

TOWN RECORDS AND REPORTS

of the

TOWN OFFICERS



TOWN OF ACUSHNET



2008

TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

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

TOWN SERVICES

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

WEB SITE ADDRESS

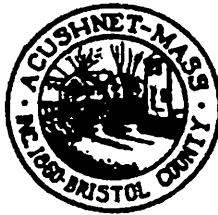
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MASSACHUSETTS



For the

Year Ending December 31, 2008

Kase Printing Inc.
13 Hampshire Drive
Unit 18
Hudson, NH 03051

In Memoriam

Edwin Ernest Brackett

School Custodian

Date of Death – January 30, 2008

Rudolph Urbanek

Assessor

Date of Death – February 12, 2008

Mary B. Thomas

School Principal

Date of Death – July 14, 2008

Thomas L. Lafleur

Volunteer Firefighter

Date of Death – August 22, 2008

Charles Vieira

Board of Public Works Member

Date of Death – September 28, 2008

Robert Geier

Historical Commission

Community Preservation Committee

School Guidance Counselor

Date of Death – November 1, 2008

TOWN OFFICERS

2008

Town Clerk

Pamela A. Labonte

Term Expires 2011

Board of Selectmen

Michael A. Cioper, Chairman

Term Expires 2009

David E. Wojnar

Term Expires 2010

Leslie Dakin, Jr.

Term Expires 2011

Board of Assessors

Marc Cenerizio, Chairman

Term Expires 2011

Leslie Dakin, Jr.

Term Expires 2009

Liberio Soares

Term Expires 2010

Board of Health

David Davignon, Chairman

Term Expires 2009

Thomas J. Fortin

Term Expires 2010

Robert Medeiros

Term Expires 2011

School Committee

Mary Louise Francis, Chairman

Term Expires 2009

Douglas Coray,

Term Expires 2010

Manuel D. Goncalves

Term Expires 2010

David Deterra

Term Expires 2011

Frank Kuthan,

Term Expires 2011

Commissioner of Trust Funds

Marc E. Laplante, Chairman

Term Expires 2009

William A. Krause, Jr.

Term Expires 2010

Paul R. O'Neil

Term Expires 2011

Trustees of Free Public Library

Kristen Leotti, Chairman

Term Expires 2010

James Knox

Term Expires 2009

Jeanne R. Poulin

Term Expires 2009

Robert Bartolome

Term Expires 2010

Anne M. Verissimo

Term Expires 2011

Henry Preston

Term Expires 2011

Cemetery Board

Paul H. Fortin, Chairman
Charlene Fortin
Joanne Cioper

Term Expires 2009
Term Expires 2010
Term Expires 2011

Park Commissioners

Thomas J. Decosta, Chairman
Michael Desrosiers
Marc J. Antone,

Term Expires 2009
Term Expires 2010
Term Expires 2011

Housing Authority

James S. Madruga, Jr., Chairman
Lawrence G. Marshall,
Nancy Brightman
Lawrence P. Mulvey
Richard Threlfall-State Appointed

Term Expires 2009
Term Expires 2010
Term Expires 2011
Term Expires 2012
Term Expires 2009

Planning Board

Marc Cenerizio, Chairman
Leo N. Coons, Jr.
Richard H. Ellis
Mark DeSilva
Richard P. Forand

Term Expires 2012
Term Expires 2009
Term Expires 2010
Term Expires 2011
Term Expires 2013

Moderator

Robert E. Francis

Term Expires 2011

Tree Warden

Raymond F. Barlow

Term Expires 2011

Board of Public Works

Jeffrey Schuster, Chairman
Charles Vieira
Douglas Pinard
Steven R. Boucher
Dustin Cormier
Brian Slowik

Resigned April 8, 2008
Appointed April 29, 2008

Term Expires 2009
Term Expires 2009
Term Expires 2009
Term Expires 2010
Term Expires 2011
Term Expires 2011

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<u>Date Sworn In 2008</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Office</u>	<u>Date of Election or Appointment</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
5/2/05	Dorothy Daniels	Poll Worker	Resigned 9/29/08	5/1/07
6/06/05	Robert Geier	Historical Commission	Resigned 5/12/08	5/01/08
4/03/06	Charles Vieira	Board of Public Works	Resigned 4/08/08	4/06/09
3/26/07	Christine Amaral	Poll Worker	Resigned 9/30/08	5/01/09
3/28/07	Cynthia Lundrigan	Poll Worker	Resigned 1/31/08	5/01/09
5/14/07	James Coutinho	Historical Commission	Resigned 5/12/08	5/01/10
5/14/07	Lawrence Marshall	Cable Advisory Committee	Resigned 8/5/08	5/01/09
1/14/08	Kathy Plante	Poll Worker	Resigned 9/23/08	5/01/09
5/15/08	Michael Desrosiers	Golf Course Committee	Resigned 7/22/08	5/01/09
1/23/08	Louise Benoit	Poll Worker	Appt. 1/14/08	5/01/09
1/23/08	Diane Braley	Poll Worker	Appt. 1/14/08	5/01/09
1/23/08	Kathy Plante	Poll Worker	Appt. 1/14/08	5/01/09
1/30/08	Juliana Perry	Poll Worker	Appt. 1/28/08	5/01/09
4/08/08	Leslie Dakin, Jr.	Board of Selectmen	Elected 4/07/08	4/04/11
4/08/08	Robert Francis	Town Moderator	Elected 4/07/08	4/04/11
4/08/08	Francis Kuthan	School Committee	Elected 4/07/08	4/04/11
4/08/08	Pamela Labonte	Town Clerk	Elected 4/07/08	4/04/11
4/08/08	Robert Medeiros	Board of Health	Elected 4/07/08	4/04/11
4/08/08	Paul O'Neil	Commissioner of Trust Funds	Elected 4/07/08	4/04/11
4/09/08	Dustin Cormier	Board of Public Works	Elected 4/07/08	4/04/11

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4/09/08	Henry Preston	Trustee of Free Public Library	Elected 4/07/08	4/04/11
4/10/08	David DeTerra	School Committee	Elected 4/07/08	4/04/11
4/22/08	Marc Cenerizio	Assessor	Elected 4/07/08	4/04/11
4/25/08	Joanne Cioper	Cemetery Board	Elected 4/07/08	4/04/11
4/29/08	Doug Pinard	Board of Public Works	Appt. 4/29/08	4/01/09
5/01/08	Kristen Bourgault	Registrar of Voters	Appt. 4/28/08	5/01/10
5/01/08	Jacqueline Brown	Acting Town Clerk for Recount	Appt. 5/01/08	5/01/08
5/01/08	Irene Decotis	Registrar of Voters	Appt. 4/28/08	5/01/11
5/01/08	Nicolangela Fillippone	Tax Shift Study Committee	Appt. 4/28/08	5/01/10
5/01/08	Kevin Gallagher	Forest Warden	Appt. 4/28/08	5/01/09
5/01/08	Kevin Gallagher	Safety Committee	Appt. 4/28/08	5/01/09
5/01/08	Kevin Gallagher	Street Naming Committee	Appt. 4/28/08	5/01/09
5/01/08	James Marot	By-Law Review Committee	Appt. 4/28/08	5/01/09
5/01/08	James Marot	Enforcement Agent For BOS	Appt. 4/28/08	5/01/09
5/01/08	James Marot	Portable Sign Committee	Appt. 4/28/08	5/01/09
5/01/08	Katherine Milligan	Tax Title Custodian	Appt. 4/28/08	5/01/09
5/01/08	Tiffany Tripp	Animal Control Officer/Insp. of Animals	Appt. 4/28/08	5/01/09

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5/02/08	Geraldine Frates	Community Preservation Committee	Appt. 4/28/08	5/01/09
5/02/08	Paul Sylvia	Special Police Officer for New Bedford, MA Water Works	Appt. 4/28/08	5/01/10
5/05/08	Marc Cenerizio	Community Preservation Committee	Appt. 4/28/08	5/01/11
5/05/08	Marc Cenerizio	Tax Shift Study Committee	Appt. 4/28/08	5/01/10
5/05/05	Lillian Contois	Town Meeting Teller	Appt. 5/01/08	6/30/11
5/05/08	Paul Hipolito	Board of Appeals (Alt)	Appt. 4/28/08	5/01/09
5/05/08	Richard Lally	Board of Appeals	Appt. 4/28/08	5/01/13
5/05/08	James Pringle	Board of Appeals (Alt)	Appt. 4/28/08	5/01/09
5/06/08	Michael Alves	Safety Committee	Appt. 4/28/08	5/01/09
5/06/08	Michael Alves	Street Naming Committee	Appt. 4/28/08	5/01/09
5/06/08	Marc J. Antone	Park Commissioner	Elected 4/07/08	4/04/11
5/06/08	Walter Dalton, Jr.	Cultural Council	Appt. 4/28/08	5/01/11
5/06/08	Lorraine Hunter	Beautification Committee	Appt. 4/28/08	5/01/10
5/06/08	James Madruga	Golf Management & Operational Committee	Appt. 4/28/08	5/01/09
5/06/08	Sue Picard	Insurance Advisory Committee	Appt. 4/28/08	5/01/09

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5/06/08	Milton Reynolds	Council On Aging	Appt. 4/28/08	5/01/11
5/06/08	Richard Threlfall	Tax Shift Study Committee	Appt. 4/28/08	5/01/09
5/07/08	Ron Burke	Tilcon Capaldi PJ Keating Weigher	Appt. 4/28/08	5/01/10
5/07/08	Thomas DeCosta	Community Preservation Comm. (Park Commissioner)	Appt. 4/28/08	5/01/11
5/07/08	Thomas DeCosta	Deputy Wire Inspector	Appt. 4/28/08	5/01/09
5/07/08	Antone DeMello	Tilcon Capaldi PJ Keating Weigher	Appt. 4/28/08	5/01/10
5/07/08	Joseph DeNardo	Tilcon Capaldi PJ Keating Weigher	Appt. 4/28/08	5/01/10
5/07/08	Sarah Fitzgerald	Tilcon Capaldi PJ Keating Weigher	Appt. 4/28/08	5/01/10
5/07/08	Ed Isaac	Golf Management & Operational Committee	Appt. 4/28/08	5/01/09
5/07/08	Geraldine Reed	Town Meeting Teller	Appt. 5/01/08	6/30/11
5/07/08	Henry Young	Housing Partnership Committee	Appt. 4/28/08	5/01/09
5/07/08	Henry Young	Wind Study Committee	Appt. 4/28/08	5/01/09
5/07/08	Fiolmenia Yuille	Tilcon Capaldi PJ Keating Weigher	Appt. 4/28/08	5/01/10

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5/08/08	Marie Hardy	Town Meeting Teller	Appt. 5/01/08	6/30/11
5/08/08	Susanne Sounik	Town Meeting Teller	Appt. 5/01/08	6/30/11
5/09/08	John Abaray, Jr.	Golf Management & Operational Committee	Appt. 4/28/08	5/01/09
5/09/08	Dorothy Daniels	Town Meeting Teller	Appt. 5/01/08	6/30/11
5/09/08	Robert Medeiros	Shellfish Warden/Harbor Master	Appt. 4/28/08	5/01/10
5/12/08	Pamela Labonte	By-Law Review Committee	Appt. 4/28/08	5/01/11
5/13/08	David Flynn	Golf Management & Operational Committee	Appt. 4/28/08	5/01/09
5/13/08	Lisa Leonard	Skate Park Re-Location Committee	Appt. 4/28/08	5/01/09
5/13/08	Mary Lou Marques	Finance Committee	Appt. 4/28/08	5/01/11
5/13/08	Paul Pelletier	Finance Committee	Appt. 4/28/08	5/01/11
5/14/08	Manuel Goulart	Golf Management & Operational Committee	Appt. 4/28/08	5/01/09
5/16/08	Christopher Richmond	Insurance Advisory Committee	Appt. 4/28/08	5/01/09
5/16/08	Christopher Richmond	Skate Park Re- Location Committee	Appt. 4/28/08	5/01/09

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5/19/08	Kerri Almeida	Tilcon Capaldi PJ Keating Weigher	Appt. 4/28/08	5/01/10
5/19/08	Robert Ferreira	Golf Management & Operational Committee	Appt. 4/28/08	5/01/09
5/19/08	Elizabeth Gatenby	Finance Committee	Appt. 4/28/08	5/01/11
5/19/08	Dorothy Gomes	Town Meeting Teller	Appt. 5/01/08	6/30/11
5/19/08	John Roy	Insurance Advisory Committee	Appt. 4/28/08	5/01/09
5/19/08	John Roy	Wind Study Committee	Appt. 4/28/08	5/01/09
5/20/08	Jeanne Duggan	Town Meeting Teller	Appt. 5/01/08	6/30/11
5/20/08	Eric McGlynn	Safety Committee	Appt. 4/28/08	5/01/09
5/27/08	Michael Desrosiers	Golf Management & Operational Committee	Appt. 5/15/08	5/01/09
5/29/08	Robert Rocha, Jr.	Conservation Commission	Appt. 4/28/08	5/01/09
5/30/08	Ted Cioper	Conservation Commission	Appt. 4/28/08	5/01/11
6/02/08	Jonathan Souza	Tilcon Capaldi PJ Keating Weigher	Appt. 4/28/08	5/01/10
6/03/08	David Wojnar	SRTA Rep.	Appt. 4/28/08	5/01/09

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6/03/08	David Wojnar	Wind Study Committee	Appt. 4/28/08	5/01/09
6/09/08	Victor Pereira	Deputy Wire Inspector	Appt. 4/28/08	5/01/09
6/24/08	Leslie Dakin, Jr.	Soil Conservation	Appt. 4/28/08	5/01/10
7/2/08	Theodore Machado	Sealer of Weights/Measures	Appt. 4/28/08	5/01/09
7/24/08	Michael Cioper	By-Law Review Committee	Appt. 6/2/08	5/01/10
7/24/08	Mark Phaneuf	Historical Commission	Appt. 7/21/08	5/1/11
7/28/08	Matthew Lopes	Historical Commission	Appt. 7/21/08	5/1/11
7/30/08	Kevin Gallagher	EMS Director	Appt. 6/30/08	6/30/09
7/31/08	Lucia Casey	Board of Appeals Secretary	Appt. 7/1/08	7/1/09
8/4/08	Danny DeAmaral	Policemen	Appt. 4/14/08	---
8/4/08	Kayla Kuslock	Policemen	Appt. 4/14/08	---
8/4/08	David Sol	Policemen	Appt. 4/14/08	---
8/21/08	Ronald Cormier	Veterans Agent	Appt. 8/1/08	5/1/09
10/1/08	Carol Westgate	By-Law Review Committee	Appt. 4/28/08	5/1/09

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10/15/08	Norval Stanley	By-Law Review Committee-Alt.	Appt. 10/6/08	5/1/09
10/17/08	Richard Forand	Planning Commissioner	Elected 4/7/08	4/1/13
10/23/08	Catherine Audette	Poll Worker	Appt. 10/20/08	5/1/09
10/23/08	Suzanne DeTerra	Poll Worker	Appt. 10/20/08	5/1/09
10/23/08	Donna Forand	Poll Worker	Appt. 10/20/08	5/1/09
10/23/08	Joanne Fournier	Poll Worker	Appt. 10/20/08	5/1/09
10/23/08	Patricia McNamara	Poll Worker	Appt. 10/20/08	5/1/09
10/23/08	Janet West	Poll Worker	Appt. 10/20/08	5/1/09
12/10/08	Charles Leonard	By-Law Review Committee-Alt.	Appt. 10/6/08	5/1/09
12/23/08	James Marot	Safety Committee	Appt. 12/11/08	5/1/09
---	Eric Arruda	Insurance Advisory Committee	Appt. 4/28/08	5/1/09
---	Nelson Cardoso	Tilcon-Capaldi PJ Keating Weigher	Appt. 4/28/08	5/1/10
---	Leo Coons	Acushnet Rep. Old Colony	Appt. 5/1/08	4/30/11
---	Alan Coutinho	Downtown Steering Committee	Appt. 4/28/08	5/1/09
---	Alan Coutinho	Safety Committee	Appt. 12/11/08	5/1/09

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---	Karen Knox	Community Preservation Committee	Appt. 4/28/08	5/1/11
---	Christian Loranger	Wind Study Committee	Appt. 4/28/08	5/1/09
---	Steven Pina	Deputy Building Inspector	Appt. 4/28/08	5/1/09
---	Paul Sylvia	Safety Committee	Appt. 12/11/08	5/1/09

RESULTS OF THE PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY HELD ON **February 5, 2008**

Register of Voters as of Close of Registration on
January 16, 2008

	America n Indep .	Democrat	Green Rainbo w	Inter 3 rd Party	Lib.	Rep.	Unenrolled	WF	Total
Prec I	1	948	2		8	143	1168	2	2272
Prec II		1040	3		12	221	1429		2705
Prec III	1	976	1	1	16	190	1496	2	2683
Total	2	2964	6	1	36	554	4093	4	7660

CLERK'S REPORT –PRECINCT I

To the Town Clerk:

The undersigned submit the following of the Presidential Primary held this day in Precinct I.

Polls were opened at 7:00 a.m. by Susanne Sounik, Acting Warden.

Box register when polls were opened 0.

Number of ballots received 1686 plus 24 Absentee ballots.

Number of ballots cast from tape 918.

Number of Absentee ballots counted manually 0.

Number of ballots spoiled 18.

Number of Provisional Ballots not cast 0.

Number of Unused ballots returned 750.

The following officers were present:

Warden: Susanne Sounik

Deputy Warden: ---

Clerk: Dorothy Gomes
Deputy Clerk: ---
Inspectors: Jeanne Duggan, Marie Hardy, Gloria Bernier, Diane
Braley, Kathy Plante,
Julianna Perry, Louise Benoit
Police Officers: Mark Antone, Keith Ashley

Polls were closed at 8:00 p.m. and the ballot box registered 918.

A true record: Attest:/s/ Dorothy Gomes
Clerk of Election Officers
Attest: John C. Howcroft, Town Clerk

CLERK'S REPORT – PRECINCT II

To the Town Clerk:

The undersigned submit the following of the Presidential Primary held this day in Precinct II.

Polls were opened at 7:00 a.m. by Simonne Coutinho, Warden.
Box register when polls were opened 0.
Number of ballots received 1668 plus 22 Absentee ballots.
Number of ballots cast from tape 1051.
Number of Absentee ballots counted manually 0.
Number of ballots spoiled 15.
Number of Provisional ballots not cast 2.
Number of Unused ballots returned 622.

The following officers were present:

Warden: Simonne Coutinho
Deputy Warden: ---
Clerk: Betsy Ellis
Deputy Clerk: ---
Inspectors: Dorothy Daniels, Lorraine Gentili, Lillian Contois,
Alice Kut, Jenny Correira, Joyce Wylie Schultz,
Jeannette Pepin
Police Officers: Gary Moniz, Tom Carreau

Polls were closed at 8:00 p.m. and the ballot box registered 1051.

A true record, Attest:/s/ Betsy Ellis
Clerk of Election Officers
Attest: John C. Howcroft, 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 7:00 a.m. by Dianna Couto, Warden.

Box register when polls were opened 0.

Number of ballots received 1620 plus 14 Absentee ballots.

Number of ballots cast from tape 1069.

Number of Absentee ballots counted manually 0.

Number of ballots spoiled 4.

Number of Provisional ballots not cast 1.

Number of Unused ballots returned 560.

The following officers were present:

Warden: Dianna Couto

Deputy Warden: ---

Clerk: Dorothy Lackie

Deputy Clerk: ---

Inspectors: Priscilla Santos, Margaret Mota, Paulette Hudson,
Christine Amaral, Barbara Pike, Lee Forand, Maria Moore

Police Officers: Gary Moniz, Thomas Carreau

Polls were closed at 8:00 p.m. and the ballot box registered 1069.

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

Attest: John C. Howcroft, Town Clerk

RESULTS OF THE PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY HELD ON
FEBRUARY 5, 2008

DEMOCRATIC RESULTS

	<u>PRECINCT</u> <u>I</u>	<u>PRECINCT</u> <u>II</u>	<u>PRECINCT</u> <u>III</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>PRESIDENTIAL</u> <u>PREFERENCE</u>				
John Edwards	18	18	11	47
Hillary Clinton	576	624	622	1822
Joseph R. Biden, Jr.	5	1	3	9
Christopher Dodd	1	2		3
Mike Gravel	1		2	3
Barack Obama	144	167	172	483
Dennis Kucinich	2		2	4
Bill Richardson		2		2
No Preference	2	3	4	9
Blanks	4	4	8	16
Write-In's				
Al Gore	1			1
Mitt Romney	1			1
John McCain		1		1
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>755</u>	<u>822</u>	<u>824</u>	<u>2401</u>

	<u>PRECINCT</u> <u>I</u>	<u>PRECINCT</u> <u>II</u>	<u>PRECINCT</u> <u>III</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>STATE</u> <u>COMMITTEE</u> <u>MAN</u>				
Robert M. Koczera	590	626	653	1869
Blanks	165	195	168	528
Write-In's				
Bruce DeBalsi		1		1
Robert Brown			3	3
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>755</u>	<u>822</u>	<u>824</u>	<u>2401</u>

	<u>PRECINCT</u> <u>I</u>	<u>PRECINCT</u> <u>II</u>	<u>PRECINCT</u> <u>III</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>STATE</u>				
<u>COMMITTEE</u>				
<u>WOMAN</u>				
Rosemary S. Tierney	576	591	601	1768
Blanks	179	230	223	632
Write-In's				
Denise Ferreira		1		1
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>755</u>	<u>822</u>	<u>824</u>	<u>2401</u>

	<u>PRECINCT</u> <u>I</u>	<u>PRECINCT</u> <u>II</u>	<u>PRECINCT</u> <u>III</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>TOWN</u>				
<u>COMMITTEE</u>				
Blanks	26,281	28,637	28,781	83,699
Write-In's				
Denise Botelho	16	19	6	41
William Murphy	16	13	6	35
Candida	16	14	6	36
Howcroft				
Robert St. Jean	16	13	6	35
Robert Lanzoni	16	13	6	35
Patricia Scott	16	13	6	35
Andrew Setera	16	15	6	37
Karen Trindade	16	13	6	35
David Wojnar	16	13	6	35
Robert Brown		2		2
Mr. Fortin		1		1
Mr. Cioper		1		1
Paul R. Soucy		1		1
Catherine Zahner		1		1
Helen Prachniak		1		1
Mark Phaneuf			1	1
Kevin Valente			1	1
Nichohern			1	1
Valente				
Jim Pringle			2	2
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>26,425</u>	<u>28,770</u>	<u>28,840</u>	<u>84,035</u>

RESULTS OF THE PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY HELD ON
FEBRUARY 5, 2008

REPUBLICAN RESULTS

	<u>PRECINCT</u> <u>I</u>	<u>PRECINCT</u> <u>II</u>	<u>PRECINCT</u> <u>III</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>PRESIDENTIAL</u> <u>PREFERENCE</u>				
John McCain	83	91	105	279
Fred Thompson		3		3
Tom Tancredo	1			1
Duncan Hunter			1	1
Mile Huckabee	19	34	21	74
Mitt Romney	52	92	105	249
Ron Paul	3	3	4	10
Rudy Giuliani		4	2	6
No Preference			4	4
Blanks	3			3
Write-In's				
Hillary Clinton		2	1	3
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>161</u>	<u>229</u>	<u>243</u>	<u>633</u>

	<u>PRECINCT</u> <u>I</u>	<u>PRECINCT</u> <u>II</u>	<u>PRECINCT</u> <u>III</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>STATE</u> <u>COMMITTEE</u> <u>MAN</u>				
Brock Cordeiro	96	122	133	351
Blanks	63	107	110	280
Write-In's				
Tony Cambra	1			1
Thomas Pearson	1		243	1
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>161</u>	<u>229</u>	<u>243</u>	<u>633</u>

	<u>PRECINCT</u> <u>I</u>	<u>PRECINCT</u> <u>II</u>	<u>PRECINCT</u> <u>III</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>STATE</u>				
<u>COMMITTEE</u>				
<u>WOMAN</u>				
Blanks	160	229	240	629
Write-In's				3
Lola Pearson	1			1
Susan St. Marie			2	
Keri Kuchin			1	
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>161</u>	<u>229</u>	<u>243</u>	<u>633</u>

	<u>PRECINCT</u> <u>I</u>	<u>PRECINCT</u> <u>II</u>	<u>PRECINCT</u> <u>III</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>TOWN</u>				
<u>COMMITTEE</u>				
Blanks	481	679	726	1886
Write-In's				
Lola Pearson	1			1
George Perry	1			1
Brian Pimental		1		1
Gary Rousseau		1		1
Michael J. Murray		1		1
Robert Brown		1		1
Christine Brown		1		1
Mark Lipsett		2		2
Michael Alves		1		1
Alan Coutinho			1	1
William Towers			1	1
Joseph Tavares			1	1
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>483</u>	<u>687</u>	<u>729</u>	<u>1899</u>

**RESULTS OF THE PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY HELD ON
FEBRUARY 5, 2008**

GREEN RAINBOW RESULTS

	<u>PRECINCT I</u>	<u>PRECINCT II</u>	<u>PRECINCT III</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE</u>				
Jared Ball				
Ralph Nader	1			
Elaine Brown				
Kat Swift				
Cynthia McKinney				
Kent Mesplay				
No Preference				
Blanks				
Write-In's				
Hillary Clinton			1	
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>

	<u>PRECINCT I</u>	<u>PRECINCT II</u>	<u>PRECINCT III</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>STATE COMMITTEE MAN</u>				
Blanks	1		1	2
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>

	<u>PRECINCT I</u>	<u>PRECINCT II</u>	<u>PRECINCT III</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>STATE COMMITTEE WOMAN</u>				
Blanks	1		1	2
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>

	<u>PRECINCT</u> <u>I</u>	<u>PRECINCT</u> <u>II</u>	<u>PRECINCT</u> <u>III</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>TOWN</u> <u>COMMITTEE</u>				
Blanks	10	10	10	30
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>30</u>

RESULTS OF THE PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY HELD ON FEBRUARY 5, 2008

WORKING FAMILIES RESULTS

	<u>PRECINCT</u> <u>I</u>	<u>PRECINCT</u> <u>II</u>	<u>PRECINCT</u> <u>III</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>PRESIDENTIAL</u> <u>PREFERENCE</u>				
No Preference	1			
Blanks				
Write-In's				
Hillary Clinton			1	
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>

	<u>PRECINCT</u> <u>I</u>	<u>PRECINCT</u> <u>II</u>	<u>PRECINCT</u> <u>III</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>STATE COMMITTEE</u> <u>MAN</u>				
Blanks	1		1	2
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>

	<u>PRECINCT</u> <u>I</u>	<u>PRECINCT</u> <u>II</u>	<u>PRECINCT</u> <u>III</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>STATE COMMITTEE</u> <u>WOMAN</u>				
Blanks	1		1	2
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>

	<u>PRECINCT</u> <u>I</u>	<u>PRECINCT</u> <u>II</u>	<u>PRECINCT</u> <u>III</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>TOWN</u> <u>COMMITTEE</u>				
Blanks	10	10	10	30
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>30</u>

Attest:

John C. Howcroft, Town Clerk

Percentage of Votes Cast 40%

RESULTS OF THE ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION HELD ON
APRIL 7, 2008

Register of Voters as of Close of Registration on March 18, 2008

	Democrat	Green Rainbow	Inter 3 rd Party	Libertarian	Republican	Unenrolled	W F	Total
Precinct I	944	2		7	140	1185	2	2280
Precinct II	1037	3		11	225	1439	1	2716
Precinct III	990	1	1	12	190	1531	4	2729
Total	2971	6	1	30	555	4155	7	7725

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 Joyce Tillett, Warden.
Box register when polls were opened 0.
Number of ballots received 1649 plus 18 Absentee ballots.
Number of ballots cast from tape 611.
Number of ballots counted manually 0.
Number of ballots spoiled 17.
Number of Provisional Ballots not cast 0.
Number of Unused ballots returned 1039.

The following officers were present:

Warden:	Joyce Tillett
Deputy Warden:	Susan Sounik
Clerk:	Dorothy Gomes
Deputy Clerk:	---
Inspectors:	Gloria Bernier, Marie Hardy, Juliana Perry, Faye Philla
Police Officers:	Gene Robinson

Polls were closed at 8:00 p.m. and the ballot box registered 611.

A true record: Attest:/s/ Dorothy Gomes
Clerk of Election Officers
Attest: Pamela Labonte, Town Clerk

CLERK’S REPORT – PRECINCT II

To the Town Clerk:

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

Polls were opened at 10:00 a.m. by Simonne Coutinho, Warden.
Box register when polls were opened 0.
Number of ballots received 1497 plus 25 Absentee ballots.
Number of ballots cast from tape 736.
Number of ballots counted manually 0.
Number of ballots spoiled 6.
Number of Provisional ballots not cast 0.
Number of Unused ballots returned 323.

The following officers were present:

Warden: Simonne Coutinho
Deputy Warden: ---
Clerk: Betsy Ellis
Deputy Clerk: ---
Inspectors: Lillian Contois, Joyce Wylie Scholz, Alice Kut, Dorothy Daniels, Lorraine Gentili, Jenny Correira
Police Officers: Chris Richmond, Jeremy Fontes

Polls were closed at 8:00 p.m. and the ballot box registered 694.

A true record, Attest:/s/ Betsy Ellis
Clerk of Election Officers
Attest: Pamela Labonte, Town Clerk

CLERK'S REPORT – PRECINCT III

To the Town Clerk:

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

Polls were opened at 10:00 a.m. by Dianna Couto, Warden.
Box register when polls were opened 0.
Number of ballots received 1595 plus 20 Absentee ballots.
Number of ballots cast from tape 618.
Number of ballots counted manually 0.
Number of ballots spoiled 11.
Number of Provisional ballots not cast 0.
Number of Unused ballots returned 986.

The following officers were present:

Warden:	Dianna Couto
Deputy Warden:	---
Clerk:	Dorothy Lackie
Deputy Clerk:	---
Inspectors:	Priscilla Santos, Jeanne Duggan, Lee Forand, Barbara Pike, Maria Moore, Christine Amaral
Police Officers:	Chris Richmond, Jeremy Fontes

Polls were closed at 8:00 p.m. and the ballot box registered 618.

A true record, Attest:/s/	Dorothy Lackie
	Clerk of Election Officers
Attest:	Pamela Labonte, Town Clerk

RESULTS OF THE ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION HELD ON APRIL 7, 2008

	<u>PRECINCT I</u>	<u>PRECINCT II</u>	<u>PRECINCT III</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>TOWN CLERK</u> (Three Years)				
John C. Howcroft	300	349	307	956
Pamela Labonte	294	371	305	970
Blanks	17	16	6	39
TOTAL	<u>611</u>	<u>736</u>	<u>618</u>	<u>1965</u>

	<u>PRECINCT I</u>	<u>PRECINCT II</u>	<u>PRECINCT III</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>SELECTMEN</u> (Three Years)				
Robert Brown	221	308	224	753
Leslie Dakin, Jr.	372	404	383	1159
Blanks	16	24	9	49
Write-In's:				
Steve Cory	1			1
John McCain	1			1
Tom Fortin			1	1
Leslie Dakin, Jr.			1	1
TOTAL	<u>611</u>	<u>736</u>	<u>618</u>	<u>1965</u>

	<u>PRECINCT I</u>	<u>PRECINCT II</u>	<u>PRECINCT III</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>ASSESSOR</u> (Three Years)				
Marc Cenerizio	469	533	483	1485
Blanks	141	202	131	474
Write-In's:				
John Peters	1		2	3
Ian Marcotte		1		1
Ted Siwik			1	1
Val Amaral			1	1
TOTAL	<u>611</u>	<u>736</u>	<u>618</u>	<u>1965</u>

	<u>PRECINCT I</u>	<u>PRECINCT II</u>	<u>PRECINCT III</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>BOARD OF HEALTH</u> (Three Years)				
Robert Medeiros	458	506	472	1436
Blanks	153	230	143	526
Write –In’s:				
David Wojnar			1	1
John Peters			2	2
TOTAL	<u>611</u>	<u>736</u>	<u>618</u>	<u>1965</u>

	<u>PRECINCT I</u>	<u>PRECINCT II</u>	<u>PRECINCT III</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>SCHOOL COMMITTEE</u> (Three Years) Vote for Two				
Robert M. Lanzoni	318	334	281	933
David Deterra	350	432	343	1125
Francis Kuthan	268	338	338	944
Blanks	283	368	272	923
Write –In’s:				
Jeremy Fontes	1			1
Tony Camara III	1			1
Dorothy Cabral	1			1
John Peters			2	2
TOTAL	<u>1222</u>	<u>1472</u>	<u>1236</u>	<u>3930</u>

	<u>PRECINCT I</u>	<u>PRECINCT II</u>	<u>PRECINCT III</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>COMMITTEE OF TRUST FUNDS</u> (Three Years)				
Paul R. O’Neil	402	472	429	1303
Blanks	208	263	189	660
Write-In’s:				
Steve Sougie	1			1
C. Zahner		1		1
TOTAL	<u>611</u>	<u>736</u>	<u>618</u>	<u>1965</u>

	<u>PRECINCT</u> <u>I</u>	<u>PRECINCT</u> <u>II</u>	<u>PRECINCT</u> <u>III</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>CEMETERY</u>				
<u>BOARD</u>				
(Three Years)				
Joanne Cioper	449	520	484	1453
Blanks	158	216	134	508
Write –In’s:				
Paul Fortin	1			1
Dawn Giampa	1			1
John Bolarinho	1			1
L. Desjardeau	1			1
TOTAL	<u>611</u>	<u>736</u>	<u>618</u>	<u>1965</u>

	<u>PRECINCT</u> <u>I</u>	<u>PRECINCT</u> <u>II</u>	<u>PRECINCT</u> <u>III</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>TRUSTEE OF FREE</u>				
<u>PUBLIC LIBRARY</u>				
(Three Years)				
Vote for Two				
Anne M. Verissimo	464	511	473	1448
Blanks	734	928	728	2390
Write-In’s:				
John Tavares	2		1	3
Wanda Boureau	1			1
Donald Savail	2			2
Martin Iraiam	4			4
Henry Preston	8	13	7	28
Ed Chase	5	6	7	18
Catherine Vehur	1			1
Kristopher Fortin	1			1
Alan Countinho		1		1
Mark Ibrahim		3	13	16
Marie Otocky		1		1
Leann Cori		1		1
Kathrin Zahner		5	3	8
Kevin Dakin		1		1
Brian Pimental		1		1
Jackie Walsh		1		1
Simonne Coutinho			1	1
Nancy David			1	1
Robert Lanzoni			1	1
Marc Cenerizio			1	1
TOTAL	<u>1222</u>	<u>1472</u>	<u>1236</u>	<u>3930</u>

	<u>PRECINCT I</u>	<u>PRECINCT II</u>	<u>PRECINCT III</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>PARK COMMISSIONER</u> (Three Years)				
Marc J. Antone	460	527	474	1461
Blanks	150	208	143	501
Write-In's:				
Charlene Fortin	1			1
Paul Soucy		1		1
Marc Cenerizio			1	1
TOTAL	<u>611</u>	<u>736</u>	<u>618</u>	<u>1965</u>

	<u>PRECINCT I</u>	<u>PRECINCT II</u>	<u>PRECINCT III</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>PLANNING COMMISSIONER</u> (Five Years)				
Richard P. Forand	446	516	461	1423
Blanks	163	220	155	538
Write-In's:				
John Peters	1		2	3
Paul Fortin	1			1
TOTAL	<u>611</u>	<u>736</u>	<u>618</u>	<u>1965</u>

	<u>PRECINCT I</u>	<u>PRECINCT II</u>	<u>PRECINCT III</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS (Three Years)</u> Vote for Two				
John Carvalho	220	232	229	681
Rene Racine	232	270	239	741
Dustin Cormier	286	336	290	912
Brian Slowik	324	374	310	1008
Blanks	158	260	168	586
Write-In's:				
David Tetreault	1			1
Dakin	1			1
TOTAL	<u>1222</u>	<u>1472</u>	<u>1236</u>	<u>3930</u>

	<u>PRECINCT</u> <u>I</u>	<u>PRECINCT</u> <u>II</u>	<u>PRECINCT</u> <u>III</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>TOWN MODERATOR</u> (Three Years)				
Robert Francis	460	516	476	1452
Blanks	150	220	141	511
Write-In's:				
John Peters	1			1
Robert Lanzoni			1	1
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>611</u>	<u>736</u>	<u>618</u>	<u>1965</u>

	<u>PRECINCT</u> <u>I</u>	<u>PRECINCT</u> <u>II</u>	<u>PRECINCT</u> <u>III</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>TREE WARDEN</u> (Three Years)				
Raymond F. Barlow	460	528	484	1472
Blanks	149	207	133	489
Write-In's:				
Matt Barlow	1		1	2
Henry Preston	1			1
Paul Pelletier		1		1
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>611</u>	<u>736</u>	<u>618</u>	<u>1965</u>

Attest:

Pamela Labonte, Town Clerk

Percentage of Votes Cast 25%

**TOWN OF ACUSHNET
WARRANT
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 19, 2008 AT 7:00 P.M.
THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**

Bristol, SS

To the Constable of the Town of Acushnet

Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Acushnet, who are qualified to vote in Elections and Town Affairs, to meet at the Acushnet Ford Middle School Auditorium in said Acushnet, Monday, the Nineteenth (19th) day of May, at 7:00 P.M. in the evening then and there to act on the following articles viz:

WEATHER: Good

LOCATION: Ford Middle School

WARRANT & NEWSPAPER NOTICES: Approved by Robert Francis, Moderator

TIME STARTED: 7:00 p.m.

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money to implement wage increases for those employees covered by the following contract: (Acushnet Emergency Medical Services, covering the term of July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2009) for the first year of the contract retroactive to July 1, 2007, or to take any other action relative thereto.

(Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

1. Motion made by Michael Cioper, Chairman, Board of Selectmen to move that the Town approve said article by funding the cost items set forth in the article as printed in the warrant through the appropriation previously approved under Article 1 of the May 21, 2007 Annual Town Meeting from the Emergency Medical Services Salaries Account as part of the General Operating Budget.
2. The Finance Committee recommends the passage of this Article.
3. Vote: The Article passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money for the purpose of increasing line item # 0101913/517200 (Unemployment Insurance), or to take any other action relative thereto.

(Submitted by Treasurer)

1. Motion made by David Wojnar, Board of Selectmen to move the Town table said article because the funds are not needed.
2. Vote: Required 2/3rd's – The Article tabled unanimously.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money to line item# 0104423-529000 (Snow Removal, Emergency) to fund expenses incurred in FY 2008, or to take any other action relative thereto. (\$67,020.00)

(Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

1. Motion made by Leslie Dakin, Jr., Board of Selectmen to move that the Town transfer from free cash the sum of the \$67,020.00 for the purposes of said article.
2. The Finance Committee recommends passage of this article.
3. Vote: Declared passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money to line item# 8230122/515000 (sick time buyback), or to take any other action relative thereto.

(Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

1. Motion made by Michael Cioper, Chairman, Board of Selectmen to move that the Town transfer from free cash the sum of \$5,000.00 for the purpose of said article.
2. The Finance Committee recommends passage of this article.
3. Vote: Declared passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds the sum of One Thousand Four Hundred and Ninety Dollars (\$1,490.00) to meet the 5% local share of a Federal Assistance To Firefighters Grant which will be used to replace the fire department's obsolete and non-code compliant breathing air storage and filling system, or to take any action relative thereto.

(Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

1. Motion made by David Wojnar, Board of Selectmen to move that the Town transfer from free cash the sum of \$1,490.00 for the purpose of said article.
2. The Finance Committee supports said article as this is a matching grant.
3. Vote: Declared passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money to tie Station One (1) into the Town's sewer system per the Board of Health code, or to take any action relative thereto.

(Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

1. Motion made by Leslie Dakin, Jr., Board of Selectmen to move that the Town transfer from free cash the sum of \$5,000.00 for the purpose of said article.
2. The Finance Committee recommends passage of this article.
3. Vote: Passes with opposition.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$15,500.00) from Community Preservation Funds, under the category of historic preservation, to be used for restoring and replacing the main entrance portico, the surrounding fascia, down spouts, and gutters of the Marie S. Howard School, a historic building, or to take any action relative thereto.

(Submitted by Community Preservation Committee)

1. Motion made by Michael Cioper, Chairman, Board of Selectmen to move that the Town transfer from the Community Preservation Fund Historic Reserve the sum of \$15,500.00 for the purpose of said article.
2. The Finance Committee is supportive of this article.
3. Vote: The article passes with opposition.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Six Hundred Dollars (\$5,600.00) from Community Preservation Funds, under the category of historic preservation for the purpose of repairs to the historic White's Factory, located at Hamlin Street, Acushnet, Massachusetts and to grant the Board of Selectmen to enter into a Community Preservation Act Grant Agreement with the Fairhaven Acushnet Land Trust for such purposes, and further, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to receive to the Fairhaven Acushnet Land Trust a historic preservation deed restriction in said property.

(Submitted by Community Preservation Committee)

1. Motion made by David Wojnar, Board of Selectmen to move that the Town transfer from the Community Preservation Fund Historic Reserve the sum of \$5,600.00 for the purpose of said article, and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept from the Fairhaven Acushnet Land Trust a historic preservation deed restriction in said property.
2. The Finance Committee recommends passage of this article.
3. Vote: The article passes with opposition.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money to line item #0101110/578000 Reserve Fund or to take any other action relative thereto.

(Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

1. Motion made by Leslie Dakin, Jr., Board of Selectmen to move that the Town transfer from free cash the sum of \$30,000.00 for the purpose of said article.
2. The Finance Committee recommends passage of this article.
3. Vote: The article passes with opposition.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds the sum of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) for the purpose of covering unexpected police salary shortfall in FY08 or to take any action relative thereto.

(Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

1. Motion made by Michael Cioper, Chairman, Board of Selectmen to move that the Town transfer from free cash the sum of \$25,000.00 for the purpose of said article.
2. Finance Committee recommends the passage of this article.
3. Vote: The article passes with opposition.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Water Surplus account a sum of money for the purpose of increasing department #2704450 (Water Division) line item #591000, Long Term Debt Water, or to take any action relative thereto.

(Submitted by Board of Public Works)

1. Motion made by Jeff Schuster, Chairman, Board of Public Works to move that the Town transfer from Water Surplus the sum of \$15,985.00 for the purpose of said article.
2. The Finance Committee is supportive of Article 11.
3. Vote: Article passes unanimously.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Water Surplus account a sum of money for the purpose of increasing department #2704450 (Water Division) line item# 591500, Long Term Debt Interest, or to take any action relative thereto.

(Submitted by Board of Public Works)

1. Motion made by Jeff Schuster, Chairman, Board of Public Works to move that the Town transfer from Water Surplus the sum of \$61,339.00 for the purpose of said article.
2. The Finance Committee supports this article.
3. Vote: The article passes with opposition.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Sewer Surplus account a sum of money for the purpose of increasing department #6004440 (Sewer Division) line item #515000, Fringe Benefits, or to take any action relative thereto.

(Submitted by Board of Public Works)

1. Motion made by Jeff Schuster, Chairman, Board of Public Works to move that the Town transfer from Sewer Surplus the sum of \$1,400.00 for the purpose of said article.
2. The Finance Committee recommends the passage of this article.
3. Vote: The article passes with opposition.

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Water Surplus account the sum of Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$7,500.00) to conduct a water distribution leak detecting survey, or to take any other action relative thereto.

(Submitted by Board of Public Works)

1. Motion made by Steve Boucher, Board of Public Works to move that the Town transfer from Water Surplus the sum of \$7,500.00 for the purpose of said article.
2. The Finance Committee supports this article.
3. Vote: The article passes with opposition.

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Water Surplus account a sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00) to conduct a water system cross survey, or to take any action relative thereto.

(Submitted by Board of Public Works)

1. Motion made by Steve Boucher, Board of Public Works to move that the Town transfer from Water Surplus the sum of \$2,500.00 for the purpose of said article.
2. The Finance Committee supports the passage of this article.
3. Vote: The article passes with opposition.

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Water Surplus account a sum of money for the purpose of increasing department # 2704450 (Water Division) line item #523000, New Bedford Water Bills, or to take any action relative thereto.

(Submitted by Board of Public Works)

1. Motion made by Steve Boucher, Board of Public Works to move that the Town transfer from Water Surplus the sum of \$160,000.00 for the purpose of said article.
2. The Finance Committee endorses and supports this article.
3. Vote: The article passes with opposition

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money to the Gasoline line item # 0104422/541500 or to take any action relative thereto.

(Submitted by Board of Public Works)

1. Motion made by Paul Sylvia, Department of Public Works to move that the Town transfer from free cash the sum of \$14,500.00 for the purpose of said article.
2. The Finance Committee supports this article.
3. Vote: The article passes with opposition.

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money (\$375,000.00) to pay the costs of preparing a comprehensive wastewater management plan/environmental impact report, for the unsewered portions of the Town, including without limitation, the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, as more fully described in Section 1 of Chapter 29C of the General Laws; that to meet said appropriation the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen be authorized to borrow all or a portion of the \$375,000.00 and issue bonds or notes of the Town therefore under and pursuant Chapter 44, Sections 7 and 8 of the General Laws and/or any other enabling authority; all or a portion of such amount may be borrowed from the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust established pursuant to Chapter 29C; that such bonds or notes be general obligations of the Town, and in conjunction therewith, to enter into a loan agreement and/or security agreement with the Massachusetts Water Pollution Trust and the Department of Environmental Protection of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (the "Department") with respect to such loan; that the Board of Public Works, with the approval of the Selectmen, be authorized to contract for said work and services and that the Board of Public Works, with the approval of Selectmen, be authorized to enter into a Project Regulatory Agreement with the Department; and that the Board of Public Works be authorized to apply for, accept and expend all funds available for the project; or to take any other action relative thereto. (\$375,000.00)

(Submitted by Board of Public Works)

1. Motion made by Paul Sylvia, Department of Public Works to move that the sum of \$375,000.00 is hereby appropriated to pay costs of preparing a comprehensive wastewater management plan/environmental impact report, for the unsewered portions of the Town, including without limitation, the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, as more fully described in Section 1 of Chapter 29C of the General Laws; that to meet said appropriation the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen is hereby authorized to borrow said amount and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefore under and pursuant Chapter 44, Sections 7 and 8 of the General Laws and/or any other enabling authority; provided however that no borrowing shall be undertaken pursuant to this vote unless all of the amount authorized to be borrowed pursuant to this vote is borrowed through the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust

established pursuant to said Chapter 29C for a period of twenty years; that such bonds or notes be general obligations of the Town, and in conjunction therewith, to enter into a loan agreement and/or security agreement with the Massachusetts Water Pollution Trust and The Department of Environmental Protection of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts with the respect to such loan; that the Board of Public Works, with the approval of the Selectmen be authorized to contract for said work and services and that the Selectmen be authorized to enter into a Project Regulatory Agreement with the Department; and that the Board of Public Works be authorized to apply for, accept and expend all funds available for the project.

2. Finance Committee recommends passage of said article.
3. Vote: Required a 2/3rds (In Favor – 239/Opposed – 140). The article Fails.

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds an amount for the purpose of contributing to a Stabilization Fund in accordance with the provisions of General laws Chapter 40, Section 5B or to take any action relative thereto.

(Submitted by Finance Committee)

1. Motion made by Roger Cabral, Chairman, Finance Committee:
Mr. Moderator, I move that the Town table said article.
2. Vote: The article passes unanimously.

You are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof fifteen (15) days at the least before the time of said meeting as directed by the Board of Selectmen. Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this 28th day of April, 2008.

Michael A. Cioper, Chairman

David E. Wojnar, Member

Leslie Dakin, Jr., Member
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

A True Copy Attest:

This 1st day of May, 2008

Attest:

Pamela Labonte, Town Clerk

**TOWN OF ACUSHNET
WARRANT
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 19, 2008 AT 7:15 P.M.
THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**

Bristol, SS

To the Constable of the Town of Acushnet

Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Acushnet, who are qualified to vote in Elections and Town Affairs, to meet at the Acushnet Ford Middle School Auditorium in said Acushnet, Monday the Nineteenth (19th) day of May at 7:15 P.M. in the evening, then and there to act on the following articles viz:

WEATHER: Good

PLACE: Ford Middle School

WARRANT & NEWSPAPER NOTICES: Approved by Robert Francis, Moderator

TIME STARTED: 7:17 p.m.

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to fix salaries and compensation of elected/appointed officers/employees and to see what sums the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from available funds, or otherwise for the payment of said salaries and compensation, payment of debt and interest, for a reserve fund, and for charges, expenses and outlays of the several town departments for the ensuing twelve (12) month period through June 30, 2009, or to take any other action relative thereto.

(Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

1. Motion made to move that the Town fix salaries and compensation of elected/appointed officers/employees and appropriate funds for the payment of said salaries and compensation, payment of debt and interest, a reserve fund, and for charges, expenses and outlays of the several town departments for the ensuing twelve (12) month period through June 30, 2009, all as set forth in the budget presented by the Finance Committee, and, as funding therefore, and that the Town move to fund the amended article to \$12,886,894.00 to appropriate from Taxation the sum of \$12,073,391.00, transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$181,370.00, transfer from the Over Lay Surplus the sum of \$45,000.00, transfer from EMS Reserved receipt account the sum of \$260,000.00, transfer from the Stabilization Fund the sum of \$587,133.00, appropriate

from Water Fees the sum of \$881,600.00, transfer from Water Surplus the sum of \$43,437.00, and to appropriate from Golf Fees the sum of \$1,529,981.00.

2. Vote: Requires 2/3rd's (Hand Count Results - In Favor: 245/Opposed: 123). Article Fails with opposition.
3. Roger Cabral, Chairman of the Finance Committee questions if a recount would be appropriate?
4. Robert Francis, Moderator states a recount requires ten people to question the ability of the Moderator to count. Let the record show, more than ten people question the Moderator's numbers.
5. Vote: Requires 2/3rd's (Standing Count Results - In Favor: 244, Opposed: 111). Article passes with opposition.
6. Robert Francis, Moderator states to let the record show, ten people challenged the Moderator and the vote will need to go to Secret Ballot.
7. At 9:48 p.m. the Town Meeting is recessed to prepare for the secret ballot count.
8. At 10:15 p.m. the Moderator requests to continue the meeting, while tellers count the votes without objection. No objection is noted.
9. Vote: Passes with opposition.
10. 10:40 p.m. Secret Ballot Results: 2/3rd's vote required - (In Favor: 233/Opposed: 81). Article passes with Opposition.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning July 1, 2008 in accordance with the provisions of the General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4, and to issue a note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with the General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17, or to take any other action relative thereto.

(Submitted by Treasurer)

1. Motion made by Michael Cioper, Chairman, Board of Selectmen to move that the Town accept said article as read.
2. The Finance Committee recommends passage of said article.
3. Vote: Passes without opposition

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the members of the Cemetery Board to perform work in the Cemeteries and to determine the compensation to be paid to said members, or to take any other action relative thereto.

(Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

1. Motion made by David Wojnar, Board of Selectmen to move that the Town accept said article as read.
2. The Finance Committee recommends passage of this article.
3. Vote: Passes with no opposition.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept and enter into a contract for the expenditure of any funds allotted or to be allotted by the Commonwealth for the construction, reconstruction and improvements of Town roads, or to take any other action relative thereto.

(Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

1. Motion made by Leslie Dakin, Jr., Board of Selectmen to move that the Town accept said article as read.
2. The Finance Committee Recommends passage of this article.
3. Vote: The Article passes unanimously.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer a sum of money for the payment of unpaid bills of prior years in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 64 of the General Laws, or to take any other action relative thereto.

(Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

1. Motion made by Michael Cioper, Chairman, Board of Selectmen to move that the Town table said article as there are currently no unpaid bills.
2. Vote: Requires 2/3rds, article tabled unanimously.

ARTICLE 6. COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACT - To see if the Town will vote to act on the report of the Community Preservation Committee on the Fiscal Year 2009 Community Preservation Budget and to appropriate or reserve for later appropriation monies from the Community Preservation Fund Annual Revenues or available funds the amount of \$194,939.00 for the administrative expenses of the Community Preservation Committee, the payment of debt service, the undertaking of Community Preservation projects and all other necessary and proper expenses for the year, or take any other action relative thereto.

PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2009 COMMUNITY PRESERVATION BUDGET

The Community Preservation Committee recommends that the following amounts be appropriated or reserved from Fiscal Year 2009 Community Preservation Fund estimated annual revenues, unless otherwise specified, for Fiscal Year 2009 Community Preservation purposes with each item considered a separate appropriation:

<u>PURPOSE:</u>	<u>RECOMMENDED AMOUNT:</u>
Appropriations:	
Community Preservation Administrative Expenses	\$9,747.00
Reserves:	
Open Space	\$19,494.00
Historic Resources	\$19,494.00
Community Housing	\$19,494.00
Budgeted Reserves	\$126,710.00
Total FY 2009 Budget	\$194,939.00

(Submitted by the Community Preservation Committee)

1. Motion made by David Wojnar, Board of Selectmen to move that the Town vote to appropriate or reserve from Community Preservation Fund FY09 estimated annual revenues the sum of \$194,939.00 as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee and as set forth in the warrant for Fiscal Year 2009, with each item to be considered a separate appropriation.
2. The Finance Committee supports said article.
3. Vote: The article passes unanimously.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds an amount for the purpose of contributing to a Stabilization Fund in accordance with the provisions of General Laws Chapter 40, Section 5B or take any other action relative thereto.

(Submitted by Community Preservation Committee)

1. Motion made by Roger Cabral, Chairman, Finance Committee to move that the Town table said article.
2. Vote: The article passes and is tabled unanimously.

You are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof seven (7) days at the least before the time of said meeting as directed by the Board of Selectmen. Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this 28th day of April, 2008.

Michael A. Cioper, Chairman

David E. Wojnar, Member

Leslie Dakin, Jr., Member
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

A True Copy Attest:
This 1st day of May, 2008

Attest:

Pamela A. Labonte, Town Clerk

RESULTS OF THE STATE PRIMARY ELECTION HELD ON SEPTEMBER 16, 2008

Register of Voters as of Close of Registration on August 27, 2008

	Democrat	Green Rainbow	Inter 3 rd Party	Libertarian	Republican	Unenrolled	WF	Total
Precinct I	934	2		6	140	1214	4	2300
Precinct II	1032	2		11	228	1458	2	2733
Precinct III	1005	1	1	11	187	1552	4	2761
Total	2971	5	1	28	555	4224	10	7794

CLERK'S REPORT –PRECINCT I

To the Town Clerk:

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

Polls were opened at 7:00 a.m. by Joyce Tillett, Warden.
 Box register when polls were opened 0.
 Number of ballots received 1440 plus 11 Absentee ballots.
 Number of ballots cast 318.
 Number of ballots spoiled 4.
 Number of Provisional Ballots cast 0.
 Number of Unused ballots returned 1129.

The following officers were present:

Warden:	Joyce Tillett
Deputy Warden:	Susan Sounik
Clerk:	Dorothy Gomes
Deputy Clerk:	---
Inspectors:	Gloria Bernier, Jeanne Duggan, Faye Philla, Juliana Perry, Marie Hardy, Anita Tetreault
Police Officers:	LouAnn Jenkinson, Thomas Carreau

Polls were closed at 8:00 p.m. and the ballot box registered 608.

A true record: Attest:/s/ Dorothy Gomes
Clerk of Election Officers
Attest: Pamela Labonte, Town Clerk

CLERK’S REPORT – PRECINCT II

To the Town Clerk:

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

Polls were opened at 7:00 a.m. by Simonne Coutinho, Warden.
Box register when polls were opened 0.
Number of ballots received 1440 plus 20 Absentee ballots.
Number of ballots cast 356.
Number of ballots spoiled 6.
Number of Provisional Ballots cast 0.
Number of Unused ballots returned 1098.

The following officers were present:

Warden: Simonne Coutinho
Deputy Warden: ---
Clerk: Betsy Ellis
Deputy Clerk: ---
Inspectors: Lorraine Gentili, Jenny Correira, Joyce Wylie-Scholz,
Dorothy Daniels, Lillian Contois, Alice Kut, Louise Benoit,
Paulette Hudson
Police Officers: Christopher Richmond, Gene Robinson

Polls were closed at 8:00 p.m. and the ballot box registered 356.

A true record, Attest:/s/ Betsy Ellis
Clerk of Election Officers
Attest: Pamela Labonte, Town Clerk

CLERK’S REPORT – PRECINCT III

To the Town Clerk:

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

Polls were opened at 7:00 a.m. by Dianna Couto, Warden
Box register when polls were opened 0.
Number of ballots received 1440 plus 8 Absentee ballots.

Number of ballots cast 314.
 Number of ballots spoiled 6.
 Number of Provisional Ballots cast 0.
 Number of Unused ballots returned 1128.

The following officers were present:

Warden: Dianna Couto
 Deputy Warden: ---
 Clerk: Dorothy Lackie
 Deputy Clerk: ---
 Inspectors: Margaret Mota, Geraldine Frates, Lee Forand, Maria
 Moore, Priscilla Santos, Genevieve Linhares, Christine
 Amaral, Diane Braley
 Police Officers: Chris Richmond, Gene Robinson

Polls were closed at 8:00 p.m. and the ballot box registered 314.

A true record, Attest:/s/ Dorothy Lackie
 Clerk of Election Officers
 Attest: Pamela Labonte, Town Clerk

RESULTS OF THE STATE PRIMARY ELECTION HELD ON SEPTEMBER 16,
2008

DEMOCRATIC RESULTS:

	<u>PRECINCT</u> <u>I</u>	<u>PRECINCT</u> <u>II</u>	<u>PRECINCT</u> <u>III</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
SENATOR IN				
CONGRESS				
John Kerry	181	210	165	556
Edward O'Reilly	109	115	115	339
Blanks:	5	8	6	19
Write-In's: (1)				
Michael Cote		1		1
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>295</u>	<u>334</u>	<u>286</u>	<u>915</u>

	<u>PRECINCT</u> <u>I</u>	<u>PRECINCT</u> <u>II</u>	<u>PRECINCT</u> <u>III</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
REP. IN CONGRESS				
Barney Frank	241	252	240	733
Blanks:	53	80	43	176

Write-In's: (6)

Robert Ferreira	1			1
Christopher Richmond		1		1
Michael Cote		1		1
David Wojnar			1	1
Brian Poyant			1	1
Mark Montigny			1	1
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>295</u>	<u>334</u>	<u>286</u>	<u>915</u>

	<u>PRECINCT I</u>	<u>PRECINCT II</u>	<u>PRECINCT III</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
COUNCILLOR				
Carole Fiola	203	219	192	614
Oliver Cipollini, Jr.	56	70	62	188
Blanks:	36	44	32	112
Write-In's: (1)				
Michael Cote		1		1
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>295</u>	<u>334</u>	<u>286</u>	<u>915</u>

	<u>PRECINCT I</u>	<u>PRECINCT II</u>	<u>PRECINCT III</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT				
Mark Montigny	235	252	230	717
Raimundo Delgado	41	59	44	144
Blanks:	19	22	12	53
Write-In's: (1)				
Michael Cote		1		1
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>295</u>	<u>334</u>	<u>286</u>	<u>915</u>

	<u>PRECINCT I</u>	<u>PRECINCT II</u>	<u>PRECINCT III</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
REP. IN GENERAL COURT				
Robert Koczera	233	266	242	741
Blanks:	58	65	42	165
Write-In's: (10)				
Peter Koczera	1		0	1
David Gerwatowski	1			1
Blanks	2			2
Michael Cote		1		1
Christopher Richmond		1		1
Dennis Ferreira		1		1
Dennis Dellaire			1	1

Alan Rawcliffe			1	1
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>295</u>	<u>334</u>	<u>286</u>	<u>915</u>
	<u>PRECINCT</u>	<u>PRECINCT</u>	<u>PRECINCT</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	<u>I</u>	<u>II</u>	<u>III</u>	
REGISTER OF				
PROBATE				
John DeJesus	25	37	31	93
David Dennis	14	16	8	38
Gina DeRossi	206	238	210	654
John O'Neil	35	27	26	88
Blanks:	14	16	11	41
Write-In's: (1)				
Roy Santos	1			1
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>295</u>	<u>334</u>	<u>286</u>	<u>915</u>

	<u>PRECINCT</u>	<u>PRECINCT</u>	<u>PRECINCT</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	<u>I</u>	<u>II</u>	<u>III</u>	
COUNTY				
TREASURER				
Kevin Finnerty	225	245	233	703
Blanks:	69	88	52	209
Write-In's: (3)				
Blanks	1			1
Michael Cote		1		1
Mark Treadup			1	1
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>295</u>	<u>334</u>	<u>286</u>	<u>915</u>

	<u>PRECINCT</u>	<u>PRECINCT</u>	<u>PRECINCT</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	<u>I</u>	<u>II</u>	<u>III</u>	
COUNTY				
COMMISSIONER				
Christopher Saunders	212	235	233	680
Paul Kitchen	102	112	88	302
Blanks:	276	319	251	846
Write-In's: (2)				
Michael Cote		2		2
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>590</u>	<u>668</u>	<u>572</u>	<u>1830</u>

**RESULTS OF THE STATE PRIMARY ELECTION HELD ON
SEPTEMBER 16, 2008**

REPUBLICAN RESULTS:

	<u>PRECINCT I</u>	<u>PRECINCT II</u>	<u>PRECINCT III</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
SENATOR IN CONGRESS				
Jeffrey Beatty	20	19	27	66
Blanks:	1	2		3
Write-In's: (4)				
Blanks	1			1
Tony Cambra	1			1
John Kerry		1		1
John Bernard			1	1
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>73</u>

	<u>PRECINCT I</u>	<u>PRECINCT II</u>	<u>PRECINCT III</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
REP. IN CONGRESS				
Earl Sholley	19	18	26	63
Blanks:	2	3	2	7
Write-In's: (3)				
Blanks	1			1
Tony Cambra	1			1
Merill Chace		1		1
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>73</u>

	<u>PRECINCT I</u>	<u>PRECINCT II</u>	<u>PRECINCT III</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
COUNCILLOR				
Blanks:	22	22	28	72
Write-In's: (1)				
Blanks	1			1
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>73</u>

	<u>PRECINCT I</u>	<u>PRECINCT II</u>	<u>PRECINCT III</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT				
Blanks:	23	22	28	73
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>73</u>

	<u>PRECINCT I</u>	<u>PRECINCT II</u>	<u>PRECINCT III</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
REP. IN GENERAL COURT				
Blanks:	23	22	28	73
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>73</u>

	<u>PRECINCT I</u>	<u>PRECINCT II</u>	<u>PRECINCT III</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
REGISTER OF PROBATE				
Robert Heroux	17	12	25	54
Blanks:	4	5	2	11
Write-In's: (8)				
Blanks	1			1
Gina DeRossi	1	4	1	6
John O'Neil		1		1
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>73</u>

	<u>PRECINCT I</u>	<u>PRECINCT II</u>	<u>PRECINCT III</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
COUNTY TREASURER				
Blanks:	23	22	28	73
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>73</u>

	<u>PRECINCT I</u>	<u>PRECINCT II</u>	<u>PRECINCT III</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
COUNTY COMMISSIONER				
Blanks:	46	43	56	145
Write-In's: (1)				
Chris Saunders		1		1
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>46</u>	<u>44</u>	<u>56</u>	<u>146</u>

Attest:

Pamela Labonte, Town Clerk
Percentage of Votes Cast 24%

**TOWN OF ACUSHNET
WARRANT
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2008, AT 10:00 A.M.
THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**

Bristol, SS

To the Constable of the Town of Acushnet

Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Acushnet, who are qualified to vote in Elections and Town Affairs, to meet at the Acushnet Ford Middle School Auditorium in said Acushnet, Saturday, the Twenty-Fifth (25th) day of October, at 10:00 a.m. in the morning then and there to act on the following articles viz:

WEATHER: Good

PLACE: Ford Middle School

WARRANT & NEWSPAPER NOTICES: Approved by Robert Francis, Moderator

TIME STARTED: 10:00 a.m.

VOTERS IN ATTENDANCE: 120

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$7,500.00) for the purpose of making repairs to the roof at the Long Plain Museum or to take any other action relative thereto. (\$7,500.00)

(Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

1. Motion made by Michael Cioper, Chairman, Board of Selectmen, to move that the Town transfer from free cash the sum of \$7,500.00 for the purpose of said article.
2. Finance Committee recommends passage of this article.
3. Vote: Article passes unanimously.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00) for the purpose of updating the Town's financial software package and providing related training or to take any other action relative thereto.

(Submitted by the Director of Finance)

1. Motion made by David Wojnar, Board of Selectmen to move the Town transfer from free cash the sum of \$30,000.00 for the purpose of said article.
2. Finance Committee recommends passage of this article.
3. Vote: Article passes with opposition.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of Twenty Four Thousand Dollars (\$24,000.00) for the purpose of purchasing one (1) Police Department vehicle or to take any action relative thereto.

(Submitted by Police Chief)

1. Motion made by Leslie Dakin, Board of Selectmen, to move that the Town transfer from free cash the sum of \$24,000.00 for the purpose of said article.
2. Finance Committee recommends the passage of this article.
3. Vote: Article passes unanimously.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Golf Course Enterprise Contingency Fund a sum of money for the purpose of applying asphalt top coat to golf course entrance way or to take any action relative thereto.

(Submitted by Golf Management Committee)

1. Motion made by Michael Cioper, Chairman, Board of Selectmen, to move that the Town transfer from the Golf Course Contingency Fund the sum of \$60,000.00 for the purpose of said article.
2. Finance Committee recommends passage of this article.
3. Vote: Article passes with opposition.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Golf Course Enterprise Contingency Fund a sum of money for the purpose of purchasing the modular club house or to take any action relative thereto.

(Submitted by Golf Management Committee)

1. Motion made by David Wojnar, Board of Selectmen to move that the Town transfer from the Golf Course Contingency Fund the sum of \$47,000.00 for the purpose of said article.
2. Finance Committee supports the recommendation of this article.
3. Vote: Article passes with opposition.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00) from the Community Preservation Funds, under the category of Affordable Housing, for the purpose of conducting a preliminary site assessment for the feasibility of building adjacent additional units of Elderly/Handicapped housing on land owned by the Acushnet Housing Authority, located at 23 Main Street, known as Presidential Terrace or to take any other action relative thereto. (\$40,000.00)

(Submitted by the Community Preservation Committee)

1. Motion made by Leslie Dakin, Selectman to move that the Town transfer from the Community Preservation Fund Affordable Housing Reserve the sum of \$40,000.00 for the purpose of said article.

2. Finance Committee supports the passage of this article.
3. Vote: Article passes with opposition.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to Authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by gift, purchase or eminent domain, or otherwise, for open spaces purposes under the Community Preservation Program the fee or other interest in the property commonly known as "Two Lots off Keene Road" located in the Town of Acushnet, Massachusetts, as shown as Assessors Map 3 Lots 9D & 9G, said fee or interest in land to be held, managed, and controlled by the Conservation Commission, and to pay all other costs incidental and related thereto; and as funding therefore to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, transfer from Community Preservation Fund, and/or borrow a sum of money pursuant to G.L. c.44B or any other general or special law for said acquisition, and to authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen to issue any bonds or notes that may be necessary for the purpose; provided, however, that the amount authorized to be borrowed hereunder shall be reduced to the extent of any grants or gifts that may be awarded to the Town on account of this acquisition, and provided further, that any bonds or notes authorized by this vote shall be payable in the first instance from Community Preservation Act revenues, as provided by law, although any such bonds or notes shall nevertheless constitute general obligations of the Town, and further, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to convey to a nonprofit, charitable corporation or foundation, a conservation restriction in said property meeting the requirements of G.L.c.184, or take any other action relative thereto.

(Submitted by the Community Preservation Committee)

1. Motion made by Michael Cioper, Chairman, Board of Selectmen, to move that the Board of Selectmen is hereby authorized to acquire, on behalf of the Town, by gift, purchase or eminent domain, or otherwise, for open spaces purposes under the Community Preservation Program the fee or any other interest in the property commonly known as "248 Keene Road" located in the Town of Acushnet, Massachusetts, as shown as Assessors Map 3 Lot 9D, said fee or other interest in land to be held, managed, and controlled by the Conservation Commission; and, as funding therefore, that the Town transfer from the Community Preservation Fund budgeted reserve the sum of \$119,100.00, from the Community Preservation Fund open space reserve the sum of \$48,400.00 and from the Conservation Commission Land Acquisition Fund the sum of \$30,000.00 for the purpose of said article; and further, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to convey to a nonprofit, charitable corporation or foundation, a conservation restriction in said property meeting the requirements of G.L. c.184.
2. Finance Committee supports this article and feels it is a good use of CPA funds.
3. Vote: Article passes by a 2/3rd's majority.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to purchase the property located at 248 Keene Road, Assessors Map 3 Lot 9D (Lot 4) and further vote to raise and appropriate, borrow, or transfer from available funds the sum of One Hundred Ninety Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$197,500.00) for said purposes so that the Board may exercise the Town's right of first refusal on said property or to take any other action relative thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

1. Motion made by David Wojnar, Board of Selectmen to move that the Town table said article.
2. Vote: Requires 2/3rd's vote - Article tabled unanimously.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen as the appointing authority for the appointment of a municipal officer to act as the permitting authority under Chapter 82A of Massachusetts General Laws relative to excavation and trench safety and 520CMR 14.00 "Excavation and Trench Safety" ("Regulations"), which will take effect on January 1, 2009, or take any action thereto.

(Submitted by Building Inspector)

1. Motion made by Leslie Dakin, Board of Selectmen, to move that the Town accept said Article as read.
2. Finance Committee recommends the passage of this article.
3. Vote: Article passes with opposition.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town Charter Article VIII Section 4.1 of the Zoning Bylaw to read as follows:

- A. Any building or structure or use of a building, structure, or land thereafter located, erected, expanded, altered, or relocated, the lot on which it is to be located and the location of said building, structure, or use on said lot shall comply with the requirements of this Article VIII and of other applicable sections hereof. No lot shall be reduced in size, altered, or subdivided and no part thereof conveyed or transferred if said lot or the buildings thereon and the uses thereof will be caused thereby to be not in conformance with the provisions of this Chapter, unless, in addition to any dimensional variances, a special permit is granted by the Zoning Board of Appeals in conformance with the provisions of Section 3.4A of this Chapter or to take any other action relative thereto.

(Submitted by Petition)

1. Motion made by Marc Cenerizio, Chairman, Planning Commission, to move the Town table this article to take it up with Article 12.
2. Vote: Requires a 2/3rd's vote - Article tabled unanimously.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to amend Article VIII of the Town's Zoning Bylaws by deleting, Section 3.3.1, RA Residence A District, A (12), which provides, "Golf Courses and the structures accessory to the maintenance and operation of the course" and by inserting a new paragraph, Section 3.3.1, RA Residence A District, B(16), which shall provide as follows: "Golf Courses and the structures accessory to the maintenance and operation of the course. The Special Permit Granting Authority shall be the Board of Selectmen." And, further, to delete in Section 3.3.1, RA Residence A District, B(2), the words "golf course", or to take any action relative thereto.

(Submitted by Planning Board)

1. Motion made by Marc Cenerizio, Chairman, Planning Commission recommends the passage of this article.
2. The Finance Committee recommends passage of this article
3. Vote: Requires a 2/3rd's vote – Article passes by a 2/3rd's majority with opposition.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to amend Article VIII of the Town's Zoning Bylaws, Section 4.1, Compliance Required, A, by deleting the words "already are or" from the second sentence so that the section would read as follows:

- A. Any building or structure or use of a building, structure, or land thereafter located, erected, expanded, altered, or relocated, the lot on which it is to be located and the location of said building, structure, or use on said lot shall comply with the requirements of this Article VIII and of other applicable sections hereof. No lot shall be reduced in size, altered, or subdivided and no part thereof conveyed or transferred if said lot or the buildings thereon and the uses thereof will be caused thereby to be not in conformance with the provisions of this Chapter, unless, in addition to any dimensional variances, a special permit is granted by the Zoning Board of Appeals in conformance with the provisions of Section 3.4A of this Chapter or to take any other action relative thereto.

(Submitted by Planning Board)

1. Motion made by Marc Cenerizio, Chairman, Planning Commission states the Planning Board recommends the passage of this article.
2. Finance Committee does not support the article and the passage of this article.
3. Motion made by John Howcroft, By-Law Review Committee - Alternate moves to table the article.
4. Vote: Requires 2/3rd's vote – The table fails.
5. Motion made to move the article.
6. Vote: Motion fails, Article discussion continues.
7. Robert Francis, Town Moderator offers to put the article to vote: Article vote is too close to call, he allows further discussion.

8. Robert Francis, Town Moderator decides to put the article to vote and utilizes counters for a more accurate count on the first vote.
9. Final vote on Article 12 requires 2/3rd's majority, all those in favor: 23 on the East and 38 on the West. All those opposed: 12 on the East, 24 on the West.

In favor: 61

Opposed: 36

10. Vote of 2/3rd's is 65. The Article fails.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Water Surplus Account the sum of One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00) to purchase capital equipment (MTU units, meter transmission unit and other related equipment), or to take any other action relative thereto. (\$150,000.00)

(Submitted by Board of Public Works)

1. Motion made by Paul Sylvia, Chairman, Department of Public Works to move that the Town transfer from Water Surplus the sum of \$150,000.00 for the purpose of said article.
2. Roger Cabral, Finance Committee recommends and supports this article.
3. Vote: Article is passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the purpose of contributing to a Stabilization Fund in accordance with the provisions of General Laws Chapter 40, Section 5B or take any other action relative thereto.

(Submitted by the Finance Committee)

1. Motion made by Roger Cabral, Finance Committee to table said article.
2. Article requires 2/3rd's vote and is tabled unanimously.

Motion made at to adjourn Special Town Meeting. Motion passes unanimously at 12:49 p.m.

You are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof fifteen (15) days at the least before the time of said meeting as directed by the Board of Selectmen. Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said meeting.
Given under our hands this 6th day of October, 2008.

Michael A. Cioper, Chairman

David E. Wojnar, Member

Leslie Dakin, Jr., Member
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

A True Copy Attest:
This 9th day of October, 2008

Rebekah Tomlinson
Constable of Acushnet

Attest:

Pamela Labonte, Town Clerk

RESULTS OF THE STATE ELECTION HELD ON **NOVEMBER 4, 2008**

Register of Voters as of Close of Registration on
October 15, 2008

	Democrat	Green Rainbow	Inter 3rd Party	Libertarian	Republican	Unenrolled	WF	Total
Prec. I	957	2		6	139	1239	5	2348
Prec. II	1040	2		11	225	1482	2	2762
Prec. III	994	1	1	11	193	1584	4	2788
Total	2991	5	1	28	557	4305	11	7898

CLERK'S REPORT –PRECINCT I

To the Town Clerk:

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

Polls were opened at 7:00 a.m. by Joyce Tillett, Warden.

Box register when polls were opened 0.

Number of ballots received 2700 plus 55 absentee ballots, plus 100 partial ballots

Number of ballots cast from tape 1606.

Number of ballots counted manually 2.

Number of ballots spoiled 24.

Number of Provisional ballots not cast 1.

Number of Unused ballots returned 1123, plus 99 partial ballots

The following officers were present:

Warden: Joyce Tillett

Deputy Warden: Susanne Sounik

Clerk: Dorothy Gomes

Deputy Clerk: ---

Inspectors: Jeanne Duggan, Genevieve Linhares, Gloria Bernier,
Julianna Perry, Marie Hardy, Anita Tetreault,
Catherine Audette, Patricia McNamara, Faye Philla
Police Officers: Gene Robinson, Derek Cathcart, Paul Melo

Polls were closed at 8:00 p.m. and the ballot box registered 1606.

A true record: Attest:/s/ Dorothy Gomes
Clerk of Election Officers
Attest: Pamela Labonte, Town Clerk

CLERK'S REPORT – PRECINCT II

To the Town Clerk:

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

Polls were opened at 7:00 a.m. by Simonne Coutinho, Warden.
Box register when polls were opened 0.
Number of ballots received 2702 plus 92 absentee ballots, plus 100 partial
ballots
Number of ballots cast from tape 1963.
Number of ballots counted manually 1.
Number of ballots spoiled 43.
Number of Provisional ballots not cast 2.
Number of Unused ballots returned 786, plus 99 partial ballots

The following officers were present:

Warden: Simonne Coutinho
Deputy Warden: ---
Clerk: Betsy Ellis
Deputy Clerk: ---

Inspectors: Lorraine Gentili, Jenny Correira, Joyce Wylie Scholz,
Donna Forand, Lillian Contois, Paulette Hudson,
Louise Benoit, Alice Kut, Patricia Geggatt-Midurski
Police Officers: Gary Moniz, John Bolarinho, John Almeida,
Jim Costa

Polls were closed at 8:00 p.m. and the ballot box registered 1963.

A true record, Attest:/s/ Betsy Ellis
Clerk of Election Officers
Attest: Pamela Labonte, Town Clerk

CLERK'S REPORT – PRECINCT III

To the Town Clerk:

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

Polls were opened at 7:00 a.m. by Dianna Couto, Warden.

Box register when polls were opened 0.

Number of ballots received 2700 plus 81 absentee ballots, plus 100 partial ballots.

Number of ballots cast from tape 2011.

Number of ballots counted manually 4.

Number of ballots spoiled 33.

Number of Provisional ballots not cast 5.

Number of Unused ballots returned 732, plus 96 partial ballots.

The following officers were present:

Warden: Dianna Couto

Deputy Warden: ---

Clerk: Dorothy Lackie

Deputy Clerk: ---

Inspectors: Priscilla Santos, Diane Braley, Janet West, Lee Forand, ,
Maria Moore, Suzanne DeTerra, Geraldine Frates,
Margaret Mota, Joanne Fournier

Police Officers: Gary Moniz, John Almieda, John Bolarinho,
Jim Costa

Polls were closed at 8:00 p.m. and the ballot box registered 2011.

A true record, Attest:/s/ Dorothy Lackie

Clerk of Election Officers

Attest: Pamela Labonte, Town Clerk

RESULTS OF THE STATE ELECTION HELD ON NOVEMBER 4, 2008

	<u>PRECINCT I</u>	<u>PRECINCT II</u>	<u>PRECINCT III</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>ELECTORS OF PRESIDENT & VICE PRESIDENT</u>				
Baldwin and Castle	3	6	3	12
Barr and Root	8	9	8	25
McCain and Palin	530	781	799	2110
McKinney and Clemente	5	2	3	10
Nader and Gonzalez	20	29	21	70
Obama and Beden	1002	1094	1136	3232
Blanks:	26	34	35	95
Write-In's: (11)				
Blanks	3			3
Hilary Clinton	7	8	11	26
Ron Paul	1	1		2
Ross Perot	1			1
Sara Palin	1			1
Obama	1			1
T. Boone Pickens		1		1
Noah Desroches		1		1
Steven Rogers			1	1
Rudi Guliani			1	1
Mike Huckabee			1	1
TOTAL	<u>1608</u>	<u>1966</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>5593</u>

	<u>PRECINCT I</u>	<u>PRECINCT II</u>	<u>PRECINCT III</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>SENATOR IN CONGRESS</u>				
John F. Kerry	1095	1222	1263	3580
Jeffrey K. Beatty	374	586	566	1526
Robert J. Underwood	78	71	95	244
Blanks:	60	85	94	239

Write-In's: (4)				
John Kerry	1			1
David Wynne		1		1
Hillary Clinton		1		1
Paul Robitaille			1	1
TOTAL	<u>1608</u>	<u>1966</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>5593</u>

	<u>PRECINCT</u> <u>I</u>	<u>PRECINCT</u> <u>II</u>	<u>PRECINCT</u> <u>III</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>REP. IN CONGRESS</u>				
Barney Frank	1071	1197	1220	3488
Earl Henry Sholley	311	500	491	1302
Susan Allen	148	157	174	479
Blanks	76	111	132	319
Write-In's: (5)				
Blanks	1			1
Barney Frank	1			1
David Wynne		1		1
Allyson Provoley			1	1
Bill O'Reilly			1	1
TOTAL	<u>1608</u>	<u>1966</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>5593</u>

	<u>PRECINCT</u> <u>I</u>	<u>PRECINCT</u> <u>II</u>	<u>PRECINCT</u> <u>III</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>COUNCILLOR</u>				
Carole A. Fiola	1231	1390	1482	4103
Blanks	365	571	534	1470
Write-In's: (13)				
Blanks	8			8
Carole Fiola	1			1
Brett Watson	1			1
Matt Breault	1			1
Don Valente	1			1
Stuart Burnham		1		1
David Wynne		1		1
Manuel Faria		1		1
David Sullivan		1		1
Matthew Camara		1		1
Paul O'Toole			1	1
John Palmira			1	1
Michael Lasoie			1	1
TOTAL	<u>1608</u>	<u>1966</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>5593</u>

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<u>SENATOR IN</u>				
<u>GENERAL</u>				
<u>COURT</u>				
Mark C. Montigny	1337	1540	1626	4503
Blanks	252	419	388	1059
Write-In's: (18)				
Blanks	14			14
Brett Watson	1			1
Tony Cambra	1			1
Matt Breault	1			1
Matthew Goulet	1			1
Mark Montigny	1			1
Stuart Burnham		1		1
David Wynne		1		1
Chris Richmond		1		1
Maurice Bourque		1		1
Manuel Faria		1		1
David Sullivan		1		1
Thomas Borden		1		1
Peter Koczera			1	1
Michael Boswell			1	1
Mr. Pope			1	1
John Palmira			1	1
David Wojnar			1	1
TOTAL	<u>1608</u>	<u>1966</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>5593</u>

	<u>PRECINCT</u> <u>I</u>	<u>PRECINCT</u> <u>II</u>	<u>PRECINCT</u> <u>III</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>REPRESENTATIVE IN</u>				
<u>GENERAL COURT</u>				
Robert M. Koczera	1304	1510	1602	4416
Blanks	290	451	413	1154
Write-In's: (15)				
Blanks	8			8
Butch Davidson	1			1
Brett Watson	1			1
Matt Breault	1			1
Paul Corbett	1			1
Peter Koczera	2			2
Stuart Burnham		1		1
Keith Morgado		1		1
David Wynne		1		1

Manuel Faria		1		1
Edward Camara		1		1
John Palmira			1	1
Jeffrey Bennett			1	1
Alice Plante			1	1
Ryan Poyant			1	1
TOTAL	<u>1608</u>	<u>1966</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>5593</u>

	<u>PRECINCT I</u>	<u>PRECINCT II</u>	<u>PRECINCT III</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>REGISTER OF PROBATE</u>				
Gina L. Derossi	1044	1204	1270	3518
Robert C. Heroux	163	240	211	614
Roy D. Santos	265	334	356	955
Blanks	134	188	182	504
Write-In's: (2)				
Gina Derossi	1			1
Matt Breault	1			1
TOTAL	<u>1608</u>	<u>1966</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>5593</u>

	<u>PRECINCT I</u>	<u>PRECINCT II</u>	<u>PRECINCT III</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>COUNTY TREASURER</u>				
Kevin J. Finnerty	1266	1410	1505	4181
Blanks	338	552	513	1403
Write-In's: (9)				
Butch Davidson	1			1
Brett Watson	1			1
Matt Breault	1			1
Kevin Finnerty	1			1
Annie Burnham		1		1
David Wynne		1		1
Shannon Jenkins		1		1
June Meunier		1		1
John Palmira			1	1
TOTAL	<u>1608</u>	<u>1966</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>5593</u>

	<u>PRECINCT I</u>	<u>PRECINCT II</u>	<u>PRECINCT III</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>COUNTY</u>				
<u>COMMISSIONER</u>				
Christopher Saunders	1034	1176	1265	3475
Paul B. Kitchen	340	366	338	1044
Gregory DeMelo	298	436	418	1152
Blanks	1543	1954	2016	5513
Write-In's: (2)				
Christopher Saunders	1			1
Jared Plante			1	1
TOTAL	<u>3216</u>	<u>3932</u>	<u>4038</u>	<u>11186</u>

QUESTION 1: PROPOSED STATE INCOME TAX REDUCTION TO 2.65%

Yes	404	534	479	1417
No	1134	1321	1426	3881
Blanks	70	111	114	295
TOTAL	<u>1608</u>	<u>1966</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>5993</u>

QUESTION 2: PROPOSED PENALTIES FOR POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA

Yes	882	1048	1042	2972
No	663	838	894	2395
Blanks	63	80	83	226
TOTAL	<u>1608</u>	<u>1966</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>5993</u>

QUESTION 3: PROPOSAL TO PROHIBIT DOG RACES WITH BETTING OR WAGES

Yes	677	805	828	2310
No	867	1075	1108	3050
Blanks	64	86	83	233
TOTAL	<u>1608</u>	<u>1966</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>5993</u>

Attest:

Pamela Labonte, Town Clerk

Percentage of Votes Cast 71%

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

In April of 2008, Leslie Dakin, Jr. was elected to his first term as a member of the Board of Selectmen; Selectmen Michael A. Cioper was elected as Chairman.

Golf Course

The Acushnet River Valley Golf Course continues to be a source of pride for our Town residents. The Golf Committee and Board continue to operate the course using sound business practices to ensure continued growth and financial stability.

Downtown Revitalization

The major renovation of the Parting Ways Green was completed with walkways, lighting, and ornamental plantings. This project was able to be completed because of the Community Preservation Fund. This allows the Town to have a more traditional New England Green.

Energy

The Alternative Energy Committee completed the State's Energy Challenge and many of our buildings reached the Energy Star Rating. The Committee is working with all Town Departments to improve our energy consumption. This coming year the committee will be concentrating on Solar Energy for a number of Town Buildings.

Finance

As Towns, States and our Country continue to face difficult economic times, Acushnet because of good financial planning has been able to weather the storm better than most. In an effort to control costs the Board has consolidated departments and minimized staff to make sure we can provide the basic services our residents expect and deserve.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael A. Cioper, Chairman
David E. Wojnar
Leslie Dakin, Jr.
Board of Selectmen

Alan G. Coutinho
Town Administrator

Lisa Leonard
Christine Amaral
Administrative Assistants

OFFICERS APPOINTED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

POLICE COMMISSIONERS

Michael A. Cioper	2009
David E. Wojnar	2010
Leslie Dakin, Jr.	2011

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Alan G. Coutinho

TOWN ACCOUNTANT/DIRECTOR OF FINANCES

Cathy L. Doane

TOWN TREASURER

Katherine Milligan

TOWN COLLECTOR

Kristie A. Costa

TAX TITLE CUSTODIAN

Katherine Milligan

TOWN COUNSEL

Kopelman & Paige

TOWN INSURANCE BROKER

Viveiros-Feitelberg Insurance

POLICE CHIEF

Michael G. Alves

FIRE CHIEF

Kevin A. Gallagher

ACUSHNET EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES DIRECTOR

Kevin A. Gallagher

ADA COORDINATOR

Alan G. Coutinho

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER/INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

Rebekah A. Tomlinson

ASSISTANT ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

Tiffany Tripp

ACUSHNET WOODS PROJECT COMMITTEE

Marc Cenerizio
Alan G. Coutinho
Leslie Dakin, Jr.
George J. Gracia
June E. Lemrise
Cathy Murray
John Pacheco

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

Charlotte Coutinho	Jennifer Dahlberg
Donna Forand	Lorraine Hunter
Connie Preston	Joyce Reynolds

BOARD OF APPEALS

Richard Gula	2012
Lawrence Marshall	2011
Albert Santos	2010
Carol Westgate	2009
Richard J. Lally	2008
Paul B. Hipolito (Alternate)	2008
James Pringle (Alternate)	2008

BUILDING BOARD OF APPEALS

Raymond F. LeBlanc	2011
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INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS

James A. Marot

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
Thomas DeCosta

BY-LAW REVIEW COMMITTEE

James A. Marot	2010
Robert Brown	2010
Raymond LeBlanc	2010
Marc Laplante	2009
Leo Rousseau	2009
Carol Westgate	2008
John Howcroft	2008

CABLE T.V. ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Michael F. Greene	2009
Robert Lanzoni	2009
Donald Lopes	2009
Lawrence Marshall	2009
George Souza	2009

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

Carol Chongarlides (Conservation Commission)	2009
Lawrence Mulvey	2009
Geraldine D. Frates (Citizen Member)	2009
Marc Antone (Park Commissioners)	2010
Evelyn L. Bouley	2010
Ellen Hardy (Citizen Member)	2010
Marc Cenerizio (Planning Commission)	2011
Thomas DeCosta (Citizen Member)	2011
Karen L. Knox	2011

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Ted Cioper	2011
Kevin Dakin	2010
Richard Gula	2010
Patricia Picard	2010
Marc C. Brodeur	2009
Carol Chongarlides	2009
Robert Rocha, Jr.	2009

CONSERVATION AGENT

Merilee Woodworth

CONSTABLES

Frank J. Adesso	2010
David Lee Botas	2010
Marc E. Laplante	2010
Kelli A. Tomlinson	2010
Herve W. Vandal, Jr.	2010
Rebekah Tomlinson	2009

COUNCIL ON AGING

Dorothy Gomes	2010
Alfred Gonsalves	2010
Linda Guilbeault	2010
Alice Soares	2010
Pauline Teixeira	2010
Milton Reynolds	2011

COUNCIL ON AGING DIRECTOR

William Contois

CULTURAL COUNCIL MEMBER

Dianna Couto	2010
Lisa Leonard	2010
Edward Macomber	2010
Jeanne M. Siwik	2010
Pauline Teixeira	2010
Jeannette Francis	2009
Walter S. Dalton, Jr.	2011
Patricia Mulvey	2011
Linda Olsen	2012

DOWNTOWN STEERING COMMITTEE

Alan G. Coutinho	2009
Charlotte Coutinho	2009
Geraldine Frates	2009
Leo Rousseau	2009
David E. Wojnar	2009

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (DIRECTOR)

Gerard Bergeron

EMPOWERMENT REPRESENTATIVES

David E. Wojnar
Alan G. Coutinho

ENFORCEMENT AGENT FOR THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

James A. Marot

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Michael Boucher	2009
Roger Cabral	2009
Gail A. Rodrigues	2009
Robert Ferreira	2010
Kevin Gaspar	2010
Russell Goyette	2010
Elizabeth Gatenby	2011
Mary Lou Marques	2011
Paul Pelletier	2011

FOREST WARDEN, INSPECTOR OF GARAGES

Kevin A. Gallagher

GOLF MANAGEMENT & OPERATIONAL COMMITTEE

John Abaray, Jr. (Member at Large)	2009
Robert Ferreira (Finance Committee Rep.)	2009
David Flynn (Member at Large)	2009
Manuel Goulart (Business Community Rep.)	2009
Edward Issac (Member-at-Large)	2009
James Madruga, Jr. (Member at Large)	2009

GROWTH MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Michael G. Alves	Jacqueline Brightman
Marc Cenerizio	Richard Ellis
Lawrence Marshall	William Murphy
George Perry	Kathleen Perry
Gladys Varrieur	

HERRING WARDEN

Ted Govoni

ASSISTANT HERRING WARDEN

Joseph G. Costa

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

James Coutinho (alternate member)	2010
Madeline Gwozdz	2010
Pauline Teixeira	2010
Lori Bates	2009
Joyce Reynolds	2009
Stephen Gilmore	2009

HOUSING PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE

Henry Young	2009
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INSPECTOR OF GARAGES

Kevin A. Gallagher

MOTH SUPERINTENDENT/INSPECTOR OF PEST CONTROL

Raymond Barlow

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

Leo Coons
Linda Enos
Michael Miller

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

Marc Cenerizio	2009
Kelly Medeiros	2009
Robert Rocha	2009
Merilee Woodworth	2009

PARKING CLERK

Alan G. Coutinho

PHASE II STORMWATER COMMITTEE

Raymond Barlow (Highway Superintendent)
Marc Cenerizio (Planning Commission)
Alan Coutinho (Town Administrator)
James Marot (Building Inspector)
Ralph Urban (Board of Health Agent)
Merilee Woodworth (Conservation Commission Agent)

POLL WORKERS

Louise Benoit	2009
Gloria Bernier	2009
Diane Braley	2009
Jeanne Duggan	2009
Dorothy Gomes	2009
Marie Hardy	2009
Genevieve Linhares	2009
Faye Philla	2009
Kathy Plante	2009
Susanne Sounik	2009
Anita Tetreault	2009
Joyce Tillet	2009
Lillian Contois	2009
Jenny Correia	2009
Simonne Coutinho	2009
Lorraine Dabrowski	2009
Dorothy Daniels	2009
Lorraine Gentili	2009
Alice Kut	2009
Jeannette Pepin	2009
Joyce Wylie-Scholz	2009
Dianna Couto	2009
Betsy Ellis	2009
Lee Forand	2009
Geraldine Frates	2009
Paulette Hudson	2009
Dorothy Lackie	2009
Maria Moore	2009
Margaret Mota	2009
Barbara Pike	2009
Priscilla Santos	2009
Juliana Perry	2009
Catherine Audette	2009
Janet West	2009

Suzanne Deterra	2009
Joanne Fournier	2009
Donna Forand	2009
Patricia Mcnamara	2009

PORTABLE SIGN COMMITTEE

Richard A. Ellis	Robert Hall
Peter Koczera	Paul Melo
James A. Marot	

PPWG - HARBOR TRUSTEE COUNCIL MEMBER

Stephen Morrisseau

PUBLIC SAFETY COORDINATOR

Michael A. Cioper

REGISTRAR OF VOTERS

Michael J. Sylvia	2009
Kristin Bourgault	2010
Irene DeCotis	2011

SAFETY COMMITTEE

Michael Alves (Police Chief)	2009
Kevin Gallagher (Fire Chief)	2009
Gerri Reed	2009
Alan G. Coutinho (Town Admin.)	2009
James Marot (Bldg. Insp.)	2009

SEALER OF WEIGHTS & MEASURES

Theodore Machado

SHELLFISH WARDEN/HARBOR MASTER

Stephen Morrisseau

DEPUTY SHELLFISH WARDEN

Robert Medeiros

SOIL CONSERVATION BOARD

Carol Chongarlides (Conservation Commission Rep.)

Marc Cenerizio (Planning Commission Rep.)

Ralph Urban (Soil Conservation Board Inspector)

Robert Lanzoni (Board of Public Works Rep.)

Robert Medeiros (Board of Health Rep.)

David E. Wojnar (Board of Selectmen Rep.)

SPECIAL POLICE OFFICER OF NEW BEDFORD WATER WORKS

Paul Sylvia

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

Henry Young

S.R.T.A. ADVISORY COMMISSION MEMBERS

David E. Wojnar

STREET NAME COMMITTEE

Michael Alves (Police Chief)

Kevin Gallagher (Fire Chief)

TAX SHIFT STUDY COMMITTEE

Roger Cabral	2009
Marc Cenerizio	2009
Nicolangela Filippone	2009
Richard Threlfall	2009

TILCON CAPALDI CLOSURE PLAN COMMITTEE

Raymond LeBlanc
David E. Wojnar

VETERANS' AGENT, DIRECTOR OF VETERANS' SERVICES

Veterans Burial Agent for Indigent Soldiers & Sailors
& Veterans Grave Officer (C115 S7 & 9)

Ronald Cormier

(TILCON CAPALDI) WEIGHER

Kerrie Almeida	2009
Ron Burke	2009
Nelson Cardoso	2009
Antone DeMello	2009
Joseph DeNardo	2009
Sarah FitzGerald	2009
Rick Leaver	2009
Christian Loranger	2009
Mike Oliveira	2009
Felix Perez	2009
Johathan Souza	2009
Filomenia Yuille	2009



REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

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

The current Board of Assessors is: Marc Cenerizio, Chairman, Leslie Dakin, Jr., Member, and Liberio Soares, Member. The office staff consists of Kelly A. Koska, M.A.A., Principal Assessor, and Suzanne Picard, Senior clerk.

The Board of Assessors has remained the same in 2008. The outcome of the election in April 2008 resulted in Marc Cenerizio winning the seat as he ran unopposed for the three-year term on the ballot. Assessor Leslie Dakin, Jr. ran against incumbent Selectman Robert Brown and was successful. He opted to remain as a member of both the Board of Assessors as well as the newly elected member of the Board of Selectmen. Because of this unique situation, the Board of Assessors voted 2:1 not to change the structure of the Board, and Mr. Cenerizio remained as Chair contrary to the customary appointment of the member in his preceded year of re-election getting this title. Mr. Dakin's seat is up for re-election in 2009. As of January 2009, it has not been confirmed whether Mr. Dakin is running for re-election as a member of the Board of Assessors.

Fiscal 2009 (assessments based on January 1, 2008) is an interim adjustment year for the Town. Full fair cash values for this tax cycle were determined through the analysis of arms length sales that took place from June 2006 through December 2007. After this process was completed, values decreased slightly compared to those committed in Fiscal 2008. Property owners will see a decrease in residential property value for Fiscal 2010 reflective of the market experienced in 2008. Fiscal 2010 is a recertification year. The Department of Revenue, Bureau of Local Assessments, requires interim adjustments be made in non-recertification years to ensure proper analysis of market trends and uniformity in assessment levels. Analysis and building permit review were completed with the assistance of Patriot Properties and the Assessing office personnel. The LA-4 (Value report) and LA-13 (New Growth report) were completed by October 28, 2008 and final submission to the Department of Revenue was on November 5, 2008 through the new Gateway Program. Unfortunately, the Department of Revenue only communicated back with the Assessors' office on November 13, 2008 with final approval having been obtained on 11/17/2008. The setting of the tax rate took place on November 18, 2008. The tax rate can only be certified by the Department of Revenue once the Recapitulation

Sheet is complete. The Recap worksheet is completed with information provided by the Finance Department, Town Clerk, and Assessing Department. According to the Department of Revenue, the delay in reviewing the Assessor's data was due to the increased number of other communities that had submitted their data around the same time. This left the Town with the possibility of having to go out and borrow to cover expenses due to lack of revenue being collected. Fortunately, this did not occur. The Assessing Department staff worked diligently to complete their in depth part of the Real estate and Personal Property commitment process for Fiscal 2009 in 3 working days. The Collector's office then had to complete their process in order to send the completed file to an off-sight billing company. The bill date resulted in being November 26, 2008. This was two days earlier than the Fiscal 2008 bill date.

The Assessors' office generated \$176,760 in new growth. This amount has decreased from previous years but is reflective of the decline in new construction and building improvements. Though this amount has decreased over the past several years it does assist with alleviating the burden of raising the needed revenue to run the Town through taxation. The economic crisis now faced by us locally as well as nationally has impacted this number dramatically.

The tax rate for 2008 reflects a 20% shift. This translates in to the real properties classified as commercial or industrial and personal property paying a 20% higher rate than those that are residential. By statute, this decision is rendered by the Board of Selectmen with a recommendation from the Board of Assessors.

The second committed apportioned installment for the Phase II Sewer betterment was committed in Fiscal 2009 for those taxpayers who were assessed this improvement in June 2007 by the Board of Public Works. Taxpayers can also pay down on their remaining balances throughout the year. They can also pay off the betterment completely at any time. If they plan to do so, a written request should be submitted to the Assessors' office in order for the proper interest due to be calculated and committed to the Collector's office.

The Board of Health continues to have funds available through a grant provided by the Water Pollution Abatement Trust to assist residents to pay for sewer tie in costs and septic improvements. Approximately 56 properties took advantage of this loan program in calendar 2007. In 2008, approximately another 38 properties took advantage of these funds. This money will be available to property owners through June 2009. As since the implementation of this program, the staff in the Assessor's office is available to answer any questions.

The Board of Assessors wishes everyone continued good health and best wishes for the 2009.

TAX SUMMARY	<u>FY 2008</u>	<u>FY 2009</u>
Total Amount to be raised	\$ 26,875,499.36	\$ 27,279,303.80
Total estimated receipts from other revenue sources	\$ 15,078,928.00	\$ 15,023,676.00

TAX LEVY	\$ 11,796,571.36	\$12,255,627.80
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VALUE BY CLASS	<u>FY 2008</u>	<u>FY 2009</u>
Single Family (101)	\$ 1,018,870.800.00	\$ 1,009,855,900.00
Condominiums (102)	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
2 & 3 Family (104 & 105)	\$ 50,179,940.00	\$ 48,772,940.00
Multi Family (111-125)	\$ 6,408,500.00	\$ 6,384,300.00
Vacant land (130-132,106)	\$ 31,224,400.00	\$ 32,522,100.00
Others (103,109, Res mixed use)	\$ 60,675,757.00	\$ 59,421,902.00
Commercial (3**)	\$ 32,340,587.00	\$ 21,898,800.00
Chapter 61, 61A, 61B	\$ 2,146,272.00	\$ 2,213,893.00
Industrial (4**)	\$ 33,839,100.00	\$ 31,609,200.00
Personal Property	\$ 20,508,288.00	\$ 25,019,041.00

TAX RATE FY 2009

Residential = \$ 9.65 Commercial/Industrial/Personal Property = \$ 11.76
 (120% shift)

AVERAGE ASSESSED VALUE SINGLE FAMILY HOME \$ 315,900.00

Respectfully submitted,

Marc Cenerizio, Chairman
 Leslie Dakin, Jr., Member
 Liberio Soares, Member
 ACUSHNET BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Report of
THE TOWN CLERK

Births, Marriages and Deaths
Vital Statistics 2008

BIRTHS:

In Acushnet	0
In other Municipalities	77
<i>Total</i>	77
 Resident	 77
Non-Resident	0
<i>Total</i>	77
 Male	 35
Female	42
<i>Total</i>	77

MARRIAGES:

In Acushnet	15
In other Municipalities	37
<i>Total</i>	52
 Resident Bride and Groom	 24
Resident Groom	3
Resident Bride	4
Non-Resident Bride and Groom	21
<i>Total</i>	52

DEATHS:

In Acushnet	25
In other Municipalities	51
<i>Total</i>	76
 Resident Deaths - Female	 23
Resident Deaths - Male	50
Non-Resident Deaths - Female	1
Non-Resident Deaths - Male	2
<i>Total</i>	76

Attest:

Pamela A. Labonte
Town Clerk

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

2008

The time has come...the close of 2008. What an eventful year! The Clerk's Office has experienced significant change and risen above many challenges and successes throughout the year.

To start, the Town Clerk's Office is responsible for issuing marriage licenses, business certificates, underground fuel storage permits and dog licenses. We keep and maintain all official vital records of births, deaths, and marriages for the Town of Acushnet and provide certified copies of all vital records and assist in genealogical research.

The Town Clerk's Office records and certifies all official actions of the Town including actions of Town Meeting, State, Federal and Town Elections, the Board of Selectmen, the Planning Board, the Zoning Board of Appeals, the Conservation Committee and other committee and boards. The office, in compliance with Public Records Law, provides access and certifies all public records in its custody.

A major function of the Town Clerk, along with the Board of Registrars is to organize, train and administer fair and accurate elections and recounts. In 2008, this office was extremely busy with four (4) elections and a recount:

- * Presidential State (February 5th)
- * The Annual Town Election (April 7th)
- * The Annual Town Election Recount (May 31st)
(John C. Howcroft vs. Pamela A. Labonte Town Clerk's race)
- * The Presidential/State Primary Election (September 16th)
- * The Presidential/State Election (November 4th)

The year began under the leadership of John C. Howcroft, with the Clerk's Office preparing for the March Presidential Preference Primary which was accelerated by one month to coordinate with "Super Tuesday" on the national level. The staff had to work fast and under much pressure as this was occurring simultaneously at the height of the dog licensing period.

The next election, under the leadership of John C. Howcroft, was the Annual Town Election in which a race between the incumbent, himself and the current Town Clerk, Pamela A. Labonte led to a recount with the new comer winning. The recount was held at the Acushnet Elementary School and by unanimous decision of a review of the final votes, the Board of Registrars and the Town Clerk of Freetown, Jacqueline A. Brown confirmed the winner to be the current Town Clerk, Pamela A. Labonte.

Upon entering the Clerk's Office, my term began immediately on April 8th after being sworn in by Town Moderator, Robert Francis. Although, state law mandates a transition period, it is customary in the Town of Acushnet for the outgoing official to vacate the office immediately. This is not beneficial to the town and the residents and will be discouraged from this office going forward.

My beginning days were difficult, to say the least, as all records on the Town Clerk's computer were deleted and the software was corrupted. The computer was sent out for servicing for a week and the software was reinstalled. There were no letters, no back-up discs, and no information available to guide me as to where my predecessor left off. Law books, the Town Clerk's Manual and others were and still remain missing from the Clerk's Office.

Beginning in July, the Clerk's Office undertook several initiatives:

1. Partnered with Rebecca Tomlinson, the Animal Control Officer and updated the Dog Licensing Program and aided in the enforcement of fee collection as it relates to state law and the required licensing of dogs. An initial review reflected 675 dogs as being unlicensed, 382 of those were deleted due to death, moved or owners no longer owned the pet. At the close of 2008, 128 dogs remained unlicensed (81 of which were under the age of 6 months and according to the Town of Acushnet By-laws, dogs are not required to be licensed until the age of 6 months), the remaining owners of the unlicensed dogs are being pursued by the Animal Control Officer.
2. The Clerk's Office opened up Tuesday, June 24th for the first of the new Tuesday evening hours. Every Tuesday, the hours are now and will continue to be 8:00 am to 8:00 pm giving more flexibility for residents.
3. Completed a second mailing of the Town Census which maximized the number of residents counted, updated the voting list and updated the Annual Street Listing.
4. The Street Listing was reviewed street by street and updated to make the book consistent throughout with accurate directions, format and grammatical corrections. Also, worked with an engineer to update the existing map which was last updated in 1999.
5. Partnered with the Tax Collector's Office to accept tax payments made by check only, in the Clerk's Office on Tuesday evenings.
6. Partnered with the Building Inspector to capture all new homes and accessory apartments to ensure all new residents are entered in our CVR (Central Voter Registry) and included in the annual Census Program.
7. Partnered with the Assessor's Office to share new, existing, and discontinued Business Certificates to ensure our offices have the most up-to-date information.
8. 7 new election poll workers were hired in October to fill vacancies and increase staff. This was done to ensure the voters would have a positive experience at the polls on Election Day and appeared to be successful.

Not only did the outcome of the 2008 Presidential Election create history but it brought out a record number of new voter registrations. This resulted, in substantially increasing the foot traffic activity in the Clerk's Office. In addition, approximately one week before the election, Governor Deval Patrick approved a law that allowed people who moved away to vote in their old hometowns up to 18 months after leaving. This was allowed by issuing these voters a "partial ballot." Unfortunately, with this last minute change the Clerk's Office was forced to scramble and train election workers and prepare for the distribution of the "partial ballots." Although, this was a stressful time, the Clerk's

Office pulled together, maintained professionalism, and certified the votes with the state in record time.

2008 was a challenging year fiscally and 2009 is projected to be more demanding and requiring more cutbacks. In light of this, the Clerk's Office began investigations into new and added ways of increasing and creating new avenues of revenue for the town. The following are those explored in 2008:

- * The 2010 Federal Census - to ensure our town and every resident is counted for the 2010 Census. Although, the prior town clerk chose to not pursue the Federal Census program referred to as LUCA (Local Update of Census Addresses) the current leadership is committed to ensuring, our town will be eligible for the maximum state and federal funding possible.
- * Passport Issuing Agent - bring back the ability to accept passport applications and services. Back several years ago this office accepted applications and eventually it was given up, taking with it the additional revenue it brought to the town.

An integral part of the success of a Town Clerk and the staff is education and this is an area that will continue to be a focus going forward into 2009. The following is a list of conferences/trainings attended and conducted:

1. The Town Clerk's Association conference in Falmouth at the Seacrest (Pamela Labonte, Irene Decotis, Kristen Bourgaault and Michael Sylvia)
2. HAVA (Handicap Voting machines) training, Marborough, MA (Pamela Labonte)
3. CVR (Central Voter Registry) training (Nancy Clerc, Irene Decotis, Joann DeMello and Pamela Labonte)
4. The Town Clerks' Association conference in Hancock at Jiminy Peak, Hancock (Pamela Labonte)
5. Election/Poll workers and Board of Registrars training conducted by Irene DeCotis, Board of Registrars and Pamela A. Labonte, Town Clerk.

In October the transfer of Joann DeMello to the Board of Health left the clerk's office short staffed during the preparation of the November 4th election. Fortunately, due to the dedication of Nancy Clerc, (part-time Senior Clerk) and Irene Decotis (Registrar of Voters) the office ran smoothly and continued to move in a positive direction. In December, Rachel Charbonneau was hired to fill the vacancy left by Ms. DeMello. She came to the Clerk's Office with over thirty years of Administrative Assistant experience and in the short period of time she has been with the office, she has proved to be a tremendous asset.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all department heads, elected officials, election workers, a special thank you to Mr. Contois and staff at the Council on Aging, the Community Center and staff, EMA, Michael Alves and staff and all other town employees and especially the staff in the Town Clerk's Office, Nancy Clerc, Irene Decotis, Joanne DeMello and Rachel Charbonneau. Your dedication and hard-work made 2008 a successful year and I look forward continuing our progress together in 2009.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Reconciliation of Treasurer's Cash

July 1, 2007 – June 30, 2008

Balances per Reconciled Bank Statements

Citizens Bank & Trust	Collector's Account	85,069.22
Citizens Bank & Trust	Golf Course	733,089.80
Citizens Bank & Trust	Investment Account	130,685.88
Citizens Bank & Trust	Money Market	2,453,581.21
Citizens Bank & Trust	Payroll Account	7.80
Eastern Bank	Money Market	4,746.17
Mellon Bank	Money Market	33,829.84
Mellon Bank	Vendor Account	90.99
Rockland Trust	Money Market	431,179.16
Rockland Trust	CD	536,846.73
Rockland Trust	CD	518,526.07
Uni Bank	Unipay	4,652.50
Webster Bank	School Lunch	4,550.49
Webster Bank	CPA	491,763.35
Webster Bank	Money Market	781,007.28
Webster Bank	CD	87,960.05
		6,297,586.54

Deposits in Transit and Cash on Hand	2,150.00
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Bartholomew – Various Town Trusts	604,530.45
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Citizens Bank & Trust – Various Town Trusts	2,775,234.21
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Citizens Bank & Trust – Planning Board	56,417.84
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Total of All Cash and Investments for the Town	<u><u>\$9,735,919.04</u></u>
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I hereby certify that the foregoing schedule, setting forth the total cash in the custody of the Treasurer, is in agreement with the general ledger controls and the Auditors Report.

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine A. Milligan
Treasurer

RECEIPTS FISCAL YEAR 2008

GENERAL FUND

PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES

2006	\$ (227.00)
2007	466.00
2008	227,449.00
Total Personal Property Taxes	\$ 227,688.00

REAL ESTATE TAXES

Prior Years	\$ -
2004	-
2005	-
2007	135,689.00
2008	11,191,479.00
Total Real Estate Taxes	\$ 11,327,168.00

TAX LIENS REDEEMED

Prior Years	\$ 84,019.00
Total Tax Liens Redeemed	\$ 84,019.00

TAX LIENS FORECLOSED

Prior Years	\$ -
Total Tax Liens Foreclosed	\$ -

MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE

Prior Years	\$ 10.00
1997	-
1998	-
1999	-
2000	-
2001	12.00
2002	34.00
2003	379.00
2004	932.00
2005	2,719.00
2006	32,130.00
2007	245,205.00
2008	813,618.00
Total Motor Vehicle Excise	\$ 1,095,039.00

FARM EXCISE

Total Farm Excise	\$ -
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PENALTIES AND INTEREST

Personal Property Tax	\$ 292.00
Real Estate Tax	27,725.00
Motor Vehicle Excise	26,444.00

Tax Liens Redeemed	10,716.00
Total Penalties and Interest	\$ 65,177.00
RUBBISH	
Rubbish Revenue	\$ 12,859.00
Liens	-
Total Rubbish	\$ 12,859.00
FEES	
Police Detail	\$ 4,881.00
Cable	1,633.00
Lien Certificates	7,314.00
Town Clerk Passport Fee	-
Non - Renewal Motor Vehicles	7,600.00
Constable Fees	175.00
Total Fees	\$ 21,603.00
OTHER DEPARTMENTAL REVENUE	
Assessors	\$ 659.00
Selectmen	80.00
Treasurer	-
Collector	249.00
Town Clerk	8,922.00
Conservation	147.00
Planning Board	1,344.00
Appeal Board	2,500.00
Police	873.00
Fire	3,070.00
Building	846.00
Weights & Measures	465.00
Board of Health	26,742.00
Library	520.00
Miscellaneous Revenue	8,783.00
Total Other Departmental Revenue	\$ 55,200.00
LICENSES	
Business	\$ 1,230.00
Drain Layers	2,545.00
Liquor	13,850.00
Victualers	1,475.00
Amusement	2,952.00
Motor Vehicles	1,575.00
Constable License	-
Dog	10,850.00
Total Licenses	\$ 34,477.00
PERMITS	
Oil Burner	\$ 325.00
Building	28,279.00
Electrical	19,269.00
Gas	3,671.00

Board of Health	10,450.00
Plumbing	6,583.00
Soil Removal	-
Gun	5,475.00
Total Permits	<u>\$ 74,052.00</u>
FINES AND FORFEITURES	
Dog	\$ 1,230.00
Library	3,090.00
Parking	1,300.00
Total Fines and Forfeitures	<u>\$ 5,620.00</u>
SALES OF INVENTORY	
Cemetery Lots	\$ -
Total Sales of Inventory	<u>\$ -</u>
STATE SHARED REVENUE	
Abatements to the Blind	\$ 1,050.00
Abatements to the Elderly	32,630.00
Abatements to Veterans	26,603.00
Abatements to Surviving Spouse	350.00
Veterans' Benefits	21,083.00
Highway Funds	-
Additional Assistance	23,875.00
Lottery Funds	1,863,181.00
Court Fines	275.00
Registry Fines	8,420.00
Other State	163.00
School Chapter 70	6,206,921.00
School Transportation	-
Charter School Reimb	-
Charter School Capital Overpay	-
Police Career Incentive	32,122.00
Total State Shared Revenue	<u>\$ 8,216,673.00</u>
REIMBURSEMENT	
Medicare D Reimbursement	\$ 44,011.00
Municipal Medicaid Reimbursement	126,864.00
Total Reimbursements	<u>\$ 170,875.00</u>
EARNINGS ON INVESTMENTS	<u>\$ 58,498.00</u>
Total Earnings on Investments	<u>\$ 58,498.00</u>
INTERFUND TRANSFERS	
From Enterprise Fund	\$ -
From Special Revenue	250,000.00
From Trust & Agency	-
Total Interfund Transfers	<u>\$ 250,000.00</u>
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	<u><u>\$ 21,698,948.00</u></u>

<u>SCHOOL LUNCH FUND</u>	\$ 302,732.00
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<u>HIGHWAY CHAPTER 90</u>	\$ 454,633.00
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SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

Animal Gift Fund	\$ 689.00
P.E.G. Access	46,723.00
Police Grant	18,024.00
Police SCAT Grant	1,333.00
Law Enforcement Trust	877.00
Local Preparedness Grant	-
Highway Safety Grant	825.00
SETB Training Grant	523.00
COA Strong Woman Grant	2,544.00
Police Reimbursable	-
Bureau Of Justice	-
LIG/MEG	15,161.00
Library Gift Fund	-
Library Fund Grant	-
Partingways Beautification	-
Title V	8,716.00
Arts Lottery Council	4,237.00
Council On Aging Grant	12,662.00
Council On Aging Gift Fund	2,060.00
Notice Of Intent - Conservation	1,735.00
E.M.S.	252,831.00
Board of Health	-
Insurance Reimbursement	44,725.00
Outside Ads	315.00
Fed. Asst. To Firefighters	29,805.00
Private Organization Grants	1,000.00
FEMA Grant	-
LIB-CD Antitrust Settlement	326.00
Homeland Security	-
Bristol County Homeland Security	-
Fire S.A.F.E Grant	-
Fire Safety Equipment Grant	-
SEMASS - Mass Tech Park	-
Park Dept. Gift Fund	350.00
Long Plain Museum Repair Grant	-
Sewer Tie-In Restricted Grants	-
Sewer Tie-In Loan Program	147,742.00
Sewer Tie-In Loan Res Receipts	30,344.00
Sewer Phase 2 Betterment	1,121,450.00
Cops In Shops Grant	-
Community Policing Grant	-
GIS / GPS Mapping System	-
Ambulance Task Force Grant	-
TOTAL SPECIAL REVENUE	\$ 1,744,997.00

SCHOOL SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

Title I	\$ 78,747.00
Title II 94 - 142	236,199.00
Early Childhood	6,798.00
Drug Free School	3,303.00
Ford Middle School Fund	25,717.00
School Building Rental	4,083.00
Elementary School Fund	18,433.00
Teacher Quality in Education	20,320.00
Enhanced Education	481.00
Title V	670.00
Mentoring Grant	-
Early Intervention Lit.	12,500.00
SPED Program Improvement Grant	6,465.00
SPED Circuit Breaker	272,289.00
Full Day Kindergarten	71,993.00
Kindergarten Enhancement Grant	52,200.00
BC/BS Healthy Choices Grant	1,000.00
TOTAL SCHOOL SPECIAL REVENUE	\$ 811,198.00

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION FUND **\$ 255,338.00**

WATER SPECIAL REVENUE FUND **\$ 856,642.00**

CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND **\$ 93,404.00**

SEWER ENTERPRISE FUND **\$ 448,724.00**

GOLF ENTERPRISE FUND **\$ 1,486,231.00**

TRUST FUND

Contributions	\$ 8,413.00
Transfers	5,000.00
Interest & Earning on Investments	85,909.00
TOTAL TRUST FUND	\$ 99,322.00

GRAND TOTAL **\$ 28,252,169.00**

Attest:
Cathy L. Doane
Director of Finance

APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES
FISCAL YEAR 2008

	<u>FY 2008 APPROP.</u>	<u>FY 2008 EXPEND.</u>
RESERVE FUND 1110		
F.B. Reserve Fund	<u>22,216.00</u>	<u> </u>
Total Reserve Fund	22,216.00	0.00
TOWN MEETING 1113		
Town Meeting / Election	<u>9,145.00</u>	<u>8,362.00</u>
Total Town Meeting	9,145.00	8,362.00
MODERATOR 1114		
Salary	660.00	660.00
Supplies	30.00	0.00
In-State Travel	40.00	0.00
Dues/Subscription/Memberships	<u>40.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Moderator	770.00	660.00
SELECTMEN 1122		
Stipends - Selectmen	15,290.00	15,148.00
Salaries - Town Administrator	91,516.00	91,516.00
Salaries - Clerical	55,995.00	53,030.00
Salaries - Special Project Manager	9,018.00	9,018.00
Salaries - Temporary	2,500.00	1,036.00
Longevity	900.00	500.00
R. & M. Vehicles	1,000.00	461.00
Special Article School Facility Com.	0.00	0.00
Special Article - DEP Site Assessment	15,613.00	4,555.00
Engineering Fees	0.00	0.00
Consulting / Grant Writer	0.00	0.00
Telephone	2,500.00	1,931.00
Comm. Reverse 911	8,000.00	7,176.00
Communications - Advertising	6,000.00	5,648.00
Office Supply	1,500.00	1,483.00

	FY 2008 APPROP.	FY 2008 EXPEND.
Training & Testing	400.00	0.00
Town Report / Warrant	4,000.00	4,000.00
Meeting Expenses	100.00	90.00
Travel	1,000.00	306.00
Dues/Subscription/Memberships	1,600.00	1,578.00
Special Article - Communication Equipment	2,141.00	2,141.00
Total Selectmen	219,073.00	199,617.00

FINANCE COMMITTEE 1131

Salaries - Clerical	2,125.00	1,589.00
Office Supplies	200.00	85.00
Travel	40.00	0.00
Dues/Subscription/Memberships	360.00	356.00
Total Finance Committee	2,725.00	2,030.00

FINANCE DIRECTOR 1133

Salaries - Director of Finance	10,910.00	10,910.00
Total Finance Director	10,910.00	10,910.00

TOWN ACCOUNTANT 1135

Salaries - Town Accountant	68,341.00	68,341.00
Salaries - Accounting Clerk	29,355.00	26,855.00
Salaries - Billing Clerk	7,815.00	7,647.00
Longevity	600.00	600.00
Auditing	19,000.00	19,000.00
Telephone	1,500.00	817.00
Office Supplies	1,500.00	1,473.00
Travel	1,150.00	370.00
Dues/Subscription/Memberships	400.00	390.00
Additional Equipment	0.00	0.00
Special Article - GASB 45 Implementation	15,000.00	0.00
Special Article - GASB 34	14,651.00	0.00
Total Town Accountant	159,312.00	125,493.00

	FY 2008 APPROP.	FY 2008 EXPEND.
ASSESSORS 1141		
Stipends - Assessors	12,143.00	11,171.00
Salaries - Assistant Assessor	48,000.00	48,000.00
Salaries - Clerical	30,001.00	30,000.00
Salaries - Overtime	1,000.00	994.00
Longevity	300.00	300.00
R. & M. Office Equipment	564.00	564.00
Telephone	800.00	644.00
Printing & Binding	300.00	179.00
Communications - Advertising	400.00	76.00
Training	800.00	796.00
Plot Plans	2,665.00	1,165.00
Reg. Deeds/Probate	200.00	151.00
Office Supplies	800.00	799.00
Travel	823.00	823.00
Dues/Subscription/Memberships	277.00	239.00
Management Consulting	8,000.00	7,995.00
Software Expense	3,000.00	2,260.00
Cama License Fee	5,250.00	5,250.00
Triennial Certification	24,500.00	24,500.00
Total Assessors	139,823.00	135,906.00

TOWN TREASURER 1145

Salaries - Town Treasurer	30,856.00	26,782.00
Salaries - Assistant Treasurer	18,566.00	16,976.00
Salaries - Clerical	32,192.00	32,192.00
Salaries - Temporary	0.00	0.00
Salaries - Overtime	2,623.00	2,623.00
Longevity	1,150.00	1,150.00
Legal - Land Court	22,500.00	8,634.00
Loan Expense	2,500.00	1,000.00
Telephone	1,017.00	1,017.00
Communications - Advertising	1,000.00	928.00
Reg. Deeds / Probate	1,583.00	1,583.00
Office Supplies	2,550.00	2,550.00
Postage	19,000.00	19,000.00
Travel	1,150.00	1,150.00

	FY 2008 APPROP.	FY 2008 EXPEND.
Dues/Subscription/Memberships	250.00	145.00
Bonding	1,200.00	875.00
Additional Equipment	0.00	0.00
Total Town Treasurer	138,137.00	116,605.00

TOWN COLLECTOR 1146

Salaries - Town Collector	30,887.00	26,899.00
Salaries - Assistant Collector	18,566.00	16,976.00
Salaries - Clerical	30,347.00	30,230.00
Salaries - Temporary	0.00	0.00
Salaries - Overtime	692.00	691.00
Longevity	950.00	950.00
R. & M. Office Equipment	250.00	139.00
Tax Bills	3,200.00	2,510.00
Telephone	1,000.00	683.00
Communication - Advertising	2,000.00	2,000.00
Registry Recordings	3,676.00	3,675.00
Office Supplies	1,350.00	1,337.00
Travel/Meals	1,150.00	1,121.00
Dues/Subscription/Memberships	140.00	60.00
Bonding	300.00	200.00
Additional Equipment	200.00	198.00
Total Town Collector	94,708.00	87,669.00

TOWN COUNSEL 1151

Legal - Land Court	76,242.00	76,242.00
Total Town Counsel	76,242.00	76,242.00

DATA PROCESSING 1155

Salaries - Systems Administrator	4,180.00	4,180.00
Internet Services	7,710.00	7,710.00
R. & M. Copier	5,513.00	4,741.00
R. & M. - Other	8,679.00	7,236.00
Software Maintenance	54,928.00	54,928.00
Photocopier Supply	3,120.00	3,095.00
Software Expense	1,400.00	313.00

	FY 2008 APPROP.	FY 2008 EXPEND.
Other Supplies	4,172.00	3,854.00
Training	700.00	100.00
Additional Equipment	14,142.00	13,536.00
Total Data Processing	104,544.00	99,693.00

TOWN CLERK 1161

Salaries - Town Clerk	26,735.00	26,735.00
Salaries - Clerical	53,229.00	53,229.00
Salaries - Temporary	1,250.00	1,001.00
Salaries - Overtime	3,000.00	2,804.00
Longevity	700.00	700.00
Repairs / Maintenance	500.00	248.00
Vital Statistics	400.00	0.00
Telephone	1,000.00	633.00
Communications - Advertising	200.00	0.00
Office Supplies	1,800.00	1,697.00
Postage	1,600.00	1,291.00
Travel	1,000.00	1,000.00
Dues/Subscription/Memberships	200.00	150.00
Bonding	100.00	100.00
Additional Equipment	1,960.00	513.00
Dog Licenses	1,000.00	478.00
Special Article - Vital Records	6,699.00	0.00
Special Article - CD ROMS	929.00	0.00
Software Expense	1,000.00	646.00
Total Town Clerk	103,302.00	91,225.00

REGISTRAR OF VOTERS 1163

Salaries - Temporary	10,740.00	10,340.00
Voting Program Movers	3,000.00	2,610.00
Street Voting / Census	1,900.00	1,722.00
Office Supplies	500.00	493.00
Travel	700.00	34.00
Postage	600.00	336.00
Total Registrar Of Voters	17,440.00	15,535.00

	FY 2008 APPROP.	FY 2008 EXPEND.
CONSERVATION 1171		
Salaries - Agent	32,236.00	32,236.00
Salaries - Clerical	16,610.00	16,610.00
Salaries - Overtime	1,140.00	652.00
Longevity	0.00	0.00
Telephone	600.00	328.00
Communications - Advertising	29.00	29.00
Training & Testing	1,107.00	1,100.00
Office Supplies	750.00	750.00
Photo Supplies	0.00	0.00
Travel	21.00	21.00
Dues/Subscription/Memberships	318.00	318.00
Special Article Employee Vehicle	593.00	593.00
Total Conservation	53,404.00	52,637.00
SOIL BOARD 1172		
Salaries - Clerical	1,000.00	1,000.00
Office Supplies	50.00	0.00
Total Soil Board	1,050.00	1,000.00
PLANNING BOARD 1175		
Salaries - Agent	5,304.00	5,304.00
Salaries - Clerical	9,785.00	9,778.00
Master Planner	30,900.00	30,900.00
Training & Testing	250.00	232.00
Communications - Advertising	2,000.00	105.00
Other Purchase - Serv. Recording.	200.00	53.00
Registral. Deeds/Update Maps	25.00	0.00
Office Supplies	2,700.00	2,700.00
Master Plan Supplies	2,700.00	2,688.00
Travel	200.00	200.00
Dues/Subscription/Memberships	100.00	90.00
Special Article - Zoning Bylaw Edits	4,737.00	50.00
Telephone	500.00	0.00
Total Planning Board	59,401.00	52,100.00

	<u>FY 2008 APPROP.</u>	<u>FY 2008 EXPEND.</u>
BOARD OF APPEALS 1176		
Salaries - Clerical	2,200.00	1,190.00
Communications - Advertising	2,000.00	1,288.00
Office Supplies	200.00	40.00
Total Board of Appeals	4,400.00	2,518.00

TOWN HALL COMPLEX 1192

Salaries - Custodian	35,726.00	35,448.00
Salaries - Temporary	3,240.00	3,240.00
Salaries - Overtime	3,810.00	3,242.00
Longevity	500.00	500.00
Energy	46,000.00	44,928.00
Grass Cutting/Maintenance	2,500.00	2,142.00
R. & M. Building & Grounds	14,500.00	14,457.00
Supplies	7,916.00	5,850.00
Special Article - A.D.A. Requirement	9,580.00	0.00
Special Article - Town Hall Parking	4,797.00	0.00
Special Article - Long Plain Restoration	3,893.00	0.00
Total Town Hall Complex	132,462.00	109,807.00

BY - LAWS 1197

Office Supplies	980.00	776.00
Total By-Laws	980.00	776.00

POLICE DEPARTMENT 2210

Salaries - Police Chief	85,998.00	85,998.00
Salaries - Permanent	1,297,375.00	1,297,375.00
Longevity	8,700.00	8,700.00
Clothing Allowance	17,945.00	17,945.00
Vehicle Maintenance	11,000.00	11,000.00
R. & M. Office Equipment	9,500.00	9,500.00
Software Maintenance	8,450.00	8,450.00
Telephone	4,950.00	4,836.00
Training & Testing	1,500.00	1,500.00
Office Supplies	2,250.00	2,250.00

	FY 2008 APPROP.	FY 2008 EXPEND.
Meals	1,124.00	921.00
Other Supplies - Hardware/Lockup	22,173.00	22,173.00
Travel	0.00	0.00
Dues/Subscription/Memberships	1,840.00	1,840.00
Equipment	50,408.00	50,408.00
Special Article - Handguns	20,000.00	20,000.00
Total Police Department	1,543,213.00	1,542,896.00

FIRE DEPARTMENT 2220

Salaries - Fire Chief	73,935.00	73,935.00
Salaries - Permanent	189,442.00	179,457.00
Salaries - Callmen	56,650.00	53,061.00
Overtime	36,500.00	34,885.00
Longevity	1,800.00	1,800.00
Clothing Allowance	2,248.00	2,116.00
Energy	9,500.00	9,285.00
Water	118.00	95.00
R. & M. Building & Grounds	750.00	750.00
R. & M. Equipment	2,925.00	2,925.00
R & M. Vehicle	5,141.00	5,141.00
Software	600.00	549.00
Radio Repairs	1,000.00	928.00
Hepatitis B Shots	667.00	0.00
Telephone	2,690.00	2,209.00
Training/CPR/1st Aid	7,059.00	7,059.00
Office Supplies	1,275.00	1,275.00
Other Supplies	300.00	300.00
Dues/Subscription/Memberships	1,000.00	990.00
Additional Equipment	2,300.00	2,300.00
Special Article - Sewer Tie-In	5,000.00	0.00
Fire Alarm Inspection	2,000.00	2,000.00
Total Fire Department	402,900.00	381,060.00

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES 2232

Salaries - Director	48,194.00	43,116.00
Salaries - Permanent	290,560.00	290,560.00
Salaries - EMT's	12,000.00	7,405.00

	FY 2008 APPROP.	FY 2008 EXPEND.
Salaries - Billing Clerk	12,504.00	12,066.00
Salaries - Overtime	8,000.00	7,750.00
Longevity	1,000.00	1,000.00
Clothing Allowance	2,500.00	2,221.00
Energy	13,000.00	12,271.00
R. & M. Buildings & Grounds	1,500.00	1,110.00
R. & M. Equipment	4,000.00	2,232.00
Physicals	600.00	0.00
Telephone	2,000.00	1,541.00
Training & Testing	2,000.00	1,878.00
Collection Expense	3,600.00	0.00
Office Supplies	2,000.00	1,486.00
Supplies	800.00	787.00
Vehicle Supplies & Maintenance	8,000.00	3,962.00
Medical & Surgical Supplies	13,732.00	13,143.00
Oxygen	2,200.00	410.00
Travel	50.00	0.00
Dues/Subscription/Memberships	13,500.00	12,528.00
Additional Equipment/Furniture	600.00	275.00
Special Article - Ambulance Pro So	13,178.00	6,585.00
Total Emergency Medical Services	455,518.00	422,326.00

BUILDING DEPARTMENT 2241

Salaries - Building Inspector	50,652.00	50,308.00
Salaries - Clerical	30,354.00	23,090.00
Salaries - Wire Inspector	10,902.00	10,902.00
Salaries - Deputy Wire Inspector	650.00	0.00
Salaries - Deputy Building Inspector	1,000.00	1,000.00
Salaries - Gas/Plumbing Inspector	8,740.00	8,740.00
Salaries - Deputy Gas/Plumbing Inspector	1,000.00	700.00
Longevity	900.00	900.00
Training & Testing	685.00	660.00
R. & M. Equipment	0.00	0.00
Telephone	945.00	608.00
Office Supplies	1,540.00	1,540.00
Vehicle Supplies	315.00	268.00

	<u>FY 2008 APPROP.</u>	<u>FY 2008 EXPEND.</u>
Dues/Subscription/Memberships	115.00	115.00
Additional Equipment	<u>300.00</u>	<u>285.00</u>
Total Building Department	108,098.00	99,116.00

SEALER OF WEIGHTS & MEASURES 2244

Salaries -Permanent Position	953.00	953.00
Telephone	15.00	0.00
Office Supplies	200.00	0.00
Travel	180.00	0.00
Dues/Subscription/Memberships	120.00	0.00
Additional Equipment	<u>300.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Sealer Of Weights & Measures	1,768.00	953.00

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY 2291

Energy	2,800.00	2,606.00
Repairs/Equipment Maint.	1,800.00	1,799.00
R. & M. Building & Grounds	3,100.00	3,076.00
Telephone	650.00	386.00
Internet Services	690.00	598.00
Maintenance & Supplies	500.00	361.00
Disaster Fund	50.00	0.00
Travel	110.00	80.00
Dues/Subscription/Memberships	50.00	15.00
Additional Equipment/Gear	<u>900.00</u>	<u>859.00</u>
Total Emergency Management Agency	10,650.00	9,780.00

ANIMAL CONTROL 2292

Salaries - Director	34,480.00	34,480.00
Longevity	300.00	300.00
Clothing Allowance	200.00	190.00
R. & M. Equipment	1,000.00	992.00
Telephone	691.00	691.00
Board Services	2,202.00	2,202.00
Training & Testing	364.00	93.00
Office Supplies	100.00	100.00

	FY 2008 APPROP.	FY 2008 EXPEND.
Dues/Subscription/Memberships	50.00	50.00
Additional Equipment	0.00	0.00
Total Animal Control	39,387.00	39,098.00

FORESTRY 2294

Salaries - Tree Warden	725.00	0.00
Tree Removal	2,306.00	2,302.00
Tree Planting	694.00	422.00
Other Supplies	100.00	100.00
Total Forestry	3,825.00	2,824.00

MISCELLANEOUS 2699

Beautification	1,000.00	937.00
Shellfish Warden/Harbor	200.00	0.00
Herring Inspector	200.00	0.00
Acushnet Cultural Council	2,500.00	2,500.00
Safety Committee	200.00	0.00
Housing Partnership	200.00	0.00
Buzzards Bay Comm.	650.00	633.00
Total Miscellaneous	4,950.00	4,070.00

OLD COLONY REGIONAL SCHOOL 3320

Regional School Tuition	1,526,705.00	1,526,705.00
Total Old Colony Regional School	1,526,705.00	1,526,705.00

ACUSHNET SCHOOL DEPARTMENT 3325, 021

Expenses	12,392,817.00	12,085,714.00
Sp. Article - Detention Pond	10,000.00	0.00
School Renov. Bond Principal	122,332.00	122,332.00
School Renov. Bond Interest	87,361.00	87,360.00
Total Acushnet School Department	12,612,510.00	12,295,406.00

	<u>FY 2008 APPROP.</u>	<u>FY 2008 EXPEND.</u>
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT 4422		
Salaries - Director	26,428.00	26,428.00
Salaries - Permanent	215,421.00	207,157.00
Salaries - Highway Superintendent	50,760.00	50,760.00
Salaries - Clerical	11,066.00	11,048.00
Salaries - Part-Time Clerk	4,810.00	1,977.00
Salaries - Temporary	0.00	0.00
Salaries - Overtime	4,240.00	3,101.00
Longevity	165.00	165.00
Clothing Allowance	4,400.00	4,288.00
Energy	15,368.00	13,641.00
R. & M. Building & Grounds	4,000.00	4,000.00
R. & M. Equipment	35,320.00	35,320.00
Rentals & Leases	6,000.00	5,431.00
Engineering Fees	2,000.00	1,995.00
Telephone	2,000.00	893.00
Communications - Advertising	1,000.00	501.00
Police Detail	4,000.00	3,861.00
Training & Testing	1,200.00	575.00
Office Supplies	1,750.00	1,750.00
Gasoline	89,500.00	89,348.00
Personal Safety Supplies	1,500.00	1,390.00
Road Materials	85,000.00	84,711.00
Travel	480.00	3.00
Dues/Subscription/Memberships/Licenses	500.00	160.00
Additional Equipment	3,000.00	2,955.00
Special Article - Town Barn Door Repairs	35,603.00	33,987.00
Special Article - Town Barn Roof Repairs	70,118.00	52,377.00
Total Highway Department	675,629.00	637,822.00

HIGHWAY ROAD EQUIPMENT 4423

O.P.R.S. - Snow Removal - Emergency	<u>92,020.00</u>	<u>92,019.00</u>
Total Snow/Ice Removal/Ice Control	92,020.00	92,019.00

	FY 2008 APPROP.	FY 2008 EXPEND.
STREET LIGHTS 4424		
Energy	62,379.00	62,379.00
Total Street Lights	62,379.00	62,379.00
SEMASS 4431		
Salaries - Permanent Position	16,075.00	16,075.00
Curbside Pick - Up	105,007.00	101,159.00
Incinerator - SEMASS	134,539.00	105,879.00
Heavy Pick	8,070.00	7,033.00
Rubbish Removal	336,000.00	336,000.00
Communications - Advertising	2,750.00	2,750.00
Total SEMASS	602,441.00	568,896.00
CEMETERY 4491		
Salaries - Temporary	5,700.00	5,700.00
R. & M. Equipment	650.00	265.00
R. & M. Building & Grounds	400.00	338.00
Office Supplies	50.00	0.00
Building Repairs/Maint/Supply	225.00	213.00
Total Cemetery	7,025.00	6,516.00
HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICES 5510		
Stipends - Board	9,489.00	9,489.00
Salaries - Sanitarian	54,266.00	54,266.00
Salaries - Clerical	31,260.00	30,948.00
Salaries - Temporary	30,347.00	28,856.00
Salaries - Overtime	0.00	0.00
Longevity	800.00	800.00
Clothing Allowance	100.00	86.00
R. & M. Vehicles	247.00	247.00
Physician	1,163.00	462.00
Prof. Pub. Health Agency	14,000.00	14,000.00
Telephone	1,250.00	614.00
Communications - Advertising	380.00	380.00
Training & Testing	370.00	30.00

	FY 2008 APPROP.	FY 2008 EXPEND.
Office Supplies	1,500.00	1,350.00
Photocopier Supplies	1,225.00	1,102.00
Software Expense	179.00	0.00
Medical & Surgical Supplies	96.00	93.00
Water Testing	100.00	0.00
Travel	24.00	17.00
Dues/Subscription/Memberships	200.00	100.00
Additional Equipment	1,170.00	776.00
Total Health Inspection Services	148,166.00	143,616.00

COUNCIL ON AGING 5541

Salaries - Director	25,926.00	25,926.00
Salaries - Temporary	10,500.00	10,069.00
Salaries - Janitorial	5,465.00	5,459.00
Energy	9,400.00	8,809.00
R. & M. Building & Grounds	2,700.00	2,635.00
R. & M. Vehicles	2,000.00	1,987.00
Telephone	1,500.00	1,485.00
Alarm Services	800.00	479.00
Internet Services	720.00	660.00
Office Supplies	500.00	464.00
Postage	200.00	197.00
Building Supplies	400.00	262.00
Nutrition	4,950.00	4,916.00
Travel	550.00	0.00
Total Council On Aging	65,611.00	63,348.00

VETERANS 5543

Salaries - Permanent	6,738.00	6,738.00
Telephone	480.00	299.00
Training & Testing	400.00	0.00
Training/Public Awareness	300.00	300.00
Office Supplies	400.00	247.00
Veterans Benefits	87,380.00	87,380.00
Total Veterans Benefits	95,698.00	94,964.00

	FY 2008 APPROP.	FY 2008 EXPEND.
LIBRARY 6610		
Salaries - Director	49,332.00	49,332.00
Salaries - Asst. Director - Part Time	34,191.00	30,992.00
Salaries - Education	500.00	497.00
Salaries - Tech.	49,610.00	48,422.00
Salaries - Custodian	10,212.00	10,212.00
Longevity	692.00	691.00
Energy	7,875.00	7,652.00
R. & M. Building & Grounds	2,100.00	1,980.00
R. & M. Office Equipment	500.00	465.00
Tech Support	920.00	920.00
Telephone	900.00	848.00
Education	600.00	500.00
Communications - Advertising	100.00	100.00
Sail Expenses	11,642.00	11,642.00
Office Supplies	2,467.00	2,467.00
Children Ed Supplies	500.00	500.00
Other Supplies	22,199.00	22,199.00
Travel	400.00	394.00
Additional Equipment	1,000.00	668.00
Special Article - Library Roof Repair	2,426.00	808.00
Total Library Department	198,166.00	191,289.00
RECREATION 6630		
Energy	7,977.00	7,135.00
Service & Maintenance	2,200.00	1,715.00
Telephone	500.00	267.00
Communications - Advertising	0.00	0.00
Summer Youth	10,269.00	10,268.00
Office Supplies	78.00	27.00
Hardware	1,300.00	1,182.00
Other Supplies - Athletic, ETC.	300.00	204.00
Total Recreation Department	22,624.00	20,798.00

	FY 2008 APPROP.	FY 2008 EXPEND.
PARK DEPARTMENT 6650		
Salaries - Permanent	11,600.00	10,985.00
Salaries - Permanent Laborer	5,533.00	5,187.00
Contracted Services	14,985.00	14,985.00
R. & M. - Equipment	500.00	440.00
Serv. - Trash Removal	150.00	0.00
Restroom Supplies	175.00	31.00
Park Materials	3,473.00	3,473.00
Special Article - Park Restrooms	35,529.00	10,716.00
Total Park Department	71,945.00	45,817.00

HISTORICAL COMMISSION 6691

Energy	6,150.00	6,001.00
R. & M. Building. & Grounds	80.00	80.00
Telephone / Alarm	1,120.00	1,116.00
Communications - Advertising	50.00	0.00
Special Article - Historic Inventory	78.00	0.00
Office Supplies	30.00	0.00
Postage	40.00	0.00
Travel	30.00	0.00
Dues/Subscription/Memberships	100.00	100.00
Total Historical Commission	7,678.00	7,297.00

CELEBRATIONS 6692

Road Race	1,500.00	1,500.00
Memorial Day/July 4	2,000.00	1,638.00
Total Celebrations	3,500.00	3,138.00

RETIREMENT OF DEBT 7710

Long Term Debt - Fire Engine	30,000.00	30,000.00
Long Term Debt - Parting Ways	20,000.00	20,000.00
Total Retirement of Debt	50,000.00	50,000.00

	<u>FY 2008 APPROP.</u>	<u>FY 2008 EXPEND.</u>
INTEREST 7751		
Long Term Debt Interest	19,465.00	19,465.00
Short Term Debt - Loan Interest	<u>5,000.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Interest	24,465.00	19,465.00
COUNTY ASSESSMENTS 8830		
County Tax	<u>95,521.00</u>	<u>95,521.00</u>
Total County Tax	95,521.00	95,521.00
STATE ASSESSMENTS 8850		
Spec. Ed.	0.00	0.00
School Choice Tuition	5,000.00	0.00
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax	8,740.00	8,340.00
Mosquito Assessment	29,306.00	29,281.00
Air Pollution Assessment	2,578.00	2,578.00
RTA Assessment	25,580.00	24,956.00
SRPEDD	<u>1,642.00</u>	<u>1,641.00</u>
Total State Assessments	72,846.00	66,796.00
TRANSFER TO 9999		
Transfers To Special Revenue Funds	1,490.00	1,490.00
Transfer To Trust & Agency Funds	<u>5,000.00</u>	<u>5,000.00</u>
Total Transfer To	6,490.00	6,490.00
PENSIONS 1911		
Bristol County Retirement	770,369.00	769,829.00
Social Security	2,051.00	1,947.00
Medicare	<u>128,359.00</u>	<u>128,359.00</u>
Total Pensions	900,779.00	900,135.00
WORKERS COMPENSATION 1912		
Fringe Benefits/Charges	<u>59,615.00</u>	<u>56,412.00</u>
Total Workers Compensation	59,615.00	56,412.00

	<u>FY 2008 APPROP.</u>	<u>FY 2008 EXPEND.</u>
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION 1913		
Fringe Benefits/Charges	37,581.00	37,581.00
Total Unemployment Compensation	37,581.00	37,581.00
HEALTH INSURANCE 1914		
Blue Cross/Blue Shield Health Insurance	1,246,512.00	1,101,040.00
CRA/Flexible Benefits Plan	5,000.00	3,142.00
Total Health Insurance	1,251,512.00	1,104,182.00
LIABILITY INSURANCE 1945		
Ins. Pr. Dis. - Fire - Police Accident H.	19,150.00	19,150.00
Liability Insurance	136,500.00	129,693.00
Total Liability Insurance	155,650.00	148,843.00
TRANSFERS 9999		
Transfers To Capital Project	0.00	0.00
Transfers To Special Revenue	0.00	0.00
Transfers To Enterprise Funds	0.00	0.00
Transfers To Trust & Agency	0.00	0.00
Total Transfers	0.00	0.00
SUBTOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$ 22,766,909.00	\$ 21,936,343.00
SEWER DEPARTMENT 6004440		
Salaries - Director	13,614.00	13,614.00
Salaries - Permanent Labor	7,334.00	7,325.00
Salaries - Clerical	11,036.00	11,026.00
Salaries - Part Time Clerk	4,839.00	1,125.00
Salaries - Billing Clerk	2,733.00	2,733.00
Salaries - Overtime	860.00	151.00
Longevity	85.00	85.00
Fringe Benefits - Health/Vacation	6,035.00	1,703.00
Clothing Allowance	600.00	362.00
Energy	10,817.00	6,884.00

	FY 2008 APPROP.	FY 2008 EXPEND.
Service & Maint. Equipment	52,500.00	3,255.00
R. & M. Vehicles	500.00	124.00
R. & M. Building & Grounds	1,000.00	390.00
Software Maintenance	1,000.00	1,000.00
Maintenance of System	5,500.00	2,347.00
Sewer Pumping - New Bedford	331,611.00	302,812.00
Telephone	1,700.00	1,054.00
Legal Expense	2,500.00	510.00
Engineering Fees	1,000.00	0.00
Training & Testing	250.00	60.00
Gasoline	1,000.00	394.00
Office Supplies	350.00	238.00
Sewer		
Bills	500.00	342.00
Postage	750.00	242.00
Travel	100.00	0.00
Upgrading System	500.00	0.00
Additional Equipment	1,000.00	873.00
Subtotal	459,714.00	358,649.00

RETIREMENT OF DEBT 6007440

Long Term Debt Principal	0.00	0.00
Long Term Debt Interest	0.00	0.00
Subtotal	0.00	0.00

TRANSFERS 6009999

Transfers to General Fund	0.00	0.00
Transfers to Special Revenue	0.00	0.00
Subtotal	0.00	0.00

Total Sewer Department	459,714.00	358,649.00
From Sewer Users' Fees		

WATER DEPARTMENT 2704450

Salaries - Director	40,041.00	40,041.00
Salaries - Permanent Labor	65,982.00	65,923.00

	FY 2008 APPROP.	FY 2008 EXPEND.
Salaries - Water/Sewer	2,575.00	2,575.00
Salaries - Clerical - Part Time	11,036.00	11,026.00
Salaries - Billing Clerk	8,196.00	8,176.00
Salaries - Part Time Clerk	4,840.00	1,125.00
Salaries - Overtime	8,231.00	1,603.00
Longevity	250.00	250.00
Fringe Benefits - Health/Vacation	14,000.00	4,936.00
Clothing Allowance	1,600.00	978.00
Energy	2,700.00	1,947.00
New Bedford Water Bills	592,000.00	544,891.00
R. & M. Building & Grounds	3,000.00	2,012.00
Vehicle Maintenance	2,100.00	1,267.00
Software Maintenance	500.00	320.00
Maintenance Of System	6,000.00	4,950.00
Repair/Trench Repairs	3,500.00	0.00
Rentals & Leases	1,000.00	233.00
Legal Expenses	3,756.00	1,706.00
Engineering Fees	3,000.00	0.00
Telephone	1,500.00	370.00
Training & Testing	2,750.00	1,850.00
CCR Reports	2,500.00	1,120.00
Communications - Advertising	1,000.00	65.00
Other Purch. Serv. - Police Detail	2,500.00	1,971.00
Gasoline	5,000.00	3,550.00
Office Supplies	1,750.00	1,537.00
Water Bills	1,000.00	548.00
Postage	2,500.00	2,481.00
Water Testing	6,000.00	3,255.00
P.W. Suppl. - Equipment - Supplies	10,000.00	8,601.00
Travel	500.00	0.00
Dues/Subscription/Memberships/Licenses	500.00	492.00
Upgrading System	1,000.00	0.00
Additional Equipment - New Meters	10,000.00	5,390.00
Sp. Art. - Radio Read	125,000.00	400.00
Sp. Art. - Leak Detect	7,500.00	0.00
Sp. Art. - Cross Survey	2,500.00	0.00
Subtotal	957,807.00	725,589.00

	FY 2008 APPROP.	FY 2008 EXPEND.
RETIREMENT OF DEBT 2707450		
Long Term Debt Principal	41,944.00	41,943.00
Long Term Debt Interest	165,048.00	165,048.00
Subtotal	206,992.00	206,991.00
TRANSFERS 2709999		
Transfers to General Fund	0.00	0.00
Transfers to Special Revenue	0.00	0.00
Subtotal	0.00	0.00
Total Water Department From Water Users' Fees	1,164,799.00	932,580.00
GOLF COURSE 6606650		
Salaries - Director	53,545.00	53,545.00
Salaries - Superintendent	78,280.00	78,280.00
Salaries - Head Professional	30,900.00	27,779.00
Salaries - Clubhouse Employees	83,500.00	63,440.00
Salaries - Assistant Superintendent	41,200.00	41,200.00
Salaries - Maintenance Employees	145,000.00	137,321.00
Salaries - Assistant Coll.	4,069.00	3,714.00
Fringe Benefits	7,000.00	2,845.00
Fringe Benefits - Maintenance Employees	30,000.00	5,192.00
Energy	14,000.00	13,405.00
Energy - Maintenance	7,600.00	7,580.00
R. & M. Building & Grounds	4,000.00	3,490.00
R. & M. Equipment	8,000.00	4,677.00
R. & M. Equipment - Maintenance	7,000.00	6,960.00
Rentals & Leases	72,000.00	70,186.00
Rentals & Leases -Maintenance	13,000.00	12,818.00
Legal Expenses	1,000.00	0.00
Telephone	6,000.00	5,454.00
Telephone - Maintenance	2,100.00	1,913.00
R. & M. Irrigation - Maintenance	4,000.00	3,987.00
Communications - Advertising	30,000.00	23,050.00
Training & Safety - Maintenance	1,500.00	1,026.00

	<u>FY 2008 APPROP.</u>	<u>FY 2008 EXPEND.</u>
Uniforms	2,200.00	1,796.00
Uniforms - Maintenance	1,500.00	1,477.00
Gasoline	28,600.00	28,286.00
Supplies - Golf Shop	45,500.00	35,220.00
Seed/Topdress/Orn. - Maintenance	10,600.00	10,555.00
Fertilizer - Maintenance	33,000.00	32,911.00
Pesticides - Maintenance	55,000.00	54,628.00
Food Supplies	83,000.00	74,654.00
Other Supplies	8,900.00	8,466.00
Supplies - Maintenance	9,000.00	8,872.00
Travel	2,000.00	773.00
Dues/Subscription/Memberships/Licenses	2,000.00	1,667.00
Dues/Subscription/Memberships/Licenses - Maint.	1,600.00	1,315.00
Insurance	10,000.00	7,265.00
Special Article - Golf Car Paths	165,000.00	119,343.00
Capital Projects	<u>50,000.00</u>	<u>31,938.00</u>
Subtotal	1,151,594.00	987,028.00

DEBT SERVICE 6607650

Long Term Debt Principal	330,000.00	330,000.00
Long Term Debt Interest	<u>236,824.00</u>	<u>236,824.00</u>
Subtotal	566,824.00	566,824.00

TRANSFERS 6609999

Transfers to General Fund	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Subtotal	0.00	0.00

Total Golf Course Enterprise Fund	<u>1,718,418.00</u>	<u>1,553,852.00</u>
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TOTAL	\$ 26,109,840.00	\$ 24,781,424.00
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OTHER EXPENDITURES

**FY 2008
EXPEND.**

CAPITAL PROJECT FUNDS

Computer Project	5,478.00
Partingways Building Project	1,534.00
Fire Department	205,680.00
D.P.W. - Sewer Infiltration	3,955.00
Park Renovation Project	7,145.00
A.D.A. Compliance - Town Hall	0.00
Water Main Replacement - Phase II	55,375.00
Water Improvements - Phase III	31,481.00
Total Capital Project Funds	310,648.00

CHAPTER 90 HIGHWAY FUNDS

Stormwater - Mendall Rd.	50,142.00
Crompton/Surround Streets	15,948.00
Darling St./Wheldon Lane	53,140.00
Gammons Rd.	12,305.00
Lake Street	14,138.00
Total Chapter 90 Highway Funds	145,673.00

SCHOOL SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

School Lunch	313,801.00
Full Day Kindergarten	65,521.00
Other Grants & Funding	716,037.00
Total School Special Revenue Funds	1,095,359.00

SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

Animal Gift Fund	811.00
Community Preservation Fund	291,350.00
Community Development Grant	53.00
Cable Ed. & Gov. Access	25,365.00
Peg Access	21,329.00
Bureau Of Justice	0.00
Police D.A.R.E.	0.00

FY 2008
EXPEND.

SCAT -Southcoast Anti-Crime	832.00
Community Policing	22,201.00
Cops Grant	845.00
Law Enforcement Trust	110.00
Gov. Highway Safety Grant	826.00
SETB Training Grant - 911	523.00
Private Organization Grant - Police	964.00
Fire S.A.F.E. Grant	62.00
Firefighter Equipment Grant	4,636.00
Council On Aging Grant	12,662.00
C.O.A. Building	764.00
Council On Aging Gift Fund	190.00
Library Gift Fund	0.00
LIG/MEG	18,414.00
Field Equipment	210.00
Arts Lottery	2,350.00
Title V - Receipts Reserved	15,274.00
Park Department Gift Fund	8,761.00
Sewer Tie-In Administration	191,215.00
Sewer Phase II Betterment	419,451.00
Strong Women Grant	3,006.00
Notice Of Intent	10,040.00
E.M.S. Fund	250,000.00
Insurance Reimbursements	41,810.00
Outside Ads	315.00
FEMA Grant	0.00
LLEBG	0.00
Local Preparedness Grant	0.00
Bristol County Homeland Security Grant	816.00
Assistance to Firefighters	27,557.00
Long Plain Museum Repair Grant	2,877.00
Fire Department Gift Fund	0.00
DUI Grant	0.00
MEMA Grant	0.00
Total Special Revenue Funds	<hr/> 1,375,619.00

FY 2008
EXPEND.

TRUSTS

Various	<u>18,816.00</u>
Total Trust Funds	18,816.00

STABILIZATION FUNDS

Transfers to General Fund	<u>0.00</u>
Total Stabilization Funds	0.00

GRAND TOTAL	\$ <u><u>27,727,539.00</u></u>
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Attest:

Cathy L. Doane

Director of Finance

**TOWN OF ACUSHNET
GENERAL FUND**

**BALANCE SHEET
JUNE 30, 2008**

ASSETS

Cash and Short Term Investments	\$ 2,431,909.00
Receivables:	
Personal Property	10,564.00
Real Estate	203,978.00
Tax Liens	189,199.00
Taxes In Litigation	308.00
Motor Vehicle Excise	139,953.00
Tax Foreclosures	<u>219,476.00</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 3,195,386.00</u>

LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY

LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable	\$ 386,946.00
Other Liabilities	119,574.00
Accrued Salaries-Teachers	263,215.00
Allow. For Abatements & Exemptions 2001-2008	423,559.00
Tailings	585.00
Due To Firearms Record Fund	(13.00)
Police Academy Withholding	6,175.00
Fire Dept. Comp. Time	21,963.00
Deferred Revenue:	
Real Estate And Personal Property	(209,018.00)
Tax Liens	189,199.00
Tax Foreclosure	219,476.00
Tax Litigation	308.00
Rubbish	-
Rubbish Liens	-
Motor Vehicle	139,953.00
Farm Excise	<u>-</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>\$ 1,561,922.00</u>

FUND EQUITY

Fund Balance Reserved for Encumbrances-Prior Year	\$	189,710.00
Undesignated Fund Balance		1,217,384.00
Fund Balance Designated for Expenditures		226,370.00
Fund Balance Reserved for School Debt Reduction		-

TOTAL FUND EQUITY \$ 1,633,464.00

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY \$ 3,195,386.00

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**TOWN OF ACUSHNET
COMMUNITY PRESERVATION FUND**

**BALANCE SHEET
JUNE 30, 2008**

ASSETS

Cash & Short Term Investments	\$ 548,707.00
CPA - Surcharge Receivable - 2007	10.00
CPA - Surcharge Receivable - 2008	1,722.00
Tax Liens Receivable	<u>1,238.00</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 551,677.00</u>

LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY

LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable	75.00
Deferred Revenue - Tax Liens	\$ 1,238.00
Deferred Revenue - CPA Surcharge	<u>1,732.00</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>\$ 3,045.00</u>

FUND EQUITY

Fund Balance Reserved for Encumbrance - Prior Year	\$ 400,060.00
Fund Balance Reserved For Open Space	28,918.00
Fund Balance Reserved For Historic Preservation	23,621.00
Fund Balance Reserved For Community Housing	86,721.00
Undesignated Fund Balance	<u>9,312.00</u>
TOTAL FUND EQUITY	<u>\$ 548,632.00</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	<u>\$ 551,677.00</u>

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**TOWN OF ACUSHNET
SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS**

**BALANCE SHEET
JUNE 30, 2008**

ASSETS

Cash and Short Term Investments	\$ 1,678,609.00
Cash on Hand	500.00
Receivables:	
E.M.S.	109,654.00
<u>Title V Loan Program:</u>	
Apportionment Added To Tax	637.00
Comm. Interest Added to Tax	223.00
Apportionment Not Yet Due	26,760.00
<u>Sewer Tie In Loan Program:</u>	
Apportionment Added To Tax	1,215.00
Comm. Interest Added to Tax	125.00
Apportionment Not Yet Due	339,041.00
<u>Sewer Phase 2 Betterment Program:</u>	
Betterment Added To Tax	9,588.00
Comm. Interest Added to Tax	590.00
Betterment Not Yet Due	4,391,125.00
Deferred Betterment - Prin Add to Tax	716.00
Deferred Betterment - Comm Int	45.00
Deferred Betterment Not Yet Due	13,608.00
Privilege Fee Not Yet Due	13,608.00
Tax Title Receivable	<u>1,523.00</u>

TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 6,587,567.00</u>
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LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY

LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable	\$ 47,141.00
Deferred Revenue E.M.S.	109,654.00
<u>Title V Loan Program:</u>	
Def. Ref. Uncollected Apportionment	637.00
Def. Rev. Uncollected Committed Interest	223.00
Def. Rev. Not Yet Due	26,760.00
<u>Sewer Tie In Loan Program:</u>	
Def. Rev. Uncollected Apportionment	1,215.00
Def. Rev. Uncollected Committed Interest	125.00

Def. Rev. Not Yet Due	339,041.00
<u>Sewer Phase 2 Betterment Program:</u>	
Def. Rev. - Betterment Added To Tax	9,588.00
Def. Rev. - Comm Interest Added To Tax	590.00
Def. Rev. - Betterment Not Yet Due	4,391,125.00
Def. Rev. - Deferred Betterment - Prin Add to Tax	716.00
Def. Rev. - Deferred Betterment - Comm Int	45.00
Def. Rev. - Deferred Betterment Not Yet Due	13,608.00
Def. Rev. - Privilege Fee Not Yet Due	13,608.00
Def. Rev. - Tax Title	1,523.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 4,955,599.00

FUND EQUITY

Fund Balance Reserved For Encumbrances	\$ -
Fund Balance Reserved For Expenditures	260,000.00
Community Development Grant	-
Building Maintenance Fund	2,854.00
Cable Ed & Gov. Access	4,547.00
D.A.R.E. Grant	231.00
Police SCAT Grant	-
Peg Access	113,929.00
Police Reimbursable	-
Law Enforcement Trust	10,178.00
Fire S.A.F.E.	-
Library Lig/Meg	39,231.00
Strong Woman Grant	2,544.00
Library Info Grant	282.00
Library Gift Fund	305,771.00
Library Building Grant	406.00
Board Of Health	64.00
Title V	-
Arts Lottery Council	7,188.00
Partingways Beautification	312.00
Notice Of Intent	7,638.00
E.M.S. Fund	113,155.00
Title V Receipts Reserved	43,494.00
Empowerment Fund	1,873.00
Downtown Steering Committee	5,654.00
C.O.A. Building Fund	306.00
Insurance Reimbursement	2,914.00
Animal Gift Fund	5,451.00
FEMA Grant	-
LIB CD Antitrust Grant	326.00
Fed. Assist To Firefighters	2,248.00
Sewer PH 2 Betterment	701,999.00
Sewer Tie-In Reserved Receipts	30,344.00

Park Department Gift Fund	91.00
COA Gift Fund	7,467.00
Community Policing Grant	1.00
Long Plain Museum Repair Grant	-
Stormwater Assessment Grant	1,512.00
GIS/GPS Mapping System Grant	-
Baseline Documentation Grant	-
Fire Department Gift Fund	16.00
Fire Safety Equipment	-
Cops In Shops Grant	2,154.00
COPS - Private Org Grant	36.00
Sewer-Tie In Admin Grant	(42,441.00)
Ambulance Task Force Grant	193.00
Field Equipment Gift Fund	-

TOTAL FUND EQUITY	\$ 1,631,968.00
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TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	\$ 6,587,567.00
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Attest:

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Director of Finance

**TOWN OF ACUSHNET
SCHOOL LUNCH**

**BALANCE SHEET
JUNE 30, 2008**

ASSETS

Cash	<u>\$ 65,720.00</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>\$ 65,720.00</u></u>

LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY

LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable	\$ 2,180.00
Due to Mass. - Meal Tax	<u>2.00</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>\$ 2,182.00</u>

FUND EQUITY

Undesignated Fund Balance	<u>\$ 63,538.00</u>
TOTAL FUND EQUITY	<u>\$ 63,538.00</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	<u><u>\$ 65,720.00</u></u>

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**TOWN OF ACUSHNET
SCHOOL SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS**

**BALANCE SHEET
JUNE 30, 2008**

ASSETS

Cash	\$ 295,600.00
SPED Circuit Breaker Due from Commonwealth	-
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 295,600.00</u>

LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY

LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable	\$ 9,662.00
Accrued Teacher Salaries	-
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>\$ 9,662.00</u>

FUND EQUITY

Fund Balance Reserved For Encumb - Current Year	\$ -
Fund Balance Reserved For Encumb - Prior Year	11,198.00
Fund Balance Reserved For Expenditures	-
Title 1	1,142.00
Title 2	-
Title II - P.L.94-142	36,572.00
DDE/ Math - Science	-
School Building Rentals	17,013.00
Tuition Revenue	58,361.00
Ford Middle School Fund	8,895.00
Elementary School Fund	20,494.00
Tech Literacy	-
Tech Lighthouse	385.00
Title V	-
Teacher Quality	(8,596.00)
Enhanced Education	
Full Day Kindergarten	72,220.00
Full Day Kindergarten Grant	-
Blue Cross Healthy Choices	-
SPED Improvement Grant	115.00

SPED Circuit Breaker	67,743.00
Non - Smoking Grant	<u>396.00</u>
TOTAL FUND EQUITY	<u>\$ 285,938.00</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	<u><u>\$ 295,600.00</u></u>

Attest:
Cathy L. Doane
Director of Finance

**TOWN OF ACUSHNET
WATER SPECIAL REVENUE FUND**

**BALANCE SHEET
JUNE 30, 2008**

ASSETS

Cash and Short Term Investments	\$ 541,033.00
Receivables:	
Water Charges	\$ 16,032.00
Water Services	-
Water Leins Added to Tax 2008	<u>232.00</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 557,297.00</u>

LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY

LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable	\$ 50,386.00
Deferred Revenue Water	16,032.00
Deferred Revenue Water Liens	<u>232.00</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>\$ 66,650.00</u>

FUND EQUITY

Fund Balance Reserved for Encumbrances - Current YR	\$ -
Fund Balance Reserved for Encumbrances - Prior YR	139,061.00
Fund Balance Reserved for Expenditures	43,437.00
Undesignated Fund Balance	<u>308,149.00</u>
TOTAL FUND EQUITY	<u>\$ 490,647.00</u>

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	<u>\$ 557,297.00</u>
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Attest:

Cathy L. Doane
Director of Finance

**TOWN OF ACUSHNET
SEWER ENTERPRISE FUND**

**BALANCE SHEET
JUNE 30, 2008**

ASSETS

Cash and Short Term Investments	\$ 285,164.00
Receivables:	
Sewer User Charges	11,524.00
Sewer Connection Receivable	0.00
Sewer Liens Added to Tax - 2008	576.00
Machinery & Equipment	5,650.00
Allowance for Depreciation - Machinery & Equipment	(5,650.00)
Infrastructure	5,753,984.00
Allowance for Depreciation - Infrastructure	(371,893.00)
Vehicles	10,293.00
Allowance for Depreciation - Vehicles	(10,290.00)
Construction in Process	0.00
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TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 5,679,358.00

LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY

LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable	\$ 55,709.00
Deferred Revenue Sewer	11,524.00
Deferred Revenue Sewer Liens	576.00
Net Fixed Assets	5,382,094.00
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TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 5,449,903.00

FUND EQUITY

Fund Balance Res. for Encumbrances- Current YR	\$ 0.00
Fund Balance Res. for Encumbrances- Prior YR	18,500.00
Fund Balance Res. for Expenditures	0.00
Undesignated Fund Balance	210,955.00
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TOTAL FUND EQUITY	\$ 229,455.00

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	\$ 5,679,358.00
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Attest:

Cathy L. Doane
Director of Finance

**TOWN OF ACUSHNET
GOLF ENTERPRISE FUND**

**BALANCE SHEET
JUNE 30, 2008**

ASSETS

Cash and Short Term Investments	\$	493,488.00
Land Acquisition		1,637,100.00
Land Improvements		3,532,161.00
Land Improvements Interest		798,862.00
Buildings		159,763.00
Machinery and Equipment		424,016.00
Construction In Process		119,343.00
Amounts To Be Provided For Payment Of Bond		<u>5,948,879.00</u>

TOTAL ASSETS	\$	<u>13,113,612.00</u>
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LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY

LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable	\$	34,479.00
Bonds Payable		5,785,000.00
Taxes Due To Massachusetts		-
Outing Deposits		4,176.00
Gift Certificates		43,503.00
Capitalized Lease Obligation		163,879.00
Net Fixed Assets		<u>6,671,245.00</u>

TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$	<u>12,702,282.00</u>
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FUND EQUITY

Contributed Capital	\$	-
Fund Balance Reserved for Encumbrances		45,657.00
FB Designated For Expenditures		-
Fund Balance Designated - P/Y Revenue		-
Shortfall		-
Undesignated Fund Balance		<u>365,673.00</u>

TOTAL FUND EQUITY	\$	<u>411,330.00</u>
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TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	\$	<u>13,113,612.00</u>
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Attest:

Cathy L. Doane
Director of Finance

**TOWN OF ACUSHNET
HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT FUND**

**BALANCE SHEET
JUNE 30, 2008**

ASSETS

Cash and Short Term Investments	\$ (340,885.00)
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TOTAL ASSETS	\$ (340,885.00)
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LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY

LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable	\$ -
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TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ -
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FUND EQUITY

Hamlin Street	\$ -
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Lawson Avenue	-
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Middle Road/Peckham Road	-
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Crompton / Various Streets	(224,867.00)
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Lake Street	(116,018.00)
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Slocum Street	-
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TOTAL FUND EQUITY	\$ (340,885.00)
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TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	\$ (340,885.00)
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Attest:

Cathy L. Doane
Director of Finance

**TOWN OF ACUSHNET
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS**

**BALANCE SHEET
JUNE 30, 2008**

ASSETS

Cash and Short Term Investments	\$ 13,629.00
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 13,629.00

LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY

LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable	\$ 12,315.00
B.A.N. Payable	-
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 12,315.00

FUND EQUITY

FB Res for Encumb-CY	\$ -
FB Res For Encumb - PY	20,550.00
Computer Account	926.00
EMS Building	387.00
Water Infiltration - Phase I	-
Water Infiltration - Phase II	(11,050.00)
Water Infiltration - Phase III	(9,499.00)
Park Renovations	-
Capital Project Bonded Equipment	-
TOTAL FUND EQUITY	\$ 1,314.00

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	\$ 13,629.00
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Attest:
Cathy L. Doane
Director of Finance

**TOWN OF ACUSHNET
AGENCY FUNDS**

**BALANCE SHEET
JUNE 30, 2008**

ASSETS

Cash and Short Term Investments	\$	<u>77,375.00</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	<u>77,375.00</u>

LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY

LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable	\$	-
Braley Hill Estates		675.00
Erin Heights		409.00
Mendall Hill Estates		-
Stoney Acres		1,012.00
Deep Brook Estates		13,567.00
Blaise Drive		5,005.00
Park Drive Extension		-
Forestdale Estates		24,664.00
Maple Ridge Estates		750.00
Maple Ridge Estates #2		37,511.00
Davis Farm Estates		374.00
Edgewood Estates		3,188.00
Outside Details - Police		<u>(9,780.00)</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$	<u>77,375.00</u>

FUND BALANCE

Fund Balance Designated For Expenditures	\$	-
Undesignated Fund Balance		<u>-</u>

TOTAL FUND BALANCE	\$	<u>-</u>
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TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE	\$	<u>77,375.00</u>
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Attest:

Cathy L. Doane
Director of Finance

**TOWN OF ACUSHNET
TRUST FUNDS**

**BALANCE SHEET
JUNE 30, 2008**

ASSETS

Cash and Short Term Investments	\$ 3,336,111.00
Due From Resident	420.00
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TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 3,336,531.00</u>

LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY

LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable	\$ 3,415.00
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TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>\$ 3,415.00</u>

FUND EQUITY

Cemetery Perpetual Care	\$ 112,298.00
Haydon Flower	274.00
Haydon - Candage Flower	486.00
Instructive Nursing	11,040.00
Leo/Ruth Jackson Flower	315.00
Omey/Cottle Flower	19,298.00
Travis/Ellis Flower	3,846.00
Charles Beals Library	6,958.00
Albert Leconte Library	3,486.00
Allen/Rhonda Russell Library	10,155.00
Russell Library Maintenance	8,066.00
F. Sowa Library	13,314.00
Long Plain School	11,306.00
W.G. Owen Art Week	1,353.00
Russell Protestant Poor	69,486.00
Russell Town Hall	11,305.00
Sylvia P. Manter School	54,373.00
Henry H. Rogers School	14,002.00
Russell Public Schools	40,171.00
E. C. Burt School Library	4,763.00
Ruth Tabor Scholarship	8,827.00
Long Plain Meetinghouse	15,251.00
Meetinghouse Restoration	179,694.00

A. Fluegal Board Of Health	1,794.00
RN Swift 1	14,985.00
RN Swift 2	578.00
Conservation	31,276.00
Retirement	174,292.00
Accumulated Sick Time	3,668.00
Stabilization	1,826,209.00
Golf Course Farm Land	93,114.00
Fund Balance Designated For Expenditures	<u>587,133.00</u>

TOTAL FUND EQUITY	<u>\$ 3,333,116.00</u>
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TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	<u><u>\$ 3,336,531.00</u></u>
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Attest:

Cathy L. Doane

Director of Finance

**TOWN OF ACUSHNET
LONG TERM DEBT ACCOUNT GROUP**

**BALANCE SHEET
JUNE 30, 2008**

ASSETS

Amounts To Be Provided For Payment Of Bonds	<u>\$ 11,450,618.00</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>\$ 11,450,618.00</u></u>

LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY

LIABILITIES

Sewer Phase II Bonds	\$ 4,855,668.00
School Renovation Bond	1,975,000.00
Bonds Payable Fire Truck	250,000.00
Partingways Building Bonds	100,000.00
Water Main Bonds - Phase I	643,874.00
Water Main Bonds - Phase II	1,726,410.00
Water Main Bonds - Phase III	1,471,015.00
Sewer Tie-In Loan Program	368,865.00
Title V Bonds	<u>59,786.00</u>

TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>\$ 11,450,618.00</u>
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FUND EQUITY

CPA - White Woods Authorized	\$ 650,000.00
Sewer Tie-In Program Authorized	231,135.00
CPA - White Woods Unissued	(650,000.00)
Sewer Tie-In Program Unissued	<u>(231,135.00)</u>

TOTAL FUND EQUITY	<u>\$ -</u>
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TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	<u><u>\$ 11,450,618.00</u></u>
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Attest:

Cathy L. Doane
Director of Finance

**TOWN OF ACUSHNET
GOVERNMENTAL FIXED ASSETS**

**BALANCE SHEET
JUNE 30, 2008**

ASSETS

Land Acquisition	\$ 1,304,178.00
Land Improvements	357,956.00
Buildings	33,652,556.00
Machinery & Equipment	1,175,525.00
Infrastructure	18,819,907.00
Vehicles	1,909,030.00
Construction in Process	4,714,811.00
Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(21,440,302.00)</u>

TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 40,493,661.00</u>
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LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY

LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable	<u>\$ -</u>
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TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>\$ -</u>
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FUND EQUITY

Undesignated Fund Balance	<u>\$ 40,493,661.00</u>
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TOTAL FUND EQUITY	<u>\$ 40,493,661.00</u>
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TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	<u>\$ 40,493,661.00</u>
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Attest:

Cathy L. Doane
Director of Finance

2008 Report of the Animal Inspector

To the Officers and residents of the Town of Acushnet:

Number of Dogs Quarantined	18
Number of Cats Quarantined	8
Number of Rabies Investigated	1
Number of Rabies Cases Negative	1
Number of Barn Inspections	84
Number of Cattle Inspections (inc. Dairy, Bulls Heifers & Calves)	137
Number of Horses and Ponies Inspected	109
Number of Sheep Inspected	152
Number of Chickens Inspected	673
Number of Turkeys Inspected	16
Number of Rabbits Inspected	169
Number of Swine Inspected	12
Number of Peacocks Inspected	4
Number of Guinea Hens Inspected	12
Number of Waterfowl Inspected	184
Number of Swans Inspected	0
Number of Pheasants Inspected	0
Number of Geese Inspected	0
Number of Llamas Inspected	2

Respectfully Submitted,

Rebekah Tomlinson
Animal Inspector

2008 Report of the Animal Control Officer

To the Officers and residents of the Town of Acushnet:

Number of Dogs Licensed	1,618
Number of Kennel Licenses (Multi Dogs)	67
Number of Dogs Picked Up Unrestrained (Brought to Shelter)	25
Number of Dogs Claimed	19
Number of Dogs Transferred & Adopted	5
Number of Dogs Euthanized	1
Number of Cats/Kittens Brought to Shelter	19
Number of Cats Adopted	17
Number of Cats Euthanized/Hit by M.V. or injured	21
Number of Dead Animals Picked Up	845
Number of Complaints Investigated	4,061
Number of Hearings by Selectmen	0
Number of Citations Issued	156
Number of Court Hearings	48
Mileage	7,997

Respectfully Submitted,

Rebekah Tomlinson
Animal Control Officer

**Annual Report
Acushnet Board of Health
2008**

Board Members

David Davignon, Chairman
Thomas J Fortin, Clerk
Robert Medeiros, Inspector

Office Staff

Lori Walsh, Senior Clerk (resigned)
Joann DeMello, Senior Clerk
Wanda L Hamer, Senior Clerk
Ralph Urban, P.L.S., Health Agent

Lori M. Walsh, Senior Clerk resigned after 11 years of service. We would like to thank Lori for her service to the Town of Acushnet's residents and the Board extends its best wishes. We also would like to welcome Joann DeMello to our office.

To the Officers and Residents of the Town of Acushnet,

Nursing Health Care Programs:

Weekly Blood Pressure Screenings continues to be held each Wednesday from 9:00 am to 10:00 am at the Council on Aging Building at 59 ½ South Main Street. Annual Influenza and Pneumonia Clinics were provided once again. The Annual Flu Clinic was held on November 5th, 330 Flu shots and 11 Pneumonia shots were given. The Board held a Last Call Flu Clinic on December 10th for any residents/employees who were unable to attend the Annual Clinic. An additional 23 Flu shots and 1 Pneumonia shot were given. Accommodations were made for residents who needed assistance by the Board of Health staff and the Community Nurse & Hospice Care Staff.

Inspections:

Septic Systems	40	Mobile Home Parks	5
Title V	52	Food Service	83
Housing	10	Stable Permits	31
Soil Evaluations	132	Complaints	98
Perc Tests	66	Well Verifications	9
Plan Reviews	58	Tank Abandonments	25

Total Receipts for 2008

Permits & Fees	\$27,878.25
Mobile Park Fees	\$ 8,316.00
Health Clinic Fees	\$ 900.00
Total	\$37,094.25

Board of Health Meetings Held	13
Homeland Security Meetings Attended	24
Steering Committee Meetings Attended	6
Informational Meetings Attended	10

Report of the Health Department

During 2008, the Board of Health met the goals required by Homeland Security becoming ICS Certified and part of the Medical Reserve Corp. The Board had applied for and received, at no cost to the taxpayers, from Homeland Security – a new desktop computer, 6 two-way radios, 2 digital cameras and a new color copy machine.

Over this past year there were a total of 40 septic system installations. Of the 40, 10 were for new construction and 30 were for repair.

The Betterment Grant workload increased due to the sewer line extension into 2008. To date \$486,215 was utilized to assist homeowner(s) in septic system repairs and sewer tie-ins to the newly installed sewer line. There is approximately \$113,785 in Grant Monies still available for Septic Repairs and Sewer Tie-ins. The State Betterment Grant program will end June 30, 2009. You can obtain applications at the Board of Health office, please note the application should be received in our office by May 2009.

The Board of Health will continue to work with the public and all departments to address any and all issues that may arise in Town.

Board of Health

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
STATE RECLAMATION AND MOSQUITO CONTROL BOARD

BRISTOL COUNTY MOSQUITO CONTROL PROJECT
40 NORTH WALKER STREET * TAUNTON, MA 02780
Tel: (508) 823-5253 * Fax (508) 828-1868

**ANNUAL REPORT – ACUSHNET, MASSACHUSETTS
JANUARY 1, 2008 – December 31, 2008**

The calendar year 2009 will mark the fiftieth anniversary of the Bristol County Mosquito Control Project and its services to the cities and towns of Bristol County. The Project was established in 1958 as a result of numerous human and horse cases of Eastern Equine Encephalitis. Over the years, the Bristol County Mosquito Control Project has greatly reduced the exposure to this arbovirus and also the newly introduced West Nile Virus.

Since the 1958 formation much has changed. New biological larvicides have been developed and used to suppress mosquito emergence. The Project has acquired new GPS guidance systems for the trucks and GIS mapping capabilities. Newer environmentally sensitive adulticides have been developed and adopted by the Project. During water management projects, low ground pressure machines are used to reduce secondary impacts to the environment. Increased mosquito surveillance, the cornerstone of Integrated Pest Management, continues every summer. The addition of molecular techniques by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health increased sensitivity of virus isolations and decreased turn around time between collections and results.

For the past 5 years Bristol County Mosquito Control Project reported the most EEE isolations from mosquitoes in Massachusetts. During the 2008 mosquito season, over 29,000 mosquitoes were collected. There were 11 isolations of EEE with 2 collections from human biting mosquitoes and one confirmed horse case reported for the County. We had 20 mosquitoes and one confirmed horse case reported for the County. We had 20 mosquito isolates of WNV in the County with no reported human or horse cases. This year posed a first for Bristol County's history when ground based adulticide interventions were completed to combat two different arboviruses, many times on the same night. To date the towns of Freetown, Berkley, Acushnet, and New Bedford are in the High-risk category for EEE and 100% of Bristol County is in the High-risk category for WNV.

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 ever-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 stop mosquito emergence from rain-filled catch basins and storm drains.

Mosquito Surveillance Program- To monitor mosquito populations as to their type and number- program necessary in encephalitis surveillance. Light trapping of mosquitoes is also useful to determine what areas have nuisance populations of mosquitoes.

Water Management- A year round endeavor to clean and maintain mosquito drainage ditches in areas to reduce standing water conducive to mosquito larvae.

Public Outreach- Providing important information to the residents of the county with respect to personal protection against mosquito bites, mosquito breeding prevention on one's property and mosquito data.

It is the policy of the Bristol County Mosquito Project to use pesticides that are environmentally sensitive so that they do not negatively impact people or the environment. We use as many of the biological insecticides as are practical with the environmental conditions present in the New England area.

All of our spray equipment is calibrated periodically in order to insure that dosage rates remain at legal 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, 2008- December 31, 2008 the Bristol County Mosquito Control Project:

- Sprayed over 6,479 acres
- Treated 62.8 acres in 70 locations with *B.t.i.* for mosquito larvae
- Received 200 requests for spraying
- Cleared and reclaimed 2,850 feet of brush
- 105 feet of tractor work
- Treated 1,174 catch basins

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 N. Andrews, Superintendent
December 31, 2008

Bristol County Mosquito Control Commissioners:

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

REPORT OF THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT

TO THE RESIDENTS AND OFFICERS OF THE TOWN OF ACUSHNET:

The Building Department issued 300 permits and collected \$31, 617.00 in fees for the annual year ending in December 2008. The estimated value of work was \$5,384,260.47.

DATE	PERMITS	FEES COLLECTED
		\$
January 2008	15	1,215.00
February	19	2,806.00
March	14	1,175.00
April	33	6,577.00
May	36	3,442.00
June	32	1,435.00
July	23	1,480.00
August	19	1,902.00
September	31	3,082.00
October	31	2,225.00
November	29	1,957.00
December	18	4,321.00
TOTAL	300	31,617.00
CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY		Inc. w/ bldg permit fees
CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY REFUND	0	(00.00)
CERTIFICATE OF INSPECTION	10	490.00
ZONING BOARD INQUIRIES	9	430.00
PERMITS	300	31,617.00
TOTAL FEES COLLECTED		\$32,537.00

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

JAMES MAROT, BUILDING COMMISSIONER
 STEVE PINA, DEPUTY INSPECTOR
 JODIE CAMARA, SENIOR CLERK

REPORT OF THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT

TO THE RESIDENTS AND OFFICERS OF THE TOWN OF ACUSHNET:

THE FOLLOWING PERMITS WERE ISSUED FOR THE ANNUAL YEAR
ENDING IN DECEMBER 2008.

STRUCTURES	AMOUNT
ADDITIONS	25
CHIMNEY	02
COMMERCIAL	0
DECKS	14
DEMOLITIONS	06
DWELLING	10
GARAGE	06
MISCELLANEOUS	25
POOLS	10
PORCH	08
RENOVATIONS	06
ROOF	75
SHED	11
SIDING	27
SIGNS	1
WINDOWS	19
WOODSTOVE	55
TOTAL	300

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

JAMES MAROT, BUILDING COMMISSIONER
STEVE PINA, DEPUTY BUILDING INSPECTOR
JODIE CAMARA, SENIOR CLERK

REPORT OF THE WIRING DEPARTMENT

TO THE RESIDENTS AND OFFICERS OF THE TOWN OF ACUSHNET:

THE WIRING DEPARTMENT ISSUED 160 PERMITS AND COLLECTED \$17,010.75 IN FEES FOR THE ANNUAL YEAR ENDING IN DECEMBER 2008.

DATE	PERMITS	FEES COLLECTED
JANUARY 2008	16	\$ 1,189.00
FEBRUARY	10	830.00
MARCH	11	4,952.00
APRIL	13	1,493.00
MAY	13	1,137.00
JUNE	16	1,015.00
JULY	19	1,144.00
AUGUST	10	560.00
SEPTEMBER	12	2,075.00
OCTOBER	19	1,255.00
NOVEMBER	12	920.00
DECEMBER	8	440.00
TOTAL	160	\$ 17,010.75

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

JAMES A. MAROT, BUILDING COMMISSIONER
FRANK KNOX, WIRE INSPECTOR
THOMAS DE COSTA, DEPUTY INSPECTOR
JODIE CAMARA, SENIOR CLERK

REPORT OF THE PLUMBING DEPARTMENT

TO THE RESIDENTS AND OFFICERS OF THE TOWN OF ACUSHNET:

THE PLUMBING DEPARTMENT ISSUED 79 PERMITS AND RECEIVED \$5,728.00 IN FEES FOR THE ANNUAL YEAR ENDING IN DECEMBER 2008.

DATE	PERMITS ISSUED	FEES
JANUARY 2008	6	\$ 309.00
FEBRUARY	4	413.00
MARCH	4	241.00
APRIL	11	897.00
MAY	10	803.00
JUNE	10	641.00
JULY	8	664.00
AUGUST	4	222.00
SEPTEMBER	8	596.00
OCTOBER	6	422.00
NOVEMBER	3	152.00
DECEMBER	5	368.00
TOTAL	79	\$ 5,728.00

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

JAMES A. MAROT, BUILDING COMMISSIONER
RAYMOND LAFRANCE, PLUMBING/GAS INSPECTOR
WILLIAM ALPHONSE, DEPUTY PLUMBING INSPECTOR
JODIE CAMARA, 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 \$4,855.00 IN PERMIT FEES FOR THE ANNUAL YEAR ENDING IN DECEMBER 2008.

DATE	PERMITS ISSUED	FEES COLLECTED
JANUARY 2008	8	\$ 361.00
FEBRUARY	7	444.00
MARCH	19	397.00
APRIL	8	603.00
MAY	6	315.00
JUNE	4	266.00
JULY	7	340.00
AUGUST	8	445.00
SEPTEMBER	10	444.00
OCTOBER	11	663.00
NOVEMBER	7	381.00
DECEMBER	4	200.00
TOTAL	99	\$ 4,855.00

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

JAMES A. MAROT, BUILDING COMMISSIONER
RAYMOND LA FRANCE, GAS/PLUMBING INSPECTOR
WILLIAM ALPHONSE, DEPUTY GAS/PLUMBING INSPECTOR
JODIE CAMARA, SENIOR CLERK

REPORT OF THE SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

To the Officers and Residents of the Town of Acushnet

The following report is submitted for the year 2008

The weighing and measuring devices found in use in the Town of Acushnet were tested, and sealed, or condemned according to the results of their tests. Sealing fees collected and submitted to the town Treasurer amounted to \$415.00.

The delivery of full weight and measure and the elimination of fraud and misrepresentation have been objectives in commercial transactions from the inception of quantity determination of merchandise down to the present day. It has been demonstrated that there are always some who will avail themselves of an opportunity for an unfair or dishonest advantage, and that, even though this number be relatively small, the results of their fraudulent practices constitute a serious problem in their community. Again, it has been shown that another group, larger than the one just mentioned but still constituting only a small percentage of those engaged in business, are careless in the conduct of their affairs to such a degree that the community suffers almost as much from their unintentional errors as from the intentional inaccuracies of the fraudulently minded. Still a third group adds its share to the total of inequities present in commercial quantity determination, and this is made up of those whose errors result from ignorance rather than from carelessness or intent to defraud. Of these three groups, one can be more sympathetic toward the last, the ones who know no better, than toward the other two. But it must not be overlooked that short weight or measure is equally damaging to the injured party whatever its underlying cause.

To sum up, then, it may be said that the functions of the weight and measures official are to safeguard the entire public whom he serves in all matters involving the commercial determination of quantity- to see to it that, whenever merchandise or service is bought or sold by weight or measure, a just weight or a just measure is delivered, and that fraud, carelessness, and misrepresentation in all "quantity" aspects of such transactions are eliminated.

Respectfully Submitted,
Theodore Machado
Sealer of Weights &
Measures,

REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS SERVICES

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

I am responsible for assisting the VFW and Legion with flag memorials, and to organize and/or assist with recognition celebrations within the Town of Acushnet. I am available to answer any veterans questions or requests, or those of their widow, simply by contacting my office. The majority of VSOs in the state are full time (40 hrs.wk) with several working 20 hrs./week.

As the present position of VSO in Acushnet is "part-time" (4-5 hours per week) due to the town's population, it is generally my policy to be in my office at the Town Hall Mondays from 8-12 p.m. and Thursdays 11-2 p.m. to work on submitting monthly town payment vouchers to veterans or their widows, as well as being available for office visits.

I am also required to file each month Town/State reimbursement documents and forms (Chapter 115-Veterans Benefits) of monies paid out by the Town to Veterans or their widows. The state of Massachusetts, Department of Veterans Services, reimburses each city/town in Massachusetts, 75% of all monies paid out by the Towns' VSO to veterans and/or their widows. Massachusetts is the only state in the country that does this.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald T. Cormier
Veterans Service Officer

REPORT OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

The Acushnet Board of Appeals met the first Monday of the Month (except on holidays) during the 2008 fiscal year.

There were ten (10) applications for hearings filed with the Town Clerk, Nine (9) of these applications were for residential purposes and one (1) for business use. Two (2) cases were continued from 2007.

Variances were requested in six (6) cases and Special Permits were requested in two (2) cases. Two (2) petitioners requested special permits and a variance. There were no cases requesting an overturn of the Building Inspector' decision in fiscal 2008.

Ten of the petitions were granted by the Board. There were no denied during this time.

The Town Clerk received \$2500.00 in filing fees during fiscal 2008.

Lawrence G. Marshall, Chairman
Carol Westgate, Vice-Chairperson
Rick Lally
Albert Santos
Richard Gula
Paul Hipolito, Alternate Member
James Pringle, Alternate Member

Respectfully submitted,
Lucia M. Casey, Administrative Assistant

Report of the Acushnet Cable Advisory Committee (2008)

To the Subscribers and Residents of Acushnet:

The Acushnet Cable Advisory Committee (ACAC) has five board members.

The Committee meets once a month (normally on the first Thursday of the month).. The present Cable committee has been active for over eleven years since the Committee was reactivated.

We operate from the Acushnet Community Center located at 232 Middle Road, Acushnet, Ma. The facilities are open and available to the residents of Acushnet for any production of Community interest as long as Channel 95 continues to operate. 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 its doors to the public.

We maintain a fully equipped live broadcasting center at the Town Hall in order to air all Government Committee meetings held at the Town Hall Meeting Room. We also have a complete rebroadcasting center located at the Acushnet Community Center. We can broadcast live from the Council on Aging, Ford Middle School and Town Hall. All other events are taped and then replayed on the Broadcast system on a daily basis.

This Committee continues to broadcast events of Community interest. The Committee will continue to broadcast events live as well as replay them on a daily basis. We operate Acushnet's Channel 18 — Government Access programming on a 24 hour 7 days a week basis. We broadcast the Channel 18 Bulletin Board, which operates 24 hours a day and is updated on a weekly basis. We rebroadcast taped Government Committee meetings every day at various times so that the subscribers of Comcast may be able to watch a meeting in the event they missed the live broadcast.

This Committee also operates Channel 9 - Acushnet's Education Channel on a 24 hour 7 days a week basis. We rebroadcast School Committee Meetings previously taped on a daily basis. We air upcoming School Events and Notices of Special School Events as furnished to us by the Ford Middle School and Acushnet Elementary School or the Acushnet School Committee

Acushnet is negotiating with Comcast this year for a renewal license. The committee welcomed the input from resident subscribers. A Public meeting was previously held to air your views, your concerns and your wishes as well as your complaints which we will consider when negotiating with Comcast for their renewal license.

We have purchased and installed a new Tightrope digital equipment system which should get us into the 21st Century and allow us to broadcast in the latest technology far into the future. We are in the process of rerouting the I-net to accommodate the latest technology in digital broadcasting.

When we have completed the rerouting of the I-net we will be able to air live from the Town Hall, Council on Aging and the Ford Middle School, in a digital format. In addition we will be able to air those events previously recorded for rebroadcast digitally.

We continue to train new camera operators, S.C.A.L.A. operators and editing operators. The Committee welcomes anyone willing to train 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, editors \$20.00 per hours and S.C.A.L.A. operators, \$25.00 per week.

We continue to look for Educational events and programs to air on Channel 9, the Education Channel. We need programs as well as recitals, musical events, graduations etc which can all be broadcast on the Acushnet's School Channel 9, with the School Committee's approval. If anyone is interested in producing this type of production in the upcoming year, please contact the Cable Committee.

The Committee welcomes any new ideas from the subscribers of Comcast 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 events.

The Committee continues to look for new digital pictures of Town Buildings, Town Parks and Town locations for viewing on the Bulletin Board. If you have any that you would like to share, drop off a disk with your images at the Acushnet Cable Committee's Town Hall mail box.

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 to use the web page located at: WWW.Acushnet.ma.us. We now have E-mail at the Community Center. Mail us your E-mails direct to Acushnetcable@comcast.net to voice any concerns directly to the Cable Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman — Donald P. Lopes

Member — Robert Lanzoni

Member — TBAI

Member — George Souza

Member — Michael Greene

Recording Secretary – Michelle Albert-Dean

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. Wetland resource areas are protected because they serve the following public interests:

- Protection of public and private water supply
- Replenishment of groundwater supply
- Flood control and storm damage prevention
- Pollution prevention
- Provide habitat for fisheries, shellfish and wildlife

The Commission works to acquire and manage passive and recreational open space as well as encourage conservation and agricultural preservation restrictions.

Conservation Commission Town Hall office hours:

- Monday- Friday 8:00 am - 4:00 pm
- Appointments are strongly advised, especially after noon

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

Regular site inspections are conducted by the Commission on Saturday mornings during the fall/winter months and Monday evenings in the spring/summer months as necessary.

2008 Filings under MGL Chapter 131 Section 40:

- Notices of Intent – 6
- Requests for Abbreviated Notice of Intent – 1
- Requests for Amendment of Order of Conditions - 1
- Requests for Determination of Applicability - 13
- Requests for Certificate of Compliance - 9
- Requests for Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation - 1

2008 Achievements:

This year the Commission was awarded a \$7,500 grant from the Buzzards Bay National Estuary Program to digitize actual approved wetland lines. This project will allow the

Conservation office to provide accurate wetland maps to residents, town officials, real estate agents and others with an interest in locating wetlands in Acushnet. The Commission was instrumental in securing town funds towards the acquisition of 4.5 acres of new open space on the headwaters of the Acushnet River, located on Keene Road. We were awarded \$8,000 in a grant to cover closing and survey and appraisal costs. An additional proposal for \$50,000 in state grant money for the construction of hiking trails on the new property is pending. In 2009 we are hoping to secure additional funding to purchase an adjoining 5.5 acres.

Training:

Conservation Commission members were busy with training opportunities this year. Four members and staff attended the annual spring conference of the Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissions (MACC). MACC is a non-profit corporation founded in 1961 to support, educate and advocate on behalf of Conservation Commissions throughout the Commonwealth. In addition, members and staff attended workshops on Low Impact Development, Cranberry culture and its relationship to the Wetlands Protection Act, and training modules given by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection on changes in the Wetlands Protection Act regulations and wetlands permitting procedures.

Commission Membership:

This year we are pleased to report we have had a full year with seven voting members. Persons interested in volunteering for associate and voting member positions are always welcome and may send a letter of interest to the Board of Selectmen.

As of December 2008, the Conservation Commission and staff included:

Robert Rocha, Chairman
Ted Cioper, Vice Chairman
Patricia Picard, Member
Marc Brodeur, Member
Richard Gula, Member
Carol Chongarlides, Member
Kevin Dakin, Member

Merilee K. Woodworth, Agent
Patrice LaForest, Clerk

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 Wednesday** of each month at **9:00AM** 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 served at **11:30 AM**. Free bus transportation for lunch is available to those who need it. Must be able to get on and off the bus without assistance.

We also deliver approximately **300 meals** (meals on wheels) to our shut-ins **Monday through Friday except holidays**.

Our seniors play **Bingo** every **Monday and Wednesday to 12:30 PM to 2 PM**. **Cribbage** games are on **Monday** afternoons from **1 PM to 4 PM**. We also offer **Cribbage lessons on Monday Morning by appointment**. The **Scrabble club** meets every **Tuesday** afternoon at **1:00 PM to 4:00 PM**. The **Pitch League** meets at **6 PM** every **Tuesday evening**. **Square Dance Lessons** are held every **Wednesday evening** from **7:00 to 9:00PM**. Once a month on the **first Saturday evening** of each month, the **Square Dancers** meet for their monthly dance at the Senior Center. We offer **Craft Classes** every **Thursday from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM**. **Line dancing** is offered every **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**. A **Shuffle Board** was recently installed for persons who enjoy playing that game in good weather.

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

The **Community Nurse and Hospice Care** provide nurses for the **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 that need a flu shot or a pneumonia shot. Every 4th **Wednesday** of the month, Patricia Midurski from Community Nurse conducts **CARING FOR SOMEONE WITH MEMORY IMPAIRMENT** for caretakers of people who have Alzheimer's disease. This meeting is well attended. Svanhild Bendiksen R.N. a nurse qualified in foot and toe care provides foot care second and fourth **Thursday** by appointment only. **Diabetic Shoes** are available through a representative of Lifeline Medical Supplies every month. **Hearing exams** are now being offered from **9 AM to 11PM, call for appointment**

Strong Women Program is offered every **Monday and Wednesday from 10 AM to 11 AM**. A doctor must qualify you for this program. It is an ongoing exercise program for women using weights.

We have **Shine volunteers** on **Tuesday morning** to assist seniors in **filling out forms for, Pharmacy Program, Paperwork for Assisted Living including doctor referrals, Commission for the Blind, applications for Medicaid and any other documents they need to make out.**

In the winter season we have a representative of P.A.C.E who assist clients with their **fuel assistance forms** and a **trained volunteer tax consultant** who assist 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.

Day Trips are done once a month to different locations on a first come, first served basis. We also have long distance trips on a regular basis.

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

We distribute over 1000 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.

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.

Acushnet Council on Aging Members

Chairperson Pauline Teixeira
Vice Chairman Alice Soares
Secretary Linda Guilbeault
Council Members
Irene Bouchard
Milton Reynolds
Doris Gomes
Alfred Gonsalves

Respectfully

William P. Contois

REPORT OF THE ACUSHNET CULTURAL COUNCIL

The Acushnet Cultural Council is streamlined having maintained all the required steps and procedures mandated by the Massachusetts Cultural Council. All submissions of approved/denied applications and decisions are on file with the chairman as required.

Financial allocations were once again at a reduced level therefore; this council could only fund some applicants with partial funds. During 2008, we did receive \$2,500.00 through a line item budget appropriation granted at the annual town meeting to help us meet some of our goals.

Council Members during the 2008 cycle:

Walter S. Dalton, Jr.
Dianna Couto
Jeannette Francis
Edward A. Macomber

Lisa Leonard
Jeanne M. Siwik
Leanne Perreira

Respectfully submitted:

Walter S. Dalton, Jr.
Chairman

REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Paul Sylvia – Director DPW

**HIGHWAY DIVISION
Raymond Barlow – Highway Superintendant**

Lori Sylvia – Senior Clerk

**Paul Fortin
Douglas Rodgers
Raymond Brienzo
John Mello
David Gifford**

WATER/SEWER DIVISION

**Matthew Tripp
John Westgate**

ACUSHNET RECYCLING CENTER

John Duarte

To the Officers and Residents of the Town of Acushnet:

The Acushnet DPW - **Highway Division** has been busy during the 2008 calendar year maintaining roads by repairing pot holes and manholes, clearing roadside brush, street sweeping, and the ongoing task of clearing storm drains. Traffic lines and crosswalks were repainted, and many road and street signs were replaced. The Department maintained and repaired drainage lines and ditches throughout Town, and performed miscellaneous small tasks on an as needed basis. The Department responded timely and efficiently to emergency situations, some occurring during off-duty hours. The Department provided lawn care for many of the Town properties which included our new greens at the Town Hall and Parting Ways buildings.

Keeping the roads safe with sanding and snow plowing is one of the highest priorities for the Highway Department, and is one of their primary missions. The Department maintained all snow removal equipment and upheld it in the best possible working condition at all times.

The Department greatly improved the drainage on Mendall Road with the still ongoing project which included 1100 feet of drainage pipe. This improvement removed drainage ditches located on each side of Mendall Road and install a new storm drain system eliminating a vehicle safety concern in the area. This improvement involved several

phases of work, engineering, and reclamation of the road, tree removal, drainage piping, sidewalk improvements, and binder coat. Top coat is expected to be completed in late spring 2009. Repairs were preformed to Bundano Drive's drainage system as well.

Pavement projects this year included Hathaway Road, Fairway Drive and previous mentioned, Mendall Road.

WATER AND SEWER DIVISION

The **Water Division** is currently installing a long-range fixed network automatic meter reading system (AMR). The AMR will monitor all meters in the Town on a weekly basis, and will eliminate the need for an on foot, door to door, meter reader. This system is being partially funded by a U.S Department of Agriculture grant and is scheduled to be completed in 2010.

The Water Division is also conducting a Town wide leak detection survey to pin point any source of unaccounted for water loss.

The Water Division responded to and repaired three fire hydrants, one water main leak and nine service leaks and/or breaks this year.

The **Sewer Division** continues to inspect new residential sewer tie-ins and conducts inflow and infiltration surveys (I&I) through out the sewer system. The Sewer Department currently maintains two sewer pumping station in the Town.

Pump station wet wells were cleaned of solids and grease build-up this year. Sections of the South Main Street were jetted to remove grease guild-up and foreign objects.

We would like to say thank you to all DPW employees and Town departments for their continued assistance during 2008.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeffrey Schuster, Chairman
Steven Boucher, Vice Chairman
Brian Slowik, Member
Doug Pinard, Member
Dustin Cormier, Member

Listed below are some of the proven practices for water conservation. Not only will you be helping save our important natural resources you will also be saving money.

Five Simple Steps to Water Conservation

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. Take shorter showers or fill your tub with less water. Five minutes for a shower or 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's 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.

Taken from the American Water Works Association

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

REPORT OF THE ACUSHNET EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

To the Officers and Residents of the Town of Acushnet, I hereby submit this annual report for the year ending December 31, 2008.

This past year was one of transition for the Acushnet Emergency Medical Services Department. Longtime Director Adrienne Rivet retired in May following a career distinguished by her unquestioned dedication to the town and to her extended family – the employees of the department she built. Countless individuals and families in this town experienced, during their time of crisis, the compassion and skill of Director Rivet.

While her presence is missed, the professional department she led remains. Since being appointed to lead the EMS Department this past July, I have come to respect and know all the employees as competent and capable providers of pre-hospital emergency medical care. Our pool of fulltime Paramedics and part-time Paramedic, Intermediate and Basic level providers deliver a service to this community that is second to none. It is my intent to work everyday at maintaining this high level of care.

Transitions in leadership can often provide opportunities. We remain committed to ensuring the arrival of competent care providers to your door within minutes of receiving your emergency call. In the midst of the current fiscal crisis we will explore all possibilities in order to maintain the standard of care you have come to expect.

Respectfully submitted.

Kevin A. Gallagher
Chief of Department

Members of the Acushnet Emergency Medical Services Department

Chief of Department

Kevin A. Gallagher, EMT-Paramedic

Fulltime EMT Paramedics

Carlton Dort
Jayne Gagnon, Supervisor
Richard Gunter
Michael Mentzer

Part-time EMT Paramedics

Valarie Andrade	Joseph Flynn
Benjamin Fuertes	Laurie Gonsalves
Thomas Jacintho	Scott Kruger
Michael Peloquin	William Rodriques
Shawn Samanica	Philip Saraiva

Part-time EMT Intermediates

Michael Coffey	Andrew Lavoie
Robert Lavoie, Supervisor	

Part-time EMT Basics

James Baptiste	Alan Bowen
Peter Clark	Paul Frysinger
Brian Gallant	Anthony Westgate

Report of the Acushnet Emergency Management Agency

To the Officers and Residents of the Town of Acushnet:

The Acushnet Emergency Management Agency (AEMA) continues to provide trained support services to many town departments – including Police, Fire, EMS and Public Works. A strictly volunteer agency, the Acushnet EMA coordinates emergency and disaster relief efforts at the local level under the jurisdiction of the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) as well as the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

During 2008, members of the Acushnet EMA continued the ongoing major initiative to improve the Acushnet EMA Headquarters located at 14 Thomas Street and to make this location the town's Emergency Operations Center or EOC. Through the continued dedication of Tony Duarte, our AEMA communications officer and operations manager working with myself as director, our Deputy Director, and several volunteers, I am pleased to report that the renovation work for AEMA headquarters is nearing completion. Our Communications Center has been completely reconfigured and a new window was installed in that part of the building. The entire building was cleaned out of unnecessary materials. We received additional donations for computer flat screen monitors for our communications center and a new 27" Television set for the training room area through the efforts of Acushnet EMA volunteer Roger Riezovic. Our Deputy Director, Jerry Sounick, secured a PC Projector from his former work place at Otis Air Force base that has allowed us to conduct First Aid/CPR and other training classes right out of the Acushnet EMA facility using computer driven power point presentations and videos. The only remaining work is to one room of the EMA building that will be completed during 2009. That room has been renovated with a new floor and will have additional work done to it in 2009. We now have an impressive EOC to utilize and activate if disaster strikes or a special event requires utilization of the EOC. The town selectmen and administrator visited the AEMA on Monday Evening October 6th and viewed a presentation and were given a tour of the facility and they were very impressed with the work completed on the building by our agency.

We were able to upgrade our Internet access from DSL to Comcast which has allowed us higher speed Internet access at the EMA Headquarters and has given us the ability to email weather messages to other town officials as required and post the weather information on the AEMA web site. We continue to have access to the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) Web EOC program, public safety and Amateur Radio communications resources. These communications' resources were utilized during the Acushnet Severe Thunderstorm/Microburst on August 19th, 2008 to inform agencies of the significant damage brought by that severe thunderstorm with the first reports forwarded to MEMA and the National Weather Service coming from AEMA Amateur Radio volunteers with AEMA volunteer Ed Caron assisting National Weather Service Meteorologist, Alan Dunham with the NWS Storm Survey of the damage from this event. The agency was also utilized during the December 19th and 21st snowstorms which caused tree and power line damage and power outages to portions of the town. The town based activities for the past year include providing lighting at town events, traffic control at planned activities such as the Apple Peach and Halloween parades, Christmas Sing-a-Long and Little League activities. AEMA also participated in the June Acushnet

Report of the Acushnet Emergency Management Agency

Car Show. Our Training and Field Operations Officer, Steve Silvestre, assisted in several of the storm activations.

I would like to personally thank the many members of the Acushnet Emergency Management Agency who give freely of their time based solely on their interest in giving something back to their community. I would like to especially thank our Communications Officer and Operations Manager, Tony Duarte, for his continued tremendous effort and dedication. Thank you to the Board of Selectmen and the Town Administrator for their continued support, and a very heartfelt thank you to the residents of the town of Acushnet for supporting your local Emergency Management Agency.

Respectfully submitted,

Gerard A. Bergeron
Director

REPORT OF THE ACUSHNET FIRE / RESCUE DEPARTMENT

To the Officers and Residents of the Town of Acushnet, I hereby submit this annual report for the year ending December 31, 2008.

The year began with a fire that destroyed a new home but also opened the eyes of fire service leaders and building code officials across the United States. We have learned from the Archers Way fire that certain building construction techniques can facilitate the spread of fire. These concerns have been shared with state fire and building officials who are looking at possible code changes to address these potential hazards to the building occupants and firefighters. In addition, national fire service organizations are using the lessons learned from this Acushnet fire to educate their members so that fires in these types of structures can be fought effectively and safely.

It is always difficult to experience a catastrophic fire in which a family's total possessions are lost. While the home has been rebuilt the impact from the fire continues to unfold. I fully expect to report to you in the months to follow the positive changes that result from this Acushnet fire.

Finally, as this report is written, the depth of the fiscal crisis confronting our country, state and town is beginning to be made known. Your Fire / Rescue Department will continue to serve the needs of this community with full dedication. We look forward to working with town officials and Town Meeting to shape a budget that reflect the times we are in and preserves our ability to carry out our mission to protect property and save lives.

As always, on behalf of the men and women of this department I thank you for your continued friendship and support.

Respectfully submitted.

Kevin A. Gallagher
Chief of Department

Members of the Acushnet Fire and Rescue Department

Chief of Department

Kevin A. Gallagher, EMT-Paramedic

Career Firefighters

Captain Alfred Robichaud
Gerard Bergeron, EMT-Intermediate, CPRI (Senior FF)
Eric Arruda, EMT-Basic
Thomas Farland, EMT-Paramedic

Call Deputy Chief

James Knox

Call Captains

Michael Rothwell, FFI George Pimental

Call Lieutenants

David Makuch
Paul Martins, FFI/II, FOI Brian Monte, FFI/II

Call Firefighters

Marc Cenerizio	Ronald St. Onge (Senior CFF)	Maurice St. Armand
Frank Knox	Wayne Pimental	Robert Correia
Jeffrey Krupa	Matthew Tripp	Peter Rawcliff
Bruce Rymut	Donald Crocker	Kyle St. Onge, FFI/II
Peter Giampa, FFI/II		Matthew Roderiques, FFI/II, EMT-Basic
Brian Costa, FFI/II		Paul Frysinger, FFI/II, EMT-Basic
Eric Reilly, FFI/II		Kathryn Johnson, FFI/II, EMT-Basic
Joseph Knox, FFI/II, RN, EMT-Basic		Michael Mentzer, EMT-Paramedic
Andrew Lavoie, EMT-Intermediate		Brian Westgate, FFI/II, EMT-Paramedic
Scott Salter, FFI/II		John Pytel, FFI/II, EMT-Paramedic

Dispatcher

Diane Barlow

Key:	FFI	Massachusetts Certified Firefighter Level One
	FFI/II	Massachusetts Certified Firefighter Level One & Two
	FI	Massachusetts Certified Fire Instructor Level One
	FOI	Massachusetts Certified Fire Officer Level One
	CPRI	Certified CPR Instructor

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, 2008.

The Acushnet Police Department had a very successful year in closing some difficult cases in 2008. Acushnet Police Department Detectives lead by Sergeant Thomas Carreau conducted drug raids on Hathaway Rd. and Reservation Rd. in two separate cases. Detectives James Costa was able to close another identity theft case where the suspect was from Roxbury. Detectives also closed several B&E cases utilizing finger print evidence.

We are in the process of implementing the National recognized standards for training of new officers. Over the last two years we sent three full-time officers to a 40-hour Field Training Officer course in preparation of training our recent new hires. Officer Michael Matton, Officer Derek Cathcart and Officer Jeremy Fontes are our new FTO officers. The new part-time officers, Officer Danny DeAmaral, Officer Kyla Kuslock and Officer David Sol completed their training in January 2009.

Over the last year we have had an 11% increase in our Calls for Service while we have had a reduction in staff. We have had three full-time officers and a full-time police dispatcher leave the department. The most notable retirement is that of Sergeant Barry Monte a 37-year police veteran who began his career here in 1971. We have been unable to replace any of the full time officers at this time due to the budget constraints. We have had to reduce the detective division by 50% in order to staff the uniform patrol. Due to budget cuts and staffing issues we do not expect to place Detective Paul Melo back into the school as the School Resource Officer anytime soon.

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

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

OTHER ACTIVITIES	2007	2008
Calls for Service	6,594	7,334
Att. Murder	0	2
Assaults	85	61
Parking Tickets	83	56
Larcenies	116	80
Breaking & Entering	73	70
Attempted Breaks	7	7
Arrests- M/V, Narcotics, B&Es, Larceny, <i>Warrants</i>	341	357
Summons Served	212	304
Stolen M/V, ATV	19	9
Accidents, damage over \$1,000	123	108
Fatalities	0	2
Robberies	1	1
M/V Citations	531	582
Domestics	185	25

MEMBERS OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

CHIEF OF POLICE

Michael G. Alves

SERGEANTS

Stephen McCann

Thomas L. Carreau

Christopher R. Richmond

Gary S. Coppa

John A. Bolarinho

FULL TIME OFFICERS

Paul J. Melo

James D. Costa

John A. Bolarinho

Michael A. Matton

Jeremy T. Fontes

Louann Jenkinson

Keith A. Ashley

Derek W. Cathcart

Steven Soqui

PART TIME OFFICERS

Michael J. Nunes

Gene W. Robinson

Kyla L. Kuslock

John Almeida Jr.

Jason Matton

David M. Sol

DISPATCHERS

Jolene M. Olivier

Susan M. Nocon

Laurent R. St. Jean

Respectfully submitted,

Michael G. Alves

Chief of Police

2008 ANNUAL 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 2008:

The Planning Commission held regular meetings on a generally first Thursday of the month format, when possible, beginning at 7:00 pm. Public hearings and on-site meetings were posted and held as needed. Regular meetings are held in the second floor Planning Commission office in the Parting Ways Building. Larger public hearings are held when needed in the Town Hall meeting room. Please consult the bulletin boards in the Town Clerk's office and outside the Treasurer's office for meeting location. All are welcome to attend.

The Planning Department completed the 2008 Comprehensive Master Plan in the Fall of this year. The Planning Board approved the Master Plan in November, giving Acushnet its first municipal planning document since 1964. The Master Plan provides strategic guidance for elected and appointed officials, as well as Town employees and citizens. The Master Plan addresses the following areas: Land Use, Open Space and Recreation, Natural and Cultural Resources, Economic Development, Transportation, Public Services and Facilities. The Master Plan was authored by Henry Young, Special Projects Manager for the Town. This effort was strongly supported by a large group of dedicated volunteers who staffed subcommittees for each focus area.

There are a host of important initiatives which the Planning Department will be involved in during the implementation phase. Foremost among these will be reshaping the Town zoning map. This effort will facilitate managed growth of both residential and commercial development, while preserving our valued agricultural lands and open space. Simultaneously, the Planning Department will be rewriting Town By-Laws related to revised land uses in each newly created zoning district. The Planning Department has already begun coordination with the Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District (SRPEDD) and other State agencies for assistance in this effort.

Other major initiatives for the coming year will include development of conceptual plans for a South Main Street by-pass to improve safety and traffic flow in the downtown area. The Planning Department will collaborate with the Department of Public Works to develop a comprehensive 5-year infrastructure plan enabling accurate forecasting of phased expenditures on transportation, parks, utility and facility improvements. Important to the future economic growth of the Town, the Planning Department will take a leading role in developing a streamlined permitting process for development as well as

recruiting high quality employers to our Town. We will also be implementing a strategy to create affordable and senior housing to meet long standing needs in Acushnet's housing market. Finally, with a completed Comprehensive Master Plan, the Planning Department will be able to aggressively pursue targeted grant opportunities. Grant applications will be targeted at environmental remediation/lead removal, Acushnet Council On Aging, the Long Plain Museum, downtown parking, open space acquisition, alternative energy sources, improvements to Pope Park, Howard School Community Center, and Town Hall renovations. Through the SRPEDD Joint Transportation Planning Group and Metropolitan Planning Organization, we will be working to secure funding for a number of road and bridge projects in Town.

As the year closes, and a new Presidential Administration assumes its duties in January of 2009, there is much discussion of a proposed Economic Stimulus Program. A multi-billion dollar stimulus package will apparently be aimed at the improvement of our national, state and local infrastructure. Subsequently, we have prepared a list of "shovel ready" projects which may be eligible for such a program. This effort speaks volumes about the value of the Master Plan and the Planning Department. The Planning Department has become an aggressive, forward looking Department intent on positioning the Town in a position of strength to manage the growth of our community, compete for State and Federal funding opportunities, and address head on some of the major challenges we'll face in the coming years.

Respectfully submitted,

Marc Cenerizio, Chairman
Richard H. Ellis
Richard P. Forand
Leo Coons, Jr.
Mark DeSilva

Henry Young, Special Projects Manager

REPORT TO THE TOWN OF ACUSHNET FROM THE COMMISSIONERS 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 the regional agency serving twenty-seven cities and Towns in southeastern Massachusetts dealing with common issues facing our region, such as economic development, growth and land development, transportation, environment and general planning for the future. SRPEDD is governed by a Commission of local mayors, selectmen, planning board members and at large members. We are funded by federal and state grants and local assessments. For 2008, the Town of Acushnet paid \$1,641.31 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 and David Wojnar
- < Southeastern Massachusetts Commuter Rail Task Force: Henry Young

Some of SRPEDD's more significant accomplishments during 2008 were:

- **Completion and approval of the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**, which sets regional priorities for federal transportation funds, and the **Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)**. The TIP established priorities for federal and state regional targeted for highway projects, and transit funds for GATRA and SRTA over the next 3 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.
- **The Taunton River Wild and Scenic** initiative continued in 2008 with an effort to get the U.S. Congress to designate the Taunton River as a Wild & Scenic resource. SRPEDD is also a partner with 9 other organizations in the Taunton River campaign.
- SRPEDD's web site was overhauled in 2008. The site contains data and information about every city and Town in the region, and can be reached at www.srpedd.org.
- **The Southeastern Massachusetts Commuter Rail Task Force** met through 2008. The Task Force, which includes representation from most SRPEDD municipalities and many regional organizations, is examining the growth impact of the proposed rail service extension to Taunton, Fall River and New

Bedford. SRPEDD also worked with the South Coast rail team to identify Priority Development and Priority Protection Areas in each municipality and analyzed over 80 sites for potential station locations.

- SRPEDD continued as the designated fiduciary agent by the Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety for the **Southeast Regional Advisory Council for Homeland Security** serving 96 communities in 6 counties in southeastern Massachusetts. The Council has awarded \$21.24 million in federal homeland security funds since 2004.
- SRPEDD conducts a district-wide traffic counting program (including speed surveys and vehicle classification, and intersection turning movement counts) and maintains a computer file of all available traffic count data throughout the region. SRPEDD undertook 85 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 also operates the Southeastern Massachusetts Data Center, providing information to businesses, cities and towns, and individuals.
- 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 maintains a comprehensive database of all 349 signalized intersections in the region. This includes geometry, traffic volume, crash rate, signal timing and operational characteristics.
- SRPEDD commenced its District Local Technical Assistance Program (DLTA) with a grant from the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development. Assistance to cities and towns in the area of municipal service delivery will be a feature of the DLTA program in 2009.
- SRPEDD continued its affiliation with the South Eastern Economic Development (SEED) Corporation, which makes loans to small businesses for expansion. SEED won the Small Business Administration’s “Excellence in Lending” Award for 2008.
- SRPEDD worked with the Regional Task Force on Casino Impacts throughout 2008 assisting in the evaluation of the impacts of the proposed Wampanoag Casino in Middleborough on the surrounding communities.

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

Report of the Acushnet Historical Commission

Two thousand and eight was a great year for the Commission. The goals set for the Long Plain Museum and the Friends Meetinghouse were met. We have not heard anything further regarding the Head of the River Historic District, but the Commission is looking in to obtaining some grant funds in order to conclude the project.

We have accomplished many projects at the Long Plain Museum this year. The masonry work on foundation was completed through donation of time and materials. The basement windows were replaced last winter. The cement patio in front of Museum was replaced. The outdoor light fixtures have been repaired, and the flag pole is now lit. The DesRoches brothers undertook the largest project which was the belfry. It has been totally rehabbed with a beautiful copper top. The upper rolled roof had to be replaced because of water leakage. The ceiling will be repaired in the spring. Lawn care is an ongoing project thru the spring and summer months with a fall cleanup in November.

The Friends Meetinghouse received a new roof on the north side of building and the entire roof was sealed to preserve the cedar shingles. Next spring the exterior of the building will be scraped and painted. Also, the ceiling which was damaged due to a leak will be repaired. With help from Mark Phaneuf and Pauline Teixeira, the Meetinghouse and Museum are functioning. In the past, Mr. Steve Gilmore has been a wonderful asset with lawn care and overseeing the Meetinghouse. Unfortunately, he took ill and is in a nursing home at this time.

Two thousand and eight was the best year, in recent years, for activity at the Museum and Meetinghouse. The Selectmen had a meeting in September at the Meetinghouse. This will be a yearly event. We are very appreciative that our town fathers are willing to do this on a yearly basis.

The Acushnet Historical Commission will make the Meetinghouse and the Museum more visible to the public during the summer months with events planned from June thru September. The events planned for next summer are a collaboration of the Commission, the Acushnet Historical Society and The Friends of the Friends.

In June 2008, a classic car show was held at the Friends Meetinghouse, in July the Relics entertained at the Museum, and the Acushnet Historical Society's annual potluck supper was held at the Acushnet Council on Aging. In August the Harpoon Harmonizers and the Jeff Dunn Trio sang for the public. The Acushnet Apple/Peach Festival was held on the grounds at the Long Plain Museum in early September and the Acushnet EMS held a car show later that month. All of these events brought many new visitors to our Museum.

The History of Acushnet book and the Ancient Cemetery books are available by calling Pauline Teixeira at 508-961-7843.

The White's Factory on Hamlin Street has had a rebirth because of the hard work and time put in by Mark Phaneuf. With help from Matt Lopes, Mark has succeeded in his goal to make the factory an attractive historic site that will attract visitors. The plan is to have a picnic and parking area so visitors can enjoy this wonderful spot.

The Commission is looking forward to 2009 with new goals for the Museum and the Meetinghouse. These two building are real gems in the Town of Acushnet.

On a sad note we lost our friend and past Chairperson of the Historic Commission, Robert Geier. Members of the Commission are moving forward with meetings and we continue to address issues. We are in need of new members on the Commission. If you are interested please contact the Selectmen's office.

Respectfully submitted,

Pauline Teixeira-Chairperson
Joyce Reynolds-Acting Secretary
Stephen Gilmore
Madeline J. Gwozdz
Mark Phaneuf
Matt Lopes
Acushnet Historical Commission

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ACUSHNET HOUSING AUTHORITY

April, 2008 marked the 34th year of service to the Town of Acushnet, providing low income housing to elderly and handicapped individuals.

This past year the Authority replaced seven roofs including the garage. This completes the total replacement of roofs at Presidential Village. The Department of Housing and Community Development awarded the Authority a grant totaling \$120,000 for the roof replacement project.

The Authority installed bathroom heaters in all or the inside apartments insuring adequate heating in these rooms for residents.

The Housing Authority is grateful to the citizens of Acushnet that voted to award \$40,000 from the Community Preservation Funds to conduct a feasibility study of land owned by the Authority on the Presidential Terrace site. It is the goal of the Authority to develop the land in order to provide Acushnet with additional Housing to meet the needs of its present and future population.

December 2008, marked Alice Soja's 10th year at the Housing Authority, we commend Alice for her dedication to and untiring work on behalf of the residents. We wish her well as she begins a much deserved retirement.

The Garfield St facility opened it's doors in 1992 and continues to work successfully. This year minor renovations have been made replacing appliances and a kitchen counter. In the future the upstairs kitchen floor, laundry room floors and boiler room floor will be replaced. This will complete the major projects that we began during this fiscal year.

The Board of Commissioners and staff of the Acushnet Housing Authority appreciates everyone who assists the Authority in providing safe and secure housing to the elderly and handicapped who have chosen Acushnet to be their home.

Respectfully submitted,

James Madruga, Chairman
Nancy Brightman, Vice Chairman
Lawrence Marshall, Commissioner
Richard Threlfall, Treasurer
Lawrence Mulvey, Asst. Treasurer

Lucia Casey, Executive Director
Lynn Sigman, Assistant Director

Acushnet Park Department 2008 Report

To the good townspeople of Acushnet, we submit to you the following report for the calendar year ending on December 31st, 2008.

In April, Donald Camara was hired as the assistant to Park Superintendent, Bob Andrade to assist in the day-to-day operations for the Park Department at Pope Park. Donald, Bob and Nick Antone have done an outstanding job in not only keeping up the appearance of our newly renovated facilities, but in implementing new processes that make the Park Department more efficient. Keep up the good work!

Once again, vandalism has occurred at the park costing the tax payers money. We would like to thank the police department for their help, and to remind parents to help educate their children in keeping the park clean and safe for all to use.

This past summer, Catherine Jason ran her six week summer youth program, with 155 Acushnet children attending the program in any given week. This very successful program allows children access to adult supervised crafts and sporting activities, for two hours each weekday morning during the summer. With increased cost due to the minimum wage increase, we are hoping that the finance committee agrees with us and allows the necessary funding to keep this great program going. It truly is a benefit to the entire community.

We as a board, continue to be highly motivated in making the appropriate improvements and to provide proper maintenance to Pope Park, as it reclaims its rightful spot as the center of physical activity in the town. With national obesity rates and other physical ailments amongst our youth at an all time high, and no place for our aging residents to get in a little exercise or walk, we have a plan and vision to see that all of our projects be completed.

Some of the projects that we were able to finish for 2008 were the walking path, new fencing, and new scoreboards on all of the Little League fields. Thanks should go out to Pete Mitchell's crew for installing the scoreboards. With the help of Acushnet Lions Club members Bob Brown, Chris Buzniak and Randy Domingos we were able to provide a shuffleboard court at the Council on Aging. The Park Board hopes to start an annual tournament in the spring for the Council on Aging.

This year we are working closely with a few members of the AYAA to renovate the parks buildings. New roofs have been installed and the hope is to have new siding, doors and windows on all the buildings. This could not happen with out the help of Joe Lopes. We plan to have all the buildings updated and returned to great condition so they can last another 30 to 40 years.

The excitement of being awarded the American Legion 2009 Massachusetts District Tournament is proof of the changes that have taken place over the past 6 years. This could not have happened without the foresight and determination from the Park Board to build a new baseball field. The new Joe Jason Sr. Champions Field is highly regarded as the premier baseball field in the area. This event should draw in thousands of people to our town and hopefully bring in new and continued business to the towns restaurants and stores.

In closing the Park Board would be remiss in not thanking the residents of Acushnet for having the foresight and patience in renovating Pope Park. We would greatly appreciate the continued support of the residents of Acushnet, and hope that the local boards get behind us to see that Pope Park once again claims its place as a jewel of the community.

Respectfully yours,

Acushnet Park Board
Tom DeCosta – Chairman
Marc Antone
Michael Desrosiers

2008 Acushnet Town Report

Acushnet River Valley Golf Course

Golf Course Improvements

Last year we committed to improving *cart paths on the first, seventh, ninth, tenth, fourteenth, sixteenth and eighteenth holes.*

This year we added improvement by paving the entire street down to the pro shop, in addition to purchasing the pro shop facility from Vanguard Modular. These actions were taken in order to add value as our customers perceive the entire property. We professionally maintain all aspects of the golf course property. If we were to wait to make these improvements, the costs associated with them would continue to climb making it more difficult to implement our improvement plan. It has always been our practice to manage the golf business and make improvements wherever we deemed it necessary and affordable. Our plan of priorities is constantly reviewed and we address opportunity for improvement very seriously, our future depends on it. Our decision is based on sound financial analysis, which is why we opted to buy the pro shop this year. This is a business decision, as we now can reduce our costs incurred in a market where costs are climbing to new heights. These types of issues are reviewed, discussed and decided upon by our Management, Administration, Advisory Committee and the Board of Selectmen. I am proud to share with all the townspeople and our avid golf community we have an outstanding track record in the past, in a very competitive market. We are successfully providing the town with an open space amenity which is a fundamentally sound golf recreational facility which will provide an outstanding source of revenue once we have completed our financial commitment to paying off the bond.

In the current downward trending market, success is measured in standing strong and keeping loyal customers satisfied. It is more difficult to attract new customers than it is to maintain a loyal foundation of customers, and by achieving the latter you eventually capture both types of customers as word of mouth continues to grow. The golf community is smaller than people realize, they travel and play other golf courses around the state and the word spreads growing momentum over time. The word is still spreading about Acushnet River Valley Golf Course. We do not have the marketing power (budget) that some of the private golf courses do, however we continue to see new faces every season from various New England states.

It is our objective to continue operating with exceptional execution of customer service and excellent golf course conditions, in order to satisfy our financial obligations *which are supported by our satisfied and supportive customer's revenue.* We have demonstrated our dedication to consistently elevate the quality of products we offer at Acushnet River Valley Golf Course. This has been another banner year for our operation. Golf courses in our market area are struggling more than ever before (Lakeville, Heritage Hill, Reservation & New Bedford Country Club), we are keeping our customer base loyal and satisfied. **Waverly Oaks in Plymouth will be closing after this year, they are located in Plymouth, Hawthorne Country Club has decided to be a private golf course this season.** The economy is struggling and Acushnet River Valley has decided to hold our rates sending a clear message to everyone. We are committed to work harder in order to satisfy our goals. We will stay loyal to our customers and they will continue to stay loyal and grow at Acushnet River Valley Golf Course.

I have influenced and witnessed more “Club “members leaving their current golf course/facility to play regularly at Acushnet River Valley, because as they say,” I love the golf course, it’s affordable and I feel comfortable around all the people, golf is a community sport and everyone here is so pleasant and willing to help, it is a great place to be enjoyed.”

The finished product is a destination golf course that offers an opportunity for an unprecedented day of relaxation and enjoyment for any customer that chooses to enjoy a round of golf at Acushnet River Valley. We continue to expand through out the region enticing new & loyal customers to travel from the North Shore, Boston, Cape Cod & the Islands, Providence, and Connecticut. We have established loyalty with customers that visit New England every summer and they play us once a year from all over the country. We have successfully established a growing business model in our snack bar developing delicious deli fresh sandwiches to go, complimented by our golf outing menu to support our annual tournament schedule that continues to grow.

Golf Digest 2008 - 4 star rating

We are devoted to converting as many new customers/golfers into loyal Acushnet River Valley Customers/Golfers every day.

We have been recognized, 6 years consecutively, as a four star Golf Course Facility by the 2008 edition of Golf Digest “Best Places to Play”.

I would like to thank the team of Acushnet River Valley staff for there dedication and implementation of our objectives and outstanding acts of professionalism. Thank you for your continued support.

Dana Przybyszewski

REPORT OF THE RUSSELL MEMORIAL LIBRARY 2008

To the Officers and Residents of the Town of Acushnet:

The mission of the Russell Memorial Library is to provide free and open access to innovative library services, delivered in an efficient and effective manner that will:

- Provide the materials, programs, and services needed to meet recreational needs.
- Provide the materials, tools, and assistance needed to help students succeed in a formal educational program.
- Provide a safe, inviting, and neutral public space that helps to address the need of people to meet and interact with others in their community and to participate in public discourse about community issues.

The six-member Board of Trustees of the Free Public Library has the custody and management of the library and all related property. The Board meets on the third Wednesday of the month at 6 P.M. in the library meeting room. Any changes or additions to this schedule are posted in the Library, at Town Hall, and on Cable TV.

Jayme Z. Viveiros, Director B.A. Stonehill College, M.S.L.I.S. Simmons College.
Denise Charland, Assistant Director; Constance Preston, John Finni, & Pauline Prudhomme, Library Technicians; Sandra Medeiros, Page; Elaine Spinale, Custodian.

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, please present positive 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, CD-ROMs, 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. When not in use, the Meeting Room is available to municipal and community organizations who need a place to meet.

Free children's programs support emerging literacy. Story Time uses books, songs, crafts, and finger plays to teach listening skills, develop attention span, exercise 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. All registered members of the summer reading program are invited to make crafts, enter weekly drawings for prizes and come to a special end of summer celebration. We are grateful to the Acushnet Cultural Council for awarding the library a grant for this year's summer reading program "Wild Reads @ the Library". This year's kick-off event, held at the Acushnet Community Center, featured a visit from Animal World Experience who offered attendees an opportunity to experience live animals from around the world. We also hosted a number of events at the library including, the Balloon Animal, Mike Bent's "Wild about Books" and a visit from Acushnet Police Department's own Mike Matton who brought some of his slithery friends to the library.

To promote Library Card Sign-Up Month, the library hosted its first ever Open House on Saturday, September 20, 2008. Activities included a visit from Curious George and the Man in the Yellow Hat and a library scavenger hunt, where participants had the chance to win \$25.00 gas cards from the Parting Ways Service Station.

The library also holds programs for adults. A Knitters Circle meets twice a month, led by staff member Denise Charland. A Reader's Group meets once a month to discuss a book selected by the members. We are grateful to Jean Stripinis, for the many hours that she volunteers as program leader. All are welcome to join these groups.

In addition to our regularly scheduled meetings, we held several adult programs geared to educate the public about a topic. We hosted Mike Kennedy, a Reverse Mortgage Consultant from Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, who presented a workshop on reverse mortgages. In addition, Attorney Michelle Beneski conducted a free workshop on some of the little known benefits to veterans.

All programming is made possible by the generous donation of money and time from the Friends of the Acushnet Public Library. We are grateful to them for their hard work and dedication throughout the year.

The library Director and Board of Trustees again worked to accomplish necessary repairs to the building this year through a façade restoration project. The intent of the project was to stop the intrusion of water and prevent any further damage to the building. The outer masonry surfaces that had once been damaged by water penetration are now repaired, cleaned and coated with a breathable sealer. The failed masonry joints of the front and rear stairs have been repaired. The exterior windows, trim and columns on the front portico have been repainted. We have also been able to repair the water damaged areas on the interior of lower level of the library, making it fully functional for its intended use. Again, we thank the Community Preservation Committee for their assistance with this project. We truly appreciate being able to protect Mr. Russell's gift to the town, which was both generous and foresighted so many years ago. This building will still have value as a landmark of this thriving community, even if it no longer houses the library's collection.

For many years, it has been recognized that the Russell Memorial Library building at its current location has not been able to adequately service the residents of Acushnet. The lack of space affects all areas of library services. The age, size and location of the building create a number of problems including: inadequate shelf space, overcrowding and lack of seating, no handicapped accessibility, inadequate restroom facilities, limited parking and more.

The modern town library, however, should not simply be a repository for books, magazines and videos, but instead should act as a valuable resource for residents. Library personnel are trained to help library users gain access to information quickly and accurately for both practical purposes and for pleasure. The library should be a community focal point where townspeople can meet each other spontaneously and participate in public discourse about community issues. In addition, a town library needs to provide adequate space for community meetings and programs. The current structure can no longer house the collection or provide the services required by the growing population of Acushnet; it is a continuing challenge to meet the goals set forth in our mission statement.

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. The SAILS system allows users with an internet connection to search the catalog, reserve materials, check on holds, items out, and even renew from home.

The Library is also 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 2008. Required: a Director with a Master's Degree in Library Studies from an accredited institution and certification by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners; a minimum of 40 hours open per week; a minimum of 16% of the total budget expended on materials; a municipal appropriation that increases by 2½% each year over a 3 year average. Certification entitles Acushnet residents to borrow materials from other Massachusetts libraries and qualifies the Town to apply for state aid and state grants to libraries – these elements allow the library to provide residents with a wider variety of materials, and also assist the library in providing additional services.

We also thank the businesses, organizations, and individuals who fund our summer reading program, The Parting of the Ways Beautification Committee for plantings and holiday decorations and the many 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
James Knox
Kristen Leotti, Chair
Jeanne Poulin
Henry Preston
Anne Verissimo, Secretary

and Science Study (TIMSS) report. This year, Massachusetts was added to the TIMSS report as if it was its own separate country. TIMSS is an international math and science assessment administered every four years to a sampling of 4th and 8th grade students in participating nations around the world. When comparing the results of Massachusetts students to the other countries tested, Massachusetts ranked second worldwide in science (behind only Singapore) and tied for third in mathematics (behind only Hong Kong and Singapore). Massachusetts eighth graders tied for first in science (with Singapore, Chinese Taipei, Japan, and the Republic of Korea) and ranked sixth in mathematics (behind Chinese Taipei, the Republic of Korea, Singapore, Hong Kong, and Japan).

The No Child Left Behind Act requires that all students reach proficiency in mathematics and English/language arts by the year 2014. Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) reports show the progress schools and districts are making toward having all students reach this goal. In Massachusetts' case, proficiency is demonstrated by a score of 240 on the MCAS. The No Child Left Behind Act makes provisions for schools that do not demonstrate adequate yearly progress. Those that do not meet AYP for two years in a row are identified as schools in need of improvement and are subject to immediate interventions by the state's Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

The Acushnet Elementary School failed to exceed the state performance target or the improvement target for special education students for two consecutive years, which has now put the school in year one of improvement status. By law, the elementary school is now required to provide parent/guardian notification of the improvement status, spend a portion of Title I monies on professional development, and offer school choice within the district. Both the Albert F. Ford Middle School and the district as a whole have avoided this improvement status label up to this point.

The district continued to conduct data analysis of the MCAS results and enhanced and developed curriculum in 2008. Subject area and grade level teams at both schools met to identify student weaknesses for different student populations and subject areas. These actions culminated in an MCAS Data Analysis Report. Curriculum, instruction, professional development, school budgets, and academic support for students were all influenced by this report. Curriculum in virtually all areas of study at the Ford Middle School has been presented and approved by the school committee in 2008. For each course of study, the approved curriculums are comprehensive and in line with the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks. Each curriculum contains benchmarks or outcomes of what students should be able to do upon the completion of a particular grade; a curriculum map, which is a general overview of the subject for the entire year per grade level; and a curriculum guide, which includes a breakdown of the Massachusetts standards to be taught, objectives, learning activities, time frame, text resources and materials, and assessments of each unit. The elementary school will be unveiling a new mathematics and science curriculum in the early part of 2009.

The professional development committee met regularly and continued to enhance the district's professional development plan. The professional development committee added a "PDP Quick Reference Guide" to the professional development plan, which offers a brief, but in-depth, overview of the various ways that a teacher may accrue professional development points. Teachers are required to recertify every five years once they have

obtained professional certification. During those five years, they are required to obtain 120 professional development points in their primary certification area or 30 additional professional development points if they have additional professional certifications in order to recertify. Second, the professional development committee included this year's professional development day agendas in the plan. These agendas are included in the plan, so the district may accurately document its professional development offerings from year to year. Finally, the professional development committee constructed a survey and disseminated it to the staff members to gain feedback on the kinds of topics they would like to be made available during the professional development days. This survey, which was displayed in the professional development plan, helped to drive the decisions as to what was offered to the staff at the district's professional development days. The district offered several workshops during its scheduled professional development days, including: behavior management, using the Safari Video System, math journals and problem solving, team teaching, meeting the needs of autism, and project-based learning.

The Acushnet Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO) continues to play an important role in the success of our schools. Members of the PTO continue to donate many hours of their time volunteering for school events and organizing and administering PTO-sponsored events. Their annual fundraiser continues to provide the district with monies for field trips and special events for Acushnet students. In addition, the PTO was able to raise funds in order to augment after school programming at the Ford Middle School. Some of the programs that the PTO funded were boys and girls basketball, an exercise club, yearbook club, literature club, etc. The funding of these programs was much needed as late busses and all afterschool programs, save for the National Junior Honor Society, were eliminated from the active budget due to budget constraints.

In an effort to reduce energy consumption, the Acushnet Public Schools Energy Task Force was formed in 2008. The main short-term goal of this task force was to reduce energy consumption in the Acushnet Public Schools by at least ten percent by the end of the 2008-2009 school year and to maintain and/or continue to reduce the achieved level of consumption thereafter. The long-term goal was to reduce energy consumption in the Acushnet Public Schools by investigating and potentially implementing alternative sources of energy. This task force gathered past energy consumption data for all schools and used it to benchmark school energy performance in Energy Star's Portfolio Manager. Operational guidelines for the staff were developed and an Energy Conservation Plan and Policy were developed and approved by the school committee.

Lastly, several school committee policies were revised or adopted in 2008. These policies include: IGBHA English Language Education Program, IKF Awarding Certificates for Grade 8, JFABD Homeless Students Enrollment Rights and Services, JEBA Kindergarten Tuition, KCD Public Gifts to the Schools, IGBI Preschool, BDFA School Councils, GCBF Employment of Principals, BD Regular Meetings, JECB Admission of Students, KI Visitors to Schools, JECB-E Statement of Residency, IICA Field Trip and Excursions, IICA-E1 Field Trip Request Form, IICA-E Permission Slip for Field Trip, IML/JRE Notices From Schools, JP Student Gifts and Solicitations, KHA Solicitations and Fundraising, KHB Advertising in the Schools, and FD Energy Management Conservation.

Albert F. Ford Middle School:

At Albert F. Ford Middle School, the staff continued with initiatives that would bolster academic achievement. The use of the Study Island, Accelerated Reader, and Accelerated Math educational technology programs continued to be important adjuncts to the general curriculum. In addition, each subject area team constructed new curriculum guides and teachers used MCAS data to help improve instruction.

The Ford Middle School once again met its adequate yearly progress for both math and English/language arts as defined by the No Child Left Behind Act, by achieving a rating of “Very High” in English/language arts and “High” in mathematics. This is quite an achievement when one considers that 75 percent of all middle schools in Massachusetts did not meet adequate yearly progress in 2008.

The Ford Middle School staff has undergone minor changes, with the departure of two veteran teachers, with Mary Beth Soares (mathematics) and Linda Oggenfuss (science) both retiring. Several teachers filled vacancies due to retirement, transfer, or resignation. These teachers included: Matthew Donovan (science), Monica Landis (special education), and Ann Costa (computers). One mathematics position was eliminated due to budget constraints.

Acushnet Elementary School:

In 2008, there were several staffing changes at the Acushnet Elementary School (AES). At the end of the 2007-2008 school year, both Susan Pritchard (grade 2 teacher), and Carol Robinson (speech and language pathologist) retired. In addition, Virginia Cutler retired from the position of AES principal after serving in the position for approximately four years. To fill those retirements and fill openings left by teachers who had left the district or moved to another grade level, AES was pleased to welcome: Kasie Fernald, grade 2 teacher, Patricia Carlson, grade 2 special education teacher, and Kathleen Kelley, grade 2 classroom teacher and Reading Recovery teacher. Virginia Cutler’s vacant principal position was filled by Jennifer Cummings, who was hired after serving as assistant principal/curriculum coordinator for two years. Subsequently, Susan Beck filled Jennifer Cummings’ position.

Raising student achievement continued to be an important focus at AES. Kathleen Kelley, grade 2 teacher, participated in Reading Recovery training in order to provide reading services to students in grade 1, along with her teaching partner, Melissa Desjardins. New programs for monitoring student progress in reading were piloted by Kathleen Hickey, reading specialist, as well as several teachers. For the first time, parent-teacher conferences were held for two days in November, giving parents and staff an opportunity to come together to have individualized time to discuss student progress in the classroom.

In addition to academics, the students of the school also enjoyed a variety of field trips and programs. Each grade had specific learning experiences at varied locations, including: Mad Science Simple Machines (grade 2, in school), String Quartet Holiday Performance (all grades, in school), Buttonwood Park and Zoo (grade 1), pumpkin picking at Keith’s Pumpkin Patch (grades 1 and PK), the Roger Williams Park Zoo (grade 2), Native American learning days at the New Bedford Rod and Gun Club (grade

3), and the Rhode Island Philharmonic Orchestra at Veterans Memorial Amphitheatre (grade 4), and Plimouth Plantation (grade 3). The students were all fortunate to be able to participate in these enrichment activities.

In 2008, the staff and students of the school worked together to make a difference in the community. From the beginning of the year, several community members joined our students to teach them more about our communities and our economy through the Junior Achievement program. In November, AES cooperated with Boy Scout Troop 51 and hosted a Thanksgiving food drive. Donations were received and were given to local families and charitable organizations. In December, the staff contributed toward a "Giving Tree" to support local families, and a toy collection was held to collect new toys for donation to local charities. The support of the staff, students and their families was tremendous and demonstrated, once again, the generous nature of the AES community.

Special Education:

As a result of the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education's Coordinated Program Review in April 2007, Corrective Action Plan Progress Reports were written in January 2008, July 2008 and November 2008. The Acushnet Public School District was notified on November 12, 2008 that all Special Education, Civil Rights and English Language Learner criteria were approved and fully implemented. All school districts in Massachusetts are required to go through such a review every six years. Acushnet's Mid-Cycle Review is anticipated to occur in April 2010.

The director also applied for and the district received \$30,348 in extraordinary relief for Circuit Breaker for FY08. The director applied for and the district is expected to receive \$304,468 in Circuit Breaker reimbursement for FY09.

The director serves as a member of the Southeastern Massachusetts Educational Collaborative Steering Committee, a group that discusses and proposes programs that would be beneficial to the collaborative member districts.

The Acushnet-Fairhaven Special Education Parent Advisory Council met four times during 2008 to review special education regulations and discuss areas of interest and concern to the parents. Topics of meetings were 1) open forum for concerns 2) a presentation on Supporting Families of Children with Autism Spectrum Disorders by Lisa L. Roy, Acushnet Public Schools Speech and Language Pathologist 3) a presentation on Introduction to Functional Behavior Assessments and Behavior Intervention Plans by Michelle Ferreira, Fairhaven Public Schools School Psychologist 4) a presentation on Parents, Students and Schools as Partners: Rights and Responsibilities in Special Education led by the Acushnet Public Schools Special Education Director and the Fairhaven Public Schools Special Education Director.

Grants:

The district applied for and received entitlement grants from the Federal government totaling \$161,348 in FY09. This was an increase of \$56,697 from the previous fiscal year. The entitlement grants consist of Titles I, II-A, II-D, and IV. No monies were allocated for Title V this year. Title I monies increased dramatically from the previous year due to the fact that the federal government used new census data to compile the

FY09 allocation. As a result, enough money was made available to hire a part-time Title I teacher to go along with the two Title I teachers historically paid for by this grant. These teachers provide reading skill development at the elementary school. Title II-A (Teacher Quality) funds are used to help support professional development for teachers and paraprofessionals and the district's mentor program. Title II-D funds will be used to help fund an afterschool tutoring program at the elementary school and Title IV (Safe and Drug Free Schools) will be used to help enhance the Second Step Violence Prevention Program.

The special education director applied for and received three grants for FY09. The Federal Special Education Entitlement Grant 240 brings \$245,911 to the district's special education program. The Department of Early Education and Care's Early Childhood Special Education Grant 262 brings \$6,588 to the Acushnet Elementary School preschool program. The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education's (DESE) Special Education Program Improvement Grant 274 brings \$3,571 for special education professional development initiatives. Unfortunately, DESE has announced that this is the last year that this grant will be funded.

Once again, the district applied and received two competitive grants from the state: Early Intervention Literacy and Kindergarten Enhancement. The Early Intervention Literacy grant monies were used towards the salary of one of the Reading Recovery teachers, and the Kindergarten Enhancement grant helps to support our full-day kindergarten program by offsetting salary and supply costs for the program.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen R. Donovan
Superintendent of Schools

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ACUSHNET AT A GLANCE

Incorporated: February 13, 1860

Type of Government: Open Town Meeting

Population: 10,293

10,129 (State Census)

Total Valuation:

Class 1 and 2 Tax Rate: \$9.25 per \$1,000 (Fiscal Year 2008)

Class 3 and 4 Tax Rate: \$11.24 per \$1,000 (Fiscal Year 2008)

Registered Voters: 7,545

Total Area: 18 Square Miles

Churches: 6

Public Schools: 2

Parochial Schools: 1

Regional School: 1

Principal Industries:

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

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Annual Election of Officers: 1st Monday in April

Annual Town Meeting: 4th Monday in April