298.00
Training	350.00	205.00
Office Supply	1,500.00	1,408.00
Postage	500.00	485.00
Photocopying Supplies	750.00	669.00
Medical & Surgical Supplies	300.00	198.00
Water Testing	50.00	45.00
In-State Travel	1,450.00	1,401.00
Dues	200.00	50.00
Additional Equipment	400.00	392.00
Total	<u>120,861.00</u>	<u>116,516.00</u>

#### **ANIMAL INSPECTOR 5519**

Salaries - Permanent Position	1.00	0.00
In-State Travel/Training	<u>1.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total	<u>2.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>

#### **COUNCIL ON AGING 5541**

Salaries - Department Head	7,426.00	7,426.00
Salaries - Temporary	8,320.00	8,320.00
Energy	5,000.00	103.00
R. & M. Buildings	500.00	0.00
R. & M. Vehicles	800.00	550.00
Telephone	579.00	579.00
Alarm Service	220.00	106.00
Gasoline	1,500.00	845.00
Office Supplies	400.00	400.00
Postage	115.00	115.00
Building Supplies	475.00	475.00
Meals	500.00	464.00
Nutrition	3,500.00	3,016.00
In-State Travel	2,150.00	1,475.00
Additional Equipment	<u>9,900.00</u>	<u>9,850.00</u>
Total	<u>41,385.00</u>	<u>33,724.00</u>

	<b>FY 1999 Actual Approp.</b>	<b>FY 1999 Actual Expend.</b>
<b>VETERANS 5543</b>		
Salaries - Permanent Position	2,730.00	2,429.00
Office Supplies	200.00	186.00
Veterans' Benefits	12,900.00	10,361.00
Total	15,830.00	12,976.00

<b>LIBRARY 6610</b>		
Salaries - Director	18,285.00	18,283.00
Salaries - Assistant Director	17,318.00	17,316.00
Salaries - Education	1,000.00	971.00
Salaries - Technician	22,943.00	22,902.00
Salaries - Custodian	4,906.00	2,471.00
Longevity	1,406.00	1,406.00
Energy	4,000.00	2,569.00
R. & M. Building & Grounds	1,500.00	1,480.00
R. & M. Office Equipment	800.00	500.00
Special Article - Repairs	11,106.00	8,500.00
Telephone	1,266.00	1,266.00
Education	400.00	251.00
SEAL Expense	9,000.00	8,998.00
Office Supplies	2,300.00	2,291.00
Children's Educational Supplies	300.00	300.00
Other Supplies	9,153.00	9,152.00
In-State Travel	500.00	495.00
Additional Equipment	1,000.00	972.00
Total	107,183.00	100,125.00

<b>RECREATION 6630</b>		
Energy	2,800.00	1,752.00
Service & Maintenance	1,500.00	1,463.00
Telephone	500.00	403.00
Communications - Advertising	100.00	0.00
Summer Youth	8,500.00	8,474.00
Office Supplies	50.00	0.00
Hardware	600.00	504.00
Fencing / Lighting	500.00	500.00
Other Supplies - Athletic, etc.	300.00	289.00
Total	14,850.00	13,385.00

	<b>FY 1999 Actual Approp.</b>	<b>FY 1999 Actual Expend.</b>
<b>PARK DEPARTMENT 6650</b>		
Salaries - Permanent Position	7,500.00	7,496.00
Salaries - Permanent Laborer	5,000.00	5,000.00
Salaries - Clerical	1,586.00	1,586.00
Salaries - Temporary Park Attendant	2,348.00	2,346.00
Services - Trash Removal	875.00	802.00
Gasoline	600.00	529.00
Restroom Supplies	175.00	169.00
Stone Dust	700.00	683.00
Fertilizer	400.00	400.00
Bulb Replacement	600.00	585.00
Vandalism	750.00	734.00
Special Article - Park Walkway	5,600.00	5,538.00
Special Article - Sprinkler	1,250.00	1,198.00
Special Article - LawnMower	4,600.00	4,575.00
Total	<u>31,984.00</u>	<u>31,641.00</u>

#### **HISTORICAL COMMISSION 6691**

Energy	3,400.00	2,188.00
R. & M. Buildings/Grounds	380.00	371.00
Telephone / Alarm	720.00	708.00
Communications - Advertising	50.00	23.00
Historic Inventory	2,160.00	925.00
Office Supplies	30.00	0.00
Postage	20.00	20.00
Dues/Subscriptions/Memberships	50.00	50.00
Total	<u>6,810.00</u>	<u>4,285.00</u>

#### **CELEBRATIONS 6692**

Road Race	300.00	300.00
Memorial Day / 4th of July	1,800.00	1,390.00
Total	<u>2,100.00</u>	<u>1,690.00</u>

#### **MISCELLANEOUS 2699**

Shellfish Warden/Harbor Master	300.00	0.00
Herring Inspector	300.00	39.00
Safety Committee	250.00	0.00
Housing Partnership	50.00	0.00
Article 10 -Buzzards Bay Act. Comm.	1,266.00	1,266.00
Total	<u>2,166.00</u>	<u>1,305.00</u>

	<b>FY 1999 Actual Approp.</b>	<b>FY 1999 Actual Expend.</b>
<b>RETIREMENT OF DEBT 7710</b>		
L.T.D. Fire Engine	42,000.00	42,000.00
Long Term Debt	500.00	0.00
Total	42,500.00	42,000.00

<b>INTEREST 7751</b>		
Long Term Debt Interest	10,000.00	8,293.00
Short Term Debt - Loan Interest	10,000.00	0.00
Total	20,000.00	8,293.00

<b>REGIONAL HEALTH DISTRICT 5835</b>		
Health Agent	0.00	0.00

<b>COUNTY ASSESSMENTS 8830</b>		
County Tax	79,273.00	79,273.00

<b>STATE ASSESSMENTS 8850</b>		
Special Education	5,306.00	5,246.00
RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge	0.00	6,380.00
Mosquito	15,162.00	15,129.00
Air Pollution	2,026.00	2,026.00
RTA Assessment	20,483.00	20,483.00
SRPEDD	1,433.00	1,433.00
Total	44,410.00	50,697.00

<b>PENSIONS 1911</b>		
Bristol County Retirement	307,373.00	302,923.00
Social Security	17,000.00	13,459.00
Medicare	52,200.00	51,663.00
Total	376,573.00	368,045.00

<b>WORKERS COMPENSATION 1912</b>		
Fringe Benefit / Charges	46,664.00	39,478.00

<b>UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION 19913</b>		
Fringe Benefits / Charges	20,000.00	8,572.00



	<b>FY 1999 Actual Approp.</b>	<b>FY 1999 Actual Expend.</b>
<b>HEALTH INSURANCE 1914</b>		
NAA/Pilgrim Health/Teamsters H.	449,480.00	442,607.00
CRA/Flexible Benefits Plan	<u>1,860.00</u>	<u>1,740.00</u>
Total	451,340.00	444,347.00

<b>LIABILITY INSURANCE 1945</b>		
Ins. Pr. Dis. - Fire/Police Acct. H.	7,000.00	7,000.00
Property Liability /M.V.	<u>53,626.00</u>	<u>53,626.00</u>
Total	60,626.00	60,626.00

<b>TRANSFERS 9999</b>		
Transfer to Special Revenue	127,827.00	127,827.00
Transfer to Enterprise Fund	5,000.00	5,000.00
Transfer to Trust & Agency	<u>315,091.00</u>	<u>315,091.00</u>
Total	447,918.00	447,918.00

<b>SEWER DEPARTMENT REVENUE 6004440</b>		
Salaries - Superintendent	2,075.00	2,075.00
Salaries - Permanent Position	9,907.00	8,988.00
Salaries - Clerical	1,250.00	1,250.00
Salaries - Billing Clerk	2,390.00	2,390.00
Salaries - Overtime	2,000.00	2,000.00
Additional Gross - longevity	60.00	60.00
Fringe Benefit - Health/Vacation	1,500.00	1,500.00
Clothing Allowance	150.00	150.00
Energy	2,500.00	1,809.00
Repairs & Maintenance Building/Grounds	100.00	8.00
Service & Maintenance Equipment	10,000.00	6,198.00
Vehicle Maintenance	200.00	170.00
Software Maintenance	800.00	0.00
Sewer Pumping - New Bedford	360,000.00	269,179.00
Telephone	1,000.00	937.00
Training	400.00	45.00
Police Detail	500.00	200.00
Gasoline	300.00	300.00
Office Supplies	100.00	93.00
Sewer Bills	300.00	0.00
Postage	400.00	400.00
In-State Travel	200.00	0.00
Long Term Debt - Sewer	<u>2,360.00</u>	<u>2,360.00</u>
Total	398,492.00	300,112.00

From Sewer Users' Fees

	<b>FY 1999 Actual Approp.</b>	<b>FY 1999 Actual Expend.</b>
<b>WATER SURPLUS 2704450</b>		
Salaries - Superintendent	8,300.00	8,300.00
Salaries - Permanent/Labor	76,004.00	69,265.00
Salaries - Clerical	9,232.00	7,599.00
Salaries - Billing Clerk	9,558.00	9,558.00
Salaries - Overtime	3,000.00	2,987.00
Additional Gross/Longevity	340.00	340.00
Fringe Benefit - Health/Vacation	5,000.00	5,000.00
Clothing Allowance	1,000.00	1,000.00
Energy	1,000.00	621.00
New Bedford Water Bills	330,000.00	305,926.00
R. & M. - Buildings/Grounds	500.00	500.00
Vehicle Maintenance	2,500.00	2,500.00
Software Maintenance	2,500.00	0.00
Maintenance of System	4,000.00	3,760.00
Repair / Trench Repairs	3,000.00	2,432.00
Rentals & Leases	1,000.00	783.00
Legal Expenses	15,000.00	600.00
Telephone	600.00	600.00
Training	1,500.00	1,142.00
Other Purch. Serv. - Police Det.	1,000.00	925.00
Gasoline	1,500.00	1,348.00
Office Supplies	500.00	497.00
Water Bills	1,200.00	1,050.00
Postage	1,500.00	1,483.00
Water Testing	2,000.00	1,685.00
P.W. Supplies - Equipment - Supplies	12,000.00	10,763.00
In-State Travel	500.00	0.00
Dues/Subscriptions/Membership/Licenses	400.00	216.00
Upgrading System	1,000.00	450.00
Additional Equipment - New Meters	5,000.00	8,188.00
Additional Equipment - Rec. Equip.	6,400.00	4,467.00
Sub-Total	507,034.00	453,985.00

#### **RETIREMENT OF DEBT 2707450**

Long Term Debt - Water	81,000.00	81,000.00
Long Term Debt Interest	6,500.00	6,346.00
Sub-Total	87,500.00	87,326.00

	<b>FY 1999 Actual Approp.</b>	<b>FY 1999 Actual Expend.</b>
<b>TRANSFERS 270999</b>		
Transfer to General Fund	0.00	0.00
Transfer to Special Revenue	6,948.00	36,882.00
Sub-Total	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total	594,534.00	541,311.00
From Water Users' Fees		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$15,256,586.00</b>	<b>\$14,633,863.00</b>

## **OTHER EXPENDITURES**

**FY 1999  
Actual Expenditures**

### **CAPITAL PROJECTS**

School Computers	0.00
School Playground	0.00
E.M.S. Building 7,517.00Computer Project	870.00
Water Wells	0.00
School Roofs	0.00
Water - James, John Streets	5,934.00
Nye's Lane	1,876.00
Sewer Project	21,517.00
Water Meter Replacement	0.00
ADA Compliance Town Hall	0.00
Fire Department	0.00
Total	<u>37,714.00</u>

### **CHAPTER 90 HIGHWAY**

Highway Projects & Equipment	302,044.00
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### **SCHOOL SPECIAL REVENUE**

School Lunch	224,383.00
Grants & Funds	<u>0.00</u>
Total	224,383.00

**FY 1999**  
**Actual Expenditures**

**SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS**

Community Development	0.00
Building Maintenance	7,011.00
Cable Ed. & Gov. Access	13,236.00
Peg Access	12,778.00
Empowerment Fund	0.00
LSTA	1,381.00
Police D.A.R.E.	9,247.00
Police A.D.I.A.A.C.	28,268.00
Community Policing	15,980.00
COPS Grant	18,205.00
Fire Safe Grant	2,979.00
Council on Aging	8,812.00
COA Building	597,713.00
Library	20,260.00
B.O.H.	62.00
Arts Lottery Council	6,265.00
Title V - Water Pollution	30,380.00
Notice of Intent	3,176.00
E.M.S. Fund	102,039.00
Insurance Reimbursements	14,058.00
Outside Ads	234.00
Total	<u>907,320.00</u>

**TRUSTS**

Various	33,879.00
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<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<u><b>\$16,139,203.00</b></u>
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Attest:

Robin M. Reasor  
Director of Finance

**TOWN OF ACUSHNET**

**GENERAL FUND  
BALANCE SHEET  
June 30, 1999**

**ASSETS**

CASH and SHORT TERM INVESTMENTS \$2,255,265.00

**RECEIVABLES**

Personal Property 1996-1999	10,195.00
Real Estate 1995-1999	122,865.00
Tax Liens	171,569.00
Tax Possessions	2,292.00
Taxes in Litigation	308.00
Motor Vehicle Excise 1991-1998	61,679.00
Farm Excise 1995-1998	534.00
Rubbish Receivable	64.00
Rubbish Liens 1996-1998	0.00
Other	400.00

**TOTAL ASSETS** **\$2,825,171.00**

**LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY**

**LIABILITIES**

Warrants Payable	963,011.00
Other Liabilities	23,970.00
Accrued Payroll	80,924.00
Allow Abate & Exempt 1995-1998	318,231.00
Tailings	18,591.00
Deferred Revenue	18,591.00
Real Estate & Personal Property	(185,167.00)
Tax Liens	371,569.00
Tax Possessions	2,292.00
Tax Litigation	308.00
Rubbish	0.00
Rubbish Liens	64.00
Motor Vehicle	61,677.00
Farm Excise	533.00

**TOTAL LIABILITIES** **\$1,656,003.00**

**FUND EQUITY**

Reserved for Encumbrances	177,856.00
Reserved for Expenditures	0.00
Undesignated Fund Balance	1,017,920.00
App. Deficit Snow Removal	(16,320.00)
FB Designated Court Judgment	(4,000.00)
Over/Under State Assessment	(6,288.00)
<b>TOTAL FUND EQUITY</b>	<b><u>\$1,169,168.00</u></b>

<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY</b>	<b><u>\$2,825,171.00</u></b>
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**TOWN OF ACUSHNET**

**SCHOOL LUNCH  
BALANCE SHEET  
June 30, 1999**

**ASSETS**

Cash	\$33,195.00
Petty Cash	100.00
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b><u>\$33,295.00</u></b>

**LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY**

**LIABILITIES**

Warrants Payable	4,756.00
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<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b><u>\$4,756.00</u></b>
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**FUND EQUITY**

Undesignated Fund Balance	28,539.00
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<b>TOTAL FUND EQUITY</b>	<b><u>\$28,539.00</u></b>
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<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY</b>	<b><u>\$33,295.00</u></b>
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Director of Finance

**TOWN OF ACUSHNET**  
**SCHOOL SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS**  
**BALANCE SHEET**  
**June 30, 1999**

**ASSETS**

Cash	\$173,245.00
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b><u>\$173,245.00</u></b>

**LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY**

**LIABILITIES**

Warrants Payable	\$36,474.00
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b><u>\$36,474.00</u></b>

**FUND EQUITY**

Chapter 1	\$1,932.00
Chapter 2	16.00
Title II - P.L. 94-142	5,003.00
Early Childhood Grant	54.0
D.D.E. title II	3,547.00
Drug Free School	1.00
Education REform Study Group	0.00
Health Project Grant - GGCL	222.00
Com. Partnership	7,920.00
Palms Grant	99.00
School Building Rentals	9,476.00
Tuition Fund	86,310.00
Education Reform Restructuring	0.00
Ford Middle School Fund	3,036.00
Elementary School Fund	9,870.00
School Playground	0.00
Essential Skills	771.00
Technical Training & Pro. Development	6,972.00
Curriculum Frameworks	1,478.00
Mass. Perf.	104.00
Acushnet Com Partnership	0.00
<b>TOTAL FUND EQUITY</b>	<b><u>\$136,771.00</u></b>

<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES and FUND EQUITY</b>	<b><u>\$173,245.00</u></b>
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**TOWN OF ACUSHNET**  
**SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS**  
**BALANCE SHEET**  
**June 30, 1999**

**ASSETS**

CASH and SHORT TERM INVESTMENTS	\$609,097.00
<b>RECEIVABLES</b>	
E.M.S.	77,090.00
Title V Betterment	16,306.00
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b><u>\$702,493.00</u></b>

**LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY**

**LIABILITIES**

Warrants Payable	\$8,730.00
Deferred Revenue E.M.S.	77,090.00
Deferred Uncollected Title V Betterment	16,306.00
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b><u>\$102,126.00</u></b>

**FUND EQUITY**

Reserved for Expenditures	\$150,000.00
Community Development Grant	125.00
Building Maintenance Fund	2,844.00
Cable Ed & Gov. Access	6,112.00
PEG Access	35,544.00
D.A.R.E. Grant	453.00
A.D.I.A.A.C. Police	0.00
Law Enforcement Trust	6,278.00
COPS Grant	0.00
Fire S.A.F.E.	10.00
Library Lig/Meg	10,692.00
Library Gift Fund	1921,198.00
Library Building	40,000.00
Board of Health	359.00
Composite Bins	1,351.00
Title 5	82,702.00
Arts Lottery Council	5,035.00
Parting Ways Beautification	361.00

Notice of Intent Conservation	3,350.00
E.M.S. Fund	32,217.00
Library Information	2.00
Empowerment Fund	1,927.00
Police Grant	20.00
COA Building Fund	28,787.00

<b>TOTAL FUND EQUITY</b>	<b><u>\$600,367.00</u></b>
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<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES and FUND EQUITY</b>	<b><u>\$702,493.00</u></b>
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Attest:

Robin M. Reasor  
 Director of Finance

**TOWN OF ACUSHNET**  
**HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT FUND**  
**BALANCE SHEET**  
**June 30, 1999**

**ASSETS**

CASH and SHORT TERM INVESTMENTS	(\$750.00)
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b><u>(\$750.00)</u></b>

**LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY**

**LIABILITIES**

Warrants Payable	17,550.00
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b><u>\$17,550.00</u></b>

**FUND EQUITY**

Main Street	0.00
Keene Road	0.00
Mattapoisett Road	0.00
Hamlin Street	(6,125.00)
Middle Road	(11,425.00)
Resurface Various	(750.00)
Reserved for Encumbrances	0.00
Undesignated Fund Balance	0.00
<b>TOTAL FUND EQUITY</b>	<b><u>(\$18,300.00)</u></b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES and FUND EQUITY</b>	<b><u>(\$750.00)</u></b>

Attest:

Robin M. Reasor  
Director of Finance

**TOWN OF ACUSHNET**  
**WATER SURPLUS FUND**  
**BALANCE SHEET**  
**June 30, 1999**

**ASSETS**

CASH and SHORT TERM INVESTMENTS	\$181,443.00
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**RECEIVABLES**

Water Charges	178.00
Water Services	1,416.00
Water Liens Added to Taxes 1996-1999	9.00

<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b><u>\$183,046.00</u></b>
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**LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY**

**LIABILITIES**

Warrants Payable	56,584.00
Deferred Revenue Water	1,594.00
Deferred Revenue Water Liens	8.00

<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b><u>\$58,186.00</u></b>
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**FUND EQUITY**

Reserved for Encumbrances	18,145.00
Reserved for Expenditures	50,000.00
Undesignated Fund Balance	56,715.00

<b>TOTAL FUND EQUITY</b>	<b><u>\$124,860.00</u></b>
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<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES and FUND EQUITY</b>	<b><u>\$183,046.00</u></b>
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Attest:

Robin M. Reasor  
Director of Finance

**TOWN OF ACUSHNET**  
**CAPITAL PROJECT FUNDS**  
**BALANCE SHEET**  
**June 30, 1999**

**ASSETS**

CASH and SHORT TERM INVESTMENTS	\$496,367.00
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b><u>\$496,367.00</u></b>

**LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY**

**LIABILITIES**

Warrants Payable	\$1,787.00
B.A.N. Payable	168,000.00
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b><u>\$169,787.00</u></b>

**FUND EQUITY**

Reserved for Encumbrances	\$306,623.00
Water Pipe Replacement	0.00
Sewer Main Tarklin Hill	0.00
E.M.S. Building	5,591.00
Computer Account	4,024.00
Water - James, John Streets	84.00
School Roof	0.00
School Computers	0.00
School Playground	199.00
Water Meter Replace	33,700.00
ADA Compliance	102,585.00
CAP Project Bonded Equipment	(168,000.00)
Sewer Infiltration	41,774.00
<b>TOTAL FUND EQUITY</b>	<b><u>\$326,580.00</u></b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES and FUND EQUITY</b>	<b><u>\$496,367.00</u></b>

Attest:

Robin M. Reasor  
Director of Finance

**TOWN OF ACUSHNET**  
**SEWER ENTERPRISE FUND**  
**BALANCE SHEET**  
**June 30, 1999**

**ASSETS**

CASH and SHORT TERM INVESTMENTS	\$245,368.00
<b>RECEIVABLES</b>	
Sewer Connection Charges	0.00
Sewer User Charges	6,416.00
Sewer Connection Receivable	620.00
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b><u>\$252,404.00</u></b>

**LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY**

**LIABILITIES**

Warrants Payable	24,331.00
Deferred Revenue Sewer	7,036.00
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b><u>\$31,367.00</u></b>

**FUND EQUITY**

Reserved for Encumbrances	78,179.00
Reserved for Expenditures	0.00
Undesignated Fund Balance	142,858.00
<b>TOTAL FUND EQUITY</b>	<b><u>\$221,037.00</u></b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES and FUND EQUITY</b>	<b><u>\$252,404.00</u></b>

Attest:

Robin M. Reasor  
Director of Finance

**TOWN OF ACUSHNET**  
**GOLF ENTERPRISE FUND**  
**BALANCE SHEET**  
**June 30, 1999**

**ASSETS**

<b>CASH and SHORT TERM INVESTMENTS</b>	<b>\$920,210.00</b>
<b>LAND</b>	
Acquisition	1,637,100.00
Improvements	3,802,225.00
Improvements Interest	798,862.00
Buildings	228,692.00
Machinery & Equipment	284,223.00
Amounts to be Provided for Payment of Bond	7,107,137.00
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b><u>\$14,778,449.00</u></b>

**LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY**

**LIABILITIES**

Warrants Payable	21,003.00
Bonds Payable	6,900,000.00
Outgoing Deposits & Gift Certificates	11,454.00
Capitalized Lease Obligation	207,137.00
Net Fixed Assets	6,751,102.00
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b><u>\$13,890,696.00</u></b>

**FUND EQUITY**

Reserved for Encumbrances	282,047.00
Contributed Capital	500,000.00
Unreserved Retained Earnings	105,706.00
<b>TOTAL FUND EQUITY</b>	<b><u>\$887,753.00</u></b>

<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES and FUND EQUITY</b>	<b><u>\$14,778,449.00</u></b>
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Attest:

Robin M. Reasor  
Director of Finance

# **TOWN OF ACUSHNET**

## **AGENCY FUNDS BALANCE SHEET June 30, 1999**

### **ASSETS**

CASH and SHORT TERM INVESTMENTS	\$141,078.00
Def. Comp. Inv. Pebsco	1,119,776.00
Def. Comp. Inv. Copeland	439,582.00
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b><u>\$1,700,436.00</u></b>

### **LIABILITIES**

Warrants Payable	\$1,260.00
Deferred Compensation	1,559,358.00
Buttonwood Meadows	281.00
Greenwood Estates	0.00
Hathaway Farms	6.00
Heritage Estates	7.00
Bernado Estates	0.00
Mendall Hill Estates	2,838.00
Stoney Acres	795.00
Davis Farm Estates	403.00
Squinn Brook Special	50,870.00
Baker's Estate	2.00
Deep Brook Estates	930.00
Reservoir Estates	13,783.00
Squinn Brook II	1,006.00
Wild Rose Meadows	3,078.00
Wayland Estates	14,392.00
Apple Blossom Estates	14,836.00
Park Drive Extension	673.00
Golf View	1,409.00
Forestdale Estates	28,275.00
Sandpiper Lane	3,010.00
Wood Duck Estates	2,899.00
Outside Police Details	325.00
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b><u>\$1,700,436.00</u></b>

Attest:

Robin M. Reasor  
Director of Finance



# **TOWN OF ACUSHNET**

## **TRUST FUNDS BALANCE SHEET June 30, 1999**

### **ASSETS**

CASH and SHORT TERM INVESTMENTS	\$1,405,075.00
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b><u>\$1,405,075.00</u></b>

### **LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY**

#### **LIABILITIES**

Warrants Payable	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b><u>\$0.00</u></b>

#### **FUND EQUITY**

Cemetery Care	\$82,532.00
Haydon Flower	292.00
Haydon - Candage Flower	465.00
Instructive Nursing	7,309.00
Leo/Ruth Jackson Flower	566.00
Omey/Cottle Flower	15,312.00
Taves/Ellis Flower	3,823.00
Charles Beals Library Books	5,462.00
Albert LeConte Library Books	2,737.00
Allen/Rhoda Russell Library	9,242.00
Russell Library Maintenance	9,015.00
F. Sowa Library Books	14,331.00
Long Plain School Museum	7,485.00
W/G Owen Art Week	1,411.00
Russell Protestant Poor	70,541.00
Russell Town Hall	7,762.00
Sylvia P. Manter School	35,998.00
Henry H. Rogers School	9,707.00
Russell Public Schools	29,401.00
E.C. Burt School Library	3,366.00
Ruth Tabor Scholarship	8,066.00
Long Plain Meetinghouse	12,055.00
Meetinghouse Restoration	159,129.00
A. Fluegal Board of Health	1,188.00

RN Swift 1	12,340.00
RN Swift 2	303.00
Conservation	20,488.00
Unfunded Liability	115,390.00
Accumulated Sick Time	20,342.00
Stabilization	441,997.00
Golf Course Farm Land	5,023.00
FB Designated for Expenditures	291,997.00
<b>TOTAL FUND EQUITY</b>	<b><u>\$1,405,075.00</u></b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES and FUND EQUITY</b>	<b><u>\$1,405,075.00</u></b>

Attest:

Robin M. Reasor  
Director of Finance

**TOWN OF ACUSHNET**  
**LONG TERM DEBT GROUP**  
**BALANCE SHEET**  
**June 30, 1999**

**ASSETS**

AMOUNTS TO BE PROVIDED	\$505,000.00
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b><u>\$505,000.00</u></b>

**LIABILITIES and FUND BALANCE**

Liabilities	0.00
Water Improvements	80,000.00
School Roof Bond	225,000.00
Sewer Infiltration Bonds	100,000.00
Title V Bonds	100,000.00
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b><u>\$505,000.00</u></b>

**FUND EQUITY**

Bonds Authorized (Fire Truck)	\$168,000.00
Title V Authorized	100,000.00
Bonds Unissued (Fire Truck)	(168,000.00)
Title V Unissued	(100,000.00)
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES and FUND EQUITY</b>	<b><u>\$505,000.00</u></b>

Attest:

Robin M. Reasor  
Director of Finance

# **REPORT OF THE ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER**

To the Officers and Residents of the Town of Acushnet:

Number of Dogs Licensed .....	765
Number of Kennel Licenses .....	43
Number of Dogs Caught (Brought to Shelter) .....	64
Number of Dogs Caught (Returned to Owners because of Licenses) ..	70
Number of Cats Caught (Trapped in trees, returned to Owners) .....	3
Number of Cats Caught (Brought to Shelter) .....	7
Number of Dogs Claimed .....	45
Number of Cats Claimed .....	3
Number of Dogs Destroyed (Euthanized) .....	2
Number of Cats Destroyed *(Per Board of Health Feral Trapping) .....	11
(Euthanized)	
Number of Dogs Adopted .....	17
Number of Cats Adopted .....	7
Number of Dead Animals .....	312
Number of Complaints .....	1,886
Number of Rabies Cases Investigated .....	3
Number of Rabies Positive Cases .....	0
Number of Hearings Heard by Selectmen .....	0
Number of Dogs Restrained by Selectmen .....	0
Citations Issued .....	63
Court Hearings .....	1
Total Mileage .....	8,466

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 .....	30
Number of Cats Quarantined .....	8
Number of Ferrets Quarantined .....	1

\* Due to changes in the State's Procedures, the Barn Inspections have not been completed for the year of 1999 and are being done now under the new Procedure, to be completed by April 1, 2000.

Respectfully submitted,

**Rebekah Tomlinson**  
**Animal Inspector**

# REPORT OF THE ACUSHNET BOARD OF HEALTH

**Gerald Toussaint, Chairman    Thomas E. Fantozzi, R.S., C.H.O., Health Agent**  
**Thomas J. Fortin, Clerk                  Lori Walsh, Senior Clerk**  
**Robert Medeiros, Inspector**

**To the Officers and Residents of the Town of Acushnet:**

**The Board of Health respectfully submits the following report for the year 1999.**

**The Board reorganized as follows:**

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

**Health Care Program:**

Weekly Blood Pressure Screening on Wednesdays, from 9:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M. at the new Council on Aging Building at 59 1/2 South Main Street. Senior Citizens Health Counseling Clinics are available.

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

**Services:**

As developmental pressures continue to place stress upon the environment, the Board of Health activities and area of responsibilities continue to increase, including the implementation of new policies and regulations. At the conclusion of 1999, Mrs. Maria Otocky, Administrative Assistant to the Board, after more than 20 years of service to the Town of Acushnet, retired. The Board of Health wishes to thank Maria for her years of dedicated service to the citizens of Acushnet and wishes her happiness and good health in her Retirement.

**Community Management Septic Program:**

This program provides low interest loans through the Water Pollution Trust Fund for low to moderate income families for septic system repairs. During 1999, 9 septic systems were replaced under the loan program, amounting to \$77,355.00. Money for this program will be available until August 1, 2000. Any resident interested should contact the Health Agent as soon as possible

**Inspections:**

Septic Systems	297	Miscellaneous	39
Title V Certification	18	Mobile Parks	5
Food Service	73	Food Service	73

**Percolation Tests:**

97

**Total Receipts for 1999:**

Permits and Fees	\$32,725.50
Clinic Fees	2,224.00
Mobile Park Fees	<u>8,448.00</u>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$43,397.50</b>

Respectfully submitted,

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

## **REPORT OF THE HEALTH AGENT**

During 1999 there was a slight slowdown in new construction, but repairs or replacement to existing septic systems continued to be steady as a result of property transfers.

As mentioned above, the Title V Betterment Grant Program will end on August 1, 2000, so any property owner who needs to upgrade or replace a failing septic system may take advantage of this low-interest loan. The use of innovative and advanced sewage disposal technology continues to increase. The Board of Health and the Health Agent attend educational seminars on New Technology. In addition, one Board of Health member attended a 3-day Soil Science seminar sponsored by UMASS Amherst and Coastal Zone Management. This will allow for certain soil determinations, such as system excavation depths and water tables to be done when the Health Agent is out of town.

The Board continued its ongoing health programs, such as food service inspections, water testing, tobacco control, and solid waste disposal. While Housing and general Environmental health complaints decreased in 1999, public and private water supply issues increased. Through the cooperative efforts of the Board of Public Works, Conservation Commission, and Board of Health, the residents of Squinn Brook began the remediation of the sewage problems. Design plans were approved by the local Boards, and actual repair construction started in the Fall of 1999. The Board of Health anticipates completion of the new septic systems by Summer of 2000 and wishes to publicly thank the residents of Cedar Hill Drive for their hard work and cooperation in bringing this project to the construction phase.

The Board of Health staff is available to assist all citizens of the Town of Acushnet. Please feel free to contact the office at any time.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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

On June 30, 1999 the Bristol County Mosquito Control Project completed forty 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 drainage ditches in lowland swamps to reduce their favorability as breeding sites for mosquito larvae.

It is the policy of the Bristol County Mosquito Control 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 who are required to attend classes on pesticide safety on a yearly basis.

The 1999 mosquito season was normal at the beginning with larvae hatching in average numbers in the usual breeding sites. As early summer approached, however, breeding sites began to dry down rapidly. By mid-summer our spraying, along with the extremely dry weather, had reduced mosquito populations to such low levels that spraying was not necessary in



most areas. It was not until after Labor Day, when it began to rain on a fairly regular basis, that the mosquito populations began to rise again.

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health found 2 isolations of the EE virus in Bristol County but no human cases were reported in the State during the 1999 season.

New York, however, had 60 confirmed human cases of West Nile-like virus that resulted in 7 human deaths. Mosquitoes began spreading the virus south into New Jersey and east to Long Island and along the Connecticut coast. More than 10,000 birds were infected and died as a result of the virus, along with a number of horses, a dog and a cat. Areas that had year-round organized mosquito control did not seem to have any problems, other than some isolations of the virus.

Massachusetts Public Health ran many tests on birds and mosquitoes to check for the West Nile virus, but all testing was negative.

It is not known, at this time, if the West Nile-like virus found in New York and Connecticut this year will become a problem in Massachusetts during the next mosquito season, the summer of 2000. DPH, along with all mosquito control projects, will be on the alert for any signs of the virus when the season begins.

The Project sprayed all known mosquito-infested areas and answered all requests for spraying, for a total of 3,889.8 sprayed acres.

During the spring and summer months, 6.63 acres of breeding wetlands were larvicided.

During the fall and winter months, a total of 860 feet of drainage ditch was reclaimed.

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 400 permits and collected \$40,204.25 in fees for the fiscal year ending June 1999.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Permits</b>	<b>Fees Collected</b>
July	37	\$ 4,377.00
August	32	2,478.00
September	27	2,017.00
October	25	2,485.00
November	26	3,394.00
December	11	1,080.00
January	20	2,645.00
February	25	2,580.00
March	44	4,785.00
April	50	6,011.00
May	46	4,783.00
June	57	2,252.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>\$38,867.00</b>
Certificate of Occupancy	83	1,215.00
Certificate of Inspection	6	80.00
Re-Inspection Fee	2	20.00
<b>Total Building Fees</b>		<b>\$40,204.25</b>

Respectfully submitted,

Leo Lyonnais, Building Commissioner  
Robert Brown, 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 1999:**

<b>Permit</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Additions	19
Decks	37
Dwellings	83
Fireplaces	51
Garages	15
Pools	50
Porches	17
Renovations	20
Roofs	26
Sheds	26
Siding	10
Wood Stoves	11
Miscellaneous	35
<b>Total</b>	<hr/> <b>400</b>

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Leo Lyonnais, Building Commissioner  
Robert Brown, Deputy Inspector  
Patricia Harbeck, Senior Clerk**

## **REPORT OF THE GAS INSPECTOR**

To the Officers and Residents of the Town of Acushnet:

The Gas/Plumbing Department issued 94 permits and collected \$3,737.00 in fees for the fiscal year ending June 1999.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Permits</b>	<b>Fees Collected</b>
July	3	\$ 137.00
August	9	330.00
September	11	456.00
October	9	376.00
November	6	258.00
December	15	601.00
January	7	311.00
February	11	373.00
March	5	203.00
April	1	57.00
May	11	381.00
June	6	254.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>\$3,737.00</b>

Respectfully submitted,

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

## **REPORT OF THE WIRE INSPECTOR**

To the Officers and Residents of the Town of Acushnet:

The Wire Department issued 262 permits and collected \$11,788.00 in permit fees for the fiscal year ending June 1999:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Permits</b>	<b>Fees Collected</b>
July	24	\$ 845.00
August	22	947.00
September	21	1,002.00
October	27	1,236.00
November	14	625.00
December	17	918.00
January	14	665.00
February	17	756.00
March	28	1,305.00
April	21	876.00
May	21	875.00
June	36	1,738.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>262</b>	<b>\$11,788.00</b>

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 Department issued 117 permits and collected \$10,957.00 in fees for the fiscal year ending June 1999.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Permits</b>	<b>Fees Collected</b>
July	12	\$ 1,021.00
August	16	1,443.00
September	04	360.00
October	10	1,009.00
November	05	465.00
December	19	1,786.00
January	10	1,056.00
February	05	598.00
March	12	1,193.00
April	6	593.00
May	8	788.00
June	10	645.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>\$10,957.00</b>

Respectfully submitted,

Raymond LaFrance, Plumbing Inspector  
Patricia Harbeck, Senior Clerk

## **REPORT OF THE ACUSHNET CABLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

To the Subscribers and Residents of Acushnet:

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

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 two years since it was reappointed, has accomplished the following:

We have completed the relocation of the old studio 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.

We are in the process of building and equipping a new programming center at the Town Hall so that many more Town meetings will be broadcast live from the new Town Hall Meeting Room.

The Committee has been taping events of Community interest since its inception. We began our own live programming on Acushnet's Channel 15 - Government Access programming, and we maintain the Channel 15 Bulletin Board, which is on 24 hours a day. We rebroadcast taped events every day at various times so that the citizens of Acushnet may be able to watch a meeting in the event they missed the live broadcast or taped meeting.

The Committee has taped over 150 meetings in the last year. Several town board meetings were broadcast live this year. 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 taped several events of community interest; for example, the school concerts, the school Halloween Party Parade, the Gong Show, the Apple Peach Festival, Holiday greetings from the department heads, Candidates' night, the Special Town Meetings, and of course the School Facilities Study Committee meetings.

We are presently negotiating a new cable casting contract with RCN which will bring competition into the Town and hopefully lower the present cable rates. We hope it will help in maintaining lower rates in the future as well. A contract with RCN will offer the Town additional channels that at present are not being offered by ATT.

We have trained our 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 and

the Committee pays camera operators \$50.00 per event and editors and alpha gen operators \$10.00 per hour.

The 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.

The Committee also welcomes any input as to what times are the best to view previously taped meetings as we can now run the tapes on a 24-hour basis.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald P. Lopes, Chairman  
Everett Hardy III, Member  
George Souza, Member  
Marvin Allison, Member  
Gerard Bergeron, Member  
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 flood plains are protected because they play a vital role in the following interests:

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

The Commission also strives to plan for, acquire, and manage recreational open space, as well as encourage conservation and agricultural preservation restrictions.

## **Conservation Commission Town Hall office hours:**

Monday	8:00 - 4:00 pm	Agent & Clerk
Tuesday	8:00 - 1:00 pm	Clerk
Wednesday	8:00 - 1:00 pm	Clerk
Thursday	8:00 - 1:00 pm	Clerk
Friday	8:00 - 4:00 pm	Agent & Clerk

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

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

## **1999 Filings under MGL Chapter 131 Section 40:**

Notices of Intent	34
Requests for Determination of Applicability	25
Requests for Certificate of Compliance	13
Requests for Amendment of Order of Conditions	6
Requests for Extension of Order of Conditions	5

## **1999 Achievements:**

During 1999, the Conservation Commission worked diligently to successfully acquire a large parcel of land known as the Rivet Property. This land is now permanently protected conservation/recreational land that may be enjoyed by the Town's residents in perpetuity, as well as serve as a future source of Town drinking water.

Acushnet's 5-Year Open Space & Recreation Plan update was also begun in October 1999, which will enable the Town to compete in obtaining state and federal grant money.

Also in March 1999, there were five members and staff of the Commission who attended the Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commission's Annual Conference. The MACC is a nonprofit corporation founded in 1961 to support, educate and advocate on behalf of Conservation Commissions throughout the Commonwealth.

**Commission Membership:**

In 1999, the Conservation Commission welcomed new Conservation Agent Monika S. Weldon, as well as new members Leonard Alves and Gregory Wood. We also sadly saw the resignation of long-time member Joyce Reynolds (1987-1999) and long-time Conservation Agent Laurell J. Farinon (1992-1999). Persons interested in volunteering for associate member positions are always welcome and may send a letter of interest to the Board of Selectmen.

As of January 1, 2000, the Board and staff included:

Paul Picard, Chairman	Ted Cioper, Vice Chairman
David Davignon, Member	Leonard Sameiro, Member
Leonard Alves, Member	Gregory Wood, Member
Patricia Mendonca, Member	
Melinda Ferreira, Clerk-Notary	
Monika S. Weldon, 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 Conference Room of the new Senior Center.

The Senior Center is open to all seniors daily from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Lunch is served daily with day-before reservations at 11:45 a.m. Free bus transportation is available to those who need it to come to lunch. We also deliver approximately 70 meals (Meals on Wheels) to our shut-ins on a daily basis.

Our seniors play Bingo every Monday and Wednesday at 12:45 p.m. Massage service is also on Monday afternoons. Cribbage games are also on Monday afternoons. We also have craft lessons daily in the morning. The Scrabble Club meets every Tuesday afternoon from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Line dancing is held at the Senior Center every Thursday afternoon. Whist parties are held on Friday afternoons from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Square dancing will be held the first Saturday of each month from 7:00 to 10:30 p.m.

The bus also picks up seniors who are able to get on or off the bus without assistance to take them grocery shopping on Wednesday and Thursday mornings. Seniors must call ahead if they need this service.

The Visiting Nurse Association services a Blood Pressure Clinic every Wednesday from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. This service is well attended.

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 concerning health insurance

We assist seniors in filling out forms for fuel assistance and the Pharmacy Program. We also have a tax consultant who assists seniors in filling out their tax forms. These services are free of charge but an appointment is required.

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

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

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

We have a group 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. They are a nonprofit entity of the Acushnet Council on Aging. To join, simply call the Senior Center at 998-0280.

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 go grocery shopping.

As we do each year, we wish to thank our many and faithful volunteers who devote many hours daily to serve our 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  
David Rawcliffe, Assistant Director  
Irene Bouchard, Secretary  
Stella Bertrand  
Milton Reynolds  
Ruth Gilmore  
Dorothy Gomes  
Acushnet Council on Aging

## **REPORT OF THE ACUSHNET CULTURAL COUNCIL**

The Cultural Council continues to work diligently to award funds, allocated by the Massachusetts Cultural Council (MCC), to assist the three schools in Acushnet with attendance at the Zeiterion Theatre in New Bedford and to help promote "live" performances for the young children. Likewise, we have granted requests by the town library for the appearance of a children's book author. These programs are made possible through the PASS allotment.

Requests were granted for Summer Concerts in town, hosted by both the Beautification Committee and ACTION/Friends Meetinghouse. Free season tickets for three programs by the Tri-County Music Association were made available to the seniors of the town as a result of a granted request.

Others benefitting from our funding include:

The New Bedford Symphony  
The New Bedford Festival Theatre  
The Acushnet Classic Ensemble  
Music for the Council on Aging  
The New Bedford Choral Society  
Zeiterion Family Fun Series  
Creation of a Performing Art Directory

In November 1999 the MCC informed this council that we had achieved Streamline Status, thereby giving us full authority over the granting of our allocated funds. This status was arrived at by having all of the members fully trained and with full participation at all required MCC Seminars. This status also shortens the waiting period for projects/programs to take place and to be paid for.

### **Current Council Members**

Walter S. Dalton, Jr., Chairman	Nov. 2000
Dianne Couto	June 2000
Debra Fleet	June 2000
Harriette Fleet	Sept. 2000
Jeanne Siwik	May 2000
George Marshall	May 2002
Margaret Santos	June 2002

Respectfully Submitted,

Walter S. Dalton, Jr., Chairman  
Acushnet Cultural Council

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

To the Officers and Residents of Acushnet:

The Acushnet Emergency Management Agency is comprised of volunteers who are trained to support the work of town departments, such as Police, Fire, E.M.S., Public Works and all other Town organizations, as well as working with the Massachusetts and Federal Emergency Management Agencies. 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 the best possible return. With your support and our hard work, we maintain our own office and communications center and provide the town with two emergency vehicles complete with on-board generators.

This year we assisted in a variety of events, such as the Apple Peach Parade, Halloween Parade, Little League Parade, Grade 6--8 dances at the Community Center, Christmas Sing-A-Long, Santa at the Mall in Dartmouth, and the Fathers' Day Road Race in Fairhaven. Also in 1999 we gave assistance to the teen dances at the Parting Ways of the Greens during the summer, which were a great success.

This year we were more involved with the Amateur Radio Emergency Services (ARES). In case of power and telephone outages, this group of ham radio operators can assist us with emergency communications. In 1999, again, I would like to thank ARES for their assistance at the Apple and Peach Festival parade, providing communications along the route.

The Agency also works with SKYWARN. This group of amateur radio operators monitor the weather along the New England coast and report to the National Weather Service in Taunton, MA.

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 A. Bergeron, Director  
Acushnet Emergency Management Agency

## **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, 1999.

It has been a very anxious year for EMS in the advent of the rumored divesting of Paramedic Services at St. Luke's Hospital. This service is a vital link in our community. Many lives have been saved because of this service. While the service continues, efforts are being made to prepare for an alternative plan to continue to provide this service. It is a monumental task which is being addressed by many communities.

We continue to treat walk-in injuries and transports from our new station. We are also receiving many more direct calls for services. We attribute this to better visibility and a sign of what EMS is becoming because of managed care.

While we are unsure of the Y2K bug, EMS has tested all equipment to insure compliance. There are no inconsistencies at this time. All vendors have guaranteed full compliance of their equipment.

We are continuing to provide CPR and First Aid training to the community. We successfully completed the defibrillation training for the Acushnet Police Officers. This will be ongoing to insure skill proficiency.

We also were fortunate to receive Critical Incident Containment training from STOP Team's Lt. Cary Maroni, through the coordination of Acushnet Police Chief Michael R. Poittras.

We are currently staffed with 20 members: 16 are State EMT-D certified, 4 are currently awaiting upgrading, and 6 members are nationally certified. All are updated to the new national curriculum. We currently have eleven 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.

I would also like to thank the Board of Selectmen for recognizing the need and addressing the paramedic issue.

**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, Inf. Control Officer

Valerie Andrade	Vernon Ekstrom-ASHI	Jennifer Johns
Liseta Arruda	Jessica Ellis	Michael Mentzer
Raymond Cabral	Susan Forgues	Jennifer Mulcare-Sullivan
Patrick Comeau	Charles Francoeur	Jennifer Vargas
David Cooper	Matthew Germano	

<b>EMS STATISTICS</b>	<b>1997</b>	<b>1998</b>	<b>1999</b>
Sex Assault/Rape	0	0	0
Medical Emergencies	404	428	373
Trauma	20	6	62
OD/Suicide	8	0	4
Medical Assessment	37	71	12
Fire	51	61	53
MV/AS	68	54	47
MVA/Refusals	--	49	28
Births	1	0	3
DOA	4	7	2
Mutual Aid To Us	2	6	6
Cardiac Arrests	12	5	7
No Transports/Medical	97	37	53
Walk-Ins/Station	--	12	15
Mutual Aid > Fairhaven	45	13	37
Mutual Aid > New Bedford	6	9	18
Mutual Aid > Mattapoisett	2	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>761</b>	<b>766</b>	<b>720</b>

**PARAMEDIC STATISTICS**

Treated	139	141	141
Monitor	21	14	8
BLS	53	65	52
Cancelled	33	23	13
Not Available	21	24	21
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>267</b>	<b>267</b>	<b>235</b>

Respectfully submitted,  
Emergency Medical Service



## **REPORT OF THE ACUSHNET FIRE/RESCUE DEPARTMENT**

To the Officials and Residents of the Town of Acushnet, I hereby submit my report for the year ending December 31, 1999.

During calendar year 1999 your Fire Department responded to 244 calls for service. A partial breakdown is as follows:

Structure Fires	19	Vehicle Fires	4
Outside of Structures	3	Brush Fires	20
Rubbish Fires	7	Motor Vehicle accident	34
False Alarms	35	Mutual Aid Given	8
Spills, Leaks	5	Search	1

The following permits, certificates and reports were issued:

Cert. Permits of Compliance	175	Oil Burners	84
Oil Storage	96	Plan Reviews	73
Propane Storage	58	Tank Truck Inspections	4
Blasting	1	UST Removals	3
Fire Reports	6	Open Burning Permits	625

All Town fire apparatus is in good condition; however, our radio system needs upgrading. We currently are using low-band radios which are affected by computers and other outside interference. Repair parts and replacement equipment is now becoming limited because fewer vendors have this type of equipment available for purchase. It is hoped in the next year that our radios will be updated to enable us to communicate with all Town departments in the event of a major incident.

Three potential new members are currently working through a mandatory in-house Firefighter Certification Level I/II, which is required for membership in the Department. Monthly training sessions were conducted for all members.

The Fire Department received a \$3,115.00 grant for the Student Awareness of Fire Safety Education (S.A.F.E.) program. This was a \$600.00 increase over the amount of last year. This program is conducted with the fourth grade students in all our schools, emphasizing fire safety and the dangers associated with tobacco use.

The annual Open House was again a great success. Displays of Fire Department equipment were presented, along with informational booths by the Acushnet Police Department and Emergency Medical Services Department.

During 1999 the name of this department was modified to reflect the services provided by the fire service in the 21st century. We are now known as the Acushnet Fire/Rescue Department. As shown by the breakdown in the

beginning of this report, the majority of the calls to this department are no longer fire related but more of a public assistance nature.

## **MEMBERS OF THE ACUSHNET FIRE/RESCUE DEPARTMENT**

### **Chief of Department**

Paul R. Cote

### **Permanent Full-Time Firefighters**

Gerard Bergeron  
David White

Alfred Robichaud  
Kevin Gallagher

### **Call Firefighter Force**

#### **Call Deputy Chief**

James Knox

#### **Call Captains**

Kenneth Heaton

Donald Dandurand

#### **Call Lieutenants**

Michael Rothwell  
David Makuch (act)

Thomas Lafleur (act)  
George Pimental (act)

#### **Call Firefighters**

Marc Cenerizio  
Wayne Pimental  
Kenneth Richard  
Chester Ovesen  
Paul Texeira  
Peter Rawcliff  
Steven Lambalot

Ronald St. Onge  
Cathy Makuch  
Frank Knox  
Scott Leaver  
Brian Monte  
Brian Costa  
Paul Martins  
Matthew Arguin

Maurice St. Amand  
Robert Correia  
Jeffrey Krupa  
Matthew Tripp  
Chad St. Onge  
Donald Crocker  
Robert St. Jean

#### **Dispatchers**

Diane Barlow

Aimee Lafleur

#### **Secretary**

Flo Dubois

I wish to thank the residents and officers of the Town of Acushnet for their continued support.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul R. Cote, Chief of Department  
Acushnet Fire/Rescue Department

## **REPORT OF THE ACUSHNET HISTORICAL COMMISSION**

The Acushnet Historical Commission had a successful year in its twin tasks of encouraging preservation of historical properties and of furthering the education of townspeople in their history.

The Commission's intervention in the preservation of the White's Factory property finally resulted in its transfer to the Fairhaven/Acushnet Land Trust, with the Town holding a preservation restriction. This will ensure that this very historic property will be preserved in perpetuity.

As a result of the Commission's intervention, the original Long Plain School class lists hanging on the walls of the Long Plain Museum were taken down and stored for preservation and replaced with copies.

The summer of 1999 saw a great deal of activity. The Acushnet Historical Society opened the Long Plain Museum for visitors and the Friends of the Friends Meetinghouse, under the jurisdiction of the Commission, opened the Meetinghouse for visitors every Sunday from June through mid-September and offered tours to the public. Their very successful free summer concert season -- The Beans in June, Jeff Dunn Band in July and the Harpoon Harmonizers in August -- attracted hundreds of visitors, many of whom were also given historical tours around the building.

During the course of the summer Kathleen Fair, Chairman of the Dartmouth Historical Commission, acting on a free-lance basis, researched some twenty historical homes to add to our inventory.

The Commission has applied for a "Survey and Planning" grant, which will involve the Town matching a \$9,000.00 grant from the state with a \$6,000.00 appropriation. These funds will be used principally for completing the Town's comprehensive inventory in preparation for applying for three National Register Historic Districts: the Village (institutional), the Village (residential) and Long Plain. The decision to apply for three separate historic districts was based on a visit to the Massachusetts Historical Commission by our chairman and a tour of the town with a representative of the Massachusetts Historical Commission, and her resulting recommendation.

Partially as a result of intervention by the Commission, Miss Rogerson of Whelden Lane donated 25.6 acres along the river to the Fairhaven/Acushnet Land Trust.

With the encouragement of the Commission, the Town purchased the so-called Rivet property behind the Meetinghouse, partially to be held as conservation land and partly for well sites. This will act as a buffer for the Meetinghouse and prevent development in the area.

The grant for the establishment of the Whelden Mill Nature and Historical Trail was approved and funds are now available. Work will be done during the spring of 2000 and it is hoped the Trail will open to visitors during the summer of 2000.

Plans are being made for some interior and exterior painting of the Meetinghouse during the spring of 2000. This will not incur any expense on the part of the Town since the Commission has sufficient funds from the income of its trust funds to adequately cover such expenses.

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 2000 will mark our 26th 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 Presidential Terrace at 9:30 a.m. The office is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

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

<b>Number of Occupants</b>	<b>Net Income Range</b>
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 is 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,

Lawrence Mulvey, Chairman  
Nancy Brightman, Vice Chairman  
David R. White, Treasurer  
Mary Niemic, Assistant Treasurer  
Diane Gagnon, Secretary  
Sandra Keighley Bettencourt, Executive Director  
Alice Soja, Administrative Assistant  
Acushnet Housing Authority

## **REPORT OF THE PACT PROGRAM**

The PACT Program (Prevention and Cessation of Tobacco) is now over five years old. It all began in 1994 when the Acushnet, Marion and Rochester Regional Health District applied for a grant through the Massachusetts Tobacco Control Program. The Marion Board of Health is the lead agency for the grant, and since then the Boards of Health in Lakeville and Mattapoisett have joined the collaborative with the new three year grant awarded in 1997.

The PACT Program has addressed three areas of responsibility: policy promotion and enforcement to reduce tobacco sales to minors (youth access), policy promotion and enforcement aimed at protecting the public from ETS (environmental tobacco smoke), and community services, such as prevention outreach and free smoking cessation, now known as Tobacco Treatment.

Over the past year, the PACT Program conducted six compliance checks on tobacco merchants throughout the five towns served. Four of the six checks resulted in 100% compliance with the youth access regulations in the towns surveyed. In two of the six checks, tobacco products were sold to minors under the age of 18. Our compliance check rate is very high. In fact, compliance checks in Mattapoisett and Rochester resulted in no sales to minors for the entire year. Merchants who have never sold to minors are to be commended. It takes daily vigilance to consistently check for ID's from everyone who purchases tobacco products. These tobacco vendors have clearly shown their support of their local Board of Health regulations.

The PACT Program also participated in a cable TV production filmed at Cable Access in New Bedford, featuring the Directors of the Greater New Bedford Tobacco Control Program, the Tobacco Free Greater New Bedford Coalition, and the PACT Program. The program was designed to educate the public about the dangers of ETS and the importance of passing ETS regulations for all public places and worksites, including restaurants. In addition, the program highlighted the upcoming free Tobacco Treatment programs in the region scheduled to commemorate the Great American Smokeout last November. The program was aired several times on Media One, serving Marion, Mattapoisett and Rochester.

School assemblies are another important component of the PACT Program. Last year six assemblies were coordinated by the PACT Program at Old Rochester Regional High and Junior High, Ford Middle School in Acushnet, Sippican School in Marion, and Austin Middle School in Lakeville. These assemblies featured Bob Mehrman, a laryngectomee, and Pam Laffin, a 30-year-old lung transplant recipient who suffers from emphysema. Over 2,225 students were reached with these important tobacco prevention presentations.

Tobacco Treatment (formerly known as cessation services) plays a big role in the work of the program as well. Last year we piloted a new model in which smokers could participate in a three session support group led by the PACT Program Director, followed by three hypnotherapy sessions conducted by a clinical hypnotherapist specializing in Tobacco Treatment. The programs were conducted in Acushnet, Lakeville, Marion and Mattapoisett. One of the hypnotherapy programs was held at the Sippican Shop hosted by Noreen Nolan, and two hypnotherapy sessions were paid for by the Acushnet Health Advisory Council and one by the Old Rochester Regional Health Advisory Council. Over 200 smokers participated, with an astounding 55% quit rate when they were surveyed six months after the programs ended. The national quit rate for "stop smoking" support programs is approximately 30%, so our model is working very well !

The PACT Program once again acted as Advisor to TASC (Teens Against Smoking & Chewing), Old Rochester Junior and Senior High Students, as well as Smokebusters, elementary students from Sippican School. The students participated in Youth Day 2000 at the North Dartmouth Mall, reaching 2000 area residents with their tobacco prevention message. They also designed and put together another creative 4th of July float, with the support of the League of Women Voters of Marion, Mattapoisett and Rochester, and Alex Race, who generously donated the use of his truck. This year's themes were "Don't Let Your Health Go Up In Smoke" and "Listen To Your Heart, Don't Start." The group's efforts paid off with a trophy for second prize in the Creative Category.

The PACT Program also talked to participants and distributed information to 600 Rochester residents at the Annual Rochester Safety Awareness Day and 120 employees of Logo Headgear in Mattapoisett at their annual health fair. The program provided Freshair.net T-shirts, beach balls, and lip balm for distribution at the Mattapoisett Wharf Dance, sponsored by the Mattapoisett Track Club and Acushnet Teen Dances, sponsored by the Acushnet Police Department, as well as the 4th of July parade.

Several area tobacco control organizations collaborated with the PACT Program on the first ever ETS Bus Campaign by developing an ad that read "DON'T BREATHE - That's The Only Way Second Hand Smoke Won't Harm You." The buses with the ads were seen in Dartmouth, Fairhaven, Fall River, Mattapoisett, New Bedford, and Westport last spring. People with questions about the effects of ETS were encouraged to call an 800 phone number. The campaign helped local Boards of Health to gain support for ETS regulations.

The big news this year is that another Board of Health, Freetown, has expressed interest in joining our collaborative. We are looking forward to bringing them on board in February when additional funds from the Tobacco Settlement will become available. Now all communities from Dartmouth to Wareham will be part of an MTCP Board of Health collaborative. We welcome Freetown and look forward to serving their residents in 2000.

Once again a very sincere thanks to all the Boards of Health in Acushnet, Lakeville, Marion, Mattapoisett and Rochester. We have seen incredible new data which reveals that smoking rates among Massachusetts adults have declined 1.5% since the inception of the Massachusetts Tobacco Control Program, from 22.6% to 19.1%, while the national adult smoking rate is 24%. This corresponds to approximately 153,000 fewer smokers. More good news .... smoking among Massachusetts Youth, ages 14-17, has declined from 24.6% to 19.7%, while the rest of the nation has seen an increase. Together we are making smoking history !!

Respectfully submitted,

Judith R. Coykendall, MSM  
PACT Program Director



## **REPORT OF THE PARK DEPARTMENT**

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

On any summer night the place where most of the people in this Town are gathered is Pope Park. One of the Town's prized possessions is used by young and old -- whether to walk and enjoy its beauty, play baseball, or to watch children playing on the swings.

The Summer Youth Program, which runs for six weeks during the summer, completed another successful year. The program, under the direction of Kathy Jason, allows young children to enjoy hobbies, crafts and sports. The aides, who help in this program, are teenagers from the Town who have a chance to earn a few pennies during the summer months.

Many individuals, groups and organizations continue to support the park and its programs. Many thanks to all of those involved.

A special thanks to Mark White, D.W. White Construction, and M.A.G. Irrigation for the very generous donations they made to us. Through their combined efforts (D.W. White provided the materials and M.A.G. Irrigation provided the expert installation), we now have irrigation systems on all of the baseball fields at Pope Park. This recent donation provided systems for the Knox, B, and Jason fields. The system on White Field was previously donated by the AYAA. Once again, thanks for helping us realize one of our goals, we really appreciate it.

The project of the paving of the sidewalks at the park has now been completed. The walkways allow handicapped persons and those with physical difficulties to access the entire park and the events held therein.

The Park Department is now looking to replace the chain link fence around Knox field as the current fence is approximately 50 years old and is in need of constant repairs. The completion of a T-ball field for boys and girls between the ages of 5 and 8 is another goal of this Department.

Besides the yearly fresh coat of paint, the Park has installed many new picnic tables and park benches. A special thanks to the students of Old Colony Regional Vocational High School for their help.

Groups who have enjoyed the Park are the AYAA (Acushnet Youth Athletic Association) who have a little league program, as well as an instructional program. The Phoenix Girls Softball League also utilizes the Park during the summer and the number of Acushnet-Fairhaven girls involved in that program continues to grow.

Ray River and his staff have done another great job in the park. Ray's efforts are reflected in the use of the Park and how it remains one of the area's best. It is a place which the Town of Acushnet and its residents should be proud.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Rousseau  
Mark Antone  
Donald Guenette, Chairman  
Jayne T. Cote, Secretary  
Acushnet Park Department

## **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 1999.

Regular meetings were generally held on the first Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at various handicap-accessible locations around Town, from the much appreciated use of the Acushnet Elementary School's various rooms to the equally appreciated occasional use of the Acushnet Community Center's facilities. A total of twenty meetings were posted. Special and on-site meetings were posted and held also, and public hearings were scheduled as warranted.

The Planning Commission spent a good deal of its time this year overseeing the compliance of 17 different subdivisions as to roadways, drainage issues, surety issues, lot releases and resident satisfaction with conditions within the various subdivisions.

The Planning Commission continues to respond to the zoning and roadway questions referred by the Board of Selectmen, the Building Inspector, the DPW, and the Conservation Commission, as well as those posed by the citizens of Acushnet, landowners and developers.

While the Planning Commission handled issues dealing with the following subdivisions: Apple Blossom Estates, Bernardo Farms, Buttonwood Meadows, Davis Farms Estates, Deep Brook III, Forestdale, Gabriel Farms Estates, Golf View Estates, Hathaway Farms, Mendall Hill Estates, Reservoir Estates, Sandpiper Lane Subdivision, Squinn Brook II, Stony Acres, Wayland Estates, Wild Rose Meadows, and Wood Duck Road Subdivision, there were no new subdivisions approved in 1999.

Twenty-two Form A submissions were processed and some were accepted. On-site meetings were held in four locations. Two special permits for common driveways were processed: one was ultimately approved, the other was withdrawn.

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  
Mark Cenerizio  
Leo Coons, Jr.  
Acushnet Planning Board

## **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, 1999.

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

Five new part-time officers were given contingent offers of employment in November of 1999. One of those officers, Scott R. Gordon, was hired effective December 20, 1999. Officer Gordon attended a Reserve Intermittent Academy held in Barnstable from September through December 6, 1999. Officer Gordon is continuing his training here at the Acushnet Police Department. He is currently working dispatch duties only but will be fully trained for patrol duties by the end of January. The remaining four officers are enrolled in the Westport Reserve Intermittent Academy, scheduled to graduate in March of 2000.

Officers Gil Marques and Joseph Pontes retired in the Spring of 1999. Officers Keith A. Ashley and Jason L. Matton were promoted from the part-time ranks to replace the above two officers. Officer Ashley graduated from the Basic Recruit Academy in September and has been working full time for the Town since then. Officer Matton entered the Academy on October 18, 1999 and will graduate in early March. There is still one remaining vacancy to be filled in the full-time ranks due to the federal "COPS in School" grant (\$125,000) we received this year.

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 continued to be very effective in obtaining grants in 1999. In addition to the COPS grant mentioned above, we received a D.A.R.E. grant that will cover the officer's salary and expenses. We anticipate receiving \$25,000 from the State for Community Policing and over \$28,000 from the Bureau of Justice Assistance Program. These grant monies will be used to replace our soon-to-be-obsolete radio communications. FCC regulations will require us to replace all of our current equipment which is in dire need of replacing anyway. The grants will allow us to do so at no cost to the Town.

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

Officer John A. Bolarinho received recognition from MADD as Acushnet's eleventh Officer of the Year.

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

## **OTHER ACTIVITIES**

	<b>1998</b>	<b>1999</b>
Complaints Answered	6,577	6,965
Parking Tickets	73	61
Larcenies	133	103
Breaking & Entering	54	47
Attempted Breaks	15	13
Arrests -		
M/V, Narcotics, B&E's,		
Larceny, Warrants	386	374
Summonses Served	305	314
Stolen M/V	11	10
Accidents Investigated	134	142
Fatalities	0	0
Robberies	0	4
M/V Citations	897	988

## **MEMBERS OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

### **CHIEF OF POLICE**

Michael R. Poitras

### **SERGEANTS**

Barry W. Monte

Stephen McCann

Michael G. Alves

### **FULL TIME OFFICERS**

Paul J. Melo

Mark J. Antone

Gary L. Rousseau

Thomas L. Carreau

John A. Bolarinho

Louann Jenkinson

James D. Costa

David A. Swift

Christopher R. Richmond

Gary S. Coppa

Keith A. Ashley

### **PART TIME OFFICERS**

Donald J. Guenette

James C. Pelletier

Christopher J. Kershaw

Edward P. Silva

James M. Vieira

Michael J. Nunes

Jason L. Matton

Scott R. Gordon

### **DISPATCHERS**

Annette Y. Richard

Kimberly A. DeFrias

Respectfully submitted,

Michael R. Poitras, Chief  
Acushnet Police Department

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

**Richard H. Settele, Superintendent  
Jo-Ann K. Ordway, Senior Clerk**

## **HIGHWAY DIVISION**

**Raymond Barlow, Highway Supervisor**

**Leonard Spenner  
Paul Fortin**

**David Gifford**

**John Mello  
Douglas Rodgers**

## **WATER / SEWER DIVISION**

**Joel Herman, Working Foreman**

**John Genereux**

**Antone Medeiros, Jr.**

To the Officers and Residents of the Town of Acushnet:

The Acushnet **DPW - Highway Division** has been busy during the 1999 calendar year with 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 being the major tasks accomplished by the Department.

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

In addition to the day-to-day activities of the Highway Division, the following special projects were completed in 1999.

New drainage systems were installed and improved upon on Gammons Road, Lambert Street, North Main Street and Cedar Hill Drive. Chapter 90 Roadway Funds were used to resurface James Street, John Street, Coulombe Street, Bardsley Street, Hayes Street and Garfield Street. Local funds were used in the reconstruction of Lambert Street.

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

Finally, while no new equipment was purchased during 1999, 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. During 1999 the Department laid 260 feet of new water main on Gill Street.

In addition, the Department also replaced 6 hydrants and repaired 8 water leaks and/or water main breaks in Town.

Water service installations included 84 new homes. 63 old meters were replaced, and 50-100 meters were repaired, for a total of approximately 247 new meter installations.

The fire hydrants in the system were flushed and tested for function during the year and reinspected prior to the winter months. All hydrant valves were exercised and monthly water sampling was done. We also had 10 service inspections and completed our lead and copper testing for the year.

A study was begun and is under way in an effort to evaluate infiltration and inflow into the sewer system. This study continued into 1999 and is ongoing at this time.

We also completed two segments of Back Flow testing for 1999.

We would like to thank all D.P.W. employees and all Town departments for their cooperation and assistance during 1999.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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



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

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



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



## **REPORT OF THE RUSSELL MEMORIAL LIBRARY**

To the Officers and Residents of the Town of Acushnet:

The Board of Trustees and the library staff continued to work together to meet the educational, informational, and recreational needs of the citizens of Acushnet in 1999.

The Board meets on the third Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m. at the Library. The Library is open Monday 3-6 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday, 1-8 p.m., Wednesday 10 a.m.-6 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m.-1 p.m., year round. Telephone, 998-0270; Fax: 998-0271.

Staff: Claudette Olivier, Assistant Director; Constance Preston, Technician II; Denise Hamer, Technician I; and Judith Caruthers, Page; unfilled, Custodian II. Director Valdene Kane resigned in the spring to move out of state. We thank her for her years of service and wish her well. Tonya Revell became Library Director effective May 27, 1999.

The first annual user count was taken during an average week in October; 363 people came in. Using this number, the estimated visits to the library in 1999 was 18,876.

The Library offers a wide selection of books, magazines, videos, music CDs, books on tape, and CD-ROMs for all ages. Two computers are dedicated to public Internet use. On-line databases are available for research. A copy machine and fax machine are available for a nominal fee. The meeting room may be used by town organizations free of charge.

The Library's continued membership in the Southeastern Automated Libraries (SEAL) Network brings substantial benefits to the Town. Users have access to extensive collections throughout the region via our automated catalog. This year SEAL provided the Library with a free computer, one of three needed to connect to the new web-based automated system coming in 2000. SEAL membership provides technical support, electronic resources, and staff development classes.

The Library is also a member of the Southeastern Massachusetts Regional Library System (SEMLS), an agency of the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners. Free membership in SEMLS provides pickup and delivery of shared materials, on-line databases, materials for the summer reading program, staff development, and consultants.

Children's services continue to be in great demand. The summer reading program was a big success. 160 children registered and made over 1500 visits to the library in July and August. Seven free afternoon programs and seven

evening storytimes brought a total attendance of 629. Preparations for Summer 2000 are well under way.

A grant of \$950 from the Acushnet Cultural Council allowed the library to sponsor a visit by award winning author William Sleator to Ford Middle School. Books purchased by the PTO enabled students to read a title in advance of the visit.

Pre-school story times are offered in spring and fall for children 3, 4 and 5 years of age. A second session was added this year to give parents a choice of day and time.

The inadequacies of our aging, inaccessible, and too-small building and the demands of a rapidly changing technology continue to present obstacles and challenges to library service.

The Building Committee is comprised of Alfred Robichaud (Chairman), JoAnn Bertrand (Secretary), Ted Govoni, Deborah Healey, James Knox, Peter Koczera, Constance Preston, and Marylou Marques, and Tonya Revell (ex-officio).

This Spring we were excited to learn of a major gift. A generous local citizen, who wishes to remain anonymous, gave stocks to the library that, when sold, brought \$192,128.80. This money is intended for a new library that will be fully accessible and will have space for our growing collection and growing population. The Building Committee and Selectmen are working to find and acquire a suitable location.

Meanwhile we continue to care for our cherished local landmark. In the Spring voters approved a special article that paid for repairs to the large leaded glass windows and for new blinds. Both expenditures have helped keep utility costs down and protect the computers in the main hall.

Electronic databases are rapidly replacing print materials as the source of up-to-date information. Automated systems are becoming more sophisticated. Internet use has increased. All of these require more time and expertise of the staff, both for their own work and to enable them to help patrons find and evaluate information. Equipment and software require frequent upgrades.

Acushnet's financial support of the Library met and exceeded the minimum standards required by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners for certification in 1998. Acushnet was awarded three State Aid grants, totaling \$10,454.00. In 2000 the official federal census estimate for Acushnet is 10,111. To remain certified and eligible for State aid, grants, and other services, the Library will be required to meet higher standards, including an increase in hours open.

We give our heartfelt thanks to: The Friends of the Russell Memorial Library, led by volunteers Constance Preston and Cynthia Marks, for unflagging service and wonderful materials, Wilfred Fortin for his generous donations of books and magazines, the businesses, organizations and individuals whose financial donations make our summer reading program possible, Ed Macomber for numerous acts of kindness, the Parting of the Ways Beautification Committee for plantings and wreaths, the Police Association for children's videos, and the library patrons who generously donate books and magazines.

The Board of Trustees and the Library staff wish to thank Town officers, other Town departments, and the citizens of Acushnet for their support throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,

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

## RUSSELL MEMORIAL LIBRARY

### Statistical Report 1999

Library visits .....	18,876
Internet use .....	562
Reference questions .....	942

#### Materials

Volumes .....	16,151
Periodical subscriptions purchased .....	32
Periodical subscriptions donated .....	166
Videos .....	755
Audio books .....	178
Music CDs .....	140
CD/ROMs .....	115

#### Registrations

Active borrowers .....	4173
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#### Circulation

Items circulated .....	39,673
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Respectfully submitted,

Tonya Revell  
Library Director

## **REPORT OF THE SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (SRPEDD)**

The town of Acushnet is a member of the Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District. SRPEDD (pronounced sir-ped) is the regional agency serving twenty-seven cities and towns in southeastern Massachusetts dealing with common issues facing our region, such as economic development, growth and land development, transportation, environment and general planning for the future. SRPEDD is governed by a commission of local mayors, selectmen, planning board members and at-large members. We are funded by federal and state grants and local assessments. For 1999 the Town of Acushnet paid \$1,468.93 to SRPEDD, based upon an assessment of 15.375 cents per capita.

During the past year the Town of Acushnet was represented on the SRPEDD Commission by David Wojnar, Richard Forand and Richard Ellis. Representatives on the Joint Transportation Planning Group were Kenneth Souza and Richard Settele.

Some of SRPEDD's more significant accomplishments during 1999 were:

- \* The Vision 2020 Task Force released its report in 1999 - Southeastern Massachusetts: An Agenda for the Future. It addresses the issue of unplanned growth and sprawl in the region and makes specific recommendations for change. The Vision 2020 Task Force was a panel of regional leaders representing various interests throughout southeastern Massachusetts. It was sponsored by SRPEDD and two other regional planning agencies - OCPC and MAPC.
- \* Completion and certification of the annual Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), which set regional priorities for federal transportation funds. The TIP sets priorities for \$92 million in federal and state dollars for regional transportation projects over the next three years.
- \* Building Partnerships for Economic Development in Southeastern Massachusetts, a regional economic development strategy, was completed and certified by the U.S. Economic Development Administration, making the region eligible for federal economic development grants from EDA.
- \* "The 100 Most Dangerous Intersections in Southeastern Massachusetts" was compiled by SRPEDD utilizing accident information for the 1996-98 three year period. All 100 intersections are evaluated and ranked according to level of danger and traffic volume, and the report is used to identify needed safety improvements at these intersections.
- \* SRPEDD conducts a district-wide traffic counting program and maintains

a computer file of all available traffic count data throughout the region. SRPEDD undertook counts at 90 locations this year. SRPEDD also compiled computerized accident records for Acushnet, Fairhaven, Norton, Rehoboth, Rochester, Seekonk and Freetown.

\* Southeastern Massachusetts is represented on the Internet by SRPEDD's web site at <http://www.srpedd.org>. The site contains data and information about every city and town in the region and includes the Vision 2020 project, transportation, planning, zoning, environmental and economic development. SRPEDD also operates the Southeastern Massachusetts Data Center, which maintains the Fact Book and provides information to businesses, cities and towns, and individuals. We completed population, employment and housing unit projections to the year 2025 for each city and town.

\* SRPEDD continued work to develop commuter rail service to Taunton, Fall River and New Bedford, and is continuing to monitor MBTA studies of alternative routes. SRPEDD reviewed and commented on the MBTA's Draft Environmental Impact Report for commuter rail service. SRPEDD reviewed and commented on the MBTA's Draft Environmental Impact Report for commuter rail service. SRPEDD conducted a public informational meeting on the technical comments on the DEIR to assist other interested parties in preparing their review comments.

\* An inventory of sensitive environmental areas impacted by roadway runoff along federally eligible roads is being prepared by SRPEDD in the Buzzards Bay region. GRRIP (Geographic Roadway Runoff Inventory Program), funded by the Executive Office of Transportation and Construction (EOTC) and the Massachusetts Highway Department (MHD).

\* SRPEDD designed and developed a regional economic development web site identifying over 100 "Priority Development Sites," including information on location, highway access, acreage and/or square footage, zoning, permitted use, rail lines, transit, airports, development incentives and contract(s).

\* SRPEDD approved \$1,437,000.00 in grants from our regional transportation allocation for six "enhancement" projects. Included were: Fall River Bike Path Phase I, construction; Wareham Bike Path Phase I, construction; Mattapoisett Bike Path, planning and design; Fairhaven Bike Path, planning and design; Seekonk Stormwater Mitigation, installation of new stormwater drains; and Buzzards Bay Stormwater Runoff Project, inventory and ranking.

\* An extensive Geographic Information System (GIS) mapping program is maintained by SRPEDD. This year new computerized "data layers" were added to the system, including local zoning and environmental data. The GIS staff is working on EOE-funded buildout analysis for 19 communities in the district. Information provided will include zoning, wetlands, floodplains, waterbodies, land use and new subdivisions.

\* SRPEDD worked with the two regional transit authorities, GATRA and SRTA, on issues such as route evaluations, marketing, service to elderly and handicapped persons and overall data compilation and analysis. SRPEDD also continued to assist SRTA and GATRA in expanding service through the Welfare-to-Work, Access to Jobs program.

\* SRPEDD continued its affiliation with the South Eastern Economic Development (SEED) Corporation, which makes loans to small businesses for expansion. In 1999 SEED approved loans to 149 small businesses in the amount of \$26 million. These loans are projected to create 963 new jobs. SEED once again was the #1 Small Business Administration lender of SBA 504 loans in Massachusetts.

\* SRPEDD reviewed and commented on major transportation related, economic development initiatives in the region, such as: the Park at Great Woods in Norton, the Great Waves Park in Mansfield, Route 44 improvements in Raynham and Middleborough, seaport master plans in Fall River and New Bedford, the Attleboro Industrial/Business Park, and commuter rail station improvement plans in Mansfield, Attleboro and Lakeville.

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

\* Assistance and Training with the Town Web Site.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District

## **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:

Alan Miner, Chairman  
Manuel Goncalves, Vice Chairman  
Frank Kuthan

Robert Lanzoni  
JoAnn Bertrand

Earlier this year JoAnn Bertrand became the newest member of the School Committee. She joins Bob Lanzoni, who was elected to a full three year term. Their terms of office extend through year 2002.

The last year of the 20th century was highlighted by the debate over school facilities. On two occasions the School Facilities Study Committee came before the Town with plans that were not approved. As the new century began, the Committee is once again coming before voters with a school expansion project that we all hope will result in the creation of badly needed school facility renovations and expansion.

The Acushnet Elementary School continues to offer 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.

Beginning early in January, Acushnet Elementary School sponsored four "blood drives." Approximately 300 pints of blood were collected from staff and other community members. As always, AES enjoyed a partnership with the Fire and Police Departments. The DARE Program was offered to all fifth graders by the Police Department and the SAFE Program was offered to fourth graders by the Fire Department.

There was a six week *"after school enrichment program"* offered to all students. In this program students remain after school for an hour and a half one afternoon per week to participate in activities such as sports, theater, and arts and crafts.

The Preschool staff worked hard with the New England Association of Young People and attained national accreditation. The remainder of the staff continued to work with the New England Association of Schools and Colleges to prepare for the "self study" for the accreditation team visit which was held in October.

There were many educational field trips taken by various grades. Five grade levels visited the Zeiterion Theater, funded by the Acushnet Cultural Council PASS Grant, PTO, and school budget. The fourth grade toured the "*Freedom Trail*" and the first grade went on the "*Make Way for Ducklings*" tour in Boston. The third grades went to Plimoth Plantation. The third grades, in collaboration with the *Ernestina* and the Coalition for Buzzards Bay, boarded the *Ernestina* to learn about the environment. Approximately 60 fifth graders had an educational sleepover at the Boston Museum of Science.

There were also great presentations for children held at school. Bill Babcock, from the Taunton Weather Services, spoke with the fourth graders about weather. The Lloyd Center for Environmental Studies built a life-size Delphi whale in the gym. An excellent Beethoven impersonator, funded by the PTO, performed. The opera "*Carmen*" was presented by the Brown Bag Opera Company.

The entrance way was carpeted to protect children and adults from slipping on the tile floors. An additional fourth grade was added to reduce class size in that grade. Two new reading programs were adopted. *Accelerated Reading* is being offered at the third grade level and to some fifth and second grades. *Reading Recovery* was placed in the first grade to help children at risk of failing reading.

Two teachers began a pilot looping class (remaining with the same class for two years). The think tank concept was adopted in the library. The fifth graders exchanged books every other week and use the library computer bank ("Think Tank") to research short questions on the alternate week.

In an effort to promote reading, Title I staff held a "*Books for Bingo*" night for students and their families. The Principal offered to roller skate on the first day of school if the students collectively read 5000 books during summer vacation and chances to attempt to dunk the Assistant Principal in a dunk tank were given to any student who read twenty books between September and November.

The PTO continues to support our school in many ways. They offered a reading incentive sleepover at Acushnet Elementary School for the older students. They also offer many fun performances and activities for all families, such as the Valentine's Family Dance, Family Skate Night and Santa's Secret Workshop.

To promote a "Caring, learning community," students held a very successful can drive and *Quarters for Christmas* campaign. Students went caroling at a local nursing home and AES staff gave thousands of dollars in purchased gifts and food to needy families.

The 1999 school year at Ford Middle School saw continuation of many activities, such as trips to the Boston Aquarium, Museum of Science, Tsongas Center in Lowell and the Shakespeare Festival. Additionally, the 13-week



DARE Program continues at grade 8. The middle school faculty and staff are completing their first year working on the Middle School accreditation process.

A *Welcome to Ford Day* was initiated for all incoming sixth graders and new students to our school. After-school programs have been increasing for our students, and they include a fitness and nutrition program, focusing on topics of nutrition and positive behaviors, as well as an exemplary program for grade six students at Old Colony Regional Technical School.

The Ford Middle School has been the recipient of two competitive grants: a *Future Teachers Club Grant* and a *Gifted and Talented Grant*. These grants are enabling more students to become involved in a variety of different activities.

In the light of strategic planning for the future, the entire faculty is undertaking a study of the overall curriculum with particular emphasis on the relationship of curriculum issues to the high stakes state testing program known as MCAS.

Once again, this has been a very exciting and challenging year in those areas involved with special education. I'm very pleased to report that our Preschool Program has received its three year accreditation from the New England Association for the Education of Young Children.

We are also pleased to welcome an additional Speech/Language Pathologist, as well as a School Psychologist. The School Psychologist is a new position that allows us to conduct many required evaluations within the schools, as opposed to sending students to area school psychologists. Because of students with significant disabilities and issues, we have added several special education aides to our staff.

Unlike any other year, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and its school systems are in a state of confusion regarding eligibility for special education services. The causes of this confusion are the changing laws and regulations from the Federal perspective that includes IDEA 1997 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. From the state perspective, we have had proposed changes in our own special education regulations for the past year which have not been adopted by the Board of Education. This leads to significant discussion for each student referral for special education services.

In the school year 1999-2000, there have been many important improvements made to the overall curriculum. In the spring of 1999, a new Social Studies Curriculum was approved by our School Committee and is in the early stages of being implemented. The curriculum was developed by a team of teachers representing each grade level in the district. Also, in regards to curriculum, the math team is in the process of reviewing the math curriculum. The State Frameworks in math are due to be finalized in the winter of 2000 and we are prepared to adapt to whatever changes are necessary. Finally, the Ac-

celerated Reader Program is being used by our third grade team, as well as one of our second, fifth, and sixth grade teachers. The program has shown a positive affect on reading improvement and enjoyment over its first few months. We are anxious to see the results after more time has elapsed.

Training for our staff occurred this year on November 12 and December 22. The days involved in training encompassed a wide variety of topics, such as the use of the Accelerated Reader Program, how to better use technology in the classroom, CPR, legal issues regarding education, and behavior management. Although each staff member was not able to attend each training, a wide variety was offered and positive results have been evident. Staff development is not limited to these two days. It also occurs in the form of teachers attending conferences, training on early release days, and through courses taken by staff members.

The 1999-2000 school year initiated the reorganization of two service areas within the Acushnet Public Schools: Food Service Operations and Technology Support Services.

During the last school year, an extensive review of food service operations, including the services of an outside consultant, resulted in the recommendations of several substantial changes in our operations.

Included in the recommendations were changes in staffing, cost saving measures and menu and nutrition suggestions. Linda Rogers was appointed cafeteria manager of both the elementary and middle schools. Cost saving suggestions were adopted and nutrition and menus were revised to reflect different tastes and nutritional needs between elementary and middle school-aged students. As a result, we have seen modest increases in student participation and revenue.

A second area of operation to see a reorganizational change is Technology Support Services. With close to three hundred computers and two networks in the school system, the task of training staff, maintaining equipment and resolving technical issues is substantial. To efficiently provide our school system with the appropriate level of support and to fully take advantage of our technology, a three-tier operation structure was implemented during the fall of this school year.

Technology support services are provided through a full time Technology Coordinator who oversees all technology operations. Supporting the coordinator is our maintenance staff which provides installation and trouble shooting support. Their third tier is a technology service company that provides repair and technical support as needed for our computers and networks.

An additional major economic event affecting the Acushnet Community is the conclusion of our present student transportation contract and entering a new three-year contract to begin July 1, 2000. Bid specifications were prepared

and bids were received in December. Six contractors offered competitive bids. Given the bids received, we can anticipate a modest increase in transportation costs for the next three-year contract period.

The year 1999 has been another year 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  
Acushnet Public Schools

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

The Acushnet Zoning Board of Appeals meets monthly on the first Monday of the month. During 1999 twenty-eight cases were heard. Eight of the cases were for business or commercial purposes and twenty were for residential purposes. Nine appeals were denied, nineteen appeals were approved.

Four thousand three hundred dollars in application fees were paid to the Town Clerk's Office for these cases.

During 1999 Richard Lally was appointed as an Alternate Member of the Acushnet Zoning Board of Appeals to replace Gary Lemos who resigned.

Members of the Acushnet Zoning Board of Appeals --

Henry Preston  
Barbara Mello  
Gerald Toussaint  
Carol Westgate - Vice Chairperson  
Lawrence Marshall - Chairman  
Ronald Matton - Alternate  
Richard Lally - Alternate

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Albert-Dean, Secretary  
Acushnet Zoning Board of Appeals

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## **ACUSHNET AT A GLANCE**

Incorporated: February 13, 1860

Type of Government: Open Town Meeting

Population: 9,549  
9,843 (State Census)

### **Total Valuation**

Class 1 and 2 Tax Rate: \$14.09 per \$1,000 (Fiscal Year 1999)

Class 3 and 4 Tax Rate: \$18.14 per \$1,000 (Fiscal Year 1999)

Registered Voters: 6,391

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) 999-6450 - Office: (617) 332-3920

### **10th BRISTOL REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT**

Robert Koczera

Office: (617) 722-2470

### **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