

Town Records and Reports

of the

TOWN OFFICERS

TOWN OF ACUSHNET



2003

TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

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

TOWN SERVICES

Animal Control Officer	998-9040
Assessors	998-0205
Building Department	998-0225
Board of Public Works, Water/Sewer Department	998-0230
Cemetery Department	998-3908
Conservation Commission	998-0202
Council on Aging	998-0280
Director of Finance	998-0220
Emergency Management Agency (Civil Defense)	998-0295
Gas Inspector	998-0225
Health Board	998-0275
Park Department	998-0285
Planning Board	996-6662
Plumbing Inspector	998-0225
Russell Memorial Library	998-0270
School Business Manager	998-0261
Selectmen	998-0200
Superintendent of Schools	998-0260
Town Collector	998-0210
Town Clerk	998-0215
Treasurer	998-0212
Tree Warden	995-0573
Veterans' Services	998-0207
Visiting Nurse	998-0275
Wire Department	998-0225

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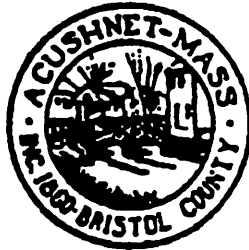
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Massachusetts



**For the
Year Ending December 31st**

2003

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Walpole, MA 02032

In Memoriam

Pearl Goulet

Beautification Committee
Date of Death – March 5, 2003

Norman L. LaBelle Sr.

School Committee
1965 – 1971
Cemetery Board
Date of Death – May 18, 2003

Ruth A. Rawcliffe

Town Meeting Checker
Election Officer
Date of Death – June 6, 2003

Joyce Hoffman

Historical Society
Date of Death – June 18, 2003

Henry R. Davenport, Sr.

Volunteer Firefighter
Date of Death – June 26, 2003

Susan M. Forgues

Emergency Medical Technician
1984 – 2003
Growth Management Committee
By-Law Committee
Date of Death – November 6, 2003

Raymond Adelard Bosse

Highway Department
Date of Death – November 29, 2003

Laura V. Ekstrom

Emergency Medical Technician Supervisor
1982 – 2003
Date of Death – December 3, 2003

TOWN OFFICERS

2003 – 2004

Town Clerk

Richard Threlfall

Term Expires 2005

Board of Selectmen

David Wojnar, Chairman

Term Expires 2004

David Tomlinson

Term Expires 2005

Robert J. St. Jean

Term Expires 2006

Board of Assessors

Michael A. Cioper, Chairman

Term Expires 2004

Robert Brown

Term Expires 2005

George H. Perry, Jr.

Term Expires 2006

Board of Health

Thomas J. Fortin, Chairman

Term Expires 2004

Robert Medeiros

Term Expires 2005

Gerald L. Toussaint

Term Expires 2006

School Committee

Douglas Coray, Chairman

Term Expires 2004

Manuel D. Goncalves

Term Expires 2004

Joann C. Bertrand

Term Expires 2005

Robert Lanzoni

Term Expires 2005

Mary Louise Francis – Appointed

Term Expires 2004

Gary Rousseau – Resigned

Term Expires 2006

Commissioner of Trust Funds

Marc E. LaPlante, Chairman

Term Expires 2006

William A. Krause, Jr.

Term Expires 2004

Craig A. Souza

Term Expires 2005

Trustees of Free Public Library

Robert Bartolome, Chairman

Term Expires 2004

Lori Gonsalves

Term Expires 2004

Christine Gaudette

Term Expires 2005

Anne Verissimo

Term Expires 2005

James Knox

Term Expires 2006

Alfred H. Robichaud

Term Expires 2006

Cemetery Board

Paul H. Fortin, Chairman

Term Expires 2006

Charlene A. Fortin

Term Expires 2004

Joanne Cioper

Term Expires 2005

Park Commissioners

Joseph Lopes, Jr. Chairman	Term Expires 2004
Marc J. Antone	Term Expires 2005
Gary H. Wilson	Term Expires 2006

Housing Authority

Nancy Brightman, Chairman	Term Expires 2006
Mary M. Niemic	Term Expires 2004
Lawrence G. Marshall	Term Expires 2005
Lawrence P. Mulvey	Term Expires 2007
David R. White	State Appointed

Planning Board

Marc Cenerizio, Chairman	Term Expires 2007
Leo N. Coons, Jr.	Term Expires 2004
Richard H. Ellis	Term Expires 2005
Richard P. Forand	Term Expires 2008
Mark DeSilva – Appointed	Term Expires 2004

Moderator

Robert E. Francis	Term Expires 2005
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Tree Warden

Everett L. Hardy, Jr.	Term Expires 2005
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Board of Public Works

Michael J. Kennefick, Chairman	Term Expires 2006
Matthew Goulet	Term Expires 2004
Rene Racine	Term Expires 2005
Kenneth J. Souza	Term Expires 2005
Charles Vieira	Term Expires 2006

TOWN OATHS ADMINISTERED BY RICHARD THRELFALL TOWN CLERK 2003

Date of Oaths 2003	Name	Office	Date of Election or Appointments	Term Expires
Jan. 15, 2003	Thomas Fantozzi	Phase II Stormwater Committee	Appointed 12/16/02	12/16/04
Feb. 5, 2003	John Howcroft	Tax Shift Study Committee	Appointed 05/13/02	05/01/04
	Steven M. Pina	Deputy Building Inspector	Appointed 01/27/03	05/01/03
	James L. Hardy	Finance Committee	Resigned 02/05/03	
Feb. 7, 2003	Roger A. Cabral	Finance Committee	Appointed 01/01/03	05/01/03
	Gail A. Rodrigues	Finance Committee	Appointed 01/01/03	05/01/03
Feb. 14, 2003	Rafael Leonor	Designer Selection Comm. (Old Colony)	Appointed 02/10/03	05/01/04
Mar. 25, 2003	Carol Chongarlides	Conservation Commission Member	Appointed 03/24/03	05/01/03
April 7, 2003	Laurie J. Avery	Assistant Town Treasurer	Appointed 03/31/03	06/30/03
April 8, 2003	Robert J. St. Jean	Board of Selectmen	Elected 04/07/03	04/01/06
	George H. Perry, Jr.	Assessor	Elected 04/07/03	04/01/06
	Gerald L. Toussaint	Board of Health	Elected 04/07/03	04/01/06
April 9, 2003	Robert J. St. Jean	Public Safety Coordinator	Appointed 03/31/03	05/01/04
	William Mosher	Treasurer	Appointed 03/31/03	05/01/04
April 10, 2003	Paul H. Fortin	Cemetery Board	Elected 04/07/03	04/01/06
April 11, 2003	Charles Marshall	Pope Park Study Committee	Appointed 03/31/03	05/01/04
	Matthew C. Goulet	Board of Public Works	Elected 04/07/03	04/01/04
April 12, 2003	Gary H. Wilson	Park Commissioner	Elected 04/07/03	04/01/06
April 14, 2003	Kathy V. Adams	Pope Park Study Committee	Appointed 03/31/03	05/01/04
	Alfred R. Braley	Shellfish Warden/Harbormaster	Resigned 04/07/03	
	Michael J. Kennefick	Board of Public Works	Elected 04/07/03	04/01/06

Date of Oaths 2003	Name	Office	Date of Election or Appointments		Term Expires
April 14, 2003	Charles E. Vieira	Board of Public Works	Elected	04/07/03	04/01/06
	Brian G. Avila	Cable Advisory Committee	Resigned	04/23/03	
April 24, 2003	Marc E. LaPlante	Commissioner of Trust Funds	Elected	04/07/03	04/01/06
April 25, 2003	Gary Pope	Pope Park Study Committee	Appointed	03/31/03	05/01/04
April 30, 2003	Alfred Robichaud	Trustee Free Public Library	Elected	04/07/03	04/01/06
May 1, 2003	William A. Krause, Jr.	Commissioner of Trust Funds	Elected	04/07/03	04/01/05
May 5, 2003	Michael Desrosiers	Pope Park Study Committee	Appointed	03/31/03	05/01/04
May 9, 2003	Christine T. Krause	Registrar of Voters	Appointed	05/05/03	05/01/04
May 12, 2003	Roland LaVallee	Veterans' Agent	Appointed	05/05/03	05/01/04
	William Mosher	Tax Title Custodian	Appointed	05/05/03	05/04/04
∞ May 14, 2003	Gerard Bergeron	EMA Director	Appointed	05/05/03	05/01/06
	Marc Cenerizio	Open Space Committee	Appointed	05/05/03	05/01/05
	Gary Coppa	PPWG-Harbor Trustee Council Member	Appointed	05/12/03	05/01/05
	Gary Coppa	Shellfish Warden/Harbormaster	Appointed	05/05/03	05/01/05
	Rafael Leonor	Finance Committee	Appointed	05/05/03	05/01/06
	Gary Rousseau	School Committee	Elected	04/07/03	04/01/06
	Robert St. Jean	SRTA Advisory Comm. Member	Appointed	05/05/03	05/01/06
	Rafael Leonor	Old Colony Designer Selection Comm.	Resigned	05/14/03	
	Donna Forand	Beautification Committee	Appointed	05/05/03	05/01/05
	Ted Cioper	Open Space Committee	Appointed	05/05/03	05/01/05
	Richard Lally	Board of Appeals	Appointed	05/05/03	05/01/08
	Donald Lopes	Cable TV Committee	Appointed	05/05/03	05/01/05
May 19, 2003	Claudette A. Saulnier	Acushnet Cultural Council	Resigned	05/16/03	
	William Contois	Council on Aging Director	Appointed	05/05/03	05/01/06
	Robert Lanzoni	Cable TV Committee	Appointed	05/05/03	05/01/05

Date of Oaths 2003	Name	Office	Date of Election or Appointments	Term Expires
Aug. 19, 2003	Michael Reale	Cable TV Committee	Appointed 05/05/03	05/01/05
	Gerri Reed	Safety Committee	Appointed 05/05/03	05/01/06
	Joyce Reynolds	Beautification Committee	Appointed 05/05/03	05/01/05
	Joyce Reynolds	Historical Commission	Appointed 05/05/03	05/01/06
	Paul Trahan	Downtown Steering Committee	Appointed 05/05/03	05/01/05
May 20, 2003	Karen Jachna	Asst. Animal Control Off./Insp. Animals	Appointed 05/05/03	05/01/04
	Roberta Leonard	Historical Commission	Appointed 05/05/03	05/01/06
	Robert Rocha	Open Space Committee	Appointed 05/05/03	05/01/05
	Rebekah Tomlinson	Animal Control Off./Insp. Animals	Appointed 05/05/03	05/01/04
	Rebekah Tomlinson	Constable	Appointed 05/05/03	05/01/06
May 21, 2003	Marc LaPlante	By-Law Review Committee	Appointed 05/05/03	05/01/06
	David Tomlinson	PCB Rep. New Bedford Superfund Forum	Appointed 05/12/03	05/01/05
May 22, 2003	Stephen Gilmore	Historical Commission	Appointed 05/05/03	05/01/06
May 23, 2003	Carol Chongarlides	Conservation Commission Member	Appointed 05/05/03	05/01/06
	Susan Forgues	Housing Partnership Committee	Appointed 05/05/03	05/01/05
May 27, 2003	Charlotte Coutinho	Downtown Steering Committee	Appointed 05/05/03	05/01/05
May 28, 2003	Theodore Machado	Sealer of Weights & Measures	Appointed 05/05/03	05/01/04
June 3, 2003	Paul Melo	Safety Committee	Appointed 05/05/03	05/01/06
	George Souza	Cable TV Committee	Appointed 05/05/03	05/01/05
	George Souza	Constable	Appointed 05/05/03	05/01/06
June 4, 2003	Robert Medeiros	Housing Partnership Committee	Appointed 05/05/03	05/01/05
June 5, 2003	Douglas Corrigan	Pope Park Study Committee	Appointed 03/31/03	05/01/04
June 11, 2003	Jeannette Francis	Acushnet Cultural Council	Appointed 06/02/03	05/01/06
	William Mosher	Town Treasurer	Resigned 06/24/03	
June 24, 2003	Juliana Perry	Clerk – Precinct I	Appointed 06/23/03	05/01/05

Date of Oaths 2003	Name	Office	Date of Election or Appointments	Term Expires
June 26, 2003	Gloria Bernier	Inspector – Precinct I	Appointed 06/23/03	05/01/05
	Marie Hardy	Inspector – Precinct I	Appointed 06/23/03	05/01/05
	Dorothy L. Lackie	Inspector – Precinct III	Appointed 06/23/03	05/01/05
	Florence Lecuyer	Inspector – Precinct III	Appointed 06/23/03	05/01/05
June 27, 2003	Virginia Baird	Inspector – Precinct II	Appointed 06/23/03	05/01/05
	Irene DeCotis	Inspector – Precinct III	Appointed 06/23/03	05/01/05
June 30, 2003	Laurie Avery	Acting Treasurer	Appointed 06/23/03	
	Lorraine Dabrowski	Inspector – Precinct II	Appointed 06/23/03	05/01/05
	Claire Gonsalves	Inspector – Precinct I	Appointed 06/23/03	05/01/05
	Rose Procyk	Inspector – Precinct II	Appointed 06/23/03	05/01/05
July 1, 2003	Olive M. Laycock	Inspector – Precinct III	Appointed 06/23/03	05/01/05
July 2, 2003	Lillian Contois	Inspector – Precinct II	Appointed 06/23/03	05/01/05
July 3, 2003	Dorothy Gomes	Inspector – Precinct I	Appointed 06/23/03	05/01/05
July 7, 2003	Stella Bertrand	Inspector – Precinct II	Appointed 06/23/03	05/01/05
	Dorothy Daniels	Clerk - Precinct II	Appointed 06/23/03	05/01/05
	Jeannette Pepin	Inspector – Precinct II (Substitute)	Appointed 06/23/03	05/01/05
July 11, 2003	Betsy J. Ellis	Inspector – Precinct III	Appointed 06/23/03	05/01/05
	Geraldine Frates	Downtown Steering Committee	Appointed 05/05/03	05/01/05
	Geraldine Frates	Inspector – Precinct III	Appointed 06/23/03	05/01/05
July 14, 2003	Aline Saulniers	Inspector – Precinct III	Appointed 06/23/03	05/01/05
	Richard A. Ellis	Planning Commission	Resigned 07/16/03	
July 16, 2003	Victor Pereira	Deputy Wire Inspector	Appointed 05/05/03	05/01/04
July 21, 2003	Deborah Medeiros	Inspector – Precinct III	Appointed 06/23/03	05/01/05
July 24, 2003	Mark DeSilva	Planning Commission	Appointed 07/21/03	04/05/04
July 27, 2003	Alice Pepin	Inspector – Precinct II	Appointed 06/23/03	05/01/05

Date of Oaths 2003	Name	Office	Date of Election or Appointments	Term Expires
July 31, 2003	John Howcroft	Golf Mgmt. & Operational Committee	Appointed 07/21/03	05/01/04
Aug. 1, 2003	Joseph Lopes, Jr.	Golf Mgmt. & Operational Committee	Appointed 07/21/03	05/01/04
Aug. 14, 2003	Edward Macomber	Acushnet Cultural Council	Appointed 05/05/03	05/01/06
Aug. 20, 2003	Ed Isaac	Golf Mgmt. & Operational Committee	Appointed 07/21/03	05/01/04
Aug. 22, 2003	John Simmonds	Acushnet Cultural Council	Appointed 08/11/03	05/01/06
	Sarah French Storer	Open Space Committee	Appointed 08/18/03	05/01/05
	Sarah French Storer	Phase II Stormwater Committee	Appointed 08/01/03	12/16/04
	Richard Threlfall	Skate Park Committee	Resigned 08/25/03	
	Thomas Threlfall, Jr.	Skate Park Committee	Resigned 08/25/03	
	Gary L. Rousseau	Skate Park Committee	Resigned 08/26/03	
Aug. 30, 2003	Gail Rodrigues	Finance Committee	Appointed 08/04/03	05/01/06
Sept. 4, 2003	Roger Cabral	Finance Committee	Appointed 08/04/03	05/01/06
Sept. 5, 2003	Everett L. Hardy, Jr.	Golf Mgmt. & Operational Committee	Appointed 07/21/03	05/01/04
Sept. 9, 2003	John Roza, III	Enforcement Agent - Bd. of Selectmen	Appointed 09/08/03	05/01/04
	John Roza, III	Phase II Stormwater Committee	Appointed 09/08/03	12/16/04
	John Roza, III	Portage Sign Committee	Appointed 09/08/03	05/01/04
Sept. 12, 2003	Genevieve R. Linhares	Inspector – Precinct I	Appointed 06/23/03	05/01/05
Oct. 7, 2003	Kevin Gallagher	Forest Warden	Appointed 10/06/03	05/01/04
	Kevin Gallagher	Inspector of Garages	Appointed 10/06/03	05/01/04
	Kevin Gallagher	Safety Committee	Appointed 10/06/03	05/01/04
	Kevin Gallagher	Street Naming Committee	Appointed 10/06/03	05/01/04
	Olive Laycock	Precinct Worker	Resigned 10/14/03	
Oct. 27, 2003	Evelyn L. Bouley	Community Preservation Committee	Appointed 10/20/03	05/01/04
Oct. 28, 2003	JoAnn Bertrand	Community Preservation Committee	Appointed 10/20/03	05/01/05
	Gary L. Rousseau	School Committee	Resigned 11/04/03	

Date of Oaths 2003	Name	Office	Date of Election or Appointments	Term Expires
Nov. 6, 2003	Geraldine D. Frates	Community Preservation Committee	Appointed 10/20/03	05/01/05
Nov. 20, 2003	John Roza, III	By-Law Review Committee	Appointed 11/05/03	05/01/06
Dec. 2, 2003	Ellen Hardy	Community Preservation Committee	Appointed 11/18/03	05/01/04
Dec. 4, 2003	Leanne Pereira	Acushnet Cultural Council	Appointed 12/01/03	05/01/06
Dec. 5, 2003	James A. Cassidy	Police Officer	Appointed 10/20/03	
	Brian Humenuk	Police Officer	Appointed 10/20/03	

RESULTS OF THE ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION HELD ON APRIL 7, 2003

Register of Voters as of Close of Registration on March 13, 2003

	<u>Demo- crat</u>	<u>Mass Green Party</u>	<u>Inter 3rd Party</u>	<u>Liber- tarian</u>	<u>Repub- lican</u>	<u>Unen- rolled</u>	<u>Total</u>
Precinct I	939	2	1	9	121	1077	2149
Precinct II	1009	1		13	209	1272	2504
Precinct III	<u>874</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>188</u>	<u>1319</u>	<u>2397</u>
Totals	2822	5	4	33	518	3668	7050

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 – 669.

Number of ballots spoiled – 0.

Number of Escrow ballots cast – 0.

Number of ballots void or not used – 362.

Number of ballots received – 1007, plus 24 absentee ballots.

The following officers were present:

Warden: Eva Mach

Clerk: Juliana Perry

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

Police Officers: Marc Antone, David Swift.

Polls were closed at 8:00 P.M. and the ballot box registered 669.

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

Attest: Richard Threfall, Town Clerk

CLERK'S REPORT – PRECINCT II

To the Town Clerk:

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

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

Box register when polls were opened – 0.

Number of votes cast to be counted – 770.

Number of ballots spoiled – 1.

Number of Escrow ballots void or not used – 0.

Number of ballots received – 1202, plus 25 absentee ballots.

The following officers were present:

Warden: Lucille Ledoux-Hardy

Clerk: Dorothy Daniels

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

Police Officers: John Bolarinho, Michael Alves.

Remarks: Cecile LaPalme was assisted in the booth by Sister Beatrice due to Cecile being legally blind. Irwin Marques assisted his wife Cynthia in booth due to her eyesight. Steven Blais filled an absentee ballot.

Polls were closed at 8:00 P.M. and the ballot box registered 770.

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 Irene DeCotis, Warden.

Box register when polls were opened – 0.

Number of votes cast to be counted – 601.

Number of ballots spoiled – 0.

Number of Escrow ballots cast – 0.

Number of ballots void or not used – 311.

Number of ballots received – 900, plus 9 Absentee ballots.

The following officers were present:

Warden: Irene DeCotis

Clerk: Dorothy L. Lackie

Inspectors: Betty White, Arlene Saulniers, Florence Lecuyer,
Janice Richard, Betsy Ellis.

Police Officers: Scott Gordon, Chris Richmond.

Polls were closed at 8:00 P.M. and the ballot box registered 601.

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

Attest: Richard Threfall, Town Clerk

**RESULTS OF THE ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
HELD APRIL 7, 2003**

	<u>Prec. I</u>	<u>Prec. II</u>	<u>Prec. III</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>SELECTMEN – Three Years</u>				
Robert J. St. Jean	381	488	409	1278
James S. Madruga, Jr.	278	268	173	719
Blanks	10	11	16	37
Write-ins:				
Gary Rawcliffe			2	2
Brenda Smith			1	1
Roger Cabral		1		1
Paul Pelletier		2		2
Total	669	770	601	2040

<u>ASSESSOR – Three Years</u>				
George H. Perry, Jr.	480	532	443	1455
Blanks	188	236	157	581
Write-ins:				
Roger Cabral			1	1
Paul Trahan		1		1
Valarie Lacasse		1		1
Miscellaneous	1			1
Total	669	770	601	2040

<u>BOARD OF HEALTH – Three Years</u>				
Gerald L. Toussaint	493	550	442	1485
Blanks	176	215	158	549
Write-ins:				
Thomas Fantozzi			1	1
Alex Feinman		1		1
Paul Trahan		1		1
Miscellaneous		3		3
Total	669	770	601	2040

<u>SCHOOL COMMITTEE – Three Years</u>				
Gary L. Rousseau	505	571	465	1541
Blanks	164	194	133	491
Write-ins:				
John Bolarinho		1	1	2
Louis Bedard			1	1
Robert Meunier			1	1
Valerie Lacasse		1		1
Christopher Richmond		1		1
Miscellaneous		2		2
Total	669	770	601	2040

TRUSTEE OF FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY – Three Years

James A. Knox	487	532	436	1455
Alfred H. Robichaud	397	449	382	1228
Blanks	453	558	384	1395
Write-ins:				
Claudette Olivier	1			1
Miscellaneous		1		1
Total	1338	1540	1202	4080

CEMETERY BOARD – Three Years

Paul H. Fortin	511	581	453	1545
Blanks	158	187	148	493
Write-ins:				
Peter Fortin		1		1
Miscellaneous		1		1
Total	669	770	601	2040

PARK COMMISSIONER – Three Years

Gary H. Wilson	491	549	437	1477
Blanks	178	220	162	560
Write-ins:				
Robert Meunier			1	1
Bill Lessa			1	1
Miscellaneous		1		1
Total	669	770	601	2040

PLANNING COMMISSIONER – Five Years

Richard P. Forand	472	535	438	1445
Blanks	197	235	163	595
Total	669	770	601	2040

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS – Three Years

Michael J. Kennefick	413	457	392	1262
Charles E. Vieira	439	474	388	1301
Blanks	485	607	420	1512
Write-ins:				
Richard Threlfall			1	1
Gary Rawcliffe			1	1
Paul Fortin	1	1		2
Jeffrey Schuster		1		1
Total	1338	1540	1202	4080

	<u>Prec. I</u>	<u>Prec. II</u>	<u>Prec. III</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS – One Year</u>				
Matthew C. Goulet	394	410	318	1122
Antone Medeiros, Jr.	228	276	225	729
Blanks	44	83	58	185
Write-ins:				
Paul Fortin	3	1		4
Total	669	440	601	2040

<u>COMMISSIONER OF TRUST FUNDS – Two Years</u>				
Blanks	663	766	596	2025
Write-ins:				
William Krause	1	1	1	3
Nancy Viveiros	1		1	2
Paul Fortin			1	1
Ed Verissimo			1	1
Antone Medeiros, Jr.			1	1
Fred Souza	1			1
Bob Lanzoni	1			1
Sandra Vigeant	1			1
Stephen Coleman	1			1
Joseph Monteiro		1		1
Scott Gordon		1		1
Marc LaPlante		1		1
Total	669	770	601	2040

<u>COMMISSIONER OF TRUST FUNDS – Three Years</u>				
Blanks	649	756	589	1994
Write-ins:				
Ed Verissimo			2	2
David Duggan			1	1
Greg Gravanis			1	1
John Bernard			1	1
Ted Cioper			1	1
Marc LaPlante	5	5	2	12
Simone Coutinho			1	1
Maria Otock	1			1
John Roy			1	1
David Wojnar			1	1
Nancy Viveiros	1		1	2
William Krause	5	2		7
John Bolarinho	2	1		3
Robert Ferreira	1			1
Paul Fortin	1			1
Betty Gatenby	1			1
Peter Koczera	1			1
Thomas Carreau	1			1

COMMISSIONERS OF TRUST FUNDS – Three Years (Continued)

Toni Ann Kennfield	1			1
Peter Olejarz		1		1
Alex Feinman		1		1
George Panagakos		1		1
Paul Leahy		1		1
Matthew Kut		1		1
Miscellaneous		1		1
Total	669	770	601	2040

QUESTION #1

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACT

Yes	365	422	383	1170
No	181	251	162	594
Blanks	123	97	56	276
Total	669	770	601	2040

Attest: Richard Threlfall
 Town Clerk

Percentage of votes cast – 28.9%

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

In April of 2003, Robert J. St. Jean was elected to his second consecutive term and third overall as Selectman. Selectman David E. Wojnar was elected Chairman of the Board.

SLOCUM STREET BRIDGE

Due to delays in the project, the bridge repairs were completed in the summer of this year. A complete reconstruction was done, including new sidewalks, guardrails, period lighting and a new water main. The new bridge not only improves traffic flow and services to the Town, it greatly enhances one of the main entrances to our Town.

FINANCES

The Town's sound Fiscal planning over the years allowed us to preserve the level of service residents expect and enhance them in the public safety sector. In tough economic times, Acushnet continues to receive excellent reports from the Bonding Agencies and Independent Auditors.

RIVER CLEANUP

The Federal Environmental Protection Agency completed the PCB removal of the Acushnet River from Main Street to just south of the Slocum Street Bridge. The cleanup included installing dams at the two ends of the project and draining the river bed. The only delays involved were related to an archaeological dig for artifacts. This part of the river is already returning to its natural state.

PUBLIC SAFETY

This past year saw significant changes in the public safety sector. An emergency Response Team was established to review and prepare for all types of emergencies. The team has applied for and received many of the State and Federal Government's Homeland Security Grants.

The Fire Department has been undergoing a transition with Acting Chief Gerard Bergeron and Provisional Chief Kevin Gallagher leading the way. The Board of Selectmen hopes to have a permanent Chief in place during the first half of 2004.

The most significant change in the public safety sector is in the Town providing Advanced Life Support. The Board of Selectmen negotiated a \$95,000.00 award and vehicle to help with the operation's startup. We have hired paramedics and continue to train our Basic EMT's to enhance the service provided to our residents.

GOLF COURSE

This Golf season was the first under the new management team. The Golf Committee and Board of Selectmen chose to go with a Manager and Head Professional, and by all reports it has been very well received by the golfing public. In October, the Town held an appreciation day for residents and customers to let everyone see the progress that the course has made in five years.

TOWN HALL REHABILITATION

In a continuing effort to maintain the Town's buildings, a contract was awarded to K & R Painting of Fairhaven for exterior work on the Town Hall. If funding is available, the Board has targeted the Fire Station as the next project.

Respectfully submitted,

David E. Wojnar, Chairman
David M. Tomlinson, Member
Robert J. St. Jean, Member
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Alan G. Coutinho
TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

**OFFICERS APPOINTED
BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

POLICE COMMISSIONERS

David E. Wojnar	2004
David M. Tomlinson	2005
Robert J. St. Jean	2006

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Alan G. Coutinho

TOWN ACCOUNTANT / DIRECTOR OF FINANCES

Cathy L. Doane

TOWN TREASURER / COLLECTOR

Laurie J. Avery

ASSISTANT TOWN TREASURER / COLLECTOR

Jacqueline Boudreau

TAX TITLE CUSTODIAN

Laurie Avery

TOWN COUNSEL

Kopelman & Paige

TOWN INSURANCE BROKER

Viveiros-Feitelberg Insurance

POLICE CHIEF

Michael R. Poitras

FIRE CHIEF

Kevin A. Gallagher

ACUSHNET EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES DIRECTOR

Adrienne Y. Rivet

ADA COORDINATOR

Alan G. Coutinho

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER / INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

Rebekah A. Tomlinson

ASSISTANT ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

Karen A. Jachna

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

Charlotte Coutinho
Connie Preston

Donna Forand
Joyce Reynolds

BOARD OF APPEALS

Richard J. Lally	2008
Gerald Toussaint	2007
Lawrence Marshall	2006
Ronald Matton	2005
Carole Westgate	2004
Paul B. Hipolito (Alternate)	2004
Paul Trahan (Alternate)	2004

BUILDING BOARD OF APPEALS

Raymond F. LeBlanc	2006
Frederick Law	2005
Conrad Desroches	2004

INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS

John Roza, III

DEPUTY BUILDING INSPECTOR

Steven M. Pina

GAS INSPECTOR

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

PLUMBING DEPARTMENT

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

WIRE INSPECTOR

Frank Knox

DEPUTY WIRE INSPECTORS

Victor Pereira
Barry Williams

BY-LAW REVIEW COMMITTEE

Marc Laplante	2006
Leo Rousseau	2006
John Roza, III	2006
Richard Threlfall	2005
David M. Tomlinson	2005
Carol Westgate	2004
Raymond LeBlanc	2004

CABLE T.V. ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

Steven Horsfall (Conservation Commission)	2006
Gloria Lavoie (Historical Commission)	2006
Lawrence Mulvey (Housing Authority)	2006
JoAnn Bertrand (Citizen Member)	2005
Marc Cenerizio (Planning Commission)	2005
Geraldine Frates (Citizen Member)	2005
Marc Antone (Park Commissioners)	2004
Evelyn L. Bouley (Citizen Member)	2004
Ellen Hardy (Citizen Member)	2004

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Marc C. Brodeur	2006
Carol Chongarlides	2006
Ted Cioper	2005
Steven Horsfall	2005
Robert Rocha, Jr.	2005
Patricia Picard	2004
Gregory Wood	2004

CONSERVATION AGENT

Sarah French Storer

CONSTABLES

George Souza	2006
Rebekah A. Tomlinson	2006
Frank J. Adesso	2004
Louis Berard	2004
David Lee Botas	2004
Nilton Cordoniz	2004
Brian E. Costa	2004
Michael A. Ferreira	2004
Marc E. Laplante	2004
Herve W. Vandal, Jr.	2004

COUNCIL ON AGING

Milton Reynolds	2005
Stella Bertrand	2004
Irene Bouchard	2004
William F. Duggan	2004
Ruth Gilmore	2004
Dorothy Gomes	2004
J. George O'Brien	2004
Dorothy Szyndlar (Alternate Member)	2004

COUNCIL ON AGING DIRECTOR

William Contois

CULTURAL COUNCIL MEMBER

Jeannette Francis	2006
Edward Macomber	2006
Leanne Pereira	2006
John Simmonds	2006
Patricia Mulvey	2005
Margaret Santos	2005
Walter S. Dalton, Jr.	2004

DOWNTOWN STEERING COMMITTEE

Alan G. Coutinho	2004
Charlotte Coutinho	2004
Geraldine Frates	2004
Everett L. Hardy, Jr.	2004
Leo Rousseau	2004
Paul Trahan	2004
David E. Wojnar	2004

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (DIRECTOR)

Gerard Bergeron

EMPOWERMENT REPRESENTATIVES

David E. Wojnar

Alan G. Coutinho

ENFORCEMENT AGENT FOR THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

John Roza, III

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Roger Cabral	2006
Rafael Leonor	2006
Gail A. Rodrigues	2006
Elizabeth Gatenby	2005
Mary Lou Marques	2005
Paul Pelletier	2005
Heidi Branco	2004
John Howcroft	2004
Valerie Lacasse	2004

FOREST WARDEN, INSPECTOR OF GARAGES

Kevin A. Gallagher

GOLF MANAGEMENT & OPERATIONAL COMMITTEE

Manuel Goulart (Business Community Representative)	2004
Everett L. Hardy, Jr. (Member-at-Large)	2004
John Howcroft (Finance Committee)	2004
Edward Issac (Member-at-Large)	2004
Joseph Lopes, Jr. (Park Commissioner Representative)	2004

GROWTH MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

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

Gladys Varrieur

HERRING WARDEN

Ted Govoni

ASSISTANT HERRING WARDEN

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Stephen Gilmore	2006
Roberta Leonard	2006
Joyce Reynolds	2006
Madeline Gwozdz	2004
Gloria Lavoie	2004
Irwin Marks	2004
Louise Richard	2004
Maria Boisvert (Alternate)	2004
Pauline Teixeira (Alternate)	2004

HOUSING PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE

Robert Medeiros	2005
Henry Young	2005

MOTH SUPERINTENDENT / INSPECTOR OF PEST CONTROL

Everett L. Hardy, Jr.

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

Linda Enos
Steven Raposa
Leo Coons

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

Marc Cenerizio	2005
Ted Cioper	2005
Robert Rocha	2005
Sarah French Storer	2005

PARKING CLERK

Alan G. Coutinho

PCB REPRESENTATIVE ON THE NEW BEDFORD SUPERFUND FORUM

David Tomlinson

PHASE II STORMWATER COMMITTEE

Marc Cenerizio (Planning Commission)	2004
Alan Coutinho (Town Administrator)	2004
Thomas Fantozzi (Board of Health Agent)	2004
John Roza, III (Building Inspector)	2004
Richard Settele (DPW Superintendent)	2004
Sarah French Storer (Conservation Commission Agent)	2004

POLL WORKERS FOR PRECINCT I

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

POLL WORKERS FOR PRECINCT II

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

POLL WORKERS FOR PRECINCT III

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

POPE PARK STUDY COMMITTEE

Kathy V. Adams	2004
Douglas Corrigan	2004
Michael Desrosiers	2004
Elaine LaBelle	2004
Charles Marshall	2004
Gary Pope	2004

PORTABLE SIGN COMMITTEE

Richard A. Ellis
Peter Koczera

Robert Hall
Paul Melo

John Roza, III

PPWG – HARBOR TRUSTEE COUNCIL MEMBER

Gary Coppa

PUBLIC SAFETY COORDINATOR

Robert J. St. Jean

REGISTRAR OF VOTERS

Christine T. Krause	2004
Ginger Miller	2004
Lorraine Daniel	2005

RIGHT TO KNOW COORDINATOR

None

SAFETY COMMITTEE

Paul Melo (Safety Officer)	2006
Gerri Reed	2006
Lewis Elgar, Jr.	2004
Kevin Gallagher (Fire Chief)	2004

SEALER OF WEIGHTS & MEASURES

Theodore Machado

SHELLFISH WARDEN / HARBORMASTER

Gary Coppa

ASSISTANT SHELLFISH WARDEN / HARBORMASTER

Peter W. Koczera

DEPUTY SHELLFISH WARDEN

Robert Medeiros

SKATE BOARD PARK COMMITTEE

Edyth Coons	upon completion of the Skate Park
Rhonda Arno	upon completion of the Skate Park
Donald Camara	upon completion of the Skate Park
Joseph Lopes	upon completion of the Skate Park

SOIL CONSERVATION BOARD

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

SPECIAL POLICE OFFICER OF NEW BEDFORD WATER WORKS

SPECIAL POLICE OFFICER ACUSHNET METHODIST CHURCH

None

S.R.P.E.D.D. – J.T.P.G. MEMBERS

Henry Young
Robert J. St. Jean (Alternate)

S.R.T.A. ADVISORY COMMISSION MEMBERS

Robert J. St. Jean

STREET NAME COMMITTEE

Kevin Gallagher (Fire Chief)

Michael Poitras (Police Chief)

Adrienne Rivet (E.M.S. Director)

TAX SHIFT STUDY COMMITTEE

Marc Cenerizio	2004
Michael Cioper	2004
John Howcroft	2004
Richard Threlfall	2004
Paul Trahan	2004

TILCON CAPALDI CLOSURE PLAN COMMITTEE

David E. Wojnar

Raymond LeBlanc

VETERANS' AGENT, DIRECTOR OF VETERANS' SERVICES

Veterans Burial Agent for Indigent Soldiers & Sailors

& Veterans' Grave Officer (C115 S7 & 9)

Roland E. Lavallee

(TILCON CAPALDI) WEIGHER

Kerrie Almeida	2004
Susan Miranda	2004
Filomenia Yuille	2004

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

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

The current Board of Assessors is: Michael A. Cioper, Chairman; George H. Perry, Jr., Member; and Robert F. Brown, Member. The office staff consists of Elizabeth A. Bates, MAA, Assistant Assessor, and Kelly Koska, Senior Clerk.

The year 2003 was one of extraordinary changes in the Assessor's department. The year commenced with the retirement of longtime Administrator Susanne Sounik, reducing the office staff to two.

Other changes in the office include the installation of a public access computer terminal, which allows the public to access and print property record cards directly from the counter. This makes the process of getting information quicker and in a very cost effective way. The public has responded very positively to this change. The new Patriot CAMA (Computer Assisted Mass Appraisal) system is fully operational and has made the fair and equitable assessment of property more accurate than ever before.

The major project for 2003 was the statutory triennial revaluation of the town. As part of this process, every single structure in town was field reviewed and the database was updated. As a result of this endeavor, the Department of Revenue has deemed that the town is in compliance with the requirement to complete a review of all properties in town over a nine-year cycle. In 2004 the Assessor's Office will commence with a new cycle of mandatory inspections. This process is required to maintain the integrity of the town's database.

The revaluation project, coupled with staff reductions at the Department of Revenue, created some concern about the timeliness of setting the tax rate and ultimately the issuance of the tax bills. While the Assessors completed the valuation process in early November, two weeks behind schedule, the DOR compounded the delay by holding up certification of the tax rate until very late in December. This, unfortunately, was beyond the control of the Board. We believe, however, that all of the changes that have occurred this past year will make the process go much more smoothly in 2004, allowing the department to complete its tax rate setting process early in the fall, rather than later.

As a result of the improve appraisal software, the total field review of the town and a lot of hard work by the entire department, the Assessors were able to generate \$643,486.00 of new growth over the previous year of \$372,780.00. This added revenue helped close the gap between budget cuts from the state and the needs of the citizens of Acushnet.

The Board of Assessors wishes to thank the citizens of Acushnet for their patience and cooperation during this revaluation year. We wish everyone continued good health and best wishes for the New Year.

TAX RATE SUMMARY

	<u>FY 2003</u>	<u>FY 2004</u>
Total Amount to be raised:	\$ 21,492,265.63	\$ 22,916,281.11
Total estimated receipts from		
Other Revenue Sources	\$ 12,175,775.00	\$ 12,752,514.74
TAX LEVY	\$ 9,316,490.63	\$ 10,163,766.37

VALUES BY CLASS	FY 2003	FY 2004
Single Family (101)	\$443,588,000.00	\$656,980,600.00
Condominiums (102)	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
2 & 3 Family (104 & 105)	\$ 23,717,400.00	\$ 34,683,100.00
Multi-Family (111-125)	\$ 3,066,700.00	\$ 4,920,600.00
Vacant Land (130-132, 106)	\$ 19,393,700.00	\$ 21,141,100.00
Others (103, 109, res mix use)	\$ 33,985,370.00	\$ 40,894,930.00
Commercial (3**)	\$ 18,295,931.00	\$ 26,870,594.00
Chapter 61, 61A, 61B	\$ 1,696,911.00	\$ 2,243,819.00
Industrial (4**)	\$ 17,526,300.00	\$ 35,316,960.00
Personal Property	\$ 15,369,440.00	\$ 17,235,630.00

TAX RATE: FY 2004 Residential = \$11.76
Commercial/Industrial = \$15.11

AVERAGE ASSESSED VALUE SINGLE FAMILY HOME - \$184,358.00
(Up 25% over FY 2003)

Respectfully submitted,

**Michael A. Cioper
George H. Perry, Jr.
Robert F. Brown
Acushnet Board of Assessors**

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

Births, Marriages and Deaths Vital Statistics 2003

BIRTHS:

In Acushnet	0
In Other Municipalities	83
Total	83
 Resident	 83
Non-Resident	0
Total	83
 Male	 43
Female	40
Total	83

MARRIAGES:

In Acushnet	19
In Other Municipalities	32
Total	51
 Resident Bride and Groom	 24
Resident Groom	4
Resident Bride	7
Non-Resident Bride and Groom	16
Total	51

DEATHS:

In Acushnet	23
In Other Municipalities	48
Total	71
 Resident Deaths – Female	 38
Resident Deaths – Male	29
Non-Resident Deaths – Female	2
Non-Resident Deaths – Male	2
Total	71

Attest: Richard Threlfall
Town Clerk

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Reconciliation of Treasurer's Cash July 1, 2002 – June 30, 2003

Balances per Reconciled Bank Statements

Boston Safe Deposit & Trust Co.	Money Market	\$ 62,411.59
Boston Safe Deposit & Trust Co.	Vendor Account	539.34
Citizens Bank & Trust	General Account	497,612.88
Citizens Bank & Trust	Money Market	3,176,040.01
Citizens Bank & Trust	Collector's Account	159,270.88
Citizens Bank & Trust	Depository	54,645.27
Citizens Bank & Trust	Golf Course	603,292.04
Citizens Bank & Trust	Payroll	3,564.90
Eastern Bank	Money Market	19,624.57
First Federal Savings	School Lunch	77,563.54
First Federal Savings	Money Market	372,573.14
Fleet Bank	Money Market	124,772.15
Fleet Bank	Checking	119,699.35
Rockland Trust Company	Money Market	345,800.61
Uni Bank	Money Market	55,856.67
State Street	Money Market	<u>85,043.08</u>
		5,758,310.02

Deposits in Transit and Cash on Hand	<u>1,650.00</u>
	5,759,960.02

Fleet Bank – Various Town Trusts	514,042.70
Citizens Bank & Trust – Various Town Trusts	2,408,847.84
Citizens Bank & Trust – Planning Board	71,661.71
Uni Bank – Certificate of Deposit	1,026,801.84
Citizens Bank & Trust – Certificate of Deposit	2,023,376.40
Boston Safe Deposit & Trust – Certificate of Deposit	<u>54,968.84</u>

Total of All Cash and Investments for the Town	\$11,859,650.35
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I herby certify that the foregoing schedule, setting for the total cash in the custody of the Treasurer, is in agreement with the general ledger controls and the Auditor's Report.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie J. Avery
Treasurer/Collector

**RECEIPTS
FISCAL YEAR 2003**

GENERAL FUND

PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES

1997	\$	--
1998		87.00
1999		89.00
2000		136.00
2001		594.00
2002		2,281.00
2003		<u>293,413.00</u>
Total Property Taxes	\$	296,600.00

REAL ESTATE TAXES

Prior Years	\$	2,028.00
2001		0.00
2002		100,272.00
2003		<u>8,819,529.00</u>
Total Real Estate Taxes	\$	8,921,829.00

TAX LIENS REDEEMED

Prior Years	\$	<u>63,073.00</u>
Total Tax Liens Redeemed	\$	63,073.00

TAX LIENS FORECLOSED

Prior Years	\$	<u>--</u>
Total Tax Liens Foreclosed	\$	--

MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE

Prior Years	\$	1,399.00
1994		0.00
1995		86.00
1996		70.00
1997		275.00
1998		824.00
1999		714.00
2000		1,416.00
2001		26,306.00
2002		223,551.00
2003		<u>846,326.00</u>
Total Motor Vehicle Excise	\$	1,100,967.00

FARM EXCISE

	\$	<u>814.00</u>
Total Farm Excise	\$	814.00

PENALTY AND INTEREST

Personal Property Tax	\$ 749.00
Real Estate Tax	23,005.00
Excise	20,782.00
Tax Liens Red.	<u>11,152.00</u>
Total Penalty and Interest	\$ 55,688.00

RUBBISH

Rubbish Revenue	\$ 32,830.00
Liens	<u>0.00</u>
Total Rubbish	\$ 32,830.00

FEES

Police Detail	\$ 6,079.00
Cable	1,665.00
Lien Certificates	22,750.00
Town Clerk Passport Fee	690.00
Non-Renewal Motor Vehicles	<u>8,400.00</u>
Total Fees	\$ 39,584.00

OTHER DEPARTMENTAL REVENUE

Assessors	\$ 1,872.00
Selectmen	4.00
Treasurer	47.00
Collector	5.00
Clerk	7,132.00
Conservation	0.00
Planning Board	2,190.00
Appeal Board	3,275.00
Police	1,628.00
Fire	8,014.00
Building	200.00
Weights & Measures	650.00
Recycling	0.00
Board of Health	27,900.00
Library	221.00
Miscellaneous Revenue	<u>11,996.00</u>
Total Other Departmental Revenue	\$ 65,134.00

LICENSES

Business	\$ 1,080.00
Non-Business	2,350.00
Liquor	14,650.00
Victualers	1,575.00
Amusement	4,050.00
Motor Vehicles	1,725.00
Dog	<u>14,354.00</u>
Total Licenses	\$ 39,784.00

PERMITS

Oil Burner	\$ 1,135.00
Building	34,524.00
Electrical	11,148.00
Gas	3,857.00
Board of Health	17,705.00
Plumbing	9,214.00
Soil Removal	600.00
Gun	<u>2,700.00</u>
Total Permits	\$ 80,883.00

FINES AND FORFEITURES

Dog	\$ 3,372.00
Library	3,396.00
Parking	<u>495.00</u>
Total Fines and Forfeitures	\$ 7,263.00

SALES OF INVENTORY

Cemetery Lots	<u>\$ 600.00</u>
Total Sale of Inventory	\$ 600.00

STATE SHARED REVENUE

Abatements to the Blind	\$ 630.00
Abatements to the Elderly	33,643.00
Abatements to Veterans	13,305.00
Abatements to Surviving Spouse	885.00
Veterans' Benefits	2,436.00
Highway Funds	0.00
Additional Assistance	25,462.00
Lottery Funds	1,439,496.00
Court Fines	750.00
Registry Fines	13,395.00
Other State	1,710.00
School Chapter 70	5,241,382.00
School Transportation	0.00
Police Career Incentive	20,774.00
State Grants	<u>0.00</u>
Total State Shared Revenue	\$ 6,793,868.00

REIMBURSEMENT

Snow & Ice Reimbursement	\$ 10,475.00
Municipal Medicaid Reimbursement	<u>82,647.00</u>
Total Reimbursements	\$ 93,122.00

EARNINGS ON INVESTMENTS

Total Earnings on Investments	<u>\$ 346,138.00</u>
	\$ 346,138.00

INTERFUND TRANSFERS	
From Enterprise Fund	\$ 7,505.00
From Special Revenue	148,000.00
From Trust & Agency	0.00
Total Interfund Transfers	\$ 155,505.00
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TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$ 18,093,682.00
 <u>SCHOOL LUNCH FUND</u>	 \$ 280,412.00
 <u>HIGHWAY CHAPTER 90</u>	 \$ 5,863.00
 <u>SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</u>	
Animal Gift Fund	\$ 5,567.00
Board of Health Grant	0.00
Cable Ed. & Government Access	0.00
Conservation Committee Grant	1,749.00
P.E.G. Access	31,097.00
Downtown Steering Committee	0.00
D.A.R.E. Grant	0.00
Police Grant	16,000.00
Community Policing Grant	0.00
Law Enforcement Trust	341.00
Cops Grant	10,319.00
Police Reimbursable	2,142.00
Bureau of Justice	27,998.00
Historical Commission Survey Plan	0.00
Fire S.A.F.E.	0.00
Fire Equipment Grant	21,000.00
LIG / MEG	12,061.00
Library Gift Fund	282.00
Parting Ways Beautification	89.00
Parting Way Building Grant	0.00
Title 5	16,131.00
Arts Lottery Council	2,898.00
Council on Aging	9,603.00
Notice of Intent – Conservation	6,208.00
E.M.S.	199,120.00
Insurance Reimbursement	29,837.00
SEMASS	26,479.00
Outside Ads	198.00
Skate Park Gift fund	695.00
Recycling Grant	35,000.00
FEMA Grant	40,179.00
Anti-Terrorism	20,500.00
TOTAL SPECIAL REVENUE	\$ 515,493.00

SCHOOL SPECIAL REVENUE

Chapter I	\$ 157,544.00
Title II 94-142	156,858.00
Chapter II	353.00
Early Childhood	6,548.00
D.D.E. – Title II	(1,437.00)
Drug Free School	9,181.00
Education Reform	0.00
Future Educators	(35.00)
Breakfast Startup Grant	0.00
Health Protect	(4,712.00)
Tuition Fund	0.00
Ford Middle School	11,582.00
School Building Rental	0.00
Elementary School Fund	44,701.00
Com. Partnership Grant	(3,676.00)
Academic Support	0.00
Curriculum Framework (SPED)	5,903.00
SPED Corrective Action Grant	5,000.00
Palms State Learning Grant	0.00
Tech Lit. Challenge #612	0.00
Tech Lighthouse	(1,316.00)
Summer Academic Support	19,900.00
Teacher Quality in Education	36,491.00
Enhanced Education	6,303.00
Title V	3,694.00
Breakfast Grant	(12,326.00)
Mental Health / Early Childhood	4,000.00
<u>TOTAL SCHOOL SPECIAL REVENUE</u>	\$ 444,556.00
<u>WATER FUND</u>	\$ 601,584.00
<u>CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND</u>	\$ 327,000.00
<u>SEWER FUND</u>	\$ 311,845.00
<u>GOLF ENTERPRISE FUND</u>	\$ 1,434,826.00
<u>TRUST FUND</u>	
Contributions	\$ 8,392.00
Transfers	633,270.00
Interest & Earnings on Investments	52,275.00
<u>TOTAL TRUST FUND</u>	\$ 693,937.00
<u>GRAND TOTAL</u>	<u>\$22,709,198.00</u>

Attest:

Cathy L. Doane
Director of Finance

**APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES
FISCAL YEAR 2003**

FY 2003 FY 2003
Actual Approp. Actual Expend.

RESERVE FUND 1110

F.B. Reserve Fund	\$ 21,056.00	\$ --
Total Reserve Fund	21,056.00	0.00

TOWN MEETING 1113

Town Meeting / Election	10,500.00	9,715.00
Total Town Meeting	10,500.00	9,715.00

MODERATOR 1114

Salary	584.00	584.00
Supplies	30.00	0.00
In-State Travel	37.00	0.00
Dues / Subscriptions/Memberships	40.00	0.00
Total Moderator	691.00	584.00

SELECTMEN 1122

Salaries – Selectmen	13,582.00	13,582.00
Salaries – Town Administrator	75,298.00	75,298.00
Salaries – Clerical	43,184.00	43,139.00
Salaries – Special Project Manager	13,050.00	12,000.00
Salaries – Temporary	2,500.00	1,659.00
Longevity	600.00	600.00
R. & M Vehicles	925.00	365.00
Special Article School Facility Com.	1,553.00	58.00
Special Article – DEP Site Assessment	23,000.00	4,348.00
Special Article Open Space	285.00	0.00
Special Article Government Study	780.00	0.00
Engineering Fees	544.00	0.00
Consulting / Grant Writer	0.00	0.00
Telephone	2,200.00	1,762.00
Communications – Advertising	4,000.00	3,992.00
Training & Testing	500.00	2.00
Office Supply	900.00	897.00
Town Report / Warrant	4,700.00	4,657.00
Meeting Expenses	200.00	104.00
In-State Travel	1,000.00	199.00
Dues/Subscriptions/Memberships	1,600.00	1,576.00

	FY 2003	FY 2003
	<u>Actual</u> <u>Approp.</u>	<u>Actual</u> <u>Expend.</u>
Special Article Skate Park	30,000.00	0.00
Additional Equipment	5.00	0.00
Special Article Communication Equip.	<u>9,771.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Selectmen	230,177.00	164,238.00

FINANCE COMMITTEE 1131

Salaries – Clerical	2,122.00	1,659.00
Office Supplies	250.00	123.00
In-State Travel	150.00	0.00
Dues/Subscriptions/Memberships	<u>150.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Finance Committee	2,672.00	1,782.00

FINANCE DIRECTOR 1133

Salaries – Director of Finance	<u>6,455.00</u>	<u>6,455.00</u>
Total Finance Director	6,455.00	6,455.00

TOWN ACCOUNTANT 1135

Salaries – Town Accountant	58,950.00	58,950.00
Salaries – Accounting Clerk	26,912.00	26,912.00
Salaries – Billing Clerk	6,162.00	6,138.00
Longevity	400.00	400.00
Overtime	0.00	0.00
Auditing	12,000.00	12,000.00
Telephone	1,600.00	1,220.00
Office Supplies	1,100.00	1,099.00
In-State Travel	150.00	150.00
Dues / Subscriptions/Memberships	150.00	120.00
Additional Equipment	0.00	0.00
Special Article – GASB 34	<u>25,000.00</u>	<u>9,349.00</u>
Total Town Accountant	132,424.00	116,338.00

ASSESSORS 1141

Board of Assessors	10,788.00	10,788.00
Salaries – Assistant Assessor	46,400.00	46,400.00
Salaries – Administrative Assistant	31,602.00	21,608.00
Salaries – Clerical	23,423.00	23,423.00
Salaries – Overtime	0.00	0.00
Longevity	800.00	800.00
R. & M. Office Equipment	175.00	164.00
Annual Update / Consultant	0.00	0.00
Telephone	1,946.00	1,137.00

	FY 2003	FY 2003
	<u>Actual</u> <u>Approp.</u>	<u>Actual</u> <u>Expend.</u>
Printing & Binding	300.00	138.00
Comm. Advertising	155.00	78.00
Training	654.00	437.00
Plot Plans	1,500.00	1,470.00
Reg. Of Deeds / Probate	124.00	121.00
Office Supplies	1,000.00	994.00
In-State Travel	1,000.00	848.00
Dues / Subscriptions / Memberships	250.00	247.00
Additional Equipment	0.00	0.00
Software Expense	8,524.00	5,000.00
Comm. License Fee	6,450.00	3,500.00
Special Article – Triennial Certif.	26,800.00	7,370.00
Special Article Computer Equipment	<u>5,709.00</u>	<u>5,696.00</u>
Total Assessors	167,600.00	130,219.00

TOWN TREASURER 1145

Salaries – Town Treasurer	33,291.00	26,512.00
Salaries – Clerical	28,433.00	28,433.00
Salaries – Temporary	1,200.00	161.00
Salaries – Overtime	5,000.00	4,315.00
Longevity	800.00	800.00
Repairs / Maintenance	0.00	0.00
Legal – Land Court	21,100.00	15,744.00
Low Value Property	314.00	0.00
Loan Expense	4,200.00	1,490.00
Telephone	1,600.00	1,073.00
Communications – Advertising	1,300.00	933.00
Registrar of Deeds / Probate	500.00	480.00
Office Supplies	2,200.00	2,200.00
Postage	18,000.00	17,984.00
In-State Travel	1,500.00	1,423.00
Dues / Subscriptions / Memberships	250.00	190.00
Bonding	1,200.00	910.00
Additional Equipment	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Town Treasurer	120,888.00	102,648.00

TOWN COLLECTOR 1146

Salaries – Town Collector	38,200.00	38,200.00
Salaries – Clerical	26,181.00	26,181.00
Salaries – Temporary	1,050.00	1,047.00
Salaries – Overtime	500.00	333.00
Longevity	600.00	600.00
R. & M. Office Equipment	450.00	195.00

	FY 2003	FY 2003
	<u>Actual</u> <u>Approp.</u>	<u>Actual</u> <u>Expend.</u>
Tax Bills	1,490.00	544.00
Telephone	1,000.00	790.00
Communication – Advertising	1,000.00	1,000.00
Registry Recordings	1,500.00	1,475.00
Office Supplies	1,210.00	1,210.00
In-State Travel / Meals	708.00	679.00
Dues / Subscriptions / Memberships	140.00	95.00
Bonding	700.00	680.00
Additional Equipment	<u>200.00</u>	<u>170.00</u>
Total Town Collector	74,929.00	73,199.00

TOWN COUNSEL 1151

Legal – Land Court	<u>78,500.00</u>	<u>77,227.00</u>
Total Town Counsel	78,500.00	77,227.00

DATA PROCESSING 1155

Salaries – Systems Administrator	3,605.00	3,605.00
Internet Services	5,600.00	5,600.00
R. & M. Copier	3,100.00	2,826.00
Maintenance Agreement	40,000.00	40,000.00
Software Maintenance	5,000.00	770.00
Computer Training & Testing	3,700.00	425.00
Photo – Copier Supply	2,000.00	1,992.00
Wiring Expense	0.00	0.00
Software Expense	500.00	500.00
Other Supplies	2,395.00	2,250.00
In-State Travel	0.00	0.00
Additional Equipment	<u>21,105.00</u>	<u>11,751.00</u>
Total Data Processing	87,005.00	69,719.00

TOWN CLERK 1161

Salaries – Town Clerk	23,753.00	23,753.00
Salaries – clerical	43,965.00	43,883.00
Salaries – Temporary	0.00	0.00
Salaries – Overtime	500.00	497.00
Longevity	200.00	143.00
Repairs / Maintenance	400.00	400.00
Ballots	1,400.00	935.00
Vital Statistics	400.00	343.00
Telephone	1,000.00	821.00
Communications – Advertising	400.00	138.00
Office Supplies	1,500.00	1,455.00

	FY 2003	FY 2003
	<u>Actual</u> <u>Approp.</u>	<u>Actual</u> <u>Expend.</u>
Update Law Books	700.00	254.00
Postage	1,300.00	1,053.00
In-State Travel	700.00	482.00
Des / Subscriptions / Memberships	200.00	130.00
Bonding	60.00	53.00
Additional Equipment	<u>1,900.00</u>	<u>975.00</u>
Total Town Clerk	78,378.00	75,315.00

REGISTRAR OF VOTERS 1163

Salaries – Temporary	5,000.00	5,000.00
Voting Program Movers	2,200.00	1,967.00
Street Voting / Census	3,800.00	1,532.00
Office Supplies	400.00	195.00
Postage	<u>600.00</u>	<u>534.00</u>
Total Registrar of Voters	12,000.00	9,228.00

CONSERVATION 1171

Salaries – Agent	17,978.00	12,715.00
Salaries – Clerical	15,008.00	15,008.00
Salaries – Overtime	1,500.00	1,110.00
Longevity	200.00	200.00
Special Article Appraisals	2,250.00	0.00
Telephone	490.00	434.00
Communications – Advertising	50.00	25.00
Training & Testing	275.00	275.00
Office Supplies	500.00	500.00
Photo Supplies	0.00	0.00
In-State Travel	410.00	175.00
Dues / Subscriptions / Memberships	195.00	165.00
Site Improvement, Land Development	0.00	0.00
Additional Equipment	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Conservation	38,856.00	30,607.00

SOIL BOARD 1172

Salaries – Clerical	1,000.00	1,000.00
Office Supplies	<u>50.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Soil Board	1,050.00	1,000.00

PLANNING BOARD 1175

Salaries – Clerical	8,671.00	8,296.00
Training & Testing	0.00	0.00

	FY 2003 <u>Actual</u> <u>Approp.</u>	FY 2003 <u>Actual</u> <u>Expend.</u>
Communications – Advertising	50.00	16.00
Other Purchase – Serv. Recording	50.00	41.00
Registration Deeds / Update Maps	25.00	19.00
Office Supplies	400.00	275.00
In-State Travel	0.00	0.00
Dues / Subscriptions / Memberships	<u>100.00</u>	<u>80.00</u>
Total Planning Board	9,296.00	8,727.00

BOARD OF APPEALS 1176

Salaries – Clerical	1,853.00	1,305.00
Communications – Advertising	1,455.00	1,405.00
Office Supplies	<u>57.00</u>	<u>55.00</u>
Total Board of Appeals	3,365.00	2,765.00

TOWN HALL COMPLEX 1192

Salaries – Custodian	29,692.00	29,691.00
Salaries – Part-Time Custodian	13,990.00	13,990.00
Salaries – Temporary	0.00	0.00
Salaries – Overtime	5,700.00	5,682.00
Energy	33,118.00	26,747.00
R./ & M. Building & Grounds	7,000.00	6,982.00
Special Article – A.D.A. Requirement	14,375.00	0.00
Supplies	<u>4,650.00</u>	<u>4,329.00</u>
Total Town Hall Complex	108,525.00	87,421.00

BY-LAWS 1197

Office Supplies	<u>475.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total By-Laws	475.00	0.00

POLICE DEPARTMENT 2210

Salaries – Police Chief	84,965.00	84,965.00
Salaries – Permanent	922,856.00	922,856.00
Longevity	5,800.00	5,800.00
Clothing Allowance	10,050.00	9,371.00
R. & M. Building & Grounds	0.00	0.00
Vehicle Maintenance	11,500.00	9,023.00
R. & M. Office Equipment	6,590.00	5,761.00
Software Maintenance	4,750.00	4,680.00
Telephone	4,881.00	4,687.00
Training & Testing	1,165.00	1,165.00
Office Supplies	2,200.00	2,091.00

	FY 2003	FY 2003
	<u>Actual</u> <u>Approp.</u>	<u>Actual</u> <u>Expend.</u>
Meals	750.00	580.00
Other Supplies – Hardware / Lockup	16,935.00	16,498.00
In-State Travel	200.00	0.00
Dues / Subscriptions / Memberships	700.00	700.00
Equipment	<u>28,000.00</u>	<u>27,989.00</u>
Total Police Department	1,101,342.00	1,096,166.00

FIRE DEPARTMENT 2220

Salaries – Fire Chief	63,776.00	63,776.00
Salaries – Permanent	156,920.00	156,609.00
Salaries – clerical Part Time	0.00	0.00
Salaries – Callmen	54,881.00	54,881.00
Overtime	82,752.00	82,396.00
Longevity	2,800.00	2,400.00
Clothing Allowance	8,300.00	8,300.00
Energy	6,100.00	5,861.00
Water	125.00	99.00
R. & M. Building 7 Grounds	500.00	500.00
Special Article – Refurbish Station 1	1,316.00	877.00
R. & M. Equipment	2,603.00	2,575.00
R. & M. Vehicle	4,000.00	3,810.00
Radio Repairs	500.00	499.00
Hepatitis B Shots	667.00	0.00
Medical Exams	405.00	0.00
Telephone	2,690.00	2,159.00
Training / CPR / 1 st Aid	3,831.00	3,746.00
Office Supplies	1,000.00	923.00
Other Supplies	300.00	300.00
Dues / Subscriptions/ Memberships	1,580.00	1,578.00
Additional Equipment	3,076.00	3,073.00
Special Article – Fire Alarm System	<u>55,000.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Fire Department	453,122.00	394,362.00

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES 2232

Salaries – Director	42,210.00	42,210.00
Salaries – Permanent	69,500.00	69,496.00
Salaries – EMT's	104,270.00	92,334.00
Salaries – Billing Clerk	6,162.00	6,138.00
Salaries – Overtime	3,250.00	2,854.00
Longevity	800.00	800.00
Clothing Allowance	1,500.00	1,476.00
Energy	8,800.00	8,469.00
R. & M. Building & Grounds	1,400.00	669.00

	FY 2003	FY 2003
	<u>Actual</u> <u>Approp.</u>	<u>Actual</u> <u>Expend.</u>
R. & M. Equipment	4,050.00	3,692.00
Physicals	600.00	235.00
Telephone	2,000.00	1,787.00
Training & Testing	1,250.00	1,250.00
Collection Expense	3,600.00	3,186.00
Office Supplies	556.00	550.00
Supplies	800.00	751.00
Vehicle Supplies & Maintenance	3,000.00	3,000.00
Medical & Surgical Supplies	6,700.00	6,655.00
Oxygen	2,500.00	2,343.00
In-State Travel	100.00	49.00
Dues / Subscriptions / Memberships	1,200.00	1,200.00
Additional Equipment / Furniture	590.00	441.00
Total Emergency Medical Services	264,838.00	249,585.00

From Taxation: \$109,585.00

From E.M.S. Res. Rec. Account: \$140,000.00

BUILDING DEPARTMENT 2241

Salaries – Building Inspector	42,280.00	40,565.00
Salaries – Clerical	26,181.00	26,181.00
Salaries – Wire Inspector	9,403.00	9,403.00
Salaries – Deputy Wire Inspector	1,100.00	558.00
Salaries – Deputy Building Inspector	3,220.00	914.00
Salaries – Gas / Plumbing Inspector	7,537.00	7,537.00
Salaries – Deputy Gas / Plumbing Inspector	1,100.00	139.00
Salaries – Temporary	2,135.00	731.00
Salaries – Overtime	0.00	0.00
Longevity	600.00	600.00
Training & Testing	1,200.00	20.00
R. & M. Equipment	300.00	204.00
Telephone	1,328.00	1,042.00
Plot Plans	0.00	0.00
Office Supplies	800.00	713.00
Vehicle Supplies	200.00	54.00
Meals	229.00	0.00
In-State Travel	700.00	0.00
Dues / Subscriptions / Memberships	500.00	262.00
Additional Equipment	500.00	0.00
Total Building Department	99,313.00	88,923.00

	FY 2003	FY 2003
	<u>Actual</u> <u>Approp.</u>	<u>Actual</u> <u>Expend.</u>

SEALER OF WEIGHTS & MEASURES 2244

Salaries – Permanent Position	820.00	820.00
Telephone	15.00	0.00
Office Supplies	200.00	139.00
In-State Travel	180.00	0.00
Dues / Subscriptions / Memberships	120.00	0.00
Additional Equipment	<u>300.00</u>	<u>300.00</u>
Total Sealer of Weights & Measures	1,635.00	1,259.00

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY 2291

Longevity – Other Personal Services	0.00	0.00
Energy	1,650.00	1,549.00
Repairs / Equipment Maintenance	1,200.00	1,094.00
R. & M. Building & Grounds	750.00	734.00
Telephone	650.00	424.00
Maintenance & Supplies	300.00	273.00
Disaster Fund	0.00	0.00
In-State Travel	100.00	100.00
Additional Equipment / Gear	<u>908.00</u>	<u>651.00</u>
Total Emergency Management Agency	5,558.00	4,825.00

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER 2292

Salaries – Director	25,994.00	25,994.00
Salaries – Temporary	0.00	0.00
Clothing Allowance	125.00	125.00
R. & M. Equipment	357.00	325.00
Telephone	675.00	652.00
Board Services	1,343.00	206.00
Training & Testing	0.00	0.00
Animal Burials	0.00	0.00
Office Supplies	100.00	98.00
Dues / Subscriptions / Memberships	45.00	30.00
Additional Equipment	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Animal Control Officer	28,639.00	27,430.00

FORESTRY 2294

Salaries – Tree Warden	660.00	660.00
Tree Removal	8,249.00	7,257.00
Tree Planting	1,250.00	536.00
Other Supplies	<u>100.00</u>	<u>88.00</u>
Total Forestry	10,259.00	8,541.00

	FY 2003	FY 2003
	<u>Actual Approp.</u>	<u>Actual Expend.</u>

OLD COLONY REGIONAL SCHOOL 3320

Special Article – Feasibility Study	8,962.00	0.00
Regional School Tuition	<u>1,329,048.00</u>	<u>1,329,048.00</u>
Total Old Colony Regional School	1,338,010.00	1,329,048.00

ACUSHNET SCHOOL DEPARTMENT 3325, 021

Expenses	9,479,252.00	9,445,598.00
School Improvement Internet	1,089,309.00	625,376.00
Roof - Principal	35,000.00	35,000.00
Roof - Interest	<u>4,489.00</u>	<u>4,489.00</u>
Total Acushnet School Department	10,608,050.00	10,111,463.00

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT 4422

Salaries – Superintendent	10,000.00	10,000.00
Salaries – Permanent	181,022.00	170,989.00
Salaries – Highway Superintendent	42,810.00	42,810.00
Salaries – Clerical	13,103.00	13,074.00
Salaries – Temporary	0.00	0.00
Salaries – Overtime	3,500.00	3,365.00
Longevity	1,600.00	1,600.00
Clothing Allowance	3,700.00	3,366.00
Energy	8,500.00	7,089.00
R. & M. Building & Grounds	5,000.00	4,609.00
Special Article – Drainage Squim Brook	0.00	0.00
R. & M. Equipment	20,000.00	19,892.00
Rentals & Leases	21,000.00	19,876.00
Special Article – Phase II Des. (50K)	0.00	0.00
Special Article – Quaker Wells (23K)	1,158.00	1,158.00
Engineering Fees	3,000.00	2,227.00
Telephone	1,400.00	1,350.00
Communications – Advertising	500.00	91.00
Police Detail	2,500.00	2,493.00
Training & Testing	750.00	260.00
Office Supplies	1,000.00	981.00
Gasoline	40,000.00	39,385.00
Street Sign Supplies	1,050.00	1,018.00
Personal Safety Supplies	1,000.00	867.00
Road Materials	80,152.00	77,170.00
In-State Travel	500.00	24.00
Dues/Subscriptions/Memberships/Licenses	400.00	270.00
Additional Equipment	5,000.00	4,807.00

	FY 2003	FY 2003
	<u>Actual Approp.</u>	<u>Actual Expend.</u>
Special Article – Equipment	0.00	0.00
Special Article – Street Sweeper	<u>100,000.00</u>	<u>99,280.00</u>
Total Highway Department	548,645.00	528,051.00

HIGHWAY ROAD EQUIPMENT 4423

O.P.R.S. – Snow Removal / Energy	<u>62,532.00</u>	<u>62,532.00</u>
Total Highway Road Equipment	62,532.00	62,532.00

STREET LIGHTS 4424

Energy	57,000.00	50,273.00
Special Article – Street Lights	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Street Lights	57,000.00	50,273.00

SEMASS 4431

Curbside Pick-Up	65,000.00	65,000.00
R/L – Incinerator – SEMASS	130,000.00	122,783.00
O.P.R.S. – Heavy Pick-Up, Etc.	0.00	0.00
Rubbish Removal	<u>220,500.00</u>	<u>220,500.00</u>
Total SEMASS	415,500.00	408,283.00

CEMETERY 4491

Salaries – Temporary	5,700.00	4,988.00
R. & M. Equipment	650.00	484.00
Building/Grounds Maint./ Ser. & Chrg.	400.00	193.00
Office Supplies	50.00	0.00
Building Repairs / Maintenance / Supplies	<u>225.00</u>	<u>199.00</u>
Total Cemetery	7,025.00	5,864.00

HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICES 5510

Salaries – Board	8,268.00	8,268.00
Salaries – Sanitarian	45,762.00	45,762.00
Salaries – Clerical	26,181.00	26,131.00
Salaries – Temporary	17,862.00	17,833.00
Salaries – Overtime	0.00	0.00
Longevity	400.00	400.00
Contracted Inspection Services	1,100.00	995.00
Clothing Allowance	100.00	100.00
R. & M. Vehicle	500.00	27.00
Physician	1,000.00	775.00

	FY 2003	FY 2003
	<u>Actual</u> <u>Approp.</u>	<u>Actual</u> <u>Expend.</u>
Prof. Pub. Health Agency	14,000.00	14,000.00
Clinic Expense. – Rabies Control	225.00	0.00
Telephone	2,310.00	2,299.00
Communications – Advertising	690.00	487.00
Training & Testing	400.00	272.00
Office Supplies	1,690.00	1,625.00
Postage	700.00	444.00
Photocopier Supplies	750.00	590.00
Software Expense	0.00	0.00
Medical & Surgical Supplies	1,402.00	61.00
Water Testing	100.00	0.00
In-State Travel	200.00	49.00
Dues / Subscriptions / Memberships	160.00	160.00
Additional Equipment	<u>400.00</u>	<u>390.00</u>
Total Health Inspection Service	124,200.00	120,668.00

COUNCIL ON AGING 5541

Salaries – Director	22,279.00	22,279.00
Salaries – Temporary	9,095.00	9,095.00
Energy	8,000.00	7,552.00
R. & M. Building & Grounds	700.00	692.00
R. & M. Vehicles	800.00	539.00
Telephone	1,200.00	749.00
Alarm Services	770.00	281.00
Office Supplies	500.00	499.00
Postage	150.00	150.00
Building Supplies	700.00	698.00
Share Program	0.00	0.00
Nutrition	4,200.00	4,200.00
In-State Travel	<u>1,036.00</u>	<u>400.00</u>
Total Council on Aging	49,430.00	47,134.00

VETERANS 5543

Salaries – Permanent	5,810.00	5,810.00
Telephone	630.00	398.00
Training & Testing	600.00	279.00
Training / Public Awareness	300.00	113.00
Office Supplies	400.00	393.00
Other Supplies	0.00	0.00
Veterans' Benefits	<u>8,950.00</u>	<u>8,799.00</u>
Total Veterans	16,690.00	15,792.00

	FY 2003	FY 2003
	<u>Actual Approp.</u>	<u>Actual Expend.</u>

LIBRARY 6610

Salaries – Director – Part-Time	31,598.00	31,598.00
Salaries – Asst. Director – Part-Time	19,498.00	17,516.00
Salaries – Education	100.00	92.00
Salaries – Technical	41,416.00	39,672.00
Salaries – Custodian	7,489.00	6,984.00
Longevity	400.00	246.00
Energy	4,450.00	4,093.00
R. & M. Building & Grounds	1,224.00	1,222.00
R. & M. Office Equipment	500.00	180.00
Telephone	1,600.00	1,547.00
Education	250.00	210.00
SEAL Expense	9,632.00	9,632.00
Office Supplies	1,750.00	1,354.00
Children's Ed. Supplies	500.00	381.00
Other Supplies	12,554.00	12,547.00
In-State Travel	300.00	206.00
Additional Equipment	250.00	135.00
Total Library	133,511.00	127,615.00

RECREATION 6630

Energy	3,950.00	2,727.00
Service & Maintenance	1,700.00	1,700.00
Telephone	500.00	377.00
Communication – Advertising	0.00	0.00
Summer Youth	9,977.00	9,977.00
Office Supplies	50.00	0.00
Hardware	1,300.00	1,218.00
Other Supplies – Athletic, etc.	300.00	56.00
Total Recreation	17,777.00	16,055.00

PARK DEPARTMENT 6650

Salaries – Permanent	8,991.00	8,991.00
Salaries – Permanent Laborer	7,709.00	7,700.00
Salaries – Clerical	0.00	0.00
R. & M. – Equipment	500.00	500.00
Service – Trash Removal	150.00	150.00
Restroom Supplies	175.00	157.00
Stone Dust	2,900.00	2,020.00
Special Article – Lawn Mower	0.00	0.00
Total Park Department	20,425.00	19,518.00

	FY 2003	FY 2003
	<u>Actual Approp.</u>	<u>Actual Expend.</u>

HISTORICAL COMMISSION 6691

Energy	3,007.00	2,690.00
R. & M. Building & Grounds	3,806.00	3,225.00
Telephone / Alarm	720.00	657.00
Communications – Advertising	50.00	0.00
Special Article – Historic Inventory	478.00	0.00
Office Supplies	30.00	20.00
Postage	20.00	0.00
In-State Travel	210.00	210.00
Dues / Subscriptions / Memberships	<u>50.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Historical Commission	8,371.00	6,802.00

CELEBRATIONS 6692

Road Race	300.00	300.00
Memorial Day / July 4	<u>1,885.00</u>	<u>1,724.00</u>
Total Celebrations	2,185.00	2,024.00

MISCELLANEOUS 2699

Beautification	642.00	636.00
Street Acceptance	0.00	0.00
Acushnet Cultural Council	0.00	0.00
Shellfish Warden / Harbormaster	237.00	0.00
Herring Inspector	237.00	0.00
Safety Committee	214.00	0.00
Housing Partnership	238.00	0.00
Special Article – Buzzards Bay Act Comm.	<u>1,266.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Miscellaneous	2,834.00	636.00

RETIREMENT OF DEBT 7710

L.T.D. Fire Engine	42,000.00	42,000.00
Long Term Debt	<u>20,000.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Retirement of Debt	62,000.00	42,000.00

INTEREST 7751

Long Term Debt Interest	12,100.00	5,157.00
Short Term Debt – Loan Interest	<u>10,000.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Interest	22,100.00	5,157.00

COUNTY ASSESSMENTS 8830

County Tax	<u>86,004.00</u>	<u>86,004.00</u>
Total County Tax	86,004.00	86,004.00

STATE ASSESSMENTS 8850

Special Education	0.00	0.00
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax	6,280.00	7,220.00
Mosquito Assessment	19,611.00	19,613.00
Air Pollution Assessment	2,100.00	2,100.00
RTA Assessment	22,609.00	22,609.00
SRPEDD	<u>1,642.00</u>	<u>1,641.00</u>
Total State Assessments	52,242.00	53,183.00

PENSIONS 1911

Bristol County Retirement	420,711.00	412,748.00
Social Security	13,000.00	8,221.00
Medicare	<u>82,000.00</u>	<u>81,563.00</u>
Total Pensions	515,711.00	502,532.00

WORKERS' COMPENSATION 1912

Fringe benefits / Charges	<u>50,000.00</u>	<u>46,954.00</u>
Total Workers' Compensation	50,000.00	46,954.00

UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION 1913

Fringe Benefits / Charges	<u>7,500.00</u>	<u>1,002.00</u>
Total Unemployment Compensation	7,500.00	1,002.00

HEALTH INSURANCE 1914

Blue Cross / Blue Shield Health Insurance	741,000.00	736,534.00
CRA / Flexible Benefits Plan	<u>1,860.00</u>	<u>1,740.00</u>
Total Health Insurance	742,860.00	738,274.00

LIABILITY INSURANCE 1945

Ins. Pr. Dis. – Fire – Police Accident H.	9,800.00	7,000.00
Property Liability / M.V.	<u>86,150.00</u>	<u>76,141.00</u>
Total Liability Insurance	95,950.00	83,141.00

	FY 2003	FY 2003
	<u>Actual</u> <u>Approp.</u>	<u>Actual</u> <u>Expend.</u>

TRANSFERS 9999

Transfers to Capital Project	0.00	0.00
Transfers to Special Revenue	8,817.00	8,817.00
Transfers to Enterprise Funds	0.00	0.00
Transfers to Trust & Agency	<u>632,270.00</u>	<u>632,270.00</u>
Total Transfers	642,087.00	642,087.00

SEWER DEPARTMENT 6004440

Salaries – Engineer	15,776.00	15,776.00
Salaries – Permanent Laborer	8,258.00	8,247.00
Salaries – Water / Sewer Superintendent	3,000.00	1,936.00
Salaries – Clerical – Part Time	6,552.00	6,552.00
Salaries – Billing Clerk	2,691.00	2,455.00
Salaries – Overtime	1,000.00	556.00
Longevity	100.00	100.00
Fringe Benefits - Health/Vacation	800.00	632.00
Clothing Allowance	200.00	200.00
Energy	3,000.00	2,090.00
Service & Maintenance – Equipment	5,000.00	246.00
R. & M. Vehicles	200.00	100.00
R. & M. Building & Grounds	0.00	0.00
Software Maintenance	500.00	500.00
Maintenance of system	10,000.00	3,728.00
Sewer Pumping – New Bedford	290,000.00	229,299.00
Telephone	1,000.00	630.00
Legal Expense	5,000.00	481.00
Engineering Fecs	10,000.00	112.00
Court Judgments	0.00	0.00
Training & Testing	300.00	45.00
Gasoline	400.00	400.00
Office Supplies	200.00	99.00
Sewer Bills	500.00	109.00
Postage	700.00	559.00
In-State Travel	100.00	0.00
Upgrading System	3,000.00	174.00
Additional Equipment	5,000.00	0.00
Special Article – Equipment	<u>40,000.00</u>	<u>24,005.00</u>
Sub-Total	413,277.00	299,031.00

	FY 2003	FY 2003
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Approp.</u>
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Expend.</u>

RETIREMENT OF DEBT 6007440

Long Term Debt – Sewer	20,000.00	20,000.00
Long Term Debt – Interest	<u>1,450.00</u>	<u>1,416.00</u>
Sub-Total	<u>21,450.00</u>	<u>21,416.00</u>
Total Sewer Department	434,727.00	320,447.00

From Sewer Users' Fees

WATER DEPARTMENT 2704450

Salaries – Engineer	23,644.00	23,644.00
Salaries – Permanent Labor	58,973.00	53,807.00
Salaries – Superintendent	27,000.00	15,451.00
Salaries – Clerical – Part Time	6,552.00	6,552.00
Salaries – Billing Clerk	9,859.00	9,821.00
Salaries – Overtime	7,000.00	6,669.00
Longevity	100.00	100.00
Fringe Benefit – Health/Vacation	1,500.00	1,500.00
Clothing Allowance	1,000.00	964.00
Energy	2,500.00	1,721.00
New Bedford Water Bills	350,000.00	275,785.00
R. & M. Building & Grounds	2,000.00	776.00
Vehicle Maintenance	1,000.00	878.00
Software Maintenance	500.00	500.00
Maintenance of System	5,087.00	3,309.00
Repair / Trench Repairs	2,500.00	2,471.00
Rentals & Lease	1,000.00	199.00
Legal Expenses	5,000.00	1,000.00
Court Judgments	0.00	0.00
Engineering Fees	10,000.00	8,159.00
Telephone	500.00	245.00
Training & Testing	1,000.00	866.00
Other Purch. Service – Police Detail	2,000.00	1,971.00
Gasoline	1,000.00	1,000.00
Office Supplies	750.00	621.00
Water Bills	1,000.00	1,000.00
Postage	2,200.00	1,626.00
Water Testing	4,000.00	2,562.00
P.W. Supplies – Equipment Supplies	10,000.00	9,901.00
In-State Travel	400.00	13.00
Dues/Subscriptions/Memberships/Licenses	500.00	355.00
Upgrading System	500.00	500.00

	FY 2003	FY 2003
	<u>Actual</u> <u>Approp.</u>	<u>Actual</u> <u>Expend.</u>
Additional Equipment – New Meters	33,500.00	33,488.00
Special Article – Equipment	<u>40,000.00</u>	<u>24,006.00</u>
Sub-Total	612,585.00	491,480.00

RETIREMENT OF DEBT 2707450

Long Term Debt – Water	20,000.00	20,000.00
Long Term Debt – Interest	<u>3,600.00</u>	<u>3,460.00</u>
Sub-Total	23,600.00	23,460.00

TRANSFERS 2709999

Transfers to General Fund	2,000.00	2,000.00
Transfers to Special Revenue	<u>65,000.00</u>	<u>65,000.00</u>
Sub-Total	<u>67,000.00</u>	<u>67,000.00</u>
Total Water Department	703,185.00	581,940.00

From Water Users' Fees

GOLF COURSE 6606650

Salaries – Director	45,600.00	44,477.00
Salaries – Clubhouse Employees	90,000.00	79,992.00
Fringe Benefits	17,400.00	12,979.00
Energy	18,000.00	9,405.00
R. & M. Building & Grounds	4,000.00	1,745.00
R. & M. Equipment	20,000.00	8,751.00
Rentals & Leases	97,600.00	94,892.00
Legal Expenses	2,000.00	400.00
Management Consulting	568,981.00	567,512.00
Telephone	7,500.00	5,756.00
Communications – Advertising	35,000.00	31,569.00
Uniforms	2,000.00	742.00
Gasoline	10,000.00	6,239.00
Supplies – Golf Shop	52,500.00	44,861.00
Food Supplies	78,000.00	76,048.00
Other Supplies	12,500.00	8,713.00
In-State Travel	1,250.00	0.00
Dues/Subscriptions/Memberships/ Licenses	1,750.00	930.00
Insurance	8,400.00	6,136.00
Capital Projects	<u>50,000.00</u>	<u>24,922.00</u>
Sub-Total	1,122,481.00	1,026,069.00

	FY 2003	FY 2003
	<u>Actual Approp.</u>	<u>Actual Expend.</u>

DEBT SERVICE 6607650

Long Term Debt - Golf Principal	160,000.00	160,000.00
Long Term Debt – Interest	<u>335,240.00</u>	<u>335,240.00</u>
Sub-Total	495,240.00	495,240.00

TRANSFERS 6609999

Transfers to General Fund	<u>7,505.00</u>	<u>7,505.00</u>
Sub-Total	<u>7,505.00</u>	<u>7,505.00</u>
Total Golf Course Enterprise Fund	1,625,226.00	1,528,814.00

TOTAL	<u>\$21,601,325.00</u>	<u>\$20,321,571.00</u>
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OTHER EXPENDITURES

FY 2003
Actual Expend.

CAPITAL PROJECT FUNDS

Computer Project	0.00
School Renovation	6,936,817.00
School Playground	0.00
Water - Hamlin Street	63,994.00
Parkingways Building Project	121,285.00
Sewer Infiltration Project	5,728.00
Sewer - Phase 2	273,069.00
DPW Equipment	0.00
EMS Building	0.00
Water Main Project	0.00
Water Meter Replacement	0.00
A.D.A. Compliance - Town Hall	7,331.00
Water Main Replacement	<u>0.00</u>
Total Capital Project Funds	7,408,224.00

CHAPTER 90 HIGHWAYS FUNDS

Highway Projects & Equipment	0.00
Hamlin Street	2,694.00
Main Street	(1,031.00)
Middle Road / Peckham Road	6,573.00
Lawson Avenue	252,278.00
Slocum Street Reconstruction	13,455.00
Street Signs	17,707.00
Reclaim & Resurface	<u>0.00</u>
Total Chapter 90 Highway Funds	291,676.00

SCHOOL SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

School Lunch	267,859.00
Grants & Funding	<u>443,164.00</u>
Total School Special Revenue Funds	711,023.00

SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

Animal Gift Fund	1,285.00
Community Development	0.00
Building Maintenance	0.00
Cable Education & Government Access	0.00
Peg Access	22,570.00
Empowerment Fund	7.00
Downtown Steering Committee	620.00
Historical Commission Survey Planning	6,000.00

FY 2003
Actual Expend.

Bureau of Justice	2,800.00
Police D.A.R.E.	881.00
Community Policing	39,679.00
Cops Grant	10,319.00
Law Enforcement Trust	0.00
Police Reimbursable	0.00
Fire Safe Grant	2,214.00
Firefighter Equipment Grant	20,616.00
Council on Aging	9,603.00
C.O.A. Building	0.00
Library Gift Fund	257.00
Library Building Grant	0.00
LIG / MEG	10,535.00
B.O.H.	219.00
Arts Lottery	7,689.00
Compost Bins	0.00
Title V – Water Pollution	1,522.00
Title V – Bond Principal	5,436.00
SEMASS	26,479.00
Parting Ways Beautification	0.00
Parting Ways Building Grant	0.00
Notice of Intent	490.00
Conservation Commission Grant	15,000.00
E.M.S. Fund	140,000.00
Insurance Reimbursements	29,837.00
Outside Ads	198.00
Anti-terrorism Grant	20,500.00
FEMA Grant	38,051.00
Skate Park Gift Fund	0.00
Recycling Grant	14,371.00
LLEBG	<u>54,088.00</u>
Total Special Revenue Funds	481,266.00

TRUSTS

Various	<u>3,755.00</u>
Total Trust Fund	3,755.00

GRAND TOTAL

\$29,217,515.00

Attest:

Cathy L. Doane
Director of Finance

**TOWN OF ACUSHNET
GENERAL FUND**

**BALANCE SHEET
JUNE 30, 2003**

ASSETS

Cash and Short Term Investments	\$ 4,143,060.00
Receivables:	
Personal Property	6,417.00
Real Estate	76,651.00
Tax Liens	158,552.00
Taxes in Litigation	308.00
Motor Vehicle Excise	117,017.00
Farm Excise	862.00
Emp. Rec. – Police Academy	0.00
Tax Foreclosures	<u>160,428.00</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 4,663,295.00</u>

LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY

LIABILITIES

Warrants Payable	\$ 768,735.00
Other Liabilities	30,663.00
Accrued Salaries – Teachers	141,865.00
Allow Abate & Exempt. 1996-2003	470,503.00
Tailings	22,548.00
Due to Massachusetts	85.00
Due to Firearms Record Fund	0.00
Fire Dept. Comp. Time	15,464.00
Tax Refund Due	0.00
Deferred Revenue:	
R.E. and Personal Property	(387,435.00)
Tax Liens	158,552.00
Tax Foreclosure	160,428.00
Tax Litigation	308.00
Rubbish	0.00
Rubbish Liens	0.00
Motor Vehicle	117,017.00
Farm Excise	<u>862.00</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>\$1,499,595.00</u>

FUND EQUITY

FB. Res. For Encumbrances	\$ 205,077.00
Undesignated Fund Balance	1,082,561.00
Over/Under State Assessments	0.00
FB. Designated for Expenditures	759,789.00
FB. Designated for School Improvement Interest	1,116,272.00
FB. App. – Deficit – Snow Removal	0.00
FB. Designated Over Expenditure of App.	0.00
FB. Designated Unprovided AB/EX	<u>0.00</u>

TOTAL FUND EQUITY **\$3,163,699.00**

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY **\$4,663,294.00**

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**TOWN OF ACUSHNET
SCHOOL LUNCH**

**BALANCE SHEET
JUNE 30, 2003**

ASSETS

Cash	\$ 42,927.00
Petty Cash	<u>100.00</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 43,027.00</u>

LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY

LIABILITIES

Warrants Payable	\$ 7,277.00
Due to Massachusetts – Meals Tax	<u>120.00</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>\$ 7,397.00</u>

FUND EQUITY

Undesignated Fund Balance	<u>\$ 35,630.00</u>
TOTAL FUND EQUITY	<u>\$ 35,630.00</u>

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	<u>\$ 43,027.00</u>
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**TOWN OF ACUSHNET
SCHOOL SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS**

**BALANCE SHEET
JUNE 30, 2003**

ASSETS	
Cash	<u>\$ 226,099.00</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 226,099.00</u>
 LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	
LIABILITIES	
Warrants Payable	<u>\$ 9,957.00</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>\$ 9,957.00</u>
 FUND EQUITY	
Chapter 1	\$ 43,388.00
Chapter 2	0.00
Title II – P.L. 94-142	24,711.00
Early Childhood Grant	3,358.00
D.D.E. Math / Science	0.00
Drug Free School	6,765.00
Health Project GR-GGCL	0.00
Com. Partnership	252.00
School Building Rentals	12,083.00
Tuition Rev.	58,361.00
Ford Middle School Fund	10,478.00
Elementary School Fund	21,866.00
Tech Literacy	0.00
SPED Corrective Action	2,395.00
Tech Lighthouse	385.00
Curriculum Frameworks	9,000.00
Palms State Learning	172.00
Class Size Reduction	0.00
Breakfast Startup	0.00
Title V	3,694.00
Teacher Quality	10,254.00
Enhanced Education	4,980.00

Mental Health / Early Childhood
Team Nutrition Grant

4,000.00

0.00

TOTAL FUND EQUITY

\$ 216,142.00

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY

\$ 226,099.00

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**TOWN OF ACUSHNET
SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS**

**BALANCE SHEET
JUNE 30, 2003**

ASSETS

Cash and Short Term Investments	\$ 822,140.00
Receivables:	
E.M.S.	99,385.00
Title V Betterment	<u>59,067.00</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 980,592.00</u>

LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY

LIABILITIES

Due Collection Agency	\$ --
Warrants Payable	18,143.00
Deferred Revenue E.M.S.	99,385.00
Deferred Uncollected Title V Betterment	<u>59,067.00</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>\$ 176,595.00</u>

FUND EQUITY

Fund Balance Reserved for Encumbrances	\$ --
Fund Balance Reserved for Expenditures	140,000.00
Community Development Grant	125.00
Building Maintenance Fund	19,454.00
Partingways Building	0.00
Cable Education & Government Access	31,112.00
D.A.R.E. Grant	231.00
Peg Access	44,658.00
Police Grant	0.00
Police Reimbursable	0.00
Law Enforcement Trust	7,652.00
Fire S.A.F.E.	1,696.00
Library Lig/Mcg	29,285.00
Library Gift Fund	314,693.00
Library Building Grant	550.00
Board of Health	210.00
Compost Bins	0.00
Title V	2,096.00
Arts Lottery Council	5,553.00

Partingways Beautification	212.00
Notice of Intent Conservation	12,229.00
E.M.S. Fund	\$ 104,824.00
Title V Receipts Reserved	41,502.00
Empowerment Fund	1,873.00
Downtown Steering Committee	5,974.00
C.O.A. Building Fund	1,893.00
Historical Commission Survey	0.00
DEM Grant Historical Committee	0.00
Police LLEBG	7,465.00
Animal Gift Fund	5,126.00
Conservation Committee Grant	1,749.00
FEMA Grant	2,128.00
Fire Safety Equipment	384.00
Skate Park Gift Fund	695.00
Recycling Grant	<u>20,629.00</u>
TOTAL FUND EQUITY	<u>\$ 803,998.00</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	<u>\$ 980,593.00</u>

Attest:

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Director of Finance

**TOWN OF ACUSHNET
HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT FUND**

**BALANCE SHEET
JUNE 30, 2003**

ASSETS

Cash and Short Term Investments	<u>\$ (284,620.00)</u>
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TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>\$ (284,620.00)</u></u>
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LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY

LIABILITIES

Warrants Payable	<u>\$ 26,075.00</u>
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TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>\$ 26,075.00</u>
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FUND EQUITY

Main Street	\$ --
Hamlin Street	(3,070.00)
Lawson Avenue	(263,600.00)
Keene Road	--
Middle Road / Peckham Road	(12,864.00)
Slocum Street	(13,454.00)
Street Signs	<u>(17,707.00)</u>

TOTAL FUND EQUITY	<u>\$ (310,695.00)</u>
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TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	<u><u>\$ (284,620.00)</u></u>
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**TOWN OF ACUSHNET
WATER SURPLUS FUND**

**BALANCE SHEET
JUNE 30, 2003**

ASSETS

Cash and Short Term Investments	<u>\$ 325,108.00</u>
Receivables:	
Water Charges	\$ 13,627.00
Water Services	1,210.00
Water Liens Added to Taxes	<u>—</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 339,945.00</u>

LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY

LIABILITIES

Warrants Payable	\$ 36,562.00
Deferred Revenue Water	14,837.00
Deferred Revenue Water Liens	<u>—</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>\$ 51,399.00</u>

FUND EQUITY

Fund Balance Reserved for Encumbrances	\$ 94,659.00
Fund Balance Reserved for Expenditures	5,000.00
Undesignated Fund Balance	<u>188,887.00</u>

TOTAL FUND EQUITY	<u>\$ 288,546.00</u>
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TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	<u>\$ 339,945.00</u>
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Attest:

Cathy L. Doane
Director of Finance

**TOWN OF ACUSHNET
SEWER ENTERPRISE FUND**

**BALANCE SHEET
JUNE 30, 2003**

ASSETS

Cash and Short Term Investment	<u>\$ 294,121.00</u>
Receivables:	
Sewer User Charges	6,927.00
Sewer Connection Receivable	0.00
Machinery & Equipment	5,085.00
Infrastructure	315,570.00
Vehicles	<u>9,264.00</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>\$ 630,967.00</u></u>

LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY

LIABILITIES

Warrants Payable	\$ 23,947.00
Deferred Revenue Sewer	6,927.00
Net Fixed Assets	<u>329,919.00</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u><u>\$ 360,793.00</u></u>

FUND EQUITY

Fund Balance Reserved for Encumbrances	\$ 50,514.00
Fund Balance Reserved for Expenditures	45,000.00
Undesignated Fund Balance	<u>174,660.00</u>
TOTAL FUND EQUITY	<u><u>\$ 270,174.00</u></u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	<u><u>\$ 630,967.00</u></u>

Attest:

Cathy L. Doane
Director of Finance

**TOWN OF ACUSHNET
CAPITAL PROJECT FUNDS**

**BALANCE SHEET
JUNE 30, 2003**

ASSETS

Cash and Short Term Investments	<u>\$ 3,039,742.00</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>\$ 3,039,742.00</u></u>

LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY

LIABILITIES

Warrants Payable	\$ 77,173.00
B.A.N. Payable	<u>28,253,000.00</u>

TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u><u>\$28,330,173.00</u></u>
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FUND EQUITY

Fund Balance Reserved for Encumbrances	\$ 2,389,483.00
Computer Account	9,024.00
EMS Building	5,591.00
School Playground	198.00
Water Meter Replacement	--
A.D.A. Compliance	12,928.00
Capital Project Bonded Equipment	--
Sewer Infiltration	36,574.00
School Renovations	(27,417,159.00)
Nye's Lane Water Project	--
Partingways Bulding Project	5,999.00
Water Meter Project	(60,000.00)
Sewer Phase II	<u>(273,069.00)</u>

TOTAL FUND EQUITY	<u><u>\$(25,290,431.00)</u></u>
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TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	<u><u>\$ 3,039,742.00</u></u>
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Attest:

Cathy L. Doane
Director of Finance

**TOWN OF ACUSHNET
AGENCY FUNDS**

**BALANCE SHEET
JUNE 30, 2003**

ASSETS

Cash and Short Term Investments	<u>\$ 69,139.00</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>\$ 69,139.00</u></u>

LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable	\$ 128.00
Braley Hill Estates	718.00
Erin Heights	885.00
Hathaway Farms – Pacheco	7.00
Heritage Estates – Deterra	8.00
Mendall Hill Estates	23,649.00
Stoney Acres	906.00
Davis Farm Estates	16.00
Baker Estates	0.00
Deep Brook Estates	1,060.00
Reservoir Estates	6.00
Wild Rose Meadows	1,488.00
Wayland Estates	9.00
Apple Blossom Estates	14,022.00
Park Drive Extension	768.00
Golf View Estates	39.00
Squinn Brook Estates – Phase II	0.00
Forestdale Estates	27,947.00
Sandpiper Lane	2.00
Wood Duck	0.00
Squinn Brook Special	132.00
Outside Details – Police	<u>(2,651.00)</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u><u>\$ 69,139.00</u></u>

Attest:

Cathy L. Doane
Director of Finance

**TOWN OF ACUSHNET
LONG TERM DEBT GROUP**

**BALANCE SHEET
JUNE 30, 2003**

ASSETS

Amounts To Be Provided	\$ 376,966.00
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 376,966.00</u>

LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY

LIABILITIES

School Roof Bond	\$ 70,000.00
Partingways Building Bonds	200,000.00
Sewer Infiltration Bonds	20,000.00
Title V Bonds	<u>86,966.00</u>

TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>\$ 376,966.00</u>
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FUND EQUITY

Water Main Authorized	\$ 1,220,000.00
Title V Authorized	0.00
School Renovations Authorized	27,793,000.00
Partingways Improvements Authorized	0.00
Sewer – Phase II Authorized	5,000,000.00
Water Meters Authorized	60,000.00
Water Main Unissued	(1,220,000.00)
Title V Unissued	0.00
School Renovations Unissued	(27,793,000.00)
Partingways Improvements Unissued	0.00
Sewer – Phase II Unissued	(5,000,000.00)
Water Meters Unissued	<u>(60,000.00)</u>

TOTAL FUND EQUITY	<u>\$ —</u>
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TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	<u>\$ 376,966.00</u>
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Attest:

Cathy L. Doane
Director of Finance

**TOWN OF ACUSHNET
GOLF ENTERPRISE FUND**

**BALANCE SHEET
JUNE 30, 2003**

ASSETS

Cash and Short Term Investments	<u>\$ 433,236.00</u>
Land:	
Acquisition	\$ 1,637,100.00
Improvements	3,781,254.00
Improvements Interest	798,862.00
Buildings	199,633.00
Machinery and Equipment	339,534.00
Amounts to be Provided for Payment of Bond	<u>6,515,000.00</u>

TOTAL ASSETS \$13,704,619.00

LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY

LIABILITIES

Warrants Payable	\$ 105,533.00
Bonds Payable	6,320,000.00
Outing Deposits & Gift Certificates	53,318.00
Merchandise Credit	--
Capitalized Lease Obligation	195,000.00
Net Fixed Assets	<u>6,756,384.00</u>

TOTAL LIABILITIES \$13,430,235.00

FUND EQUITY

Contributed Capital	\$ 500,000.00
Fund Balance Designated for Expenditure	45,606.00
Fund Balance Designated – P/Y Revenue Shortfall	(50,431.00)
Undesignated Fund Balance	<u>(220,791.00)</u>

TOTAL FUND EQUITY \$ 274,384.00

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY \$13,704,619.00

Attest:

Cathy L. Doane
Director of Finance

**TOWN OF ACUSHNET
TRUST FUNDS**

**BALANCE SHEET
JUNE 30, 2003**

ASSETS

Cash and Short Term Investments	<u>\$ 2,604,527.00</u>
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TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>\$ 2,604,527.00</u></u>
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LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY

LIABILITIES

Warrants Payable	<u>\$ 130.00</u>
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TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u><u>\$ 130.00</u></u>
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FUND EQUITY

Cemetery Care	\$ 95,856.00
Haydon Flower	288.00
Haydon – Candage Flower	455.00
Instructive Nursing	8,909.00
Leo/Ruth Jackson Flower	456.00
Omey/Cottle Flower	17,364.00
Taves/Ellis Flower	3,877.00
Charles Beals Library Books	6,227.00
Albert Leconte Library Books	3,120.00
Allen/Rhonda Russell Library	9,089.00
Russell Library Maintenance	8,301.00
F. Sowa Library Books	14,423.00
Long Plain School Museum	9,123.00
W/G Owen Art Week	1,189.00
Russell Protestant Poor	69,320.00
Russell Town Hall	9,123.00
Sylvia P. Manter School	43,875.00
Henry H. Rogers School	11,831.00
Russell Public Schools	35,834.00
E. C. Burt Scholl Library	3,887.00
Ruth Tabor Scholarship	8,841.00
Long Plain Meetinghouse	13,745.00
Meetinghouse Restoration	178,716.00

A. Fluegal Board of Health	1,448.00
RN Swift 1	13,410.00
RN Swift 2	467.00
Conservation	30,868.00
Unfunded Liability	140,642.00
Accumulated Sick Time	5,308.00
Stabilization	1,816,734.00
Golf Course Farm Land	41,671.00
FB. Designated for Expenditures	<u>0.00</u>
TOTAL FUND EQUITY	<u>\$ 2,604,397.00</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	<u><u>\$ 2,604,527.00</u></u>

Attest:

Cathy L. Doane
Director of Finance

**TOWN OF ACUSHNET
GOVERNMENTAL FIXED ASSETS**

**BALANCE SHEET
JUNE 30, 2003**

ASSETS

Land Acquisition	\$ 1,351,423.00
Land Improvements	337,924.00
Buildings	30,639,484.00
Machinery & Equipment	930,766.00
Infrastructure	15,809,232.00
Vehicles	1,560,192.00
Construction in Process	527,198.00
Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(14,786,214.00)</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>\$36,370,005.00</u></u>

LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY

LIABILITIES

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

FUND EQUITY

Undesignated Fund Balance	<u>\$36,370,005.00</u>
TOTAL FUND EQUITY	<u>\$36,370,005.00</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	<u><u>\$36,370,005.00</u></u>

Attest:

Cathy L. Doane
Director of Finance

REPORT OF THE ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

To the Officers and Residents of the Town of Acushnet:

Number of Dogs Licensed	1,691
Number of Kennel Licenses (Multi Dogs)	77
Number of Dogs Picked Up Unrestrained (Brought to Shelter)	79
Number of Dogs Picked Up Unrestrained (Returned to Owners Because of Dog Licenses)	157
Number of Dogs Claimed	46
Number of Dogs Transferred & Adopted	30
Number of Dogs Euthanized	3
Number of Cats Brought to Shelter	0
Number of Cats Euthanized	0
Number of Cats hit by M/V, Injured, Deceased	61
Number of Dogs hit by M/V, Injured, Deceased	7
Number of Dead Animals Picked Up	511
Number of Complaints Investigated	4,727
Number of Hearings Heard by Selectmen	0
Number of Dogs Ordered Out of Town by Selectmen	0
Number of Citations Issued	131
Number of Court Hearings	38
Mileage	6,620

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	21
Number of Cats Quarantined	14
Number of Rabies Cases Investigated	4
Number of Positive Rabies Cases	0
Number of Barn Inspections	89
Number of Cattle Inspected	183
(Cattle including Dairy, Calves, Bulls and Heifers)	
Number of Horses & Ponies Inspected	131
Number of Goats Inspected	250
Number of Sheep Inspected	67
Number of Chickens Inspected	550
Number of Turkeys Inspected	5
Number of Rabbits Inspected	253
Number of Donkeys Inspected	1
Number of Llama's Inspected	2
Number of Ostrich Inspected	5
Number of Swine Inspected	5
Number of Pot Belly Pigs Inspected	1
Number of Peacocks Inspected	9
Number of Guinea Hens Inspected	26
Number of Waterfowl Inspected	122
Number of Mares Inspected	2
Number of Swans Inspected	27
Number of Chinese Mandarins Inspected	12
Number of Pheasants Inspected	24

Respectfully submitted,

Rebekah Tomlinson
Animal Inspector

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ACUSHNET BOARD OF HEALTH

Thomas J. Fortin, Chairman Thomas E. Fantozzi, R.S., C.H.O., Health Agent
Robert Medeiros, Clerk Lori M. Walsh, Senior Clerk
Gerald Toussaint, Inspector Wanda L. Hamer, Part Time Senior Clerk

To the Officers and Residents of the Town of Acushnet:

Nursing Health Care Programs:

Weekly Blood Pressure Screening is held each Wednesday from 9:00 A.M. to 10:00 A. M. at the Council on Aging Building at 59 ½ South Main Street. The Influenza and Pneumonia Clinic provided 639 Flu shots and 15 Pneumonia shots. The communicable disease follow-up program was continued at a base level due to funding cuts. Any future cuts may result in curtailment of this program.

Inspections: (Initial Inspections Only)

Septic Systems	509	Mobile Home Parks	11
Title V Certifications	72	Food Service	55
Housing	22	School Inspections	15
Complaints	21	miscellaneous	75
Soil Evaluations	89		

Total Receipts for 2003

Permits & Fees	\$38,088.50
Mobile Park Fees	\$ 8,114.00
Health Clinic Fees	\$ 1,362.00
Total	\$47,564.00

PACT Program (Massachusetts Tobacco Control Program)

Due to severe budget cuts and reallocations at the state level, the PACT Program no longer exists. No compliance checks were made this year, but local Boards of Health staff still enforces Tobacco Control Regulations.

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas J. Fortin, Chairman
Roberts Medeiros, Clerk
Gerald Toussaint, Inspector
Board of Health

REPORT OF THE HEALTH AGENT

Inspections of septic systems, both new installations and existing systems for property transfer, remained constant. As interest rates remained low, many property transfers require septic system upgrades. It is extremely difficult and expensive to replace an old septic system on small existing lots. This process is time consuming and requires close cooperation between the Board of Health and the Engineer and Licensed Septic System installer.

It appears that the state DEP will be turning over additional state programs to local Boards of Health in 2004. The Board increased its fees in 2003 as a result of this additional work and review approvals and may be forced to increase fees again in 2005 if required. The increased work is equally distributed among the staff and elected members.

The 2003 fee increase results in an 11% increase in revenues to the Town. While the Selectmen voted to eliminate health insurance for the elected Board Members and as revenues and responsibilities increase, the workload on the Board Members becomes more demanding and liabilities more realistic.

Homeland Security and Bioterrorism continues to mandate an up-to-date response program. Acushnet, through its Board of Health, has joined the Region 5 sub-region coalition of Towns and Cities to address regional concerns and to share manpower. The Town is now eligible to receive state grant monies through the Massachusetts Department of Public Health.

The public school renovation projects are just about completed, and we continue to inspect and monitor the indoor air quality issues of the past. As always, all on-going health service programs continued on a regular basis.

I would once again thank the residents of Acushnet for their continued support and cooperation. Please feel free to contact the Board of Health office with any concerns or questions you may have, for we are here to help and serve you in your needs.

I also wish to thank our Senior Clerks for their continued dedication and effort, and the elected Board Members for wisdom, guidance, and sincere concern for the citizens of Acushnet.

Respectfully submitted,

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

REPORT OF THE BRISTOL COUNTY MOSQUITO CONTROL PROJECT

On June 30, 2003 the Bristol County Mosquito Control Project completed forty-four 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.

Spring and Summer Larviciding – To reduce the emergence of adult mosquitoes in areas where mosquito larvae are present.

Catch Basin Treatment – To stoop 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 nuisance populations of mosquitoes and should be sprayed.

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

It is the policy of the Bristol County Mosquito Control Project to use pesticides that are 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 larval control 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 licensed pesticide applicators that are required to attend classes on pesticide safety on a yearly basis.

During the time period January 1, 2003 – December 31, 2003 the Bristol County Mosquito Control Project in Acushnet:

- o Sprayed over 13,824 acres
- o Treated 68.8 acres in 48 locations with BTI for mosquito larvae
- o Received 151 requests for spraying
- o Cleared and reclaimed 6,210 feet of brush

In a cooperative program with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, the Bristol County Mosquito Control Project has been trapping mosquitoes throughout Bristol County. As of October 31, 2003 there were thirteen isolates of West Nile Virus, two isolates of Eastern Equine Encephalitis and three isolates of Highlands Jay Virus from mosquitoes. One horse contracted NWV and three others contracted EEE. There were two human cases of WNV.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne Andrews, Superintendent

Commissioners:

Gordon W. Wolfe, Chairman

William L. Glass, MD

Arthur F. Tobin

Daniel B. Amorim

Gregory D. Dorrance

Bristol County Mosquito Control Project

REPORT OF THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT

To the Residents and officers of the Town of Acushnet:

The Building Department issued **365 permits** and collected **\$33,204.00** in permit fees for the fiscal year ending June 2003.

Date	Permits Issued	Fees Collected
July	56	\$ 5,231.00
August	33	2,254.00
September	32	2,929.00
October	21	1,739.00
November	36	3,924.00
December	20	1,452.00
January	14	1,606.00
February	4	318.00
March	27	1,880.00
April	37	2,712.00
May	40	4,787.00
June	45	4,372.00
Total Permits	365	\$33,204.00
Certificate of Occupancy	54	895.00
Certificate of Inspection	9	270.00
Total Fees Collected		\$34,369.00

Respectfully submitted,

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

REPORT OF THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT

To the Residents and Officers of the Town of Acushnet:

The following permits were issued for the fiscal year ending June 2003:

Structures	Amount
Additions	38
Chimney	05
Deck	24
Demolish Dwelling	01
Demolition Miscellaneous	09
Dwellings	47
Fireplace	20
Garage	12
Porch	14
Pools	35
Renovations	24
Roofing	37
Sheds	37
Siding	13
Signs	05
Windows	5
Woodstoves	20
Miscellaneous	19
Total	365

Respectfully submitted,

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

REPORT OF THE WIRING DEPARTMENT

To the residents and Officers of the Town of Acushnet:

The Wiring Department issued 245 permits and collected \$11,360.00 in fees for the fiscal year ending June 2003.

Date	Permits Issued	Fees Collected
July	23	\$ 858.00
August	47	2,406.00
September	17	891.00
October	21	922.00
November	19	790.00
December	17	715.00
January	12	540.00
February	10	551.00
March	14	917.00
April	21	984.00
May	23	945.00
June	21	841.00
Total	245	\$11,360.00

Respectfully submitted,

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

REPORT OF THE PLUMBING DEPARTMENT

To the residents and Officers of the Town of Acushnet:

The Plumbing Department issued **117 permits** and collected **\$8,957.00** in permit fees for the fiscal year ending June 2003.

Date	Permits Issued	Fees Collected
July	15	\$ 372.00
August	13	1,227.00
September	07	598.00
October	10	757.00
November	03	258.00
December	12	1,127.00
January	10	1,046.00
February	05	541.00
March	08	617.00
April	11	794.00
May	15	902.00
June	08	718.00
Total	117	\$8,957.00

Respectfully submitted,

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

REPORT OF THE GAS DEPARTMENT

To the Residents and Officers of the Town of Acushnet:

The Gas Department issued 99 permits and collected \$4,114.00 in permit fees for the fiscal year ending June 2003.

Date	Permits Issued	Fees Collected
July	10	\$ 423.00
August	10	435.00
September	06	310.00
October	08	299.00
November	09	355.00
December	04	139.00
January	12	484.00
February	03	175.00
March	17	684.00
April	03	213.00
May	10	319.00
June	07	278.00
Total	99	\$4,114.00

Respectfully submitted,

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

REPORT OF THE SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

For the Period Commencing January 1, 2003 through December 30, 2003

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

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

The Department of Weights and Measures enforces Massachusetts General Laws and Regulations relating to the accuracy of weighing and measuring devices that weigh, measure or count commodities offered for public sale. The department also seals or condemns devices tested and performs such work in accordance with state laws and regulations and municipal ordinances, subject to review through reports and periodic checks by the State Division of Standards.

Additionally, the department inspects prepackaged food and merchandise to ensure compliance with weight, measurement count requirements, and for proper labeling as to weight, measure and extended prices. It also investigates complaints on measuring devices or those not conforming to legal standards, checks hawkers and peddlers for possession of licenses, and inspects weighing and measuring devices used by these vendors. The Department also advises merchants on packaging and labeling of goods.

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

Sealing fees collected and submitted to the town treasurer amounted to \$635.00.

Respectfully submitted,

Theodore Machado, Sealer

REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICES

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

I have over the past year worked at improving services to all veterans of the town of Acushnet. This was done by staying abreast of changes in Veterans' rights and benefits. I also attended annual training in December which was held in Worcester this past year. This does require the need for overnight stays because of the hours of training, as well as the distance of travel. The training session is one week in length.

The hours I am available are:

Monday	9- 11:00
Tuesday	9- 10:30
Wednesday	9- 10:30
Thursday	9- 10:30
Friday	9- 10:30

These hours are flexible so I can be available from 8 am through 4 pm on Monday, as well as 8 am through 10:30 am on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. I can, if needed, also meet with town veterans after hours on an as-needed basis. Telephone: 508-998-0207 Pager 508-600-2314 (numeric)

This year I have increased my Veterans' data base to include 618 registered veterans in the town. This up from 400-plus last year. It is estimated that there are still another 400-800 veterans in town who have not registered with my office.

My office now has three veterans and/or independents receiving benefits from my office. This is up from two last year. I have over the past year assisted the police department, as well as the board of health, with home visits for local town veterans. If not able to assist any veteran personally, I was able to refer them to more qualified individuals.

I do anticipate an increase in veterans in the future with the U.S. being involved with the present conflicts ongoing. Also, there is an ongoing effort to redefine the definition of "VETERAN." If this happens this will make all individuals who served from 1975-1990 meet the qualifications of being considered a veteran. At present time these individuals are not considered veterans. If this does happen, they will then be entitled to services if they are in need of same.

Respectfully submitted,

Roland E. Lavalley, Director
Veteran Services

REPORT OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

The Acushnet Zoning Board of Appeals met on a regular schedule during 2003.

There were 23 applications for hearings filed with the Town Clerk. Six applications were for business use, seventeen were for residential purposes.

Variances were requested in 10 cases and Special Permits were requested in 10 cases. Two petitioners requested both a Special Permit and a Variance. One petitioner requested a change of use.

Sixteen petitions were approved by the Board. Four petitions were denied. Two petitioners withdrew their applications and one case was continued into 2004.

Filing fees received by the Town Clerk totaled \$4,925.00.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Albert-Dean, Secretary
Zoning Board of Appeals

REPORT OF THE ACUSHNET CABLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

To the Subscribers and Residents of Acushnet:

The Acushnet Cable Advisory Committee has five full time members.

The Committee meets on the first Friday of every month at the Acushnet Community Center at 7:00 P.M. This committee has been in existence for five years since it was reappointed.

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

We maintain a fully equipped live broadcasting center at the Town Hall so that Committee meetings held there will be aired the night of the meeting.

This Committee has taped events of Community interest since its inception. We operate Acushnet's Channel 18 – Government Access programming. We maintain the Channel 18 Bulletin Board, with is on 24 hors a day and updated on a weekly basis. We rebroadcast taped Committee meetings every day at various times so that the subscribers of Acushnet's Cable Company, Comcast, may be able to watch a meeting in the event they missed a live broadcast.

The Committee has taped all the meetings of Town Departments in the last year. Acushnet Board meetings were broadcast live and rebroadcast from the programming center on a 24-hour basis. We presently show live productions on Channel 18 every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. All of the live broadcasts are then re-aired on Acushnet's Channel 18 – Government Access Programming Channel – the Saturday following the taping of that meeting.

Acushnet will begin negotiating with Comcast this year for a renewal license.

We have again trained several new 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 \$20.00 per hour.

This Committee will continue to film live Town events 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 productions and update the studio for future digital programming.

We will try to provide the equipment for the upcoming needs of the Education Channel. The School Committee and School Department must first establish a school studio. The School Department can then produce programs of community interest, such as studio interviews, possible debate forums, and/or talk show style productions involving students, as well as teachers. These programs will be shown on the Acushnet's School Channel 9. If anyone is interested in producing this type of production in the upcoming year, please contact the Committee.

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

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman – Donald P. Lopes

Member – Robert Lanzoni

Member – George Souza

Member – Michael Reale

Member – Lawrence Marshall

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 wetland issues. Wetlands and floodplains are protected because they play a vital role in the following interests:

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

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

Conservation Commission Town Hall office hours:

Monday	8:00 – 12:00 pm
Tuesday	8:00 – 12:00 pm
Wednesday	8:00 – 12:00 pm
Thursday	8:00 – 12:00 pm
Friday	8:00 – 12:00 pm

Additional hours are by appointment.

Meetings

The 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 or Monday evenings preceding the hearing.

2003 Filings under MGL Chapter 1312, Section 40:

Notices of Intent	19
Requests for Determination of Applicability	11
Requests for Certificates of Compliance	8
Requests for Amended Orders of Conditions	3
Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation	1
Enforcement Order	1

2003 Achievements:

- In the fall of 2003 the Town of Acushnet and the Fairhaven Acushnet Land Preservation Trust acquired a Conservation Restriction on Keith Santos'

Farm along the Acushnet River. Thanks to the hard work and dedication of the landowner and the land trust, the protection of this important parcel, with over 3,500 feet of river frontage, moves the town toward its goal of protecting the water quality of the Acushnet River, as well as preserving in perpetuity vital open space and working agricultural land.

- The town received a Buzzards Bay Project Watershed Wetlands and Open Space Protection Grant to perform a professional survey of the Scout's Pond property behind Pope's Park. Work should begin this winter on the delineation of the wetlands and survey of the property boundaries and existing trail system. The Commission hopes to work with the Open Space Committee to develop a management plan for the property and perhaps collaborate with the Boy Scouts to establish some passive recreational opportunities.
- The Commission is working closely with Eagle Scout Mark Dufrane to build and install kiosks at the Quaker Wells site on Main Street and perhaps other key parcels in town. The kiosks should be installed by the beginning of summer 2004.

Commission Membership:

In 2003 the Conservation Commission accepted the resignation of Conservation Agent Monika Schuler, Senior Clerk Joanna Souza, and associate member Leonard Alves.

The Commission welcomed new Conservation Agent Sarah French Storer and Member Carol Chongarlides.

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

The Acushnet Conservation Commissioners and Staff, as of January 1, 2004:

Gregory Wood, Chairman
Steve Horsfall, Member
Patricia Picard, Member
Robert Rocha, Member

Ted Cioper, Vice Chairman
Marc Brodeur, Member
Carol Chongarlides, Member

Sarah French Storer, Conservation Agent
Pam Nelson, Clerk pro tem

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 10:00 am in the conference room of the new senior center.

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

We also deliver approximately 205 meals (Meals on Wheels) to our shut-ins Monday through Friday, except holidays.

Our seniors play Bingo every Monday and Wednesday at 12:30 pm. Cribbage games are on Monday afternoons. We also offer Cribbage lessons on Monday morning by appointment. The Scrabble Club meets every Tuesday afternoon at 1:00 to 4:00 pm. The Needlecrafts Group meets every Tuesday afternoon from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Square dance lessons are held every Wednesday evening from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. Once a month, on the first Saturday evening of each month, the Square Dancers meet for their monthly dance at the Senior Center. Beginning line dance lessons are given on Thursday mornings and advanced classes on Thursday afternoon from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. We have card games every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.

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

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

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

We have a volunteer on Thursday mornings to assist seniors in filling out forms for the Pharmacy Program; paperwork for Assisted Living, including doctor referrals, and Commission for the Blind; applications for Medicaid, and any other documents they need to make out. We also have a volunteer who assists clients with their fuel assistance forms and a trained volunteer tax consultant who assists seniors in filling out their income tax forms. These services are free of charge but an appointment is required.

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

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

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

Diabetic Shoes are available through a representative of Medical Supplies every month. Hearing exams are now being offered weekly on Wednesday morning from 9:00am to 12:00 pm.

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

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

We have added a brand new sign to show everyone in town where we are located.

We have added to our front lawn two 25 foot beds of flowers on each side of our driveway to improve our landscaping for next season. All the flowers were donated by a senior from Dartmouth. New beds of flowers have been planted, new window boxes installed, and a last layer of hardtop has been laid to complete the driveway and parking lot.

We distribute 1,000 copies of the monthly senior newsletter to various places in town. We also send them to area Councils on Aging.

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

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

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

William P. Contois
Director, Council on Aging

REPORT OF THE ACUSHNET CULTURAL COUNCIL

The Cultural Council has maintained streamline status within the Massachusetts Cultural Council (MCC) because of the expertise and dedication of the trained members of the council. All required submissions to MCC from this council were accomplished electronically – a process which will be mandatory in 2004. All documents are on file with the chairman.

For the second year our allocation of funds was vastly reduced, once again not allowing us to fund some requests submitted to us. We did, however, provide some funding to the three schools in town through the PASS Program. Also, funds were granted to a few programs/projects that are a benefit to the residents of Acushnet. Successful applicants include:

NB Whaling	Tri County Music Association
Friends of Friends Meeting House	CNB Choral Society
NB Festival Theatre	Southcoast Music
Acushnet Annual Art Show	NBSO, Inc.
AHA! New Bedford	Showstoppers
Creative Ears for Tomorrow	

The council anticipates a larger funding allocation in the future cycles to foster more artistic projects.

CURRENT COUNCIL MEMBERS

Walter S. Dalton, Jr.	Jeanette Francis
Edward A. Macomber	Patricia Mulvey
Leanne Pereira	Margaret Santos
John Simmons	

Respectfully submitted,

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

REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

**Richard H. Settele
Jo-Ann K. Ordway**

**Superintendent
Senior Clerk**

HIGHWAY DIVISION

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

Highway Superintendent

WATER / SEWER DIVISION

**Paul Sylvia
Richard Anderson
Timothy Sherman
John Westgate**

Water / Sewer Superintendent

To the Officers and Residents of the Town of Acushnet:

The Acushnet DPW – Highway Division has continued to be busy during the 2003 calendar year repairing streets, cleaning drain lines, clearing drainage ditches, constructing and repairing manholes and catch basins, repairing sidewalks, clearing roadside brush. Our new street sweeper has been busy with street sweeping, and sanding and snow plowing are also major tasks accomplished by the Department.

Numerous small tasks, performed on an as-needed basis, were also completed. Pot holes were filled, Christmas trees with picked up and disposed of. The Department personnel responded to emergency situations very quickly and were 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 2003.

Using Chapter 90 funding, the Department completed repairs and reconstruction on Lawson Avenue. By also using Chapter 90 funds, we were able to accomplish the new sign requirement on all major roadways in the Town.

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

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

WATER AND SEWER DIVISION

The Water / Sewer Division installed 600 new meters under the meter replacement program. Ten new homes were added to the system and four main/services were repaired. The Department replaced or repaired seven hydrants on the system.

In addition, the Department also conducted their annual water sample testing for TCE and monthly testing for Bacteria. Our Consumer Confidence reports were done and mailed with water bills.

A new 12" DI water main was installed on Hamlin Street, from North Main down Hamlin and continued to Nye's Lane.

The Water Department purchased new in 2003 a trailer mounted vacuum gate box cleaner, as well as a new Pickup truck.

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

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

The Sewer Department is continuing to work with their consultants to complete a sewer expansion study and is seeking final funding for areas 1A, B and C. Seven (7) new sewer connections were added to the system during the year. The two new pumps for the pump station were purchased and installed during the year. Much needed repairs and cleanup was also done to the pump station with the aid of the City of New Bedford.

Two homes were tied into the Sewer system this year.

We would like to thank all DPW employees and all Town departments for their cooperation and assistance during 2003.

Respectfully submitted,

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



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

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

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

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

REPORT OF THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE

To the Officers and Residents of the Town of Acushnet, MA., I hereby submit my annual report for the year ending December 31, 2003.

Our biggest challenge of 2003 was getting to the Advanced Life Support (ALS) level. Accepting the challenge, with the help of Southcoast Hospitals Group, we are pleased to announce that as of December 1, 2003 we were able to begin Advanced Life Support to the Town of Acushnet. Our members continue to strive toward our goal. We currently have six more members in Paramedic school.

At the Special Town Meeting, members graciously voted \$75,000 additional fees to hire two more Full Time Paramedics, as well as several Per Diem Paramedics. We advertised, interviewed, and ultimately hired a well seasoned, blended startup group of professionals to meet our expectations of December 1. The next task was to acquire a Paramedic/Basic Waiver through the region to provide ALS through staffing one Basic and one Paramedic. Hiring two Full Time Paramedics, along with part timers, will compliment our force and provide 100% ALS service to the town, as required by the Office of Emergency Medical Service in Boston and in accordance with the Paramedic/Basic Waiver. We are hoping to be allowed to continue to provide the best service to this Town and transition to ALS without any interruption of service.

While striving to reach our goals, we also regretfully lost two long-time employees to sudden death. This was a major blow to the Department and many long-time friends within our Community. Our deepest sympathies go out to the families of Laura Ekstrom and Susan Forgues. They both will be greatly missed in many capacities and on many levels.

Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA) cuts are imminent. In 2004 we should see major changes in the insurance reimbursements. We are pleased to announce that we are HIPAA compliant. Our information is posted on the website: www.ma.us. We encourage all to read it.

I would like to thank the members of Acushnet EMS for continuing to perform in the professional manner they have been trained. Their recognizing the fact that Acushnet EMS needs to progress to the next level in order to provide a higher quality of care should not go unnoticed. They had major changes within the service and schedule and have hung in under very adverse conditions with the desire to advance. This is truly a team of professionals.

While we will be faced with many more challenges along the way, I know that they will be handled with the same care and rationale that has gotten us to this point. Thanks to the leaders and townspeople who continue to recognize the important role EMS plays in Public Safety.

Yours in Service to Life

Adrienne Y. Rivet, EMS Director, ASHI, HIPAA Officer
David Bernard, EMT-P, Paramedic Supervisor
Robert R. Lavoie, Supervisor, CPRI

Full Time Personnel

Christine Cabral, CPR-1, Inf. Cntrl. Officer
Thomas Farland, EMT-P, CPR-1
Richard Gunter, EMT-P
Vivian Johns, CPR-1

Valerie Andrade	Eric Arruda	Priscilla Braley
David Cooper	Kyle Cormier	Vernon Ekstrom-ASHI
Robert English	Melissa Freitas-EMT-P	Harlyn Froh
Jayne Gagnon	Matthew Germano	Shaun Higgins-EMT-P
Thomas Jacintho	Andrew Lavoie	Michael Mentzer
John Pytel-EMT-P	Katherine Rebello	William Roderiques-EMT-P
Phillip Saraiva-EMT-P		

EMS STATISTICS	2001	2002	2003
Sex Assault-Rape	0	0	6
Medical Emergencies	353	394	355
Trauma	67	104	92
OD/Suicide/ETOH/Poison	4	26	25
Psychological	0	13	20
Fire	62	67	48
MVAS	54	59	68
MVA/Refusals	49	56	40
Births	4	2	1
DOA	8	10	8
Mutual Aid to Us	34	22	18
Cardiac Arrests	8	6	9
No Transports/Medical	60	122	84
Walk-Ins/Station	13	42	32
Mutual Aid > Fairhaven	19	24	14
Mutual Aid > New Bedford	54	70	12
Mutual Aid > Mattapoissett	0	0	1
False/Unfounded	11	13	6
TOTAL	832	1,023	839

PARAMEDIC STATISTICS

Treated	112	145	113
Monitor	4	47	39
BLS	69	42	14
Cancelled	19	33	37
Not Available	21	49	16
TOTAL	221	225	219

REPORT OF THE ACUSHNET FIRE AND RESCUE DEPARTMENT

To the Officers and Residents of the Town of Acushnet, I hereby submit this annual report for the year ending December 31, 2003.

The Acushnet Fire/Rescue Department underwent significant change during 2003. The Bristol County Retirement Board approved the retirement of Paul Cote. Chief Cote began his career with the Fire Department as a Call Firefighter in 1980. In 1983 he was hired as a full time Career Firefighter and was promoted to Chief in 1988. During his tenure as Chief of Department, Chief Cote oversaw the purchase of four firefighting apparatus, the implementation of the Department's computer system, the securing of over \$100,000 in grant funding, as well as upgrading training standards and requirements. Chief Cote maintained the highest standards of professionalism for himself and the Department. The Acushnet Fire and Rescue Department wish him much happiness in his retirement.

For seventeen months Career Firefighter Gerard Bergeron served as Acting Chief of Department. Acting Chief Bergeron took over during the absence of Chief Cote and provided leadership during an emotionally difficult time for this Department. Acting Chief Bergeron was also responsible for reviewing, approving and implementing fire safety plans for the new Acushnet Elementary and Ford Middle Schools. On behalf of all the members of the Department, I want to thank Jerry for his leadership and friendship during the past year.

Your Fire Department anticipates a very active 2004. Seven recruits have begun training and will become Call Firefighters early this spring. We welcome Jason Orlowski and Eric Arruda as Call Firefighters. These new firefighters bring our complement to 40 members. Paul Texeira was recently hired as a Career Firefighter. Firefighter Texeira began his career as a Call Firefighter in 1996. Both Firefighters Texeira and Arruda are presently enrolled in Paramedic School and we wish them every success.

We continue to be successful in securing grant funding. This past year we secured our second federal Assistance to Firefighters Grant. The \$10,000 we received will allow us to purchase the equipment necessary to upgrade our inspection services, as well as conduct public fire education programs this spring and summer. We are aggressively working on additional state and federal funding. These funds are needed to update our firefighting equipment and replace outdated items.

We welcome all members of the community to visit the station or join us during our annual Open House, Halloween Parade, or Christmas Sing-a-Long. We look forward to serving you in 2004.

Respectfully submitted,
Kevin A. Gallagher
Chief of Department

Members of the Acushnet fire and Rescue Department

Chief of Department

Kevin A. Gallagher

Career Firefighters

Gerard Bergeron, EMT-Intermediate, CPRI

Alfred Robichaud

David White, FFI/II, FI, HMI

Paul Texeira, EMT-Basic

Call Deputy Chief

James Knox

Call Captains

Donald Dandurand

Michael Rothwell

Call Lieutenants

David Makuch

Thomas LaFleur

George Pimental

Call Firefighters

Marc Cenerizio

Ronald St. Onge

Maurice St. Armand

Wayne Pimental

Robert Correia

Brian Monte

Frank Knox

Jeffrey Krupa

Matthew Trip

Chad St. Onge, FFI

Peter Rawcliff

Bruce Rymut

Brian Costa, FFI/II

Paul Martins, FFI/II

Donald Crocker

Jason Orlowski, FFI/II

Eric Arruda, EMT-Basic

Paul Frysinger, FFI/II

Joseph Knox, FFI/II, EMT-Basic

Kathryn Pimental, FFI/II, EMT-Basic

Patrick Mentzer, FFI/II, EMT-Paramedic

Dispatcher

Diane Barlow

Call Firefighter Recruits

David Bernard, EMT-Paramedic

David Riquinha

Jonathan Mills

Andrew Lavoie, EMT-Basic

Kyle St. Onge

Matthew Roderiques

Brian Gallant

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

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 2003.

Regular meetings were held on a generally first Thursday of the month format, beginning at 7:00 p.m. A total of 14 meetings were posted. Special and on-site meetings were posted and held also, and public hearings were scheduled as warranted.

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

Much time was spent researching, debating and updating the Acushnet Subdivision Rules and Regulations, which were printed in revised form in September 2003. It is now available at the Town Clerk's Office.

In July the Planning Commission sadly accepted the resignation of Chairman Rick Ellis, after many years of outstanding service to the Town. The resignation was due to health issues, and we wish Rick a full and speedy recovery.

The Planning Commission welcomed Mark DeSilva, who was sworn in by the Town Clerk to complete the term left vacant by Rick Ellis's resignation.

Long time member Marc Cenerizio was voted in as the newest chairman of the Planning Commission.

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

Twenty Form A submissions, one preliminary subdivision submission, one site plan review and three special permits were processed. On-site inspections were held; several of the walk-throughs were done informally and independently by the Commission members, to be discussed at meetings as a Board.

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 that are posted at Town Hall on the bulletin boards in the Town Clerk's office and outside of the Treasurer's office.

Respectfully submitted,

Marc Cenerizio, Chairman

Richard H. Ellis

Richard Forand

Leo Coons, Jr.

Mark DeSilva

Acushnet Planning Commission

REPORT OF THE SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (SRPEDD)

The Town of Acushnet is a member of the Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District. SRPEDD (pronounced sir-ped) is a 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 2003, the Town of Acushnet paid \$1,642.31 to SRPEDD, based upon an assessment of 16.15 cents per capita.

Local citizens serving at SRPEDD included the following:

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

In addition, Henry Young served on the Executive Committee.

Some of SRPEDD's more significant accomplishments during 2003 were:

- < **Completion and approval of the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**, which sets regional priorities for federal transportation funds. The TIP established priorities for \$24.55 million in federal and state regional targeted dollars for highway projects, and \$65 million in transit dollars for SRTA and GATRA over the next three years.
- < **Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy for Southeastern Massachusetts**, a regional economic development strategy, was completed and certified by the U.S. Economic Development Administration, making the region eligible for federal economic development grants from EDA.
- < **A Pre Disaster Mitigation Plan** for the region was begun in 2003. Funded by the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA), the regional plan, in conjunction with local PDM plans, will outline steps to prepare for natural disasters and qualify participating communities for FEMA funding for this purpose.
- < **The Taunton River Wild and Scenic Study** is underway for both the upper and lower stretches of the river. SRPEDD has been funded by the National Park Service to prepare a management plan for this beautiful

resource and is working with study committees representing area communities.

- < **Plymouth Carver Aquifer Advisory Committee** – With help from a grant from the Island Foundation and in cooperation with the Nature Conservancy, SRPEDD has activated this committee representing seven towns within the aquifer to examine ways to ensure its long term protection.
- < **The 100 Most Dangerous Intersections in Southeastern Massachusetts** was compiled by SRPEDD utilizing accident data directly from each community's police department. The data covers the three-year period of 1999 through 2001. All intersections are ranked according to the total number of accidents (during the study period) the severity of those accidents, and the traffic volume using each intersection. The report is used to identify locations that exceed the regional average accident rate that are in need of further examination, ultimately leading to improvements.
- < SRPEDD conducted or participated in nine safety studies at intersections on the **Top 100 Most Dangerous Intersections** list.
- < SRPEDD's web site contains data and information about every city and town in the region and can be reached at <http://www.srpedd.org>. The Fact Book On-line was expanded this year to incorporate data from the 2000 U.S. Census. It is also available in CD-ROM format.
- < **Southeastern Mass: Vision 2020**, a 52-community initiative to fight sprawl in southeastern Massachusetts, continued its work to control sprawl in the region. In 2003, Vision 2020 conducted a Smart Growth Audit of the region's cities and towns.
- < **Small Watersheds Analysis – Buzzards Bay Communities** – The Massachusetts Highway Department has previously funded the GRRIP (Geographic Roadway Runoff Inventory) Program. GRRIP has identified the environmentally sensitive areas of a town that are most vulnerable to roadway runoff within larger watersheds. SRPEDD further analyzed the smaller watersheds through the GIS watershed tools, a computer model that uses percent of impervious cover to recommend certain watershed management actions.
- < SRPEDD conducts a district-wide traffic counting program (including speed surveys and vehicle classification counts) and maintains a computer file of all available traffic count data throughout the region. SRPEDD undertook 80 counts at various locations this past year.
- < An extensive Geographic Information System (GIS) mapping program is maintained by SRPEDD. Every year new computerized "data layers" are added to the system.

- < SRPEDD continues to provide planning and support to the two regional transit authorities, SRTA and GATRA, on various efforts including: consumer advisory committees, route evaluations, planning, monitoring services and federal reporting.
- < SRPEDD continued its affiliation with the South Eastern Economic Development (SEED) Corporation, which makes loans to small businesses for expansion. SEED is one of the Small Business Administration top lenders in New England.
- < SRPEDD operates the Southeastern Massachusetts Data Center, providing information to businesses, cities and towns, and individuals.

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

- SRPEDD prepared an Industrial/Commercial Property Marketing Brochure for the Town.
- SRPEDD assisted the Town with a review of traffic around the skate board park.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Southeastern Regional Planning &
Economic Development District
(SRPEDD)

REPORT OF THE ACUSHNET HISTORICAL COMMISSION

This year has been a fruitful one for the Commission's program of promoting the people's interest in Acushnet history.

During the autumn of the year, and with the cooperation of the Council on Aging, several historical bus tours were held (dubbed "History on Wheels" several years ago by a precocious 5th grader at the St. Francis School). The tours were successful enough to induce us to start them again the spring of 2004.

At more or less the same time, we initiated a series of small columns (entitled "Historian Corner No. 1, 2, etc.") in the Council on Aging Monthly Newsletter. These have also engendered interest in such topics as "Peak Rock," "The Laura Keene Farmhouse," etc. the Historian Corners will continue ("Laura Keene" will appear in the February issue) but since the "History on Wheels" tours require some alighting and re-entering the bus, it was felt that we should skip the depth of the winter. The next tour will probably take place in April.

Our 2003 "Music at the Meetinghouse" free summer concert series, held on the lawn of the Long Plain Friends Meetinghouse, were limited to just two concerts this past year as the June concert was washed out by torrential rains. The 2004 concerts will include the rained-out group - "The Relics" and the "Remnants" (we all love this pairing of band names!). We are currently looking for a third combo, preferably specialized in country & western or blue grass. We welcome suggestions.

We have still not convinced the Town Fathers regarding our proposal to take over the historic Perry Hill Church but will continue our efforts. Initiatives to have the Fire Department, the Health Agent and the Building Inspector visit the property and give the Commission a report have been unsuccessful.

The historical Severance House (known to the Selectmen as the Cusson House) was apparently subject to invasions by teenage vandals. Early in the year it was decided to board it up, and although a sum of money was appropriated to do so, Mr. Alex Feinman of Long Plain arranged for a team of his workers to do the job at no charge. The Town has still not been able to arrange to move the house off the property in order to allow the proposed Library to be built.

We were pleased that the Community Preservation Act was passed by the voters of Acushnet. Gloria Lavoie was named as our representative to the CPA Committee which has already met once. It might be possible to use CPA money to check the condition of the Perry Hill Church and perhaps do any necessary repairs.

It has been suggested that something be done about reinstating our Demolition Delay By-Law, in view of the loss of several historical houses in the past year. Among these were the Walter Davis House on Quaker Lane and the Bisbee (or "Bog") School at the corner of Keene and Middle Roads.

The Commission is planning to nominate the Ancient Long Plain and Ancient Precinct Cemeteries to the National Register. Both were first utilized prior to 1700.

The Head of the River District is to be nominated as a National Register Historic District, and our consultant, Mack Woodward, is about to send in the nominating papers. A meeting was held in September at the Council on Aging to explain the project to property owners. The reaction was overwhelmingly favorable.

An enormous painted mural of the Head-of-the-River has been stored in the Ladies' Room at the Museum. It was suggested as a gift to the Historical Commission, but we unfortunately have no place to hang it. The problem was solved when it was offered to the Council on Aging, which agreed to take it and hang it in the Senior Center.

The archaeologists who worked on the dredging of the part of the Acushnet River that flows through Acushnet are planning to offer us a selection of Native American artifacts for display in our Museum. Our people, Steve Gilmore and Pauline Teixeira, who attended a meeting with the archaeologists, reported that the bulk of the collection is largely uninteresting, being mostly small stone chips.

Respectfully submitted,

Irwin Marks, Chairman
Louise Richard, Secretary
Gloria Lavoie
Steven Gilmore
Roberta E. Leonard
Madeline J. Gwozdz
Joyce Reynolds
Acushnet Historical Commission

REPORT OF THE ACUSHNET HOUSING AUTHORITY

April of 2003 marked our 29th anniversary at Presidential Terrace

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

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

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

NUMBER OF OCCUPANTS

One Person

Two People

NET INCOME RANGE

Max. \$29,200.00

Max. \$33,350.00

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 Nerw England Fellowship at Garfield Street.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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

REPORT OF THE PARK DEPARTMENT

To the officers and residents of Acushnet, we submit the following report for the year ending December 31, 2003.

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

Thanks to donations received from the Acushnet Police and Fire Association, Mrs. Cathy Jason was able to complete another successful summer youth program for six weeks. The program allows young children access to supervised crafts and sports for two hours each weekday morning. Through the direction of Mrs. Jason and her two supervisors, who are all certified teachers, teenagers who reside in the town are used as aids, enabling them to earn money during the summer. Over 125 kids attend at one time or another during the course of the summer. Due to a joint effort by Mrs. Jason and the Park Board, all program activities and financial objectives were successfully met.

At the end of the baseball season, Randy Braga resigned as acting Park Superintendent. Mr. Braga served three years. He took over the job in an emergency situation just two weeks before Little League's opening day. He and his three helpers worked sparingly and have done their best to keep the park up while spending as little man-hours as possible.

The Bristol County Sheriff's department sent work crews out in the spring to clean up leaves and brush around the park, and as always they did an excellent job. The Acushnet DPW also worked to clean up the park on several occasions. As usual they send the manpower and equipment out to the park whenever it is needed.

During the summer the AYAA held its 38th annual Michael Poulin All Star Tournament. During the two weekends that the tournament is held, teams and their supporters from all over the South Coast come to Pope Park.

One new event took place this year. After the passing of AYAA legend Jerry Arruda, the Fairhaven and Acushnet Little League got together again – this time to hold a Tournament of Champions between the Fairhaven and the Acushnet Champions. The two Champions battled in a best two out of three series, splitting game locations between Acushnet and Fairhaven. The Tournament is fondly named after Mr. Arruda who was instrumental in bringing together the two leagues to improve the Fairhaven Pony League, which now includes Acushnet kids.

Although Mr. Arruda never lived in Acushnet, he spent over 20 years as a quality member of the AYAA. For thousands of Acushnet kids, Little League would not have been the same without him.

The Fairhaven Pony League completed its 2nd full season, splitting games between Pope Park and the Shaw Road complex in Fairhaven. Over 60 Acushnet kids now play in the league.

The Phoenix girls' softball league played games on one field each Thursday night. The AYAA Little League baseball program proudly calls Pope Park its home.

The Acushnet Youth Soccer League played another season at the Park, again because of the School construction. They crammed over 400 kids, both boys and girls, onto the pony league diamond. The facility was not designed to accommodate a large soccer league and hopefully they will be able to return to the schools this fall.

In April longtime town resident Gary Wilson was elected to the board. Mr. Wilson served for over 15 years in various capacity of the AYAA.

During the course of the year the Park board, through the town's grant writer, has applied for several state and federal grants. It is our hope to secure some money to upgrade things around the Park, such as restrooms, fences, fields and playground equipment.

During the spring the Friends of Joey Jason Committee contacted the board. Mr. Jason passed away in March of 2002 at the young age of 46. For several years he served as the Park superintendent and before that he worked at the Park as a youth. Perhaps he is best remembered as being the best baseball player to ever come from Acushnet.

Through meetings with the committee, made up of many men who grew up in Acushnet, the Park board has agreed to name the Little League field now called the "B" field after Mr. Jason. In exchange, the committee will fix the field up into a state-of-the-art Little League field, equipping it with new fences, new design, new bleachers, back stop, score booth and everything else.

This committee has made donations on behalf of Mr. Jason to every Little League in the area. They have a three-year plan to make the "B" field the premiere Little League field in the entire area: a task that will take more than a few dollars. The money saved by the Park Department will be diverted elsewhere.

Unfortunately, during the year the Park Board was not able to reach a goal. A serious plan has been made to complete a shuffle board court at the top of the park. Several senior citizens have been waiting for many years to see the project complete after several failed attempts. Yet another attempt has failed. Due mostly to the weather conditions of New England, the cost to properly paint and seal the court is just more than the Park Department can handle.

Finally, the Park board is committed to improve and maintain the park. However, progress with little or no money is at a snail's pace.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Marc Antone
Joe Lopes
Gary Wilson
Acushnet Park Department

REPORT OF THE ACUSHNET RIVER VALLEY GOLF COURSE

*Acushnet River Valley Golf Course established itself in the 2003 Golf Season as
"The Region's Best Kept Secret!"*

Customers have developed a level of expectations demanding consistent playing conditions that are extraordinary. The Valley Crest organization (Steve Tibbles, Superintendent) has overcome all seasonal challenges to meet, if not beat, the customers' expectations throughout the playing season.

Acushnet is receiving the recognition it deserves as a great golf course, designed by 1999 Golf Architect of the year Brian Silva. He created a challenging championship layout, offering four sets of tees and pristine playing conditions 99% of the season time. Our mission statement is to offer our customers excellence in the areas of: Customer Service, Golf Course Conditions, Quality Products, and Golf Value.

Our golf rates are the most competitive in the South Coast. Our competitive value is drawing business from South Boston, Rhode Island and the Cape Cod golf communities. Acushnet River Valley was featured in a four-page article in the North Shore Massachusetts Golf Magazine as a road trip destination titled, "The Hidden Gem." Acushnet River Valley is going to be featured in the New England Journal of Golf, a PGA publication.

We have expanded our customer base into 25 states.

Acushnet experienced 33,727 rounds of golf in the 2003 season.

24,087 rounds were 18-hole play

6,044 rounds were League play

3,596 rounds were Twilight / 9-hole play

\$1,147,025	Revenue in Green fees
\$ 82,249	Revenue from Golf Carts
\$ 11,031	Revenue from Driving Range
\$ 60,673	Revenue from ProShop sales
\$ 179,908	Revenue from Snack Bar sales

The golf course offers a unique golfing experience, offering a traditional New England Pine Alley fairway style on the front nine, complimented by Scottish Links Style, featuring native grasses and water holes on the back nine. Acushnet River Valley offers everyone "Country Club Courtesy and Conditions."

Respectfully submitted,

Acushnet River Valley Golf Course

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, 2003.

Full-time police officers Gary L. Rousseau and Scott R. Gordon left the Police Department this year. Officer Rousseau, who served as the town's D.A.R.E. Officer for many years, fulfilled a lifetime dream of moving to sunny and warm Florida. Officer Gordon, a bright and compassionate young officer, left to secure a day shift with the Fairhaven Police Department, a position he would not likely have obtained in Acushnet for many years.

The Department also lost thirty-year veteran officer Donald Guenette in September. Officer Guenette served as a full-time police officer from May 1973 until 1991 when he opted to become a part-time officer due to a promotion at the Acushnet Company. During his full-time tenure, Officer Guenette was appointed to the Detective Division and remains one of the most highly decorated officers in the history of the department. Their losses are significant and are only exacerbated by the fact that future losses are anticipated in 2004 as officers come to the age of retirement.

The day shift dispatcher and the Chief's right hand person, Kimberly Bispo, is engaged to be married and has notified the department that she will be moving to North Carolina at the end of January. As the day shift dispatcher and the Chief's secretary, Kim was the hub of the department in many ways. She was loyal and trustworthy in this position of confidence, and she will be dearly missed.

The job of replacing the losses we have suffered and those we anticipate is a real challenge. The fact that the economy is bad now and budgets are tight makes the effort all the more daunting. Full-time police officers must undergo twenty weeks of academy training prior to being certified by the Commonwealth. This is an expensive matter, as we must pay the officer in the academy and at the same time we must pay for a replacement who is filling those vacated shifts. The process is also an extremely long one as you will note in the next paragraph. Despite these obstacles, we intend to persevere and have already taken several steps to keep the ship on course.

Part-time officer Derek Cathcart was appointed to a full-time position in October. He is scheduled to attend the Basic Recruit Academy beginning in March and his promotion will be culminated upon his graduation in July. In addition to this lengthy training period, the town must also wait for an opening on the next available police academy before the training begins. And the town must go through the arduous and time-consuming processes of the Civil Service Commission in order to make these appointments before the academy issue is even considered.

Six new Reserve or part-time officers were appointed in October. Two of those officers, Brian Humenuk and James Cassidy, are already academy trained and are now undergoing local training here within the department. They should complete their training and hit the streets soon after the start of the new year. The other four appointees, Jessica Alves, Jeremy Fontes, Shane Cabral and Jeremy DeMello, are attending the Reserve Academy and will become police officers contingent on their graduation in February and successful completion of a battery of tests. We will then begin our on-the-job evaluations in order to determine if the people selected can handle the rigors of this very difficult job.

On December 15th the town hired Jolene Gregoire to replace Kimberly Bispo. Jolene will begin training on January 12, 2004. She will train with Kim in addition to receiving off-site training that will result in her being E 9-1-1 certified and CJIS certified. Jolene is expected to take over the reins as the day shift dispatcher on February 2nd.

The Police Department could not sustain the D.A.R.E. program this year but we were able to keep the School Resource Officer on duty. This is all part of a process where we must evaluate and prioritize what services to keep and what services/programs to cut in order to live within our budget. We realize how important the School Resource Officer is, especially in these times when security is so vital, and we will consider that when making future decisions. However, we would like to point out to all that the meat and guts of a police department is keeping patrol officers on the street.

We also must have dispatchers to take the calls, communicate them to the officers and record vital information. Detectives are needed to solve major crimes that are difficult or impossible for officers to solve who are assigned patrol duties. There is no administrative fat to cut because the chief of police is the sole administrator. All of these factors, including the cost of replacing lost officers, will be taken into account when drawing up the budget for FY'05.

We have been very successful at obtaining grants over the years and will continue to seek them out. Those grants, however, are drying up and becoming ever more difficult to acquire. The School Resource Officer program and other even more vital services may be contingent upon those grants because we realize that other departments are in the same predicament as the police.

All members of the Department were qualified or re-qualified with their duty weapons and shotguns. Full-time officers continue to receive one week of In-Service Training each year to keep them aware of the ever-changing world of law enforcement and to keep up certifications as required by law.

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

OTHER ACTIVITIES

	2002	2003
Calls for Service	7,165	6,839
Parking Tickets	67	58
Larcenies	86	82
Breaking & Entering	31	62
Attempted Breaks	3	6
Arrests – M/V, Narcotics, B&E's, Larceny, Warrants	302	375
Summonses Served	124	167
Stolen M/V	8	11
Accidents Investigate	142	157
Fatalities	2	4
Robberies	1	2
M/V Citations	703	512

MEMBERS OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief of Police

Michael R. Poitras

Sergeants

Barry W. Monte

Stephen McCann

Michael G. Alves

Full Time Officers

Paul J. Melo

Marc J. Antone

David A. Swift

Christopher R. Richmond

Gary S. Coppa

Michael A. Matton

Louann Jenkinson

James D. Costa

Thomas L. Carreau

John A. Bolarinho

Keith A. Ashley

Part Time Officers

Michael J. Nunes

Chester Ovesen

Derek W. Cathcart

John C. Almeida, Jr.

John C. Preston

Dispatchers

Kimberly A. Bispo

Heather M. Richards

Respectfully submitted,

Michael R. Poitras

Chief of Police

REPORT OF THE RUSSELL MEMORIAL LIBRARY

To the Officers and Residents of the Town of Acushnet:

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

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

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

Part-time staff:

Assistant Director: Melissa Correia

Library Technicians: Constance Preston, Denise Hamer, Pauline Prudhomme

Page: Judith Caruthers

Custodian: Elaine Spinale

The Library at 88 Main Street is open year round:

Monday and Wednesday 10-8

Tuesday and Thursday 1-8

Saturday 9-3

Telephone (508) 998-0270 Fax (508) 998-0271

Website: www.sailsinc.org/acushnet

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

The Library offers books, videos, recorded books, newspapers, magazines, music CDs, educational CD-ROM, Internet access, on-line databases, and word processing at no cost. Printers, a copy machine, and a fax machine are available to the public for a small fee. Programs to promote literacy: two six-week preschool story times and a six-week summer reading program are offered free of charge to children. When not in use, the Meeting Room is available to municipal and community organizations.

Story times use books, songs, crafts, and finger plays to teach listening skills, lengthen attention span, develop fine motor skills, and foster a love of books. Summer Reading encourages children to read during the summer, reinforcing the skills gained during the school year. In 2003 we provided a puppet show, storyteller, a magician, and three art projects. This program is funded by the Friends of the Acushnet Public Library with donations from local businesses and organizations.

In July the library invited the Council on Aging to co-sponsor an intergenerational program funded by a grant from the Acushnet Cultural Council. Performer Bob E. Thomas presented a music and dance program entitled "Grandma, Vaudeville, and Me." Library children and COA members spent an enjoyable afternoon together.

The Library is a full voting member of the SAILS Library Network. Through SAILS, library patrons have access to the collections of over 60 libraries. In addition to the automated system, SAILS provides professional cataloging services, technical support, and continuing education. Library Director Tonya Revell holds a three-year position on the SAILS Board.

The SAILS system allows users with an internet connection to search the catalog, reserve materials, check on holds and items out, and even renew from home. This sophisticated system requires the latest technology. Keeping abreast of rapidly changing technology presents many challenges to our time for a major upgrade of the software expected in 2005.

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

The library maintained state certification in 2003. Required: a Director with a Master's Degree in Library Studies from an accredited institution and certification by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners, a minimum of 40 hours open per week, a minimum of 16% of the total budget expended on materials, and a municipal appropriation that increased by 2 ½% each year over a three year average. Certification entitles Acushnet residents to borrow materials from other Massachusetts libraries and qualifies the Town for state aid and state grants to libraries.

The library benefited from an Eagle Scout project: Jared Harding constructed a new storage shed to house grounds maintenance equipment. We are grateful to Jared for this fine project.

The library participated in St. Luke's Hospital Library Grant project entitled "St. Luke's Hospital Library Health Information Outreach to the Greater New Bedford Community." Melissa Correia was trained by St. Luke's to find health information. She then trained the rest of the staff. The grant provided salaries, materials, and a new computer for health research.

The aging building continues to consume time and money. This year the furnace failed three times. The roof is leaking in new places. Water is entering the lower level through stress fractures and worn grout. We thank Conrad Desroches for his free advice and repairs.

We are grateful to: The Friends of the Acushnet Library for financial and volunteer support; Wilfred Fortin for his generous donations of magazines and books; the businesses, organization and individuals who fund our summer reading program; Ed Macomber for signs; the Parting of the Ways Beautification Committee for plantings and holiday decorations; and the library patrons who donate time and materials.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Bartolome, Chairman
Christina Gaudette
Lori Gonsalves, Secretary
James Knox
Alfred Robichaud
Anne Verissimo

RUSSELL MEMORIAL LIBRARY **Statistical Report 2003**

Active Borrowers	5,083
Library Visits	22,932
Children's Programs Held	25
Attendance at Children's Programs	519
Adult Programs Held	4
Attendance at Adult Programs	42
Computers for Public Use	5
Public Internet Access	2

Materials Holdings

Books	19,814
Periodical Subscriptions	186
Videos	954
Audio (cassettes and CDs)	390
CD/ROMS	62

Circulation

Books	22,364
Periodicals	4,744
Video/DVD	5,523
Electronic format	124
Audio	1,096
Miscellaneous (equipment, museum passes, etc.)	53
Total Items circulated	33,904

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 for the year 2003. Our schools are presided over by a school committee elected to three-year overlapping terms. Present committee members include:

Douglas Coray, Chairman
Manuel Goncalves, Vice Chairman
Dr. Mary Lou Francis

JoAnn Bertrand
Robert Lanzoni

Dr. Francis has replaced Gary Rousseau who relocated to another state.

The year 2003 has been another eventful one for your schools. The school building project is in its very final stages of completion. As the New Year begins, this project will become finalized and the last chapter in this adventure will come to an end. The result of this building project is represented in two like-new buildings, which will serve the educational needs of the students and the recreational needs of the community for many years to come.

Our schools continue to distinguish themselves academically. Both MCAS and federal testing requirements show strong performance in most areas tested. In an attempt to address all academic issues, both schools are concentrating on mathematics in 2003-2004. Acushnet continues to be among the leaders in SouthCoast communities in academic achievement while maintaining the lowest per pupil expense of any community in the area.

Ford Middle School

Ford Middle School continues to provide and enable an opportunity for each of its students to grow and learn.

Ford Middle School was accredited in December of 2001 by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, and in accordance with them, we submitted our two-year progress report. The report described the renovation and new construction project along with our updated curriculums.

Ford Middle School was nominated to be a Compass School candidate for the 2003-04 school year. This nomination is given to schools that show significant improvements in their MCAS scores. We believe that our new math program, in addition to supplemental resources in the Language Arts program, led to this nomination.

Despite regular adjustment adapting to on-site construction, our grade 5 students were successfully transitioned into the middle school.

In the coming year we will continue to strive to provide the high quality of education that the community has come to expect.

Acushnet Elementary School

Many new and exciting events have occurred at the elementary school during the year 2003.

As far as programs go, the newest and one of the most challenging was the creation of a tuition-based Full Day Kindergarten program. Discussion of the program began during the spring of 2003 and, with the cooperation of parents, staff and the community, we were ready to offer the program by the beginning of school in September. Currently we offer four full-day kindergarten classrooms and two half-day kindergarten classrooms. The program has been running well and continues to be positive. One nice surprise was the addition of a state funded grant through which we were able to lower the cost of tuition.

Another program that we were able to add to as the result of a grant is our Reading Recovery. This program works with students in the first grade to help them to become independent readers. In September we were able to add one half-time teacher to work with students using Grant funding. Through both the Reading Recovery program and the Accelerated Reader program, along with hard working teachers and staff, our MCAS reading scores remain excellent with a success rate of over 98%.

Mr. Donovan, formerly a Guidance Counselor at Ford, is now dividing his time between the Ford Middle School and the Acushnet Elementary School as Assistant Principal for the District.

During 2003 we have gained complete access to the entire school. Although the building project is not complete, we have use of all areas of the building with some "punch list" items still remaining.

Thanks to the support of the entire school community, 2003 was a very productive and rewarding year. The PTO continued its great support, which is especially important in these hard economic times. The Elementary School Council continues to work toward the creation of a new "BIG TOY" Playground for our young students. Finally, the support from parents has created an environment in which the school serves the community in the best way possible.

Grants

Acushnet Public Schools participated in the consolidated grant process during the 2002-2003 school year. This consolidated process was initiated by the Massachusetts Department of Education. Its purpose is to allow school districts the ability to plan and implement curriculum changes or to continue to improve/expand program initiations through a three-year planning process.

The District planned and initiated a one-year plan for the 2003-2004 school year, utilizing the funds from Title I, Title IIA (Teacher Quality), Title IID (Technology), Title IV (Safe and Drug Free Schools, and Title V (Innovative Programs).

The 2003-2004 school year will bring about the planning for the next two years of the consolidated grant process. The Massachusetts Department of Education is in the process of scheduling statewide preparatory meetings to assist district in continuing this grant process.

The District applied for and received two competitive grants: Early Intervention Literacy Grant (training for a Reading Recovery teacher) and Kindergarten Enhancement Program (which helps to support our full day kindergarten program).

The Special Education Department continues to support and maintain their programs through several grants: Summer Academic Support, SPED 94-142 Allocation, SPED Program Improvement, and SPED Early Childhood Allocation.

The District staff is in the process of utilizing these grants to improve and enhance reading and mathematics programs in the Acushnet Public Schools.

System Wide

As of June 30, 2003, the administration offices moved from the Parting Ways Building to the Ford Middle School. Now the office of the Superintendent and business department are on campus. This is a real plus for the schools. We can now provide hands-on support to our schools and address matters more expediently.

As mentioned previously, our school renovation project is winding down. There remain minor items to be corrected. The Town of Acushnet is very fortunate to have state-of-the-art facilities available for their children's learning.

We are in the first year of a three-year contract for bussing students. The contractor added brand new busses to the fleet this year, providing our students with safe, reliable transportation to and from school.

Conclusion

This has been another year of excitement, recognition and change for the Acushnet Public Schools. Your school committee and administration are dedicated to continuing to provide the level of quality that our children and community both require and deserve. Acushnet truly has much of which to be proud. On behalf of your schools, I thank the community for your caring support these past many years. My tenure has been a very happy and productive one. Good luck.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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ACUSHNET AT A GLANCE

Incorporated: February 13, 1860

Type of Government: Open Town Meeting

Population: 10,294

10,129 (State Census)

Total Valuation:

Class 1 and 2 Tax Rate: \$11.76 per \$1,000 (Fiscal Year 2003)

Class 3 and 4 Tax Rate: \$15.11 per \$1,000 (Fiscal Year 2003)

Total Registered Voters: 6,902

Area: 18 Square Miles

Churches: 6

Public Schools: 2

Parochial Schools: 1

Regional School: 1

Principal Industries:

golf ball mfg., road surface materials, farming

apple & peach orchards, box factory, sawmill

landscape nurseries

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