



TOWN RECORDS AND REPORTS

of the

TOWN OF ACUSHNET

MASSACHUSETTS

For the

Year Ending December 31, 2016

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
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

www.acushnet.ma.us

**In Memoriam
2016**

Walter Dalton

Cultural Council

Date of Death – March 5, 2016

Richard E. Gula

Zoning Board of Appeals

Conservation Commission

Date of Death – April 7, 2016

Constance Carr

Beautification Committee

Date of Death – May 10, 2016

David W. Grenon

Board of Public Works

Date of Death – June 2, 2016

*“There is nothing I admire more than someone planting trees
under whose shade they may never get to sit.”*

...The Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel

TOWN OFFICERS 2016

Town Clerk

Pamela A. Labonte

Term Expires 2017

Board of Selectmen

Garry L. Rawcliffe, Chairman

Term Expires 2017

Kevin Gaspar, Sr.

Term Expires 2018

Michael A. Cioper

Term Expires 2019

Board of Assessors

Marc F. Cenerizio, Chairman

Term Expires 2017

Matthew D. Lopes

Term Expires 2018

Liberio DaSilva Soares

Term Expires 2019

Board of Health

Robert Medeiros, Chairman

Term Expires 2017

David M. Davignon

Term Expires 2018

Thomas J. Fortin

Term Expires 2019

School Committee

Christopher S. Green, Chairman

Term Expires 2018

David Michael DeTerra

Term Expires 2017

Jody J. Tavares

Term Expires 2017

Sarah Ann Gomes

Term Expires 2019

Erin K. Ptaszenski

Term Expires 2019

Commissioner of Trust Funds

Marc E. Laplante, Chairman

Term Expires 2019

Leo M. Rousseau

Term Expires 2017

Ivo M. Almeida

Term Expires 2018

Trustees of Free Public Library

Kristen E. Leotti, Chairwoman

Term Expires 2019

Henry T. Preston

Term Expires 2017

Simonne L. Coutinho (Resigned – July 31, 2016)

Term Expires 2017

Joan M. Howland (Appointed – November 4, 2016)

Term Expires 2017

Diane Ferreira

Term Expires 2018

Jean S. Stripinis

Term Expires 2018

Nancy A. Francis

Term Expires 2019

Cemetery Board

Paul H. Fortin, Chairman	Term Expires 2018
Joanne K. Cioper	Term Expires 2017
Charlene Fortin	Term Expires 2019

Park Commissioners

Chad W. Leclair, Chairman	Term Expires 2018
Robert St. Jean Jr.	Term Expires 2017
Christopher P. Anderson	Term Expires 2019

Housing Authority

Rene Racine, Chairman	Term Expires 2021
Lawrence P. Mulvey	Term Expires 2017
Nicholas A. Gomes (Governor's Appointee)	
(Resigned - November 8, 2016)	Term Expires 2018
Vacancy (Governor's Appointee - for remainder of unexpired term)	Term Expires 2018
James S. Madruga, Jr. (Resigned - October 30, 2016)	Term Expires 2019
Vacancy (For remainder of unexpired term)	Term Expires 2019
Isabel M. Sousa	
(Elected – for remainder of unexpired term ending 2020)	Term Expires 2020

Planning Board

Marc F. Cenerizio, Chairman	Term Expires 2017
Richard P. Forand	Term Expires 2018
Richard A. Ellis	Term Expires 2019
Philip A. Mello	Term Expires 2020
Mark M. DeSilva, Sr.	Term Expires 2021

Moderator

Robert E. Francis	Term Expires 2017
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Tree Warden

Raymond F. Barlow	Term Expires 2017
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Town Oaths Administrated by Pamela Labonte, Town Clerk “2016”

<u>Name</u>	<u>Office</u>	<u>Date of Election, Appointment, or Resignation</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>	<u>Date Sworn In</u>
John P. Abaray, Jr.	Golf Management & Operational Comm.	Appt. 5/01/16	5/01/17	5/03/16
Frank J. Adesso	Constable	Appt. 4/25/16	5/01/19	6/22/16
Jamie P. Alves	Cultural Council	Appt. 4/25/16	5/01/19	5/24/16
Michael G. Alves	Police Station Subcommittee (Police Chief)	Appt. 12/05/16	Upon Completion	12/19/16
Michael G. Alves	Safety Committee	Appt. 4/25/16	5/01/17	12/19/16
Michael G. Alves	Street Naming Committee	Appt. 5/01/16	5/01/17	12/19/16
Christopher P. Anderson	Park Commission	Elected 4/04/16	4/01/19	5/04/16
Catherine L. Audette	Election Inspector	Appt. 5/03/16	5/01/17	5/11/16
Louise Benoit	Election Inspector	Appt. 4/25/16	5/01/17	5/06/16
Gerard A. J. Bergeron	EMA Director	Appt. 4/25/16	5/01/17	5/09/16
Deborah J. Blasziez	Beautification Committee	Appt. 5/09/16	5/01/17	5/27/16
Michael R. Boucher	Finance Committee	Appt. 6/15/15	5/01/18	1/20/16
Evelyn L. Bouley	Community Preservation Committee	Appt. 4/25/16	5/01/19	5/17/16
Evelyn L. Bouley	Conservation Commission	Appt. 1/20/16	5/01/19	2/10/16
Evelyn L. Bouley	Old Colony Regional Voc. Tech High School District School Comm.	5/09/16	4/30/19	5/17/16

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Robert F. Brown	Board of Appeals (Alternate)	10/24/16	5/01/17	12/15/16
Kelly E. Burishkin	Beautification Committee	Appt. 6/20/16	5/01/17	6/27/16
Marc F. Cenerizio	Board of Appeals	Appt. 4/25/16	5/01/21	5/04/16
Marc F. Cenerizio	Open Space Committee	Appt. 4/25/16	5/01/17	5/04/16
Marc F. Cenerizio	Phase II Stormwater Committee	Appt. 4/25/16	5/01/17	5/04/16
Marc F. Cenerizio	Soil Board (Planning)	Appt. 4/25/16	5/01/17	5/04/16
Marc F. Cenerizio	Town Administrator Search Committee	Appt. 3/28/16	Upon Completion	4/05/16
Joanne K. Cioper	Election Inspector	Appt. 4/25/16	5/01/17	5/04/16
Joanne K. Cioper	Town Meeting Teller	Appt. 8/24/16	6/30/17	8/30/16
Michael A. Cioper	Board of Selectmen	Elected 4/04/16	4/01/19	4/05/16
Michael A. Cioper	By-Law Review Committee	Appt. 8/10/16	5/01/17	---*
Michael A. Cioper	Lake Street Improvement Committee	Appt. 5/10/16	Upon Completion	---*
Paula Rossi Clapp	Council on Aging Director	Appt. 4/25/16	5/01/19	5/04/16
Lillian R. Contois	Election Warden	Appt. 5/01/15	5/01/16	1/04/16
Lillian R. Contois	Election Warden	Appt. 4/25/16	5/01/17	5/02/16
Gary S. Coppa	Lake Street Improvement Committee	Appt. 2/05/15	Upon Completion	1/12/16

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Douglas Coray	Town Administrator Search Committee	Appt. 3/28/16	Until Completion	8/03/16
Ronald T. Cormier	Veterans Agent	Appt. 5/01/16	5/01/17	5/02/16
Joseph Correia	Phase II Stormwater Committee	Appt. 5/01/15	5/01/16	---*
Joseph Correia	Soil Conservation Board	Appt. 5/01/15	5/01/16	---*
Andrea Corrie	Election Inspector	Appt. 4/25/16	5/01/17	5/02/16
David F. Costa	Board of Appeals (Alternate)	Appt. 5/09/16	5/01/17	5/16/16
Kristie A. Costa	Tax Title Custodian	Appt. 4/25/16	5/01/17	---*
Pauline I. Cote	Council on Aging	Appt. 4/25/16	5/01/19	4/29/16
Simonne L. Coutinho	Trustee of Free Public Library	Resigned 7/31/16	4/03/17	4/28/14
Dianna Couto	Election Warden	Appt. 5/01/16	5/01/17	6/08/16
Nathan P. Darling	Deputy Building Inspector	Appt. 4/25/16	5/01/17	6/07/16
David M. Davignon	Housing Partnership Committee (BOH)	Appt. 5/01/16	5/01/17	6/28/16
David M. Davignon	Town Administrator Search Committee (BOH)	Appt. 3/28/16	Until Completion	6/28/16
Thomas J. DeCosta	Deputy Wire Inspector	Appt. 4/25/16	5/01/17	---*
Irene N. Decotis	Temporary Assistant Registrar	Appt. 1/21/16	1/20/17	1/27/16
Diana I. DeFrias	Council on Aging	Appt. 4/28/16	5/01/19	4/29/16
Diana I. DeFrias	Election Inspector	Appt. 3/28/16	5/01/17	4/04/16

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Susan M. Delgado	Finance Committee	Appt. 6/15/15	5/01/18	1/13/16
Mark M. DeSilva, Sr.	Planning Commission	Elected 4/04/16	4/05/21	7/08/16
Louise M. Desroches	Election Inspector	Appt. 5/01/16	5/01/17	9/08/16
Louise M. Desroches	Election Inspector	Appt. 5/01/15	5/01/16	2/24/16
Louise M. Desroches	Town Meeting Teller	Appt. 7/30/14	6/30/17	2/24/16
David M. DeTerra	School Committee	Elected 4/07/14	4/03/17	1/07/16
David M. DeTerra	Town Administrator Search Committee (School Comm. Designee)	Appt. 3/28/16	Upon Completion	5/04/16
Jeanne L. Duggan	Election Inspector	Appt. 4/25/16	5/01/17	9/08/16
Barbara Joan Dupuis	Beautification Committee	Appt. 4/25/16	5/01/17	5/02/16
Diane Ferreira	Election Clerk	Appt. 4/25/16	5/01/17	5/02/16
Robert A. Ferreira	Finance Committee	Appt. 6/22/16	5/01/19	---*
Robert A. Ferreira	Golf Management & Operational Comm. (Finance Comm. Rep)	Appt. 4/25/16	5/01/17	5/02/16
Sarah Fitzgerald	Tilcon Capaldi PJ Keating - Weigher	Appt. 4/25/16	5/01/17	---*
David M. Flynn	Golf Management & Operational Comm.	Appt. 5/01/16	5/01/17	5/24/16
Donna G. Forand	Election Inspector	Appt. 4/25/16	5/01/17	4/29/16

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Donna G. Forand	Town Meeting Teller	Appt. 8/24/16	6/30/17	8/30/16
Carolyn C. Fortin	Election Clerk	Appt. 4/25/16	5/01/17	9/08/16
Carolyn C. Fortin	Election Clerk	Appt. 5/01/15	5/01/16	1/07/16
Charlene Fortin	Cemetery Board	Elected 4/04/16	4/01/19	5/03/16
Thomas J. Fortin	Board of Health	Elected 4/04/16	4/01/19	5/02/16
Joanne Fournier	Election Inspector	Appt. 4/25/16	5/01/17	5/09/16
Joanne Fournier	Election Inspector	Appt. 5/01/15	5/01/16	5/09/16
Nancy A. Francis	Trustee of Free Public Library	Elected 4/04/16	4/01/19	4/07/16
Nancy Franco	Tilcon Capaldi PJ Keating - Weigher	Appt. 4/25/16	5/01/17	---*
Kevin A. Gallagher	Forest Warden	Appt. 4/25/16	5/01/17	---*
Kevin A. Gallagher	Forest Warden	Appt. 5/01/15	5/01/16	1/07/16
Kevin A. Gallagher	Inspector of Garages	Appt. 5/01/15	5/01/16	1/07/16
Kevin A. Gallagher	Safety Committee	Appt. 5/01/16	5/01/17	---*
Kevin A. Gallagher	Safety Committee	Appt. 5/01/15	5/01/16	1/07/16
Kevin A. Gallagher	Street Naming Committee	Appt. 5/01/15	5/01/16	1/07/16
Kevin Gaspar, Sr.	Housing Partnership Committee	Appt. 4/25/16	5/01/17	---*
Kevin Gaspar, Sr.	Housing Partnership Committee	Appt. 5/01/15	5/01/16	1/05/16

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Robert S. Gilmore, Jr	Agricultural Commission	Appt. 10/24/16	5/01/18	10/27/16
Robert S. Gilmore, Jr.	Historical Commission	Appt. 3/28/16	5/01/19	4/01/16
Nicholas A. Gomes	Housing Partnership Committee	Appt. 4/25/16	5/01/17	---*
Nicholas A. Gomes	Housing Partnership Committee	Appt. 5/01/15	5/01/16	1/20/16
Nicholas A. Gomes	Housing Authority	Resigned 11/08/16	1/29/18	11/5/13
Sarah A. Gomes	School Committee	Elected 4/04/16	4/01/19	4/06/16
Nicholas A. Gomes	Housing Authority	Resigned 11/08/16	1/29/18	12/27/13
Maria Goncalves	Agricultural Commission	Appt. 4/25/16	5/01/19	5/02/16
Manuel A. Goulart	Golf Management & Operational Comm. (Business Comm. Rep)	Appt. 5/01/16	5/01/17	5/04/16
Russell W. Goyette	Election Inspector	Appt. 4/25/16	5/01/17	5/20/16
Frank C. Grace	Community Preservation Committee (Resident)	Appt. 6/01/15	5/01/18	---*
Frank C. Grace	Historical Commission	Appt. 5/01/14	5/01/17	---*
Carol E. Gravanis	Election Inspector	Appt. 4/25/16	5/01/17	5/16/16
Christopher S. Green	Conservation Commission	Appt. 4/25/16	5/01/19	8/03/16
Christopher S. Green	Conservation Commission	Resigned 10/4/16	5/1/19	8/03/16
Linda C. Guilbeault	Council on Aging	Appt. 4/25/16	5/01/19	5/02/16

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Robert Hall	Historical Commission	Appt. 4/22/16	5/01/19	5/06/16
Scott E. Harding	Historical Commission	Appt. 3/28/16	5/01/19	3/31/16
Marie M. Hardy	Election Inspector	Appt. 4/25/16	5/01/17	5/04/16
Marie M. Hardy	Election Inspector	Resigned 8/15/16	5/01/17	5/04/16
Lauren Macy Holiday	Cultural Council	Appt. 5/09/16	5/01/19	6/07/16
John C. Howcroft	By-Law Review Committee (Alternate)	Appt. 4/25/16	5/01/17	8/08/16
John C. Howcroft	Finance Committee	Appt. 2/29/16	5/01/19	3/02/16
Joan M. Howland	Trustee of Free Public Library	Appt. 11/04/16	4/02/17	12/12/16
Paulette J. Hudson	Election Inspector	Appt. 4/25/16	5/01/17	6/03/16
Edward J. Isaac	Golf Management & Operational Comm. (Member –At- Large)	Appt. 5/01/16	5/01/17	5/17/16
Eric W. James	Beautification Committee	Appt. 5/01/15	5/01/16	---*
Frank A. Knox	Wire Inspector	Appt. 4/25/16	5/01/17	---*
Pamela A. Labonte	By-Law Review Committee	Appt. 5/02/16	5/01/17	---*
Donna M. LaBrode	Election Inspector	Appt. 2/23/16	5/01/17	2/26/16
Marc E. Laplante	Commissioner of Trust Funds	Elected 4/04/16	4/01/19	4/11/16
Marc E. Laplante	Constable	Appt. 4/25/16	5/01/19	4/29/16

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Rick Leaver	Tilson Capaldi PJ Keating - Weigher	Appt. 5/01/15	5/01/16	---*
Kristen E. Leotti	Town Administrator Search Committee (Library Trustee)	Appt. 3/28/16	Upon Completion	4/07/16
Mary A. Lebeau	Election Clerk	Appt. 4/25/16	5/01/17	5/03/16
Mary A. Lebeau	Election Clerk	Resigned 9/06/16	5/01/17	5/03/16
Raymond F. Leblanc	By-Law Review Committee	Appt. 4/25/16	5/01/17	5/24/16
Kristen E. Leotti	Trustee of Free Public Library	Elected 4/04/16	4/01/19	4/07/16
William R. Lima	LNG Advisory Committee	Appt. 3/14/16	Upon Completion	3/28/16
Thomas D. Long	Police Dept.	Appt. 5/04/2016	---	5/04/16
James S. Madruga, Jr.	Housing Authority	Resigned 10/30/16	4/01/19	4/09/15
Theodore Machado	Sealer of Weights and Measures	Appt. 4/25/16	5/01/17	---*
Dennis D. Maltais	LNG Advisory Committee	Appt. 3/14/16	Upon Completion	3/28/16
James A. Marot	By-Law Review Committee	Appt. 4/25/16	5/01/17	12/2016
James A. Marot	Energy Committee	Appt. 4/25/16	5/01/17	12/20/16
James A. Marot	Enforcement Agent for the BOS	Appt. 4/25/16	5/01/17	12/20/16
James A. Marot	Phase II Stormwater Committee	Appt. 5/01/16	5/01/17	12/20/16
James A. Marot	Police Station Subcommittee (Building Inspector)	Appt. 12/05/16	Upon Completion	12/20/16

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James A. Marot	Portable Sign Committee	Appt. 5/01/16	5/01/17	12/20/16
James A. Marot	Safety Committee	Appt. 5/02/16	5/01/17	12/20/16
Anne C. Marshall	Beautification Committee	Appt. 9/14/16	5/01/17	9/19/16
Kelly M. Massey	Asst. Animal Control Officer/ Inspector of Animals	Appt. 4/25/16	5/01/17	---*
Eileen M. Medeiros	Election Inspector	Appt. 3/28/16	5/01/17	3/3/0//16
Eileen M. Medeiros	Election Inspector	Resigned 8/11/16	5/01/17	3/30/16
Robert Medeiros	Deputy Shellfish Warden Harbor Master	Appt. 4/25/16	5/01/17	5/23/16
Robert Medeiros	Soil Board (Board of Health)	Appt. 4/25/16	5/01/17	5/23/16
Daniel M. Menard	Housing Partnership Committee (DPW)	Appt. 5/01/16	5/01/17	---*
Daniel M. Menard	Housing Partnership Committee (DPW)	Appt. 5/01/15	5/01/16	---*
Daniel M. Menard	Moth Superintendent/ Inspector of Pest Control	Appt. 5/01/16	5/01/17	---*
Daniel M. Menard	Moth Superintendent/ Inspector of Pest Control	Appt. 5/01/15	5/01/16	---*
Daniel M. Menard	Phase II Stormwater Committee	Appt. 5/01/16	5/01/17	---*
Daniel M. Menard	Phase II Stormwater Committee	Appt. 5/01/15	5/01/16	---*

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Daniel M. Menard	Safety Committee	Appt. 5/01/16	5/01/17	---*
Daniel M. Menard	Safety Committee	Appt. 5/01/15	5/01/16	---*
Daniel M. Menard	Soil Conservation Board	Appt. 4/25/16	5/01/17	---*
Daniel M. Menard	Soil Conservation Board	Appt. 5/01/15	5/01/16	---*
Daniel M. Menard	Special Police Officer for NB Water Works	Appt. 5/01/16	5/01/17	---*
Daniel M. Menard	Special Police Officer for NB Water Works	Appt. 5/01/15	5/01/16	---*
Bruce Miranda	Tilcon Capaldi PJ Keating - Weigher	Appt. 4/25/16	5/01/17	---*
Marcia R. Mitchell	Council on Aging	Appt. 6/20/16	5/01/19	6/28/16
Claudio M. Moco	Tilcon Capaldi PJ Keating - Weigher	Appt. 4/25/16	5/01/17	---*
Maria M. Moore	Election Warden	Appt. 4/25/16	5/01/17	9/08/16
Margaret M. Mota	Election Inspector	Appt. 4/25/16	5/01/17	9/06/16
Lawrence P. Mulvey	Community Preservation Committee (Housing Authority)	Appt. 4/25/16	5/01/19	5/03/16
Jennifer Oliveira	Tilcon Capaldi PJ Keating - Weigher	Appt. 4/25/16	5/01/17	---*
Heidi Lynn Pelletier	Community Preservation Committee	Appt. 4/25/16	5/01/19	5/10/16

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Paul C. Pelletier	LNG Advisory Committee	Appt. 3/14/16	Upon Completion	3/29/16
Scott Perdigao	Assistant Herring Warden	Appt. 4/25/16	5/01/17	---*
Scott Perdigao	Assistant Herring Warden	Appt. 5/01/15	5/01/16	---*
Victor J. Pereira	Deputy Wire Inspector	Appt. 4/25/16	5/01/17	---*
Alan Perry II	Board of Appeals (Alternate)	Appt. 4/25/16	5/01/17	---*
Alan Perry II	Board of Appeals (Alternate)	Resigned 7/11/16	5/01/17	---*
Susan I. Perry	Election Inspector	Appt. 3/28/16	5/01/17	3/30/16
Gail Perzentz	Election Inspector	Appt. 3/28/16	5/01/17	3/30/16
Gail Perzentz	Town Meeting Teller	Appt. 8/24/16	6/30/17	8/30/16
Everett C. Philla Jr.	Conservation Commission	Appt. 4/25/16	5/01/19	5/03/16
Everett C. Philla Jr.	Election Inspector	Appt. 4/25/16	5/01/17	5/03/16
Faye M. Philla	Election Warden	Appt. 4/25/16	5/01/17	5/03/16
Anita L. Poitras	Election Inspector	Appt. 2/23/16	5/01/17	2/23/16
Erin K. Ptaszenski	School Committee	Elected 4/04/16	4/01/19	4/08/16
Rene Racine	Housing Authority	Elected 4/04/16	4/05/21	4/05/16
Garry L. Rawcliffe	Soil Conversation Board	Appt. 5/01/16	5/01/17	9/23/16
Roberta Raymond	Election Inspector	Appt. 10/24/16	5/01/17	10/28/16

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Nancy Reddy	Agricultural Commission	Appt. 10/04/16	5/01/19	---*
Joyce A. Reynolds	Community Preservation Committee (Historical Commission)	Appt. 4/25/16	5/01/19	5/17/16
Robert Rocha, Jr.	Open Space Committee	Appt. 4/25/16	5/01/17	5/10/16
Robert Rocha, Jr.	Open Space Committee	Appt. 5/01/15	5/01/16	5/10/16
Leo M. Rousseau	By-Law Review Committee	Appt. 4/25/16	5/01/17	8/08/16
Hailey Roy	Election Inspector	Appt. 4/25/16	5/01/17	---*
Hailey Roy	Election Inspector	Resigned 5/09/16	5/01/17	---*
John E. Roy	Energy Committee	Appt. 4/25/16	5/01/17	6/21/16
John E. Roy	Energy Committee	Appt. 5/01/15	5/01/16	6/21/16
John E. Roy	LNG Advisory Committee	Appt. 3/14/16	Upon Completion	3/28/16
Michael St. Onge	Finance Committee	Appt. 5/09/16	5/01/19	5/17/16
Robert St. Jean	Finance Committee	Appt. 4/25/16	5/01/19	10/17/16
Robert St. Jean	Police Station Subcommittee (Finance Committee)	Appt. 12/05/16	Upon Completion	12/20/16
Priscilla V. Santos	Election Inspector	Appt. 4/25/16	5/01/17	9/06/16
Christopher T. Saulnier	Cultural Council	Appt. 4/25/16	5/01/19	9/08/16

Town Oaths Administrated by Pamela Labonte, Town Clerk “2016”

<u>Name</u>	<u>Office</u>	<u>Date of Election, Appointment, or Resignation</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>	<u>Date Sworn In</u>
Lynn Sigman	Housing Partnership Committee	Appt. 4/25/16	5/01/17	---*
Lynn Sigman	Housing Partnership Committee	Appt. 5/01/15	5/01/16	---*
Liberio D. Soares	Board of Assessors	Elected 4/04/16	4/01/19	7/28/16
Susanne Y. Sounik	Election Inspector	Appt. 4/25/16	5/01/17	9/08/16
Jeanie G. Soucy	Registrar of Voters	Appt. 4/25/16	5/01/19	5/06/16
Susanne Y. Sounik	Election Inspector	Appt. 4/25/16	5/01/17	4/28/16
Isabel M. Sousa	Housing Authority	Elected 4/04/16	4/06/20	4/05/16
Jonathan Souza	Tilcon Capaldi PJ Keating - Weigher	Appt. 4/25/16	5/01/17	---*
Norval A. Stanley III	By-Law Review Committee (Alternate)	Appt. 4/25/16	5/01/17	8/08/16
Norval A. Stanley III	By-Law Review Committee (Alternate)	Appt. 5/01/15	5/01/16	8/08/16
Norval A. Stanley III	By-Law Review Committee (Alternate)	Appt. 5/01/14	5/01/15	8/08/16
Norval A. Stanley III	By-Law Review Committee (Alternate)	Appt. 4/22/13	5/01/14	8/08/16
Norval A. Stanley III	By-Law Review Committee (Alternate)	Appt. 4/23/12	5/01/13	8/08/16
Jody J. Tavares	School Committee	Elected 04/04/16	4/03/17	4/05/16

Town Oaths Administrated by Pamela Labonte, Town Clerk “2016”

<u>Name</u>	<u>Office</u>	<u>Date of Election, Appointment, or Resignation</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>	<u>Date Sworn In</u>
Pauline Teixeira	Council on Aging	Appt. 5/25/16	5/01/19	4/29/16
Pauline Teixeira	Cultural Council	Appt. 5/25/16	5/01/19	4/29/16
Pauline Teixeira	Historical Commission	Appt. 5/25/16	5/01/19	4/29/16
Richard Threlfall	Town Administrator Search Committee (Resident Designee)	Appt. 4/28/16	Upon Completion	5/04/16
Pamela G. Tripp	Election Inspector	Appt. 5/01/16	5/01/17	8/02/16
Rebekah A. Tomlinson	Animal Control Officer Inspector of Animals	Appt. 4/25/16	5/01/17	5/06/16
Kelli A. Tomlinson	Constable	Appt. 4/25/16	5/01/19	---*
Herve W. Vandal, Jr.	Constable	Appt. 5/25/16	5/01/19	4/29/16
Lori M. Walsh	Election Inspector	Appt. 4/25/16	5/01/17	9/06/16
Jeannine B. Watts	Cultural Council	Appt. 4/25/16	5/01/19	5/02/16
Stephen L. Watts	Cultural Council	Appt. 4/25/16	5/01/19	5/02/16
Carol Westgate	By-Law Review Committee	Appt. 4/25/16	5/01/17	5/05/16
Cynda T. Williams	Agricultural Commission	Resigned 9/07/16	5/01/18	5/19/15
David E. Wojnar	Energy Committee	Appt. 5/01/15	5/01/16	4/04/16
David E. Wojnar	Town Administrator Search Committee (BOS)	Appt. 3/28/16	Upon Completion	4/04/16
Joyce Wylie- Scholz	Election Inspector	Appt. 5/01/16	5/01/17	5/02/16

Town Oaths Administrated by Pamela Labonte, Town Clerk “2016”

<u>Name</u>	<u>Office</u>	<u>Date of Election, Appointment, or Resignation</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>	<u>Date Sworn In</u>
Norma York	Agricultural Commission	Appt. 4/25/16	5/01/19	9/28/16
Henry Young	Energy Committee	Appt. 4/25/16	5/01/17	5/24/16
Henry Young	Housing Partnership Committee	Appt. 5/01/16	5/01/17	5/24/16

RESULTS OF THE PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY HELD ON MARCH 1, 2016

Register of Voters as of Close of Registration on February 10, 2016

	CC	Democrat	Green Rainbow	Libertarian	O	Repub	S	T	Unenrolled	Total
Precinct I		760	3	2		162			1239	2166
Precinct II	1	765	1	2		224	1	1	1446	2441
Precinct III		840		3	2	180			1487	2512
Total	1	2365	4	7	2	566	1	1	4172	7119

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 Faye Philla, Warden.

Box register when polls were opened 0.

Number of ballots received 1200 plus 25 Absentee ballots.

(D=700, R=400, GR=50, UIP = 50)

Number of ballots cast from tape 877.

Number of Absentee ballots counted manually 3.

Number of ballots spoiled 18.

Number of Provisional Ballots not cast 0.

Number of Unused ballots returned 327. (Should be 326) *

The following officers were present:

Warden: Faye Philla

Clerk: Carolyn Fortin

Inspectors: Jeanne Duggan, Joanne Cioper, Louise Benoit,
Dorothy Gomes

Police Officers: Danny DeAmaral, Paul Melo

Polls were closed at 8:00 p.m. and the ballot box registered 877.

A true record: Attest:/s/

Carolyn Fortin

Clerk of Election Officers

Attest:

Pamela A. Labonte, 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 Lillian Contois, Warden.

Box register when polls were opened 0.

Number of ballots received 1200 plus 21 Absentee ballots.

(D=700, R=400, GR=50, UIP = 50)

Also, received 35 additional Republican ballots.

Number of ballots cast from tape 948.

Number of Absentee ballots counted manually 0.

Number of ballots spoiled 20.

Number of Provisional ballots not cast 1.

Number of Unused ballots returned 287.

The following officers were present:

Warden: Lillian Contois

Clerk: Diane Ferreira

Inspectors: Donna Forand, Catherine Audette, Russell Goyette,
Anita Poitras, Louise Desroches, Everett Phila

Police Officers: Kristen Tavares, Gene Robinson

Polls were closed at 8:00 p.m. and the ballot box registered 948.

A true record, Attest:/s/ Diane Ferreira
Clerk of Election Officers

Attest: Pamela A. Labonte, Town Clerk

CLERK'S REPORT – PRECINCT III

To the Town Clerk:

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

Polls were opened at 7:00 a.m. by Maria Moore, Warden.

Box register when polls were opened 0.

Number of ballots received 1200 plus 17 Absentee ballots.

(D=700, R=400, GR=50, UIP = 50)

Number of ballots cast from tape 909.

Number of Absentee ballots counted manually 4.
 Number of ballots spoiled 10.
 Number of Provisional ballots not cast 7.
 Number of Unused ballots returned 287. (Should be 286) *

The following officers were present:

Warden: Maria Moore
 Clerk: Mary A. Lebeau
 Inspectors: Susanna Sounik, Pamela Tripp, Priscilla Santos,
 Andrea Corrie, Donna Labrode, Marie Hardy
 Police Officers: Danny DeAmaral, Paul Melo

Polls were closed at 8:00 p.m. and the ballot box registered 909.

A true record, Attest:/s Maria Moore
 Clerk of Election Officers
 Attest: Pamela A. Labonte, Town Clerk

RESULTS OF THE PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY HELD ON MARCH 1, 2016 DEMOCRATIC RESULTS

	<u>PRECINCT I</u>	<u>PRECINCT II</u>	<u>PRECINCT III</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE</u>				
Bernie Sanders	264	243	253	760
Martin O'Malley	1	5		6
Hillary Clinton	269	266	249	784
Roque "Rocky" De La Fuente		1	3	4
No Preference	6	5	3	14
Blanks	5	6	9	20
Write-Ins: (6)				
Donald Trump	4	5	7	16
Trump		2	1	3
Mickey Mouse		1		1
Rubied			1	1

Crux			1	1
Joe Biden			1	1
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>549</u>	<u>534</u>	<u>528</u>	<u>1611</u>

	<u>PRECINCT I</u>	<u>PRECINCT II</u>	<u>PRECINCT III</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>STATE COMMITTEE MAN</u>				
Robert M. Koczera	438	432	419	1289
Blanks	108	100	106	314
Write-Ins: (8)				
Larry Mulvey	1			1
Paul Corbett	1			1
John Mitchell	1			1
Brandon Cabral		1		1
Jake Ribenstein		1		1
Samuel.Grosonann			1	1
Zachary Tillman			1	1
Robert Koczera			1	1
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>549</u>	<u>534</u>	<u>528</u>	<u>1611</u>

	<u>PRECINCT I</u>	<u>PRECINCT II</u>	<u>PRECINCT III</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>STATE COMMITTEE WOMAN</u>				
Lisa M. Lemieux	428	406	399	1233
Blanks	119	127	124	370
Write-Ins: (8)				
Karen Teidad	1			1
John Mitchell	1			1
Brandon Cabral		1		1
Minnie			1	1

Deven Q. Tillman			1	1
Lisa M. Lemieux			1	1
Donald Trump			1	1
Frank Knox			1	1
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>549</u>	<u>534</u>	<u>528</u>	<u>1611</u>

	<u>PRECINCT I</u>	<u>PRECINCT II</u>	<u>PRECINCT III</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>TOWN COMMITTEE</u>				
Blanks	19206	18680	18474	56360
Write-Ins: (9)				
Al Pitsley	1			1
Frank Knox	1			1
Wayne Richmond	1		1	2
Joseph Costa	1			1
James Viera	1			1
Linda Sykes	1			1
Mr. Costa	1			1
Isabelle Sousa	1			1
Michael Acushnet	1			1
Ed Silva		1		1
Group		1		1
David Wojnar		1		1
Connie Preston		1		1
Robert St. Jean		1		1
Robert Lanzoni		1		1
Ruth Brightman		1		1
Paul R. Soucy		1		1
John Howcroft		1		1
Mike Cioper		1		1

Deven Q. Tillman			1	1
Lisa M. Lemieux			1	1
Donald Trump			1	1
Frank Knox			1	1
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>549</u>	<u>534</u>	<u>528</u>	<u>1611</u>

	<u>PRECINCT I</u>	<u>PRECINCT II</u>	<u>PRECINCT III</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>TOWN COMMITTEE</u>				
Blanks	19206	18680	18474	56360
Write-Ins: (9)				
Al Pitsley	1			1
Frank Knox	1			1
Wayne Richmond	1		1	2
Joseph Costa	1			1
James Viera	1			1
Linda Sykes	1			1
Mr. Costa	1			1
Isabelle Sousa	1			1
Michael Acushnet	1			1
Ed Silva		1		1
Group		1		1
David Wojnar		1		1
Connie Preston		1		1
Robert St. Jean		1		1
Robert Lanzoni		1		1
Ruth Brightman		1		1
Paul R. Soucy		1		1
John Howcroft		1		1
Mike Cioper		1		1

Leo M. Rousseau			1	1
Samuel Simoes			1	1
Elaine Tetieault			1	1
Stephen Cabral			1	1
Deven Q. Tillman			1	1
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>19215</u>	<u>18690</u>	<u>18480</u>	<u>56385</u>

**RESULTS OF THE PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY HELD ON MARCH 1, 2016
REPUBLICAN RESULTS**

	<u>PRECINCT I</u>	<u>PRECINCT II</u>	<u>PRECINCT III</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE</u>				
Jim Gilmore		1	1	2
Donald J. Trump	201	262	247	710
Ted Cruz	36	42	30	108
George Pataki				
Ben Carson	20	14	13	47
Mike Huckabee				
Rand Paul	1	1	2	4
Carly Fiorina	1		1	2
Rick Santorum				
Chris Christie			49	
Marco Rubio	49	48		146
Jeb Bush	2			2
John R. Kasich	19	42	38	99
No Preference	2	1	2	5
Blanks			1	1
Write-Ins: (1)				
Hillary Clinton		1		1
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>331</u>	<u>412</u>	<u>384</u>	<u>1127</u>

	<u>PRECINCT I</u>	<u>PRECINCT II</u>	<u>PRECINCT III</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>STATE COMMITTEE MAN</u>				
Brock Cordeiro	217	255	252	724
Blanks	111	156	130	397
Write-Ins: (6)				
Donald Trump	1			1
Richard Lumm	1			1
Mazzeli	1			1
George Clatten Berg		1		1
No Preference			1	1
Bernie Fife			1	1
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>331</u>	<u>412</u>	<u>384</u>	<u>1127</u>

	<u>PRECINCT I</u>	<u>PRECINCT II</u>	<u>PRECINCT III</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>STATE COMMITTEE WOMAN</u>				
Jill Marie Ussach	122	161	148	431
Deborah A. Furtado	136	157	148	441
Blanks	73	94	86	253
Write-Ins: (2)				
No Preference			1	1
Bea Taylor			1	1
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>331</u>	<u>412</u>	<u>384</u>	<u>1127</u>

	<u>PRECINCT I</u>	<u>PRECINCT II</u>	<u>PRECINCT III</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>TOWN COMMITTEE</u>				
Blanks	984	1231	1143	3358
Write-Ins: (19)				
Kristen Hemphill	1			1
Marshall Allen	2			2

Ron Desrosiers	1			1
Tom Fortin	1			1
Doug Fredette	1			1
Donna Coray		1		1
Mike Cioper		1		1
Laura Mitchell		1		1
Les Dakin		1		1
Koczera		1		1
Robert Rocha			1	1
Michael Pike			1	1
John Howcroft			1	1
Alan Coutinho			1	1
David Wojnar			1	1
Paul Mello			1	1
David Machado			1	1
Diane Barlow			1	1
Kyle Moore			1	1
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>990</u>	<u>1236</u>	<u>1152</u>	<u>3378</u>

**RESULTS OF THE PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY HELD ON MARCH 1, 2016
GREEN RAINBOW RESULTS**

	<u>PRECINCT I</u>	<u>PRECINCT II</u>	<u>PRECINCT III</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE</u>				
Sedinam Kinamo Christin Moyowasifza Curry				
Jill Stein	1			1
William P. Kreml				
Kent Mesplay				
Darryl Cherney				
No Preference				

Blanks				
Write-Ins: (1)				
Trump		1		1
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</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
Write-Ins: (0)				
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</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
Write-Ins: (0)				
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2</u>

	<u>PRECINCT I</u>	<u>PRECINCT II</u>	<u>PRECINCT III</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>TOWN COMMITTEE</u>				
Blanks	10	10	10	30
Write-Ins: (0)				
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>30</u>

**RESULTS OF THE PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY HELD ON MARCH 1, 2016
UNITED INDEPENDENT PARTY RESULTS**

	<u>PRECINCT I</u>	<u>PRECINCT II</u>	<u>PRECINCT III</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE</u>				
Blanks			1	1
Write-Ins: (2)				
Trump		1	1	2

Bernie Sanders			3	3
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>

	<u>PRECINCT I</u>	<u>PRECINCT II</u>	<u>PRECINCT III</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>STATE COMMITTEE MAN</u>				
Blanks	0	1	3	4
Write-Ins: (2)				
Mickey Mouse			1	1
No Preference			1	1
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>

	<u>PRECINCT I</u>	<u>PRECINCT II</u>	<u>PRECINCT III</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>STATE COMMITTEE WOMAN</u>				
Blanks	0	1	4	5
Write-Ins: (1)				
No Preference			1	1
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>

	<u>PRECINCT I</u>	<u>PRECINCT II</u>	<u>PRECINCT III</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>TOWN COMMITTEE</u>				
Blanks	10	10	50	70
Write-Ins: (0)				
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>70</u>

Attest:

Pamela A. Labonte, Town Clerk
Percentage of Votes Cast 38%

RESULTS OF THE ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION HELD ON APRIL 4, 2016

Register of Voters Eligible to Vote in the April 4, 2016 Town Election
Final Day of Registration – March 15, 2016

	CC	Democrat	Green Rainbow	Libertarian	Mass Indep. Party	Repub	Socialist	Inter 3 rd Party	Unenrolled	Total
Prec I	1	750	3	2		162			1257	2175
Prec II	2	742	1	3		232	1	1	1472	2454
Prec III	1	822		3	2	184			1523	2535
Total	4	2314	4	8	2	578	1	1	4252	7164

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 Faye Philla, Warden.

Box register when polls were opened 0.

Number of ballots received 700 plus 22 Absentee ballots.

Number of ballots cast from tape 382.

Number of ballots counted manually 2.

Number of ballots spoiled 9.

Number of Provisional Ballots not cast 1.

Number of Unused ballots returned 328.

The following officers were present:

Warden: Faye Philla

Clerk: Pamela Tripp

Inspectors: Andrea Corrie, Susanne Sounik, Susan Perry, Everett Philla,
Priscilla Santos

Police Officers: Kraig Pimental, Ryan Hemphill

Polls were closed at 8:00 p.m. and the ballot box registered 382.

A true record: Attest:/s/ Pamela Tripp

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 Lillian Contois, Warden.
Box register when polls were opened 0.
Number of ballots received 700 plus 11 Absentee ballots.
Number of ballots cast from tape 409.
Number of ballots counted manually 7.
Number of ballots spoiled 13.
Number of Provisional ballots not cast 0.
Number of Unused ballots returned 282.

The following officers were present:

Warden: Lillian Contois
Clerk: Diane Ferreira
Inspectors: Donna Forand, Marie Hardy, Catherine Audette,
Donna Labrode, Russell Goyette, Gail Perzentz
Police Officers: John Bolarinho, Gene Robinson

Polls were closed at 8:00 p.m. and the ballot box registered 409.

A true record, Attest:/s/ Diane Ferreira
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 Maria Moore, Warden.
Box register when polls were opened 0.
Number of ballots received 700 plus 17 Absentee ballots.
Number of ballots cast from tape 419.
Number of ballots counted manually 1.
Number of ballots spoiled 4.
Number of Provisional ballots not cast 0.
Number of Unused ballots returned 293.

The following officers were present:

Warden: Maria Moore
Clerk: Mary Lebeau
Inspectors: Anita Poitras, Louise Desroches, Louise Benoit,
Diana DeFrias, Eileen Medeiros
Police Officers: Kraig Pimental, Ryan Hemphill

Polls were closed at 8:00 p.m. and the ballot box registered 419.

A true record, Attest:/s/ Mary Lebeau (Clerk)
Clerk of Election Officers
Attest: Pamela Labonte, Town Clerk

RESULTS OF THE ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION HELD ON APRIL 4, 2016

	<u>PRECINCT I</u>	<u>PRECINCT II</u>	<u>PRECINCT III</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>SELECTMEN (Three Years)</u>				
Michael A. Cioper	163	234	199	596
David F. Costa	96	58	72	226
Leslie Dakin, Jr.	121	120	144	385
Blanks:	4	4	5	13
Write-Ins:				
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>384</u>	<u>416</u>	<u>420</u>	<u>1220</u>

	<u>PRECINCT I</u>	<u>PRECINCT II</u>	<u>PRECINCT III</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>ASSESSOR (Three Years)</u>				
Liberio D. Soares	276	280	300	856
Blanks:	108	135	120	363
Write-Ins: (1)				
Ray Cabral		1		1
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>384</u>	<u>416</u>	<u>420</u>	<u>1220</u>

	<u>PRECINCT I</u>	<u>PRECINCT II</u>	<u>PRECINCT III</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>BOARD OF HEALTH</u> (Three Years)				
Thomas J. Fortin	298	318	311	927
Blanks:	86	96	109	291
Write-Ins: (2)				
Write in anyone		1		1
Anybody else		1		1
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>384</u>	<u>416</u>	<u>420</u>	<u>1220</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)				
Sarah A. Gomes	289	284	294	867
Blanks:	467	524	517	1508
Write-Ins: (28)				
Louise Kruger	3			3
Erin Ptaszinski	6			6
Karen Trinipode	1			1
Frank Knox	1		1	2
Michell Deffenne	1			1
Erin Ptazenski		15		15
Erin Ptrenski		1	1	2
Leo Rousseau		1		1
Erin Prianeski		1		1
Donald LaFond		1		1
Teddy Lepsit		1		1
Bus Monitor		1		1

Mickey would do better		1		1
Josh Santos		1		1
Louis Kruger		1		1
Marc Deprey			1	1
Leslie Dakin			2	2
Lanoit Boardman			1	1
Tom Fortin			1	1
John Pimental			1	1
Alan Coutinho			2	2
Samuel Simoes Sr			1	1
None of the above			1	1
Other			1	1
Erin P.			1	1
Erin Ptizinski			1	1
Erin Perenski			1	1
Erin Ptarzanski			13	13
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>768</u>	<u>832</u>	<u>840</u>	<u>2440</u>

	<u>PRECINCT I</u>	<u>PRECINCT II</u>	<u>PRECINCT III</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>SCHOOL COMMITTEE</u> (For the remainder of unexpired term ending 4/3/17)				
Jody J. Tavares	274	293	301	868
Blanks:				
Write-Ins: (8)				1
Jennifer Hopkins	1			1
Bus Monitors		1		1
Tommy Lipsett		1		1

Robert Lanzoni		1		1
Joe Costa		1		2
Other			2	1
Leslie Dakin			1	3
Erin Ptaszinski			3	
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>384</u>	<u>416</u>	<u>420</u>	<u>1220</u>

	<u>PRECINCT I</u>	<u>PRECINCT II</u>	<u>PRECINCT III</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>COMMISSIONER OF TRUST FUNDS (Three Years)</u>				
Marc E. Laplante	274	285	317	876
Blanks:	110	131	102	343
Write-Ins: (1)				
Alan Coutinho			1	1
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>384</u>	<u>416</u>	<u>420</u>	<u>1220</u>

	<u>PRECINCT I</u>	<u>PRECINCT II</u>	<u>PRECINCT III</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>PLANNING COMMISSIONER (Five Years)</u>				
Marc M. DeSilva, Sr.	278	287	312	877
Blanks:	105	128	108	341
Write-Ins: (2)				
William Burtch	1			1
Joel Costa		1		1
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>384</u>	<u>416</u>	<u>420</u>	<u>1220</u>

	<u>PRECINCT I</u>	<u>PRECINCT II</u>	<u>PRECINCT III</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>CEMETERY BOARD</u> (Three Years)				
Charlene Fortin	288	299	310	897
Blanks:	95	116	110	321
Write-Ins: (2)				
Joel Mello	1			1
John Mello		1		1
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>384</u>	<u>416</u>	<u>420</u>	<u>1220</u>

	<u>PRECINCT I</u>	<u>PRECINCT II</u>	<u>PRECINCT III</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>TRUSTEE OF FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY</u> (Three Years) (Vote for Two)				
Kristen E. Leotti	239	248	275	762
Nancy A. Francis	230	224	231	685
Blanks:	299	360	333	992
Write-Ins: (1)			1	1
Simone Coutinho				
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>768</u>	<u>832</u>	<u>840</u>	<u>2440</u>

	<u>PRECINCT I</u>	<u>PRECINCT II</u>	<u>PRECINCT III</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>PARK COMMISSIONER</u> (Three Years)				
Christopher P. Anderson	272	278	299	849
Blanks:	110	138	120	368
Write-Ins: (3)				
Karen Palmer	1			1
Everett Hardy III	1			1

David Wojnar			1	1
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>384</u>	<u>416</u>	<u>420</u>	<u>1220</u>

	<u>PRECINCT I</u>	<u>PRECINCT II</u>	<u>PRECINCT III</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>HOUSING AUTHORITY</u> (Five Years)				
Rene Racine	174	223	194	591
Robert M. Lanzoni	187	154	183	524
Blanks:	23	39	43	105
Write-Ins: (0)				
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>384</u>	<u>416</u>	<u>420</u>	<u>1220</u>

	<u>PRECINCT I</u>	<u>PRECINCT II</u>	<u>PRECINCT III</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>HOUSING AUTHORITY</u> (For the remainder of unexpired term ending 4/6/20)				
Isabel M. Sousa	174	188	180	542
Lori M. Walsh	170	170	178	518
Blanks:	38	58	60	156
Write-Ins: (4)				
Tony Cambra	1			1
Jim Vieira	1			1
Tom Carreau			1	1
Peter Boutin			1	1
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>384</u>	<u>416</u>	<u>420</u>	<u>1220</u>

Attest:

Pamela A. Labonte, Town Clerk
Percentage of Votes Cast 17

**TOWN OF ACUSHNET
WARRANT
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 23, 2016 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 at 708 Middle Road in said Acushnet, Monday, the Twenty Third (23rd) day of May, 2016, at 7:15 P.M. in the evening then and there to act on the following articles viz:

WEATHER: Cool & Clear

LOCATION: Ford Middle School

WARRANT & NEWSPAPER NOTICES: Approved by Robert Francis, Moderator

TIME MEETING OPENED: 7:22 P.M.

TIME MEETING RECESSED: 7:22 P.M.

TIME MEETING REOPENED: 7:40 P.M.

ATTENDANCE: 83

THE FOLLOWING WERE PRESENT ON STAGE:

Robert Francis, Moderator

Kristie Costa, Treasurer/Collector

Dr. Michael Boucher, Finance Comm.,
Vice Chairman

Kevin Gaspar, Sr., Selectman

Michael A. Cioper, Selectman

Pamela A. Labonte, Town Clerk

Cathy Doane, Finance Director

Alan Coutinho, Town Administrator

Garry L. Rawcliffe, BOS, Chairman

Darren Klein, Kopelman & Paige, Town Council

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, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide 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, 2017, or to take any other action relative thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:
(RECOMMENDATION FROM THE FLOOR)

1. Motion made by Vice Chairman Boucher, the Town fix **salaries and compensation of elected/appointed officers/employees, and appropriate**

1. **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, 2017; all as set forth in the budget presented by the Finance Committee, and, as funding therefor, to** appropriate from Taxation the sum of Twenty-Four Million Seven Hundred Ninety-Four Thousand Two Hundred Sixty-Five Dollars (\$24,794,265.00), transfer from Free Cash the sum of One Million One Hundred Forty-One Thousand Eight Hundred Seventeen Dollars (\$1,141,817.00), transfer from the Over Lay Surplus the sum of Thirteen Thousand Seven Hundred One Dollars (\$13,701.00), transfer from EMS Reserved Receipt account the sum of Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00), transfer from the Stabilization Fund the sum of Zero Dollars (\$0.00), appropriate from Water Fees the sum of One Million Four Hundred Forty-Two Thousand Five Hundred Seventeen Dollars (\$1,442,517.00), transfer from Water Surplus the sum of Zero Dollars (\$0.00), appropriate from Sewer Fees the sum of Four Hundred Ninety-Five Thousand Three Hundred Thirty-One Dollars (\$495,331.00), transfer from Sewer Surplus the sum of Zero Dollars (\$0.00), appropriate from Golf Fees the sum of One Million Three Hundred Fourteen Thousand Five Hundred Eighty-One Dollars (\$1,314,581.00), and transfer from Golf Contingency the sum of Zero Dollars (\$0.00). (Finance Committee)
2. Finance Committee recommendation by Vice Chairman Boucher: The Finance Committee recommends this article unopposed.
3. Vote: Seeing no one opposed, it is declared passed unanimously.

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 for the financial year beginning July 1, 2016, 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 the Board of Selectmen)

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:
(RECOMMENDATION FROM THE FLOOR)

1. Motion made by Chairman Rawcliffe, the Town accept said article as read.
2. Finance Committee recommendation by Vice Chairman Boucher: The Finance Committee recommends this article unopposed.
3. Vote: Seeing no one opposed, it is declared passed unanimously.

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 the Board of Selectmen)

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:
(RECOMMENDATION FROM THE FLOOR)

- 1. Motion made by Selectman Gaspar, the Town accept said article as read.
- 2. Finance Committee recommendation by Vice Chairman Boucher: The Finance Committee recommends this article unopposed.
- 3. Vote: The article passes unanimously.

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 the Board of Selectmen)

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:
(RECOMMENDATION FROM THE FLOOR)

- 1. Motion made by Selectman Cioper, the Town accept said article as read.
- 2. Finance Committee recommendation by Vice Chairman Boucher: The Finance Committee recommends this article unopposed.
- 3. Vote: Seeing no one opposed, the article is declared passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to allow the Board of Library Trustees to sell for the sum of (\$1.00) the discarded books and periodicals of the Acushnet Public Library to the Friends of the Russell Memorial Library, a non-profit library support group, or to take any other action relative thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION
(RECOMMENDATION FROM THE FLOOR)

- 1. Motion made by Chairman Rawcliffe, the Town accept said article as read.

2. Finance Committee recommendation by Vice Chairman Boucher: The Finance Committee recommended this article unopposed.
3. Vote: Seeing no one opposed, the article is declared passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote re-authorize a revolving fund account pursuant to MGL Chapter 44, §53E1/2 for the Conservation Commission into which monies received by the Town for Conservation Commission Fees, except for fees already allocated to the NOI account (fees received for NOIs and ANRADs), are deposited and from which the Conservation Commission shall expend funds solely for the Commission activities, not to exceed \$2,500.00 in the fiscal year, or to take any other action relative thereto.

(Submitted by the Conservation Commission)

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION
(RECOMMENDATION FROM THE FLOOR)

1. Motion made by Selectman Gaspar, the Town reauthorize a revolving fund for the Conservation Commission as set forth in the warrant.
2. The Finance Committee recommendation by Vice Chairman Boucher: The Finance Committee recommends this article unopposed.
3. Vote: Seeing no one opposed, it is declared passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to re-authorize a revolving fund account pursuant to MGL Chapter 44, §53E1/2 for the Council on Aging into which monies received by the Town from Council on Aging activities, are deposited and from which the Council on Aging shall expend funds solely for the Council on Aging activities, not to exceed \$15,000.00 in the fiscal year, or to take any other action relative thereto.

(Submitted by the Council on Aging)

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION
(RECOMMENDATION FROM THE FLOOR)

1. Motion made by Selectman Cioper, the Town reauthorize a revolving fund for the Council on Aging as set forth in the warrant.
2. Finance Committee recommendation by Vice Chairman Boucher: The Finance Committee recommends this article unopposed.
3. Vote: Seeing no one opposed, it is declared passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to re-authorize a revolving fund account pursuant to MGL Chapter 44, §53E1/2 for the Park Department into which monies received by the Town from Park Department activities, are deposited and from which the Park Commissioners shall expend funds solely for the Park Department activities, not to exceed \$12,500.00 in the fiscal year, or to take any other action relative thereto.

(Submitted by the Park Department)

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION
(RECOMMENDATION FROM THE FLOOR)

- 1. Motion made by Chairman Rawcliffe, the Town reauthorize a revolving fund for the Park Department as set forth in the warrant.
- 2. Finance Committee recommendation by Vice Chairman Boucher: The Finance Committee recommends this article unopposed.
- 3. Vote: Seeing no one opposed, it is declared passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 9. COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACT

To see if the Town will vote to act on the report of the Community Preservation Committee on the Fiscal Year 2017 Community Preservation Budget and to appropriate or reserve for later appropriation monies from the Community Preservation Fund Estimated Annual Revenues or available funds 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 2017 COMMUNITY PRESERVATION BUDGET

The Community Preservation Committee recommends that the following amounts be appropriated or reserved from Fiscal Year 2017 Community Preservation Fund estimated annual revenues, unless otherwise specified, for Fiscal Year 2017 Community Preservation purposes with each item considered a separate appropriation:

<u>PURPOSE:</u>	<u>RECOMMENDED AMOUNT:</u>
Appropriations:	
Community Preservation Administrative Expenses	\$8,153
Reserves:	
Open Space	\$16,308
Historic Resources	\$16,308
Community Housing	\$16,308
Budgeted Reserves	\$271,550
Total FY 2017 Budget	\$328,627

(Submitted by the Community Preservation Committee)

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION
(RECOMMENDATION FROM THE FLOOR)

1. Motion made by Selectman Gaspar, the Town appropriate or reserve the sum of One Hundred Sixty-Three Thousand Seventy-Six Dollars (\$163,076.00) from Community Preservation Fund FY2017 estimated annual revenues for expenses of the Community Preservation Committee for FY2017 and for each of the three purposes of the CPA, with the remainder of such sum, and the additional sum of One Hundred Sixty-Five Thousand Five Hundred Fifty-One Dollars (\$165,551.00) appropriated and transferred from the Community Preservation Fund Balance to the FY2017 Budgeted Reserve, all as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee and as set forth in the warrant for FY2017 expenses, with each item considered a separate appropriation.
2. Finance Committee recommendation by Vice Chairman Boucher: The Finance Committee recommends the passage of this article unopposed.
3. Community Preservation Committee recommendation by Chairman Marc Cenerizio: We recommend this article.
4. Vote: Seeing no one opposed, the article is declared passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to amend the General By-laws by inserting a new bylaw as follows:

Acushnet Codification Bylaw

§ 1. Authority of Clerk.

The Town Clerk or an agent designated by the Town Clerk shall be authorized to assign appropriate numbers or letters to sections, subsections, paragraphs and subparagraphs of Town general bylaws and zoning bylaws, where none are otherwise specified and approved by Town Meeting.

§ 2. Nonsubstantive editorial revisions.

Where Town Meeting has approved numbering or lettering of sections, subsections, paragraphs and subparagraphs of Town general bylaws and zoning bylaws, the Town Clerk or an agent designated by the Town Clerk, shall be authorized to make nonsubstantive changes to the numbering or lettering to ensure consistent and appropriate sequencing, and organization of the Town general or zoning bylaws.

Or to take any other action relative thereto.

(Submitted by the Town Clerk)

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: (RECOMMENDATION FROM THE FLOOR)

1. Motion made by Selectman Cioper, the Town vote to amend the General By-Laws to insert a new bylaw entitled: **ACUSHNET CODIFICATION BYLAW**, as set forth in the warrant.
2. Finance Committee recommendation by Vice Chairman Boucher: The Finance Committee recommended this article unopposed.
3. Vote (2/3rds required): Seeing no one opposed, the article is declared passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 11. 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 the Finance Committee)

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: (RECOMMENDATION FROM THE FLOOR)

1. Motion made by Vice Chairman Boucher, the Town table said article.
2. Finance Committee recommendation by Vice Chairman Boucher: The Finance Committee recommends this article unopposed.
3. Vote: Seeing no one opposed, the article is declared tabled.

8:07 P.M. - Motion made to adjourn, was seconded and the Annual Town Meeting was declared adjourned.

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 **25th** day of April, 2016.

Garry L. Rawcliffe, Chairman

Kevin Gaspar, Sr., Member

Michael Cioper, Member

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

A True Copy, Attest:
This day of **May 5, 2016**

Marc Laplante
Constable of Acushnet

**TOWN OF ACUSHNET
WARRANT
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 23, 2016 AT 7:15 P.M.
THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**

Bristol, SS

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TIME MEETING OPENED: 7:22 P.M. TIME MEETING RECESSED: 7:22 P.M. TIME

MEETING REOPENED: 7:40 P.M.

ATTENDANCE: 83

THE FOLLOWING WERE PRESENT ON STAGE:

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Pamela A. Labonte, Town Clerk

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(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:
(RECOMMENDATION FROM THE FLOOR)

1. Motion made by Vice Chairman Boucher, 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 sev-

eral town departments for the ensuing twelve (12) month period through June 30, 2017; all as set forth in the budget presented by the Finance Committee, and, as funding therefor, to appropriate from Taxation the sum of Twenty-Four Million Seven Hundred Ninety-Four Thousand Two Hundred Sixty-Five Dollars (\$24,794,265.00), transfer from Free Cash the sum of One Million One Hundred Forty-One Thousand Eight Hundred Seventeen Dollars (\$1,141,817.00), transfer from the Over Lay Surplus the sum of Thirteen Thousand Seven Hundred One Dollars (\$13,701.00), transfer from EMS Reserved Receipt account the sum of Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00), transfer from the Stabilization Fund the sum of Zero Dollars (\$0.00), appropriate from Water Fees the sum of One Million Four Hundred Forty-Two Thousand Five Hundred Seventeen Dollars (\$1,442,517.00), transfer from Water Surplus the sum of Zero Dollars (\$0.00), appropriate from Sewer Fees the sum of Four Hundred Ninety-Five Thousand Three Hundred Thirty-One Dollars (\$495,331.00), transfer from Sewer Surplus the sum of Zero Dollars (\$0.00), appropriate from Golf Fees the sum of One Million Three Hundred Fourteen Thousand Five Hundred Eighty-One Dollars (\$1,314,581.00), and transfer from Golf Contingency the sum of Zero Dollars (\$0.00). (Finance Committee)

2. Finance Committee recommendation by Vice Chairman Boucher: The Finance Committee recommends this article unopposed.
3. Vote: Seeing no one opposed, it is declared passed unanimously.

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(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:
(RECOMMENDATION FROM THE FLOOR)

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(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

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(RECOMMENDATION FROM THE FLOOR)

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(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

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(RECOMMENDATION FROM THE FLOOR)

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(RECOMMENDATION FROM THE FLOOR)

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ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote re-authorize a revolving fund account pursuant to MGL Chapter 44, §53E1/2 for the Conservation Commission into which monies received by the Town for Conservation Commission Fees, except for fees already allocated to the NOI account (fees received for NOIs and ANRADs), are deposited and from which the Conservation Commission shall expend funds solely for the Commission activities, not to exceed \$2,500.00 in the fiscal year, or to take any other action relative thereto.

(Submitted by the Conservation Commission)

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION
(RECOMMENDATION FROM THE FLOOR)

1. Motion made by Selectman Gaspar, the Town reauthorize a revolving fund for the Conservation Commission as set forth in the warrant.
2. The Finance Committee recommendation by Vice Chairman Boucher: The Finance Committee recommends this article unopposed.
3. Vote: Seeing no one opposed, it is declared passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to re-authorize a revolving fund account pursuant to MGL Chapter 44, §53E1/2 for the Council on Aging into which monies received by the Town from Council on Aging activities, are deposited and from which the Council on Aging shall expend funds solely for the Council on Aging activities, not to exceed \$15,000.00 in the fiscal year, or to take any other action relative thereto.

(Submitted by the Council on Aging)

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION
(RECOMMENDATION FROM THE FLOOR)

1. Motion made by Selectman Cioper, the Town reauthorize a revolving fund for the Council on Aging as set forth in the warrant.
2. Finance Committee recommendation by Vice Chairman Boucher: The Finance Committee recommends this article unopposed.
3. Vote: Seeing no one opposed, it is declared passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to re-authorize a revolving fund account pursuant to MGL Chapter 44, §53E1/2 for the Park Department into which monies

received by the Town from Park Department activities, are deposited and from which the Park Commissioners shall expend funds solely for the Park Department activities, not to exceed \$12,500.00 in the fiscal year, or to take any other action relative thereto.

(Submitted by the Park Department)

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION
(RECOMMENDATION FROM THE FLOOR)

- 1. Motion made by Chairman Rawcliffe, the Town reauthorize a revolving fund for the Park Department as set forth in the warrant.
- 2. Finance Committee recommendation by Vice Chairman Boucher: The Finance Committee recommends this article unopposed.
- 3. Vote: Seeing no one opposed, it is declared passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 9. COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACT

To see if the Town will vote to act on the report of the Community Preservation Committee on the Fiscal Year 2017 Community Preservation Budget and to appropriate or reserve for later appropriation monies from the Community Preservation Fund Estimated Annual Revenues or available funds 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 2017 COMMUNITY PRESERVATION BUDGET

The Community Preservation Committee recommends that the following amounts be appropriated or reserved from Fiscal Year 2017 Community Preservation Fund estimated annual revenues, unless otherwise specified, for Fiscal Year 2017 Community Preservation purposes with each item considered a separate appropriation:

<u>PURPOSE:</u>	<u>RECOMMENDED AMOUNT:</u>
Appropriations:	
Community Preservation Administrative Expenses	\$8,153
Reserves:	
Open Space	\$16,308
Historic Resources	\$16,308
Community Housing	\$16,308
Budgeted Reserves	\$271,550
Total FY 2017 Budget	\$328,627

(Submitted by the Community Preservation Committee)

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION
(RECOMMENDATION FROM THE FLOOR)

1. Motion made by Selectman Gaspar, the Town appropriate or reserve the sum of One Hundred Sixty-Three Thousand Seventy-Six Dollars (\$163,076.00) from Community Preservation Fund FY2017 estimated annual revenues for expenses of the Community Preservation Committee for FY2017 and for each of the three purposes of the CPA, with the remainder of such sum, and the additional sum of One Hundred Sixty-Five Thousand Five Hundred Fifty-One Dollars (\$165,551.00) appropriated and transferred from the Community Preservation Fund Balance to the FY2017 Budgeted Reserve, all as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee and as set forth in the warrant for FY2017 expenses, with each item considered a separate appropriation.
2. Finance Committee recommendation by Vice Chairman Boucher: The Finance Committee recommends the passage of this article unopposed.
3. Community Preservation Committee recommendation by Chairman Marc Cenerizio: We recommend this article.
4. Vote: Seeing no one opposed, the article is declared passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to amend the General By-laws by inserting a new bylaw as follows:

Acushnet Codification Bylaw

§ 1. Authority of Clerk.

The Town Clerk or an agent designated by the Town Clerk shall be authorized to assign appropriate numbers or letters to sections, subsections, paragraphs and subparagraphs of Town general bylaws and zoning bylaws, where none are otherwise specified and approved by Town Meeting.

§ 2. Nonsubstantive editorial revisions.

Where Town Meeting has approved numbering or lettering of sections, subsections, paragraphs and subparagraphs of Town general bylaws and zoning bylaws, the Town Clerk or an agent designated by the Town Clerk, shall be authorized to make nonsubstantive changes to the numbering or lettering to

ensure consistent and appropriate sequencing, and organization of the Town general or zoning bylaws.

Or to take any other action relative thereto.

(Submitted by the Town Clerk)

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:
(RECOMMENDATION FROM THE FLOOR)

1. Motion made by Selectman Cioper, the Town vote to amend the General By-Laws to insert a new bylaw entitled: ACUSHNET CODIFICATION BYLAW, as set forth in the warrant.
2. Finance Committee recommendation by Vice Chairman Boucher: The Finance Committee recommended this article unopposed.
3. Vote (2/3rds required): Seeing no one opposed, the article is declared passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 11. 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 the Finance Committee)

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:
(RECOMMENDATION FROM THE FLOOR)

1. Motion made by Vice Chairman Boucher, the Town table said article.
2. Finance Committee recommendation by Vice Chairman Boucher: The Finance Committee recommends this article unopposed.
3. Vote: Seeing no one opposed, the article is declared tabled.

8:07 P.M. - Motion made to adjourn, was seconded and the Annual Town Meeting was declared adjourned.

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 25th day of April, 2016.

Garry L. Rawcliffe, Chairman

Kevin Gaspar, Sr., Member

Michael Cioper, Member

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

A True Copy, Attest:
This day of May 5, 2016

Marc Laplante
Constable of Acushnet

**TOWN OF ACUSHNET
WARRANT
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 30, 2016 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 at 708 Middle Road in said Acushnet, Tuesday, the Thirtieth (30th) day of August, 2016, at 7:00 P.M. in the evening then and there to act on the following articles viz:

WEATHER: Clear and warm

LOCATION: Ford Middle School

WARRANT & NEWSPAPER NOTICES:

Approved by Robert Francis, Moderator

TIME MEETING OPENED: 7:11 P.M.

ATTENDANCE: 223

THE FOLLOWING WERE PRESENT ON STAGE:

Robert Francis, Moderator

Pamela A. Labonte, Town Clerk

Kevin Gaspar, Sr., Selectman

Garry L. Rawcliffe, Board of Selectmen,

Michael A. Cioper, Selectman

Chairman

Darren Klein, Kopelman & Paige, Town Council

1. Motion made by Resident John Howcroft, the town move Article 2 to Article 1.
2. Vote: The motion fails.

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to direct the board of Selectmen and all other elected and appointed Town officials and bodies to:

- a. State their opposition to the Access Northeast Project –FERC Docket Number PF16-1-000
- b. Use all authority vested in them to prevent the proposed expansion of LNG storage facilities within the Town Acushnet;
- c. Communicate with appropriate Departments within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and our elected representatives to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the United States House of Representatives and Senate to solicit their assistance in blocking the Access Northeast Project and the proposed expansion of LNG storage facilities within the Town of Acushnet;
- d. Communicate with other area cities and Towns to solicit their assistance in

blocking the Access Northeast Project and the proposed expansion of LNG storage facilities within the Town of Acushnet;

- e. File the action taken on this Article with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission under the current Federal Energy Regulatory Commission pre-filing docket for the Access Northeast Project Docket 16-1-000 within ten days after the Town Meeting which this Article is considered.
- f. Intervene on the formal Federal Energy Regulatory Commission docket for the Access Northeast Project, when it is opened.
- g. Ask our state and federal legislators and executive branch officials to oppose the taking of conservation protected lands for pipeline infrastructure including but not limited to those lands protected by Article 97 of the Amendments to the Massachusetts Constitution and hold state permitting for this project to the highest standards,

Or to take any other action relative thereto

(Submitted by South Coast Neighbors United)
(RECOMMENDATION FROM THE FLOOR)

- 1. Motion made by Resident/SouthCoast Neighbors United Representative Roger Cabral, that the Town vote to direct the Board of Selectmen and all other elected and appointed Town officials and bodies to:
 - a. State their opposition to the Access Northeast Project – FERC Docket Number PF16-1-000;
 - b. Use all authority vested in them to prevent the proposed expansion of LNG storage facilities within the Town Acushnet;
 - c. Communicate with appropriate Departments within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and our elected representatives to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the United States House of Representatives and Senate to solicit their assistance in blocking the Access Northeast Project and the proposed expansion of LNG storage facilities within the Town of Acushnet;
 - d. Communicate with other area cities and Towns to solicit their assistance in blocking the Access Northeast Project and the proposed expansion of LNG storage facilities within the Town of Acush-

net;

- e. File the action taken on this Article with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission under the current Federal Energy Regulatory Commission pre-filing docket for the Access Northeast Project Docket 16-1-000 within ten days after the Town Meeting which this Article is considered;
 - f. Intervene on the formal Federal Energy Regulatory Commission docket for the Access Northeast Project, when it is opened;
 - g. Ask our state and federal legislators and executive branch officials to oppose the taking of conservation-protected lands for pipeline infrastructure including but not limited to those lands protected by Article 97 of the Amendments to the Massachusetts Constitution and hold state permitting for this project to the highest standards.
- 2. Incidental motion made by Resident John Howcroft, for the division of the question of Article 1, as there are seven components of this article and may take the town in different directions and each has its own integrity. I want to break it into seven different articles (parts). Motioned further that we (the town) have a division of the question and we vote them separately.
 - 3. Vote: The (incidental) motion to split the article fails.
 - 4. Discussion of the article ensues.
 - 5. Vote: The article passes with opposition.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Acushnet's General By-laws by adding the following:

**LIQUEFIED NATURAL GAS (LNG) FACILITY OPERATIONS PERMIT
AND FIRE DEPARTMENT CAPABILITIES AND PREPAREDNESS
EVALUATION**

Section 1. Purpose: This by-law establishes a permit for the operation of Liquefied Natural Gas facilities in the Town of Acushnet. Further, it establishes as a condition of permit approval the completion of an Evaluation of Local Emergency Response Capabilities.

Section 2.0 Definitions:

Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ): The Chief of the Acushnet Fire Department
LNG Storage Facilities: structures built for the liquefaction of methane gas, storage of LNG and vaporization of LNG into methane gas.

Municipal Fire Departments: for the purpose of this by-law shall include the Fairhaven Fire & EMS Department, the Freetown Fire Department, the New Bedford Fire Department, the Rochester Fire Department and any other local fire department as determined by the AHJ.

Section 3.0 Authority

3.1 This bylaw is adopted under the authority given to cities and towns by Massachusetts General Law Chapter 148, Section 9

Section 4.0 Permit to Operate LNG Facility in the Town of Acushnet, Massachusetts

4.1 All LNG storage facilities with a total storage capacity greater than 0.6 billion cubic feet and approved for construction and operation by the appropriate licensing authority under the federal and/or state government shall apply for a permit to operate with the Acushnet Fire & EMS Department within sixty (60) calendar days of receiving said approval.

Section 5.0 Conditions of Permit Approval

5.1 Approval of the LNG operations permit shall be granted after the applicant:

5.1(a) Provides to the Acushnet Fire Chief a report, prepared by an independent qualified person who shall be a properly licensed Fire Protection Engineer, that evaluates the capability and preparedness, or lack thereof, of the Acushnet Fire & EMS Department as well as municipal fire departments in the vicinity of the approved facility who would respond to a release of LNG or fire involving LNG. The selection of the Fire Protection Engineer shall be approved by the AHJ. If this report concludes that any additional training, personnel, or equipment would be needed for local fire departments to effectively respond to a release or fire involving LNG, the report shall detail the deficiencies and provide a detailed cost estimate and schedule for remedying and deficiencies at applicant's cost.

5.2(b) Each applicant for a permit shall offer an emergency response training program, necessary personnel and/or equipment for local enforcement, fire, and hazardous material response personnel to the Acushnet Fire & EMS Department, and other local municipal fire departments entering into mutual aid agreements with the Town of Acushnet. The applicant shall offer,

at applicant's cost, relevant training, necessary personnel and/or equipment prior to commencing operation of the LNG facility and annually thereafter using an appropriate training program approved by the Massachusetts Fire-fighting Academy.

Section 6.0 Fire Department Capabilities And Preparedness Evaluation Criteria:

6.1 The evaluation of the Acushnet Fire & EMS Department, and other local municipal fire departments entering into mutual aid agreements with the Town of Acushnet, capabilities and preparedness must include, but is not limited to, staffing/training, equipment and standard operating procedures. It must also take into consideration the size and complexity of the LNG facility. Each area is further defined below and shall be addressed in the fire department evaluation report.

6.2 Staffing/Training: The responsibility to provide the properly trained personnel for a response to any incident belongs to the Authority Having Jurisdiction.

6.3 29 CFR 1910.120(q) identifies the emergency response program to a hazardous substance release. This regulation identifies critical staffing positions and provides training requirements, levels of responders and specific roles/tasks that may be required during a LNG emergency response including but not limited to:

- | | |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| * Incident Command | * Air Monitoring |
| * Safety Officer | * Containment |
| * Evacuation Remediation | * Emergency Medical Care |

6.4 29 CFR 1910.120(q) states operations in hazardous areas shall be performed using the buddy system in groups of two or more with back-up personnel standing by with equipment ready to provide assistance.

6.5 29 CFR 1910.134(g) (4) had been adapted by the fire service for most, if not all, of their operations as the "two in/two out rule," requiring at least two personnel to affect a task and at least two equally trained personnel to back up the first team.

6.6 As outlined in NFPA 1500 (2013), members of the fire department should receive documented education and training. The members should remain proficient as verified by an annual skills check. The report must provide information on the training received and verify that an annual skills check is included in their training plans. By means of normal response or by automatic/mutual aid, the fire department shall be evaluated for their training specific to complete the following tasks:

- * LNG Fire Suppression Techniques
- * LNG Extinguishing Agents
- * Air Monitoring
- * Emergency Medical Care
- * LNG spill response
- * Hazardous Materials Response

6.7 An evaluation of the proposed facility (see paragraph 12.2.1 NFPA 52 and paragraph 12.2 of NFPA 59A as applicable) may identify potential safety hazards that require additional capabilities including, among others, the ability to perform technical rescues. Utilizing NFPA 1670 (2014) as a guidance document relating to technical rescue needs, the report should identify the capability of the fire department/mutual aid to affect any potential technical rescues identified. The report should detail deficiencies and provide a detailed cost estimate and schedule for remedying any deficiencies.

6.8 As outlined in NFPA 472 and 29 CFR 1910.120(q), specific competencies and requirements have been described for Hazardous Material Responders. The report shall establish that the fire department will respond to LNG incidents at the First Responder Operations Level at a minimum, and at a higher level if identified as necessary to accomplish the tasks identified above any tasks specific to the proposed facility.

6.9 The report must account for the availability of staffing trained to fulfil the roles/tasks, with the required back-up, on 24/7/365 basis. The report must account for the staffing levels that may vary throughout the day/week in a career, combination, or volunteer fire department Automatic/mutual aid staffing resources may be accounted for within the evaluation and a separate evaluation may be necessary of those agencies.

7.0 Equipment:

7.1 Equipment appropriate for LNG incidents includes, but is not limited to: dry chemical extinguishers or equipment, high expansion foam and air monitoring equipment (meters). As outlined in NFPA 1901 (2009), only one approved dry chemical portable fire extinguisher with a minimum 80-BC rating per apparatus is required, therefore additional dry chemical extinguishers or equipment may be necessary for a response to a LNG incident. Apparatus mounted foam application systems may be present, but are not required.

7.2 The report should identify current levels of apparatus, dry chemical fire extinguishers, metering equipment, medical equipment, foam capabilities, or other technical equipment required to respond to any incident at the permitted facility. The report should identify specific equipment needs required to identify, contain, and/or remediate a LNG incident. Automatic/ mutual aid may be accounted for within the evaluation and a separate evaluation may be necessary of those agencies.

7.3 29 CFR 1910.120(h) describes monitoring but does not establish a minimum number of meters required. The report must document whether a fire department has an adequate number of meters and appropriate training in the operation of meters capable of detecting methane and oxygen levels. The report must document that the fire department has adequate procedures for meter calibration and maintenance.

7.4 The agency or automatic/mutual aid should have equipment required to complete the tasks outlined in the training/capabilities section. The report should specify which equipment is available through the local fire department or through automatic mutual/aid. The report should identify any specialty assets held by the fire department pertinent to the proposed facility.

7.5 If the report concludes that any additional equipment would be needed for a local fire departments to effectively respond to a release or fire involving LNG, the report shall detail the deficiencies and provide a detailed cost estimate and schedule for a remedying any deficiencies.

8.0 Standard Operating Procedures:

8.1 The evaluation report should include a copy of the current standard operating procedures (SOPs) for the fire department response to a LNG incident. A review the SOP's should be included in the report.

8.2 If the report concludes that the SOPs are not present, not sufficient, out of date, or not in accordance with all cited laws and standards, the report shall detail the deficiencies and provide detailed changes and schedule for remedying any deficiencies.

9.0 Emergency Response Training Program

9.1 The Massachusetts Department of Fire Services recommends the following approach to ensuring appropriate training for agencies and/or mutual aid agencies that will cover a LNG facility. The report should identify which of these training steps have been completed and specify any training plans to accomplish the other training steps.

9.2 Awareness Level Training

9.3 Training courses may be presented to the Massachusetts Department of Fire Services for review and shall contain, at a minimum, these topics:

- * LNG Properties
- * Dry Chemical Extinguishers
- * Storage
- * Storm& Sewer System Protection

- * Transportation
- * Industrial Facilities Hazards
- * Liquefaction
- * Rapid Phase Transition
- * Regasification
- * Extinguishment
- * Bunkering
- * Medical Considerations
- * High Expansion Foam
- * LNG fueled vehicle technology

9.4 Once a permit application has been received by the authority having jurisdiction, the members of a fire department should begin to train on LNG and the specific hazards it presents. A Massachusetts Department of Fire Services program will be created and will be an option available to the Applicant.

10.0 Practical Skills Training

10.1 The Applicant shall provide hands-on practical skills LNG training to a proportional representation of the command and operational staff of the local fire department and mutual aid agencies if those agencies will be providing staffing, capabilities or equipment accounted for in the evaluation. The final number of personnel required to be trained may vary depending upon several factors including, but not limited to:

- * the Authority Having Jurisdiction
- * local agency's reliance upon mutual aid
- * size of the proposed facility
- * training capabilities of local agency
- * number of staff in the local agency
- * facility fire suppression equipment

10.2 Current industry recognized training is available through:

❖ TEEX

<http://www.teex.com/teex.cfm?pageid=ESTIprog&area=ESTI&tempateid=1536>

❖ Massachusetts Fire Training Academy in conjunction with Northeast Gas Association

<http://www.northeastgas.org/tql-lng-safety.php>

10.3 The Applicant shall provide training on an annual basis and shall encompass either new personnel or a refresher to previously trained personnel. It is recommended that trained personnel should attend a refresher course every five years.

10.4 This list will be updated as additional training is recognized. Other sources of training may be presented to the Massachusetts Department of Fire Services

for review. Comprehensive course materials and hands-on extinguishment components are required in order for training to be considered.

11.0 Emergency Response Plan Integration

11.1 In accordance with Chapter 12 of both NFPA 52 and 59A, the Applicant shall plan for emergency responses measures coordinated with the appropriate local emergency agencies. The applicant should also take the steps necessary to ensure all related response plans are coordinated with any existing local or country plans.

12.0 Site-Specific Training

12.1 On an annual basis, the Permittee and the Acushnet Fire & EMS Department shall review or provide for, at a minimum:

- | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|
| * Site and Facility familiarization | * Integrated response drills |
| * Emergency procedures familiarization | * After hour contacts and procedures |
| * Emergency shutdown procedures | * Facility fire suppression equipment |
| * Changes to facility operations | * Changes to facility staffing levels |

This guidance is designed to encompass all facility types. This guidance will be subject to change and update as standards and regulations are changes/updated.

13.0 Fee

13.1 The fee for this permit will be \$50.00

14.0 Enforcement

14.1 The Chief of the Acushnet Fire & EMS Department shall be responsible for enforcing this by-law.

14.2 Failure of a facility operator to comply with the requirements of this by-law shall result in the with-holding of the approval of the Acushnet Building Commissioner and the Chief of the Acushnet Fire & EMS Department, or his/her designee, on an occupancy permit for the facility, its structures and buildings.

14.3 Failure of a facility operator to comply with the requirements of this by-law shall result in a penalty assessed beginning the sixty-first (61) calendar day following the approval of the LNG facility by federal and/or state appropriate

licensing authority.

14.4 The penalty referenced in section 14.3 shall be \$300 per calendar day of violation as determined by the authority having jurisdiction.

(Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:
(RECOMMENDATION FROM THE FLOOR)

1. Motion made by the Chairman Rawcliffe that the Town vote to amend the Town of Acushnet's General By-Laws by addition the following by-law:

LIQUEIFIED NATURAL GAS (known as LNG) FACILITY
OPERATIONS PERMIT AND FIRE DEPARTMENT
CAPABILITIES AND PREPAREDNESS EVALUATION
as printed in the warrant.

2. Vote: (2/3rd's required) the article passes by a 2/3rd's majority.

8:20 P.M. - Motion made to adjourn the Special Town Meeting of August 30, 2016, was seconded and the meeting was declared adjourned.

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 **10th** day of August, 2016.

Garry L. Rawcliffe, Chairman

Kevin Gaspar, Sr., Member

Michael Cioper, Member
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
A True Copy, Attest:
This day of **August 12, 2016**

Marc Laplante
Constable of Acushnet

RESULTS OF THE STATE PRIMARY HELD ON SEPTEMBER 8, 2016

Register of Voters Eligible To Vote in the September 8, 2016 State Primary
Final Day of Registration –August 19, 2016

	United Indep. Party	Democrat	Green Rainbow	Libertarian	MA Indep. Party	Republican	Unenrolled	Total
Precinct I	4	742	4	3		168	1291	2212
Precinct II	3	722	1	2		235	1511	2474
Precinct III	2	796		3	2	184	1564	2551
Total	9	2259	5	8	2	588	4366	7237

CLERK'S REPORT – PRECINCT I

To the Town Clerk:

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

Polls were opened at 7:00 a.m. by Faye Philla, Warden.

Box register when polls were opened 0.

Number of ballots received 650 plus 12 Absentee ballots.

(D=400, R=200, GR=25, UIP=25)

Number of ballots cast from tape 87.

Number of Absentee ballots counted manually 1.

Number of ballots spoiled 6.

Number of Provisional Ballots not cast 0.

Number of Unused ballots returned 568.

The following officers were present:

Warden: Faye Philla

Clerk: Carolyn Fortin, Joanne Cioper

Inspectors: Jeanne Duggan, Susan Perry, Joanne Fournier,

Priscilla Santos, Susanne Sounik, Margaret Mota, Carol Gravanis

Police Officers: LouAnn Jenkinson, Gene Robinson

Polls were closed at 8:00 p.m. and the ballot box registered 87.

A true record: Attest:/s/

Carolyn Fortin

Clerk of Election Officers

Attest:

Pamela A. Labonte, Town Clerk

CLERK'S REPORT – PRECINCT II

To the Town Clerk:

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

Polls were opened at 7:00 a.m. by Lillian Contois, Warden.

Box register when polls were opened 0.

Number of ballots received 650 plus 19 Absentee ballots.

(D=400, R=200, GR=25, UIP=25)

Number of ballots cast from tape 156.

Number of Absentee ballots counted manually 34.

Number of ballots spoiled 8.

Number of Provisional ballots not cast 0.

Number of Unused ballots returned 471.

The following officers were present:

Warden: Lillian Contois

Clerk: Diane Ferreira

Inspectors: Anita Poitras, Donna Forand, Joyce Wylie Scholtz,
Gail Perzentz

Police Officers: David Moniz, Paul Melo

Polls were closed at 8:00 p.m. and the ballot box registered 156.

A true record, Attest:/s/ Diane Ferreira
Clerk of Election Officers

Attest: Pamela A. Labonte, Town Clerk

CLERK'S REPORT – PRECINCT III

To the Town Clerk:

The undersigned submit the following of the State Primary 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 650 plus 4 Absentee ballots.

(D=400, R=200, GR=25, UIP=25)

Number of ballots cast from tape 87.

Number of Absentee ballots counted manually 0.

Number of ballots spoiled 4.

Number of Provisional ballots not cast 0.

Number of Unused ballots returned 563.

The following officers were present:

Warden: Dianna Couto
 Clerk: Mary Lebeau
 Inspectors: Lori Walsh, Pamela Tripp, Andrea Corrie
 Police Officers: LouAnn Jenkinson, Gene Robinson

Polls were closed at 8:00 p.m. and the ballot box registered 87.

A true record, Attest:/s Dianna Couto
 Clerk of Election Officers Attest:
 Pamela A. Labonte, Town Clerk

**RESULTS OF THE STATE PRIMARY HELD ON SEPTEMBER 8, 2016
 DEMOCRATIC RESULTS**

	<u>PRECINCT I</u>	<u>PRECINCT II</u>	<u>PRECINCT III</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS</u>				
William Richard Keating	47	70	45	162
Blanks	6	32	1	39
Write-In's: (0)				
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>53</u>	<u>102</u>	<u>46</u>	<u>201</u>

	<u>PRECINCT I</u>	<u>PRECINCT II</u>	<u>PRECINCT III</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>COUNCILLOR</u>				
Joseph C. Ferreira	40	81	42	163
Blanks	13	21	4	38
Write-In's: (0)				
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>53</u>	<u>102</u>	<u>46</u>	<u>201</u>

	<u>PRECINCT I</u>	<u>PRECINCT II</u>	<u>PRECINCT III</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT</u>				
Mark C. Montigny	47	93	44	184
Blanks	5	8		13
Write-In's: (3)				
Trump	1			1
Scott Lang		1		1

Blanks			2	2
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>53</u>	<u>102</u>	<u>46</u>	<u>201</u>

	<u>PRECINCT I</u>	<u>PRECINCT II</u>	<u>PRECINCT III</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT</u>				
Robert M. Koczera	46	93	45	184
Blanks	6	9		15
Write-In's: (2)				
Trump	1			1
Blanks			1	1
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>53</u>	<u>102</u>	<u>46</u>	<u>201</u>

	<u>PRECINCT I</u>	<u>PRECINCT II</u>	<u>PRECINCT III</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>SHERIFF</u>				
Blanks	49	98	40	187
Write-In's: (7)				
Tom Hogkins	1			1
Avilla	1			1
Blanks	2		6	8
Joe Costa		1		1
Hodson		1		1
Thomas Hodson		1		1
Thomas M. Quinn		1		1
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>53</u>	<u>102</u>	<u>46</u>	<u>201</u>

	<u>PRECINCT I</u>	<u>PRECINCT II</u>	<u>PRECINCT III</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>COUNTY COMMISSIONER</u> <u>Vote for Two</u>				
Paul B. Kitchen	40	73	34	147
John R. Mitchell	35	53	33	121
Blanks	31	78	25	134

Write-In's: (0)				
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>106</u>	<u>204</u>	<u>92</u>	<u>402</u>

	<u>PRECINCT I</u>	<u>PRECINCT II</u>	<u>PRECINCT III</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>DISTRICT ATTY. (TO FILL VACANCY)</u>				
Thomas M. Quinn, III	48	92	46	186
Blanks	5	9		14
Write-In's: (1)				
Joe Costa		1		1
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>53</u>	<u>102</u>	<u>46</u>	<u>201</u>

**RESULTS OF THE STATE PRIMARY HELD ON SEPTEMBER 8, 2016
REPUBLICAN RESULTS**

	<u>PRECINCT I</u>	<u>PRECINCT II</u>	<u>PRECINCT III</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS</u>				
Mark C. Alliegro	20	44	26	90
Thomas Joseph O'Malley, Jr.	15	36	13	64
Blanks	0	4	2	6
Write-In's: (0)				
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>84</u>	<u>41</u>	<u>160</u>

	<u>PRECINCT I</u>	<u>PRECINCT II</u>	<u>PRECINCT III</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>COUNCILLOR</u>				
Blanks	33	84	38	155
Write-In's: (2)				
Blanks	2		2	2
Eric Gannon			1	1
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>84</u>	<u>41</u>	<u>160</u>

	<u>PRECINCT I</u>	<u>PRECINCT II</u>	<u>PRECINCT III</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
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<u>SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT</u>				
Blanks	33	84	39	156
Write-In's: (2)				
Blanks	2		1	3
Mark Montigny			1	1
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>84</u>	<u>41</u>	<u>160</u>

	<u>PRECINCT I</u>	<u>PRECINCT II</u>	<u>PRECINCT III</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT</u>				
Blanks	33	84	39	156
Write-In's: (1)				
Blanks	2		2	4
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>84</u>	<u>41</u>	<u>160</u>

	<u>PRECINCT I</u>	<u>PRECINCT II</u>	<u>PRECINCT III</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>SHERIFF</u>				
Thomas M. Hodgson	26	73	28	127
Blanks	8	11	10	29
Write-In's: (4)				
Pete Braley	1			1
Gary Crowell			1	1
Gary J. Crowell			1	1
K. G. Monteiro			1	1
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>84</u>	<u>41</u>	<u>160</u>

	<u>PRECINCT I</u>	<u>PRECINCT II</u>	<u>PRECINCT III</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>COUNTY COMMISSIONER (Vote for Two)</u>				
Blanks	69	168	81	318
Write-In's: (0)				

Blank	1			1
Roger Pare			1	1
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>168</u>	<u>82</u>	<u>320</u>

	<u>PRECINCT I</u>	<u>PRECINCT II</u>	<u>PRECINCT III</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>DISTRICT ATTY. (TO FILL VACANCY)</u>				
Blanks	35	84	40	159
Write-In's: (1)				
Blank			1	1
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>84</u>	<u>41</u>	<u>160</u>

**RESULTS OF THE PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY HELD ON SEPTEMBER 8, 2016
GREEN RAINBOW RESULTS**

	<u>PRECINCT I</u>	<u>PRECINCT II</u>	<u>PRECINCT III</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS</u>				
Blanks	0	0	0	0
Write-In's: (0)				
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

	<u>PRECINCT I</u>	<u>PRECINCT II</u>	<u>PRECINCT III</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>COUNCILLOR</u>				
Blanks	0	0	0	0
Write-In's: (0)				
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

	<u>PRECINCT I</u>	<u>PRECINCT II</u>	<u>PRECINCT III</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT</u>				
Blanks	0	0	0	0
Write-In's: (0)				
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

	<u>PRECINCT I</u>	<u>PRECINCT II</u>	<u>PRECINCT III</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT</u>				
Blanks	0	0	0	0
Write-In's: (0)				
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

	<u>PRECINCT I</u>	<u>PRECINCT II</u>	<u>PRECINCT III</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>SHERIFF</u>				
Blanks	0	0	0	0
Write-In's: (0)				
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

	<u>PRECINCT I</u>	<u>PRECINCT II</u>	<u>PRECINCT III</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>COUNTY COMMISSIONER</u> (Vote for Two)				
Blanks	0	0	0	0
Write-In's: (0)				
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

	<u>PRECINCT I</u>	<u>PRECINCT II</u>	<u>PRECINCT III</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>DISTRICT ATTY. (TO FILL VACANCY)</u>				
Blanks	0	0	0	0
Write-In's: (0)				
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

**RESULTS OF THE PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY HELD ON SEPTEMBER 8, 2016
UNITED INDEPENDENT PARTY RESULTS**

	<u>PRECINCT I</u>	<u>PRECINCT II</u>	<u>PRECINCT III</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS</u>				
Blanks	0	2	0	2

Write-In's: (2)				
William Keating		1		1
Brandon Cabral		1		1
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>4</u>

	<u>PRECINCT I</u>	<u>PRECINCT II</u>	<u>PRECINCT III</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>COUNCILLOR</u>				
Blanks	0	2	0	2
Write-In's: (2)				
Brandon Cabral		1		1
Ian Abreau		1		1
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>4</u>

	<u>PRECINCT I</u>	<u>PRECINCT II</u>	<u>PRECINCT III</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT</u>				
Blanks	0	0	0	0
Write-In's: (2)				
Mark Montigny		2		2
Brandon Cabral		2		2
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>4</u>

	<u>PRECINCT I</u>	<u>PRECINCT II</u>	<u>PRECINCT III</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT</u>				
Blanks	0	2	0	2
Write-In's: (1)				
Brandon Cabral		2		2
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>4</u>

	<u>PRECINCT I</u>	<u>PRECINCT II</u>	<u>PRECINCT III</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>SHERIFF</u>				
Blanks	0	1	0	1

Write-In's: (2)				
Hodgson		1		1
Brandon Cabral		2		2
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>4</u>

	<u>PRECINCT I</u>	<u>PRECINCT II</u>	<u>PRECINCT III</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>COUNTY COMMISSIONER</u> (Vote for Two)				
Blanks	0	6	0	6
Write-In's: (1)				
Brandon Cabral		2		2
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>8</u>

	<u>PRECINCT I</u>	<u>PRECINCT II</u>	<u>PRECINCT III</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>DISTRICT ATTY.</u> (TO FILL VACANCY)				
Blanks	0	1	0	1
Write-In's: (2)				
Thomas Quinn III		1		1
Brandon Cabral		2		2
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>4</u>

Attest:

Pamela A. Labonte, CMMC
Town Clerk

Percentage of Votes Cast 4.5%

RESULTS OF THE STATE ELECTION HELD ON NOVEMBER 8, 2016

Register of Voters Eligible To Vote in the November 8, 2016 State Election
Final Day of Registration – October 19, 2016

	Conserve	United Indep. Party	Demo	GR	Lib	MA Indep. Party	Repub	Socialist	Unenrolled	Total
Prec I	1	5	750	4	4		174		1354	2292
Prec II		3	725	1	2		242	1	1582	2556
Prec III		2	798	1	2	2	189		1641	2635
Total	1	10	2273	6	8	2	605	1	4577	7483

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 Faye Philla, Warden.
 Box register when polls were opened 0.
 Number of ballots received 1501 plus 37 absentee ballots
 Number of Early Voting ballots received 500
 Number of ballots cast from tape 1678.
 Number of ballots counted manually 18.
 Number of ballots spoiled 26.
 Number of Provisional ballots not cast 10.
 Number of Unused ballots returned 306.

The following officers were present:

Warden: Faye Philla
 Clerk: Joanne Cioper, Carolyn Fortin
 Inspectors: Anita Poitras, Louise Desroches, Cathy Audette,
 Suzanne Sounik
 Police Officers: Louann Jenkinson, David Correia

Polls were closed at 8:00 p.m. and the ballot box registered 1678.

A true record: Attest:/s/ Joanne Cioper
 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 Lillian Contois, Warden.
Box register when polls were opened 0.
Number of ballots received 1500 plus 53 absentee ballots
Number of Early Voting ballots received 734
Number of ballots cast from tape 1928
Number of ballots counted manually 28
Number of ballots spoiled 24
Number of Provisional ballots not cast 1
Number of Unused ballots returned 306

The following officers were present:

Warden: Lillian Contois
Clerk: Diane Ferreira
Inspectors: Donna Forand, Russell Goyette, Paulette Hudson,
Joanne Fournier, Roberta Raymond, Everett Philla
Police Officers: Andrew Cordeiro, Gene Robinson

Polls were closed at 8:00 p.m. and the ballot box registered 1928.

A true record, Attest:/s/ Diane Ferreira
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 Diana Couto, Warden.
Box register when polls were opened 0.
Number of ballots received 1502 plus 40 absentee ballots
Additional ballots received 262
Number of Early Voting ballots received 485
Number of ballots cast from tape 1988.
Number of ballots counted manually 21
Number of ballots spoiled 30
Number of Provisional ballots not cast 3
Number of Unused ballots returned 247

The following officers were present:

Warden:	Dianna Couto
Clerk:	Mary Lebeau
Inspectors:	Susan Perry, Andrea Corrie, Priscilla Santos, Pamela Tripp, Carol Gravanis, Donna Labrode
Police Officers:	Gary Moniz, Paul Melo

Polls were closed at 8:00 p.m. and the ballot box registered 1988.

A true record, Attest:/s	Mary Lebeau Clerk of Election Officers
Attest:	Pamela Labonte, Town Clerk

RESULTS OF THE STATE ELECTION HELD ON NOVEMBER 8, 2016

	<u>PRECINCT</u> <u>I</u>	<u>PRECINCT</u> <u>II</u>	<u>PRECINCT</u> <u>III</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>ELECTORS OF</u> <u>PRESIDENT AND</u> <u>VICE PRESIDENT</u>				
Clinton and Kaine	783	756	859	2398
Johnson and Weld	58	58	59	175
Stein and Baraka	26	28	32	86
Trump and Pence	786	1043	1005	2834
Blanks:	30	44	32	106
All Others:	1	6	1	8
Write-Ins: (25)				
Bernie Sanders	6	13	11	30
Evan McMullin	5		1	6
Mike Pence	3			3
Ben Carson	1			1
Joseph Biden	1			1
Spencer Lopes	1			1
Caleb Vezina	1			1
Darrell Castle			1	1
Scott Brady			1	1
Castle/Brady			1	1
Clinton and Caine			3	3
Romney			1	1

Condeleya Rice		2	1	3
Leonard F. Correia			1	1
Clinton			1	1
John Masick			1	1
Mark Alliegro			1	1
Jeffrey Gonville		1		1
Christopher Hebert		1		1
Max Pacheco		1		1
Len Acherman		1		1
Bill Belichick		1		1
Thomas Brady		1		1
Kim Harris		1		1
John Kasich		1		1
TOTAL	<u>1702</u>	<u>1958</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>5672</u>
	<u>PRECINCT</u>	<u>PRECINCT</u>	<u>PRECINCT</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	<u>I</u>	<u>II</u>	<u>III</u>	

REPRESENTATIVE
IN CONGRESS

William Richard Keating	805	891	939	2635
Mark C. Alliegro	495	659	642	1796
Christopher D. Cataldo	32	33	27	92
Paul J. Harrington	173	182	187	542
Anna Grace Raduc	37	25	26	88
Blanks:	159	168	188	515

All Others:

Write-Ins: (4)

Lynch	1			1
Keating			1	1
William Richard Keating			1	1
Anna Grace			1	1

TOTAL	<u>1702</u>	<u>1958</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>5672</u>
	<u>PRECINCT</u>	<u>PRECINCT</u>	<u>PRECINCT</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	<u>I</u>	<u>II</u>	<u>III</u>	

COUNCILLOR

Joseph C. Ferreira	1238	1401	1491	4130
Blanks:	459	548	511	1518
All Others:	2	4	2	8
Write-Ins: (15)				

Frank Zappa	1			1
Sara Gomes	1			1
Tom Hanks	1			1
Johnathan Mendes			1	1
Howie Carr			1	1
Johnnie Bernard			1	1
Joseph C. Ferreira			2	2
John Gladewski			1	1
Davis J. LaPlant			1	1
Gleason Dauzig			1	1
Trump		1		1
James Connely		1		1
Teddy Lipsett		1		1
George Clallahera		1		1
Jeffrey Gonneville		1		1
TOTAL	<u>1702</u>	<u>1958</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>5672</u>

	<u>PRECINCT</u>	<u>PRECINCT</u>	<u>PRECINCT</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	<u>I</u>	<u>II</u>	<u>III</u>	
<u>SENATOR IN</u>				
<u>GENERAL</u>				
<u>COURT</u>				
Mark C. Montigny	1329	1512	1586	4427
Blanks:	358	433	413	1204
All Others:	1	7	6	14
Write-Ins: (19)	8			8
Frank Zappa	1			1
Tony Cambra	1			1
Brad Pitt	1			1
Antonio Cabral	1			1
Jayne Duff	1			1
Tom Brady	1			1
Jonathan Mendes			1	1
Susan Wright			1	1
Ryan Mac Fader			1	1
Marc C. Montigny			1	1
Marc Laplante			1	1
Glenn Dauzig			1	1
Roger Cabral			1	1

Chris Brown		1		1
Jeffrey Gonneville		1		1
Trump		1		1
Laura Mitchell		1		1
Brandon Cabral		1		1
Mike Avila		1		1
TOTAL	<u>1702</u>	<u>1958</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>5672</u>
	<u>PRECINCT</u>	<u>PRECINCT</u>	<u>PRECINCT</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	<u>I</u>	<u>II</u>	<u>III</u>	
<u>REPRESENTATIVE</u>				
<u>IN GENERAL</u>				
<u>COURT</u>				
Robert M. Koczera	1312	1471	1570	4353
Blanks:	379	477	432	1288
All Others:	2	5	4	11
Write-In's: (17)				
Peter Koczera	1			1
John Wayne	1			1
Frank Zappa	1			1
Steve Martins	1			1
Jason Gomes	1			1
Blanks	4			4
Damaris Farrot			1	1
Robert Koczera			1	1
David LaPlant			1	1
Samuel Simoes			1	1
Glen Dauzig			1	1
Deven Tillman			1	1
Brandon Cabral		1		1
Tommy Lipsett		1		1
Jeffrey Gonneville		1		1
Trump		1		1
John Vieira		1		1
TOTAL	<u>1702</u>	<u>1958</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>5672</u>
	<u>PRECINCT</u>	<u>PRECINCT</u>	<u>PRECINCT</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	<u>I</u>	<u>II</u>	<u>III</u>	
<u>SHERIFF</u>				
Thomas M. Hodgson	1265	1522	1544	4331

Blanks:	413	417	438	1268
All Others:	15	7	11	33
Write-Ins: (35)				
Eddie Morris Jr.	1			1
Anthony Lanzoni	3			3
Mike Reedy	1			1
Chris Brassells	1			1
Jason Gomes	1			1
Peter Cook	1			1
Tony Romo	1			1
Alfred R. Saucier			1	1
George Clatton Rose			1	1
Derek Alves			1	1
Gary Crowell			2	2
Ryan Sauve			1	1
Gene Robinson			1	1
Michael Young			1	1
John Quinn		1	1	2
Thomas M. Hodgson			1	1
Rob Gronkowski			1	1
Chris Mello			1	1
Bernie Sanders			1	1
David Machado			1	1
Samuel Simoes			1	1
Ed Morris			2	2
Edward Morris			1	1
Joshua DeOliveira			1	1
Jeremy Waxler		1		1
Brandon Cabral		1		1
Mark Lipsett		1		1
James Dillon		1		1
Peter Mitchell		1		1
David Brightman		1		1
John Saunders		1		1
Andrew L.S. Dillon		1		1
Josh D. Oliver		1		1
Ed Wiley		1		1

Gilly Safioles		1		1
TOTAL	<u>1702</u>	<u>1958</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>5672</u>
	<u>PRECINCT</u>	<u>PRECINCT</u>	<u>PRECINCT</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>COUNTY</u>	<u>I</u>	<u>II</u>	<u>III</u>	
<u>COMMISSIONER</u>				
Paul B. Kitchen	974	1091	1151	3216
John R. Mitchell	789	921	951	2661
Blanks:	1636	1895	1912	5443
All Others:	2	8	1	11
Write-Ins: (12)				
Frank Zappa	2			2
Greg Demello	1			1
Amanda Mendes			1	1
Johnathan Mendes			1	1
Joseph MacDonald			1	1
Toby Butis			1	1
Ray Daigle			1	1
John R. Mitchell			1	1
Paul B. Kitchen			1	1
Phoebe LaPlante			1	1
Glenn Dauzig			1	1
Brandon Cabral		1		1
TOTAL	<u>3404</u>	<u>3916</u>	<u>4024</u>	<u>11344</u>
	<u>PRECINCT</u>	<u>PRECINCT</u>	<u>PRECINCT</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>DISTRICT ATTY.</u>	<u>I</u>	<u>II</u>	<u>III</u>	
<u>(To Fill Vacancy)</u>				
Thomas M. Quinn, III	1277	1449	1553	4279
Blanks:	422	504	454	1380
All Others:	1	4	1	6
Write-Ins: (6)				
Frank Zappa	1			1
A. Fernandes	1			1
Thomas Quinn			1	1
Ivy LaPlant			1	1
Glenn Dauzig			2	2
Brandon Cabral		1		1
TOTAL	<u>1702</u>	<u>1958</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>5672</u>

QUESTION 1: LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION

Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives on or before May 3, 2016?

SUMMARY

This proposed law would allow the state Gaming Commission to issue one additional category 2 license, which would permit operation of a gaming establishment with no table games and not more fund more than 1,250 slot machines.

The proposed law would authorize the Commission to request applications for the additional license to be granted to a gaming establishment located on property that is (i) at least four acres in size; (ii) adjacent to and within 1,500 feet of a race track, including the track’s additional facilities, such as the track, grounds, paddocks, barns, auditorium, amphitheatre, and bleachers; (iii) where a horse racing meeting may physically be held; (iv) where a horse racing meeting shall have been hosted; and (v) not separated from the race track by a highway or railway.

A YES VOTE would permit the state Gaming Commission to license one additional slot-machine gaming establishment at a location that meets certain conditions specified in the law.

A NO VOTE would make no change in current laws regarding gaming.

	<u>PRECINCT</u> I	<u>PRECINCT</u> II	<u>PRECINCT</u> III	<u>TOTAL</u>
YES	783	934	928	2645
NO	706	846	856	2408
BLANKS:	213	178	228	619
TOTAL	<u>1702</u>	<u>1958</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>5672</u>

QUESTION 2: LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION

Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives on or before May 3, 2016?

SUMMARY

This proposed law would allow the state Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to approve up to 12 new charter schools or enrollment expansions in existing charter schools each year. Approvals under this law could expand statewide charter school enrollment by up to 1% of the total statewide public school enrollment each year. New charters and enrollment expansions approved under this law would be exempt from existing limits on the number of charter schools, the number of students enrolled in them, and the amount of

local school districts’ spending allocated to them.

If the Board received more than 12 applications in a single year from qualified applicants, then the proposed law would require it to give priority to proposed charter schools or enrollment expansions in districts where student performance on statewide assessments is in the bottom 25% of all districts in the previous two years and where demonstrated parent demand for additional public school options is greatest.

New charter schools and enrollment expansions approved under this proposed law would be subject to the same approval standards as other charter schools, and to recruitment, retention, and multilingual outreach requirements that currently apply to some charter schools. Schools authorized under this law would be subject to annual performance reviews according to standards established by the Board.

The proposed law would take effect on January 1, 2017.

A YES VOTE would allow for up to 12 approvals each year of either new charter schools or expanded enrollments in existing charter schools, but not to exceed 1% of the statewide public school enrollment.

A NO VOTE would make no change in current laws relative to charter schools

	<u>PRECINCT</u> <u>I</u>	<u>PRECINCT</u> <u>II</u>	<u>PRECINCT</u> <u>III</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
YES	575	724	650	1949
NO	1065	1147	1282	3494
BLANKS:	62	87	80	229
TOTAL	<u>1702</u>	<u>1958</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>5672</u>

QUESTION 3: LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION

Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives on or before May 3, 2016?

SUMMARY

This proposed law would prohibit any farm owner or operator from knowingly confining any breeding pig, calf raised for veal, or egg-laying hen in a way that prevents the animal from lying down, standing up, fully extending its limbs, or turning around freely. The proposed law would also prohibit any business owner or operator in Massachusetts from selling whole eggs intended for human consumption or any uncooked cut of veal or pork if the business owner or operator knows or should know that the hen, breeding pig, or veal calf that produced these products was confined in a manner prohibited by the proposed law. The proposed law would exempt sales of food products that combine veal or pork with other products, including soups, sandwiches, pizzas, hotdogs, or similar processed or

prepared food items.

The proposed law’s confinement prohibitions would not apply during transportation; state and county fair exhibitions; 4-H programs; slaughter in compliance with applicable laws and regulations; medical research; veterinary exams, testing, treatment and operation if performed under the direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian; five days prior to a pregnant pig’s expected date of giving birth; any day that pig is nursing piglets; and for temporary periods for animal husbandry purposes not to exceed six hours in any twenty-four hour period.

The proposed law would create a civil penalty of up to \$1,000 for each violation and would give the Attorney General the exclusive authority to enforce the law, and to issue regulations to implement it. As a defense to enforcement proceedings, the proposed law would allow a business owner or operator to rely in good faith upon a written certification or guarantee of compliance by a supplier.

The proposed law would be in addition to any other animal welfare laws and would not prohibit stricter local laws.

The proposed law would take effect on January 1, 2022. The proposed law states that if any of its parts were declared invalid, the other parts would stay in effect.

AYES VOTE would prohibit any confinement of pigs, calves, and hens that prevents them from lying down, standing up, fully extending their limbs, or turning around freely.

ANNO VOTE would make no change in current laws relative to the keeping of farm animals.

	<u>PRECINCT</u> <u>I</u>	<u>PRECINCT</u> <u>II</u>	<u>PRECINCT</u> <u>III</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
YES	1232	1345	1385	3962
NO	395	525	534	1454
BLANKS:	75	88	93	256
TOTAL	<u>1702</u>	<u>1958</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>5672</u>

QUESTION 4: LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION

Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives on or before May 3, 2016?

SUMMARY

The proposed law would permit the possession, use, distribution, and cultivation of marijuana in limited amounts by persons age 21 and older and would remove criminal penalties for such activities. It would provide for the regulation of commerce in marijuana, marijuana accessories, and marijuana products and for the taxation of proceeds from sales of these items.

The proposed law would authorize persons at least 21 years old to possess up to one ounce of marijuana outside of their residences; possess up to ten ounces of marijuana inside their residences; grow up to six marijuana plants in their residences; give one ounce or less of marijuana to a person at least 21 years old without payment; possess, produce or transfer hemp; or make or transfer items related to marijuana use, storage, cultivation, or processing.

The measure would create a Cannabis Control Commission of three members appointed by the state Treasurer which would generally administer the law governing marijuana use and distribution, promulgate regulations, and be responsible for the licensing of marijuana commercial establishments. The proposed law would also create a Cannabis Advisory Board of fifteen members appointed by the Governor. The Cannabis Control Commission would adopt regulations governing licensing qualifications; security; record keeping; health and safety standards; packaging and labeling; testing; advertising and displays; required inspections; and such other matters as the Commission considers appropriate. The records of the Commission would be public records.

The proposed law would authorize cities and towns to adopt reasonable restrictions on the time, place, and manner of operating marijuana businesses and to limit the number of marijuana establishments in their communities. A city or town could hold a local vote to determine whether to permit the selling of marijuana and marijuana products for consumption on the premises at commercial establishments.

The proceeds of retail sales of marijuana and marijuana products would be subject to the state sales tax and an additional excise tax of 3.75%. A city or town could impose a separate tax of up to 2%. Revenue received from the additional state excise tax or from license application fees and civil penalties for violations of this law would be deposited in a Marijuana Regulation Fund and would be used subject to appropriation for administration of the proposed law.

Marijuana-related activities authorized under this proposed law could not be a basis for adverse orders in child welfare cases absent clear and convincing evidence that such activities had created an unreasonable danger to the safety of a minor child.

The proposed law would not affect existing law regarding medical marijuana treatment centers or the operation of motor vehicles while under the influence. It would permit property owners to prohibit the use, sale, or production of marijuana on their premises (with an exception that landlords cannot prohibit consumption by tenants of marijuana by means other than by smoking); and would permit employers to prohibit the consumption of marijuana by employees in the workplace. State and local governments could continue to restrict uses in public buildings or at or near schools. Supplying marijuana to persons under age 21 would be unlawful.

The proposed law would take effect on December 15, 2016.

A YES VOTE would allow persons 21 and older to possess, use, and transfer marijuana

and products containing marijuana concentrate (including edible products) and to cultivate marijuana, all in limited amounts, and would provide for the regulation and taxation of commercial sale of marijuana and marijuana products.

A **NO VOTE** would make no change in current laws relative to marijuana.

	<u>PRECINCT</u> <u>I</u>	<u>PRECINCT</u> <u>II</u>	<u>PRECINCT</u> <u>III</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
YES	896	965	942	2803
NO	757	921	1006	2684
BLANKS:	49	72	64	185
TOTAL	<u>1702</u>	<u>1958</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>5672</u>

Attest:

Pamela Labonte, Town Clerk
Percentage of Votes Cast 76%

**TOWN OF ACUSHNET
WARRANT
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2016 AT 7:00 P.M.
CONCLUDED-MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2016
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 Auditorium at the Acushnet Ford Middle School, 708 Middle Road in said Acushnet, Monday, the Fourteenth (14th) day of November, at 7:00 P.M. in the evening then and there to act on the following articles viz:

WEATHER: Clear & Warm LOCATION: Ford Middle School
WARRANT & NEWSPAPER NOTICES:
Approved by Robert Francis, Moderator
ATTENDANCE: 61

Due to a lack of a quorum, the Special Town Meeting of Monday, November 14, 2016 is continued to Monday, November 21, 2016 at 7:00 P.M., located at the Ford Middle School.

THE FOLLOWING WERE PRESENT ON STAGE November 14, 12016:

Robert Francis, Moderator	Pamela A. Labonte, Town Clerk
Kristie Costa, Treasurer/Collector	Carol McCoy, Interim Town Accountant
Dr. Michael Boucher, Finance Comm., Vice Chairman	Robert St. Jean, Finance Comm.Chairman
Kevin Pacios, Interim Town Administrator	Garry L. Rawcliffe, BOS, Chairman
Kevin Gasper, Sr., Selectman	Michael A. Cioper, Selectman
Darren Klein, KP Law, P.C., Town Council	

WEATHER: Clear, Windy 35°
LOCATION: Ford Middle School
TIME MEETING OPENED: 7:19 P.M.
TIME MEETING CONTINUED: 7:19 P.M.
DATE MEETING RECONVENED TO: November 21, 2016 at 7:15 p.m.

7:00 P.M. - Due to a location-scheduling conflict of the Special Town Meeting of Monday, November 14, 2106, continued to Monday, November 21, 2016, the meeting was moved from the Ford Middle School, 708 Middle Rd. to the Acushnet Elementary School, 800 Middle Rd. at 7:15 P.M.

THE FOLLOWING WERE PRESENT November 21, 2016 at 7:00 P.M. to, officially, announce the relocation to the Acushnet Elementary School, 800 Middle Rd. and time

change to 7:15 p.m.:

Robert Francis, Moderator
Jonathan Eichman, KP Law, P.C., Town Council

Rachel Charbonneau, Senior Clerk

DATE MEETING CONTINUED: November 21, 2016

ATTENDANCE: 140

TIME MEETING OPENED: 7:15 P.M.

LOCATION: Acushnet Elementary School

THE FOLLOWING WERE PRESENT ON STAGE:

Robert Francis, Moderator
Kristie Costa, Treasurer/Collector
Dr. Michael Boucher, Finance Comm.Vice Chairman
Brian Noble, Interim Town Administrator
Kevin Gasper, Sr., Selectman
Jonathan Eichman, KP Law, P.C., Town Council

Rachel Charbonneau, T.M. Elected Town Clerk
Carol McCoy, Interim Town Accountant
Robert St. Jean, Finance Committee Chairman
Garry L. Rawcliffe, BOS, Chairman
Michael A. Cioper, Selectman

Moderator, Robert Francis, since April 6, 1981, takes a moment to share with the voters the following statement: “Before I call the meeting to order, I would like to take a point of personal privilege. It is with a heavy heart, that I wish to announce, that after 36 years as your Town Moderator, that this will most likely be my last town meeting. It is time for me to retire. Thank you for all the good years.”

Due to illness, the Acushnet Town Clerk, Pamela A. Labonte was unable to attend the Town Meeting. A motion was placed on Town Meeting Floor to Elect Rachel Charbonneau as Town Meeting Town Clerk. Motion was seconded and voted unanimously.

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of Five Thousand Dollars for the purpose of adjusting Salary Lines that were approved in FY16 but were not included in Article 1 of the Special Town Meeting held on May 23, 2016, or to take any other action relative thereto. (\$5,000.00)

(Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:
(RECOMMENDATION FROM THE FLOOR)

1. Motion made by Chairman Rawcliffe that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) for increasing Salary Lines 101145/511300 by Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) and 101122/511300 by Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00) that were approved in FY2016 but were not included in Article 1 of the Special Town Meeting held on May 23, 2016.

2. Finance Committee recommendation by Chairman St. Jean: Finance Committee voted, unanimously, to recommend this article.
3. Vote: Seeing no one opposed, the article is declared passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer from available funds the sum of Seven Thousand Dollars to repair the roof of the Town Hall, including all incidental and related costs, or to take any other action relative thereto. (\$7,000.00)

(Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:
(RECOMMENDATION FROM THE FLOOR)

1. Motion made by Selectman Gaspar that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Thousand Dollars (\$7,000.00) to repair the roof of the Town Hall, including all incidental and related costs.
2. Finance Committee recommendation by Vice Chairman Boucher: The Finance Committee recommends this article unopposed.
3. Vote: Seeing no one opposed, the article is declared passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to amend the FY2017 Operating Budget as voted at the May 23, 2016 Annual Town Meeting by reducing Worker's Compensation Line Item (0101912/517100) by the sum of Twelve Thousand Dollars and increasing Liability Insurance Line Item (0101945/574400) by the same amount, or to take any other action relative thereto. (\$12,000.00)

(Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:
(RECOMMENDATION FROM THE FLOOR)

1. Motion made by Selectmen Cioper that the Town amend the FY2017 Operating Budget as voted at the May 23, 2016 Annual Town Meeting by reducing the Worker's Compensation Line Item (0101912/517100) by the sum of Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$12,000.00) and increasing the Liability Insurance Line Item (0101945/574400) by the sum of Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$12,000.00).
2. Finance Committee recommendation by Chairman St. Jean: The Finance Committee recommends approval of this article by a unanimous vote.
3. Vote: Seeing no one opposed, the article is declared passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate by transfer from available funds a sum of money to pay the cost of a Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan (CWMP), including all incidental and related costs; to determine whether this appropriation shall be raised by borrowing from the Massachusetts Clean Water Trust or otherwise, or to take any other action relative thereto.

(Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:
(RECOMMENDATION FROM THE FLOOR)

1. Motion made by Chairman Rawcliffe that the Town transfer from Free Cash the sum of Three Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$350,000.00) for the purpose of financing the planning of the Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan (CWMP) including, without limitation, all costs thereof as defined in Section 1 of Chapter 29C of the General Laws; that the Board of Selectmen is authorized to enter into a Project Regulatory Agreement (PRA) with the Department of Environmental Protection, to expend all funds available for the project and to take any other action necessary to carry out the project.
2. Finance Committee recommendation by Vice Chairman Boucher: Finance Committee did not recommend passage of this article and that was a unanimous vote.
3. Vote: The article passes with opposition.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the tax title custodian for tax collection purposes to the Board of Selectmen for the purpose of conveyance, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to convey or assign to the Town of Freetown or its designee such rights as the Town presently holds in the land located off Acushnet Avenue and depicted as Lot 1 on Acushnet Assessors' Map 1, more particularly described in the deed recorded with the Bristol South Registry of Deeds in Book 1810, Page 315, and believed to be owned as a matter of record by T.A. & D.A Troy Co., (Mass.) Inc., which rights may be tax receivables or such other right, title and interest held by the Town pursuant to its right to collect property taxes assessed against the property in accordance with General Laws Chapters 59 and 60, for such purposes and upon such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen deem appropriate; to authorize the Board of Selectmen to execute such instruments and documents and take such other action as may be needed to carry out the vote taken hereunder; and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court for special legislation as may be needed to effectuate the purposes of this vote, provided that the General Court may make clerical and editorial changes of form only to the bill unless the Board of Selectmen approves amendments to the bill prior to enactment by the General Court, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to approve such amendments which shall be within the scope of the general public objectives of the petition, or to take any other action relative thereto.

(Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:
(RECOMMENDATION FROM THE FLOOR)

1. Motion made by Selectman Gaspar that the Town transfer from the tax title custodian for tax collection purposes to the Board of Selectmen for the purpose of conveyance, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to convey or assign to the Town of Freetown or its designee such rights as the Town presently holds in the land located off Acushnet Avenue and depicted as Lot 1 on Acushnet Assessors' Map 1, more particularly described in the deed recorded with the Bristol South Registry of Deeds in Book 1810, Page 315, and believed to be owned as a matter of record by T.A. & D.A Troy Co., (Mass.) Inc., which rights may be tax receivables or such other right, title and interest held by the Town pursuant to its right to collect property taxes assessed against the property in accordance with General Laws Chapters 59 and 60, for such purposes and upon such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen deem appropriate; to authorize the Board of Selectmen to execute such instruments and documents and take such other action as may be needed to carry out the vote taken hereunder; and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court for special legislation as may be needed to effectuate the purposes of this vote, provided that the General Court may make clerical and editorial changes of form only to the bill unless the Board of Selectmen approves amendments to the bill prior to enactment by the General Court, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to approve such amendments which shall be within the scope of the general public objectives of the petition.
2. Finance Committee recommendation by Chairman St. Jean: The Finance Committee recommends passage of this article.
3. Vote (requires 2/3^{rd's}): The article passes by a two-thirds majority.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer from available funds the sum of One Hundred Sixty-Two Dollars for the payment of an unpaid Veteran's Office bill from a prior year in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 64 of the General laws, or to take any other action relative thereto. (\$162.00)

(Submitted by the Veteran's Agent)

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:
(RECOMMENDATION FROM THE FLOOR)

1. Motion made by Selectman Cioper that the Town transfer from free cash the sum of One Hundred Sixty-Two Dollars (\$162.00) for the payment of an unpaid Veteran's Office bill from a prior year in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 64 of the Mass. General Laws.

2. Finance Committee recommendation by Vice Chairman Boucher: The Finance Committee recommends this article, unopposed.
3. Vote: (requires 9/10th's): Seeing no one opposed, it is declared unanimous.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer from available funds the sum of One Thousand Three Hundred Seventy Dollars for the payment of two unpaid Building Department Inspection bills from a prior year in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 64 of the General laws, or to take any other action relative thereto. (\$1,370.00)

(Submitted by the Building Department)

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:
(RECOMMENDATION FROM THE FLOOR)

1. Motion made by Chairman Rawcliffe that the town transfer from free cash the sum of One Thousand Three Hundred Seventy Dollars (\$1,370.00) for the payment of two unpaid Building Department Inspection bills from a prior year in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 64 of the Mass. General laws.
2. Finance Committee recommendation by Chairman St. Jean: Finance Committee voted unanimously to support this article.
3. Vote (requires 9/10th's): Seeing no one opposed, the article is declared passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer from available funds the sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars for the purpose of refurbishing a retired Police SUV for the Council on Aging, or to take any other action relative thereto. (\$2,500.00)

(Submitted by the Council on Aging)

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:
(RECOMMENDATION FROM THE FLOOR)

1. Motion made by Selectman Gaspar that the Town transfer from free cash the sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00) for refurbishing a retired Police SUV for the Council on Aging.
2. Finance Committee recommendation by Vice Chairman Boucher: Finance Committee recommends this article unopposed.
3. Vote: The article passes unanimously.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer from available funds the sum of Four Thousand Dollars for the purpose of hiring temporary help for the Council on Aging, or to take any other action relative thereto. (\$4,000.00)

(Submitted by the Council on Aging)

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:
(RECOMMENDATION FROM THE FLOOR)

1. Motion made by Selectman Cioper the Town transfer from Free Cash the sum of Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000.00) for hiring temporary help for the Council on Aging.
2. Finance Committee recommendation by Chairman St. Jean: Finance Committee recommends the passage of this article.
3. Vote: Seeing no one opposed, the article is declared passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to re-authorize a revolving fund account pursuant to MGL Chapter 44, §53E1/2 for the Council on Aging into which monies received by the Town from Council on Aging activities, are deposited and from which the Council on Aging shall expend funds solely for the Council on Aging activities, not to exceed \$30,000.00 in the fiscal year, or to take any other action relative thereto.

(Submitted by the Council on Aging)

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:
(RECOMMENDATION FROM THE FLOOR)

1. Motion made by Chairman Rawcliffe that the Town vote to adopt the following new bylaw pursuant to:

G.L. c.44, §53 ½ and to otherwise accept said article as read, and further, to authorize the Town Clerk to assign an appropriate number to said bylaw so as to make such numbering consistent with that generally used in the Town Bylaws:

In accordance with G.L. 44, §53E ½, there shall be the following revolving funds:

- (1) Council on Aging Revolving Fund. Monies received by the Town from Council on Aging activities shall be credited to said fund, and such monies may be expended by the Council on Aging for activities sponsored or otherwise provided by said Council on Aging.
2. Finance Committee recommendation by Vice Chairman Boucher: Finance Committee recommends this article unopposed.
3. Vote (requires a 2/3rds): Seeing no one opposed, the article is

declared passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to authorize a revolving fund account pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53E½, for the Acushnet Public Library into which monies received by the Town from Library fees and fines, are deposited and from which the Acushnet Public Library shall expend funds solely for Acushnet Public Library activities, not to exceed \$4,000.00 in the fiscal year, or take any other action relative thereto.

(Submitted by the Library Trustees)

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:
(RECOMMENDATION FROM THE FLOOR)

1. Motion made by Selectman Gaspar the Town vote to adopt the following new bylaw and to otherwise accept said article as read, such bylaw to be added as a new section to that approved under Article 10, and further, to authorize the Town Clerk to assign an appropriate number to said bylaw so as to make such numbering consistent with that generally used in the Town Bylaws.
 - (2) Acushnet Public Library. Monies received by the Town from fees and fines collected by the Acushnet Public Library shall be credited to said fund, and such monies may be expended by the Library Board of Trustees for Acushnet Public Library activities.
2. Finance Committee recommendation by Chairman St. Jean: The Finance Committee supports the passage of this article unanimously.
3. Vote (requires 2/3rds): Seeing no one opposed, the article is declared passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Acushnet General By-laws, Zoning Article VIII Section 3.3.2 Business Village District Section “E” Development Standards; to add a subsection as follows:

- (7) All buildable lots are required to connect to municipal sewer and water as approved by the Department of Public Works

and further that non-substantive changes to the numbering of this by-law be permitted in order that it be in compliance with the numbering format of the By-laws of the Town of Acushnet, or take any other action relative thereto.

(Submitted by the Planning Board)

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:
(RECOMMENDATION FROM THE FLOOR)

1. Motion made by Selectman Cioper that the Town amend the Town of Acushnet General By-laws, Zoning Article VIII. Section 3.3.2 Business Village District Section “E” Development Standards; to add a subsection as follows:

- (7) All buildable lots are required to connect to municipal sewer and water as approved by the Department of Public Works;

and further that non-substantive changes to the numbering of this by-law be permitted in order that it be in compliance with the numbering format of the Bylaws of the Town of Acushnet.

2. Finance Committee recommendation by Vice Chairman Boucher: Finance Committee recommended this article unopposed.
3. Planning Board recommendation by Chairman Marc Cenerizio: The Planning Board recommends this article.
4. Vote (requires 2/3rds): Seeing no one opposed the article is declared passed unanimously.

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Acushnet General Bylaws, Zoning Article VIII, Section 3.3.5 Industrial District (I-1) subsection “D”, Dimensional Requirements, to add a subsection as follows:

- (f) Buildings for industrial purposes related to sand and gravel processing may increase from thirty-five (35) feet at a rate of one (1) foot of height for every one (1) foot of distance from the required setback to a maximum height of 70 feet;

and further that non-substantive changes to the numbering of this bylaw be permitted in order that it be in compliance with the numbering format of the Bylaws of Acushnet, or to take any action relative thereto.

(Submitted by the Planning Board)

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:
(RECOMMENDATION FROM THE FLOOR)

1. Motion made by Chairman Rawcliffe that the Town amend the Town of Acushnet General Bylaws, Zoning Article VIII, Section 3.3.5 In-

dustrial District (I-I) subsection “D”, Dimensional Requirements, to add a subsection as follows:

- (f) Buildings for industrial purposes related to sand and gravel processing may increase from thirty-five (35) feet at a rate of one (1) foot of height for every one (1) foot of distance from the required setback to a maximum height of 70 feet;

and further that non-substantive changes to the numbering of this bylaw be permitted in order that it be in compliance with the numbering format of the Bylaws of Acushnet.

- 2. Finance Committee recommendation by Chairman St. Jean: Finance Committee voted unanimously to support this article.
- 3. Planning Board recommendation by Chairman Marc Cenerizio: Planning Board recommends this article.
- 4. Vote (requires 2/3rds): The article passes by a two-third’s majority.

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to amend the General By-laws, Article IV Streets, Section 12, by deleting the strikethrough text and inserting the text in bold as follows:

Except as otherwise provided by law, no person shall have more than one non-registered, **un-garaged**, or abandoned ~~car~~ vehicle on his property or premises, or **the** property ~~or~~ premises under his control, and no one shall abandon a non-registered or registered ~~automobile~~ **motor vehicle** on the property or premises under the control of another; and whoever is found to be guilty of said violation by the appropriate court **shall** be subject to bearing all costs expended in relation to this matter. Antique Automobiles are excepted; or to take any other action relative thereto.

(Submitted by the Building Commissioner)

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:
(RECOMMENDATION FROM THE FLOOR)

- 1. Motion made by Selectman Gaspar, the Town amend the General By-Laws, Article IV Streets, Section 12, by deleting the strike-through text and inserting the text in bold as follows:

Except as otherwise provided by law, no person shall have more than one nonregistered, **un-garaged**, or

abandoned ~~car~~ vehicle on his property or premises, or ~~the property or off~~ premises under his control, and no one shall abandon a non-registered or registered ~~automobile~~ **motor vehicle** on the property or premises under the control of another; and whoever is found to be guilty of said violation by the appropriate court **shall** be subject to bearing all costs expended in relation to this matter. Antique Automobiles are excepted.

2. Finance Committee recommendation by Vice Chairman Boucher: Finance Committee recommended this article unopposed.
3. Planning Board recommendation by Chairman Marc Cenerizio: Planning Board recommends this article.
4. Vote (requires 2/3rds): The article passes, by a two-third's majority.

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer from available funds the sum of Sixty-Eight Thousand Eighty-Five Dollars for the purchasing and equipping of one marked police cruiser and one unmarked police cruiser for the Police Department, or to take any other action relative thereto. (\$68,085.00)

(Submitted by the Police Chief)

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:
(RECOMMENDATION FROM THE FLOOR)

1. Motion made by Selectman Cioper, the Town move to transfer from the Capital Expenditure Fund the sum of Twenty-Six Thousand Dollars (26,000.00) and from Free Cash the sum of Forty-Two Thousand Eighty-Five Dollars (\$42,085.00) for the purchasing and equipping of one marked police cruiser and one unmarked police cruiser for the Police Department.
2. Finance Committee recommendation by Chairman St. Jean: The Finance Committee voted to support this article by a unanimous vote.
3. Vote: The article passes with opposition.

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer from available funds the sum of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars for the purpose of preparing a wage and classification plan for all full-time paid elected and appointed Town Officials, or to take any other action relative thereto. (\$25,000.00)

(Submitted by the Police Chief/Interim Town Administrator)

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:
(RECOMMENDATION FROM THE FLOOR)

1. Motion made by Selectman Gaspar, the Town move to transfer from Free Cash the sum of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) for preparing a wage and classification plan for all full-time paid, elected and appointed Town Officials.
2. Finance Committee recommendation by Vice Chairman Boucher: The Finance Committee recommends this article with opposition by a four to three vote.
3. Vote: The article passes with opposition.

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate by transfer from the Ambulance Reserve Fund the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars for the purchase of new Patient Care Reporting hardware, software, support systems and installation, or to take any other action relative thereto. (\$10,000.00)

(Submitted by the Fire Chief / EMS Director)

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:
(RECOMMENDATION FROM THE FLOOR)

1. Motion made by Selectman Cioper, the Town transfer from the Ambulance Reserve Fund the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) for the purchase of new Patient Care Reporting hardware, software, support systems and installation.
2. Finance Committee recommendation by Chairman St. Jean: The Finance Committee supports this article by a unanimous vote.
3. Vote: Seeing no one opposed, the article is declared passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer from available funds the sum of Three Thousand Three Hundred Dollars for the purpose of renting five sets of firefighter turnout gear (coat, pants, helmet, boots) for five call firefighter recruits, or to take any other action relative thereto. (\$3,300.00)

(Submitted by the Fire Chief / EMS Director)

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:
(RECOMMENDATION FROM THE FLOOR)

1. Motion made by Chairman Rawcliffe, the Town transfer from Free Cash the sum of Three Thousand Three Hundred Dollars (\$3,300.00) for renting five sets of firefighter turnout gear (coat, pants, helmet, boots) for five call firefighter recruits.

- 2 Finance Committee recommendation by Vice Chairman Boucher: The Finance Committee recommends this article unopposed.
- 3 Vote: Seeing no one opposed, the article is declared passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of Seventy Five Thousand Dollars from the Community Preservation Fund for the purpose of Renovating the Historic Parting Ways Building pursuant to the Community Preservation Program, or to take any action relative thereto. (\$75,000.00)

(Submitted by the Community Preservation Committee)

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:
(RECOMMENDATION FROM THE FLOOR)

1. Motion made by Selectman Gaspar that the Town transfer from the Community Preservation Fund Budgeted Reserves the sum of Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00) for renovating the Historic Parting Ways Building pursuant to the Community Preservation Program.
2. Finance Committee recommendation by Chairman St. Jean: Finance Committee vote, unanimously, to support this article.
3. Community Preservation Committee recommendation by Chairman Marc Cenerizio: The Community Preservation recommends this article.
4. Vote: Seeing no one opposed, the article is passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars from the Community Preservation Fund for the acquisition of the property shown as Lot 67 on Acushnet Assessors Map 24, for use and maintenance as open space and the creation of a public passive recreation resource, and for the rehabilitation and restoration of said property for such purposes, which work may include the removal of the existing buildings and restoration of natural vegetation, together with all costs incidental and related thereto, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire such property by purchase, gift, or eminent domain, or in the alternative to grant and assign such funds to the Buzzards Bay Coalition to provide for its purchase, rehabilitation and restoration of the property for such purposes, all upon such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen deem appropriate; and further to authorize the Conservation Commission, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen and in accordance with G.L. c.40, §8C, to acquire by purchase, gift, or eminent domain, a conservation restriction in said property for conservation and appropriate public passive recreational use, said restriction to be held in the care, custody and control of the Conservation Commission, and to apply for, accept and use any state, federal and/or other outside grants and funds, including a grant from the Buzzards Bay Watershed Municipal Mini-Grant Program, for the purpose of such acquisition, and in the

event the Town purchases the property, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to grant such a conservation restriction in the property as is required pursuant to G.L.c.44B, s.12; and further, that the Conservation Commission and/or the Board of Selectmen be authorized to enter into all agreements and to execute any and all instruments as may be necessary on behalf of the Town to effectuate said transactions, or to take any action relative thereto. (\$150,000.00)

(Submitted by the Community Preservation Committee)

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:
(RECOMMENDATION FROM THE FLOOR)

1. Motion made by Selectman Cioper that the Town transfer from the Community Preservation Fund the total sum of One Hundred Five Thousand Dollars (\$105,000.00), which will be from Open Space Account the sum of Thirty-Two Thousand Dollars (\$32,000.00) and from Budgeted Reserves the sum of Seventy-Three Thousand Dollars (\$73,000.00), for the acquisition and maintenance of the property shown as Lot 67 on Acushnet Assessors Map 24 by the Buzzards Bay Coalition for passive recreational use, and to authorize the Conservation Commission, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen and in accordance with G.L. c.40, §8C, to acquire by purchase, gift or otherwise a conservation restriction over said property for conservation and appropriate public passive recreational use, said restriction to be held in the care, custody and control of the Conservation Commission, and to apply for, accept and use any state, federal, and/or other outside grants and funds, including a grant from the Buzzards Bay Watershed Municipal Mini-Grant Program, for the purpose of such acquisition, and further, that the Conservation Commission and/or the Board of Selectmen be authorized to enter into all agreements and to execute any and all instruments as may be necessary on behalf of the Town to effectuate said transactions.
2. Finance Committee recommendation by Vice Chairman Boucher: The Finance Committee recommends this article unopposed.
3. Community Preservation Committee recommendation by Chairman Marc Cenerizio: CPC (Community Preservation Committee) recommends this article.
4. Motion made by Resident Joseph Costa to table said article.
5. Vote (requires 2/3rd's): The table fails by a two third's majority.
6. Vote (requires 2/3rd's): The article passes, with opposition, by a 2/3rd's majority.

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to accept as a public town way Evergreen Drive

as it has been laid out by the Board of Selectmen in the manner shown on the plan entitled: “Definitive Subdivision Plan of Edgewood Acres”, prepared by Fitzgerald Engineering, Inc., dated December 10, 2004, and recorded with the Bristol County Registry of Deeds, Southern District, in Plan Book 157 page 11-13, a copy of said plan having been placed on file with the Town Clerk as required by law; and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire, by gift, purchase or eminent domain, such interests in land as are necessary to allow for the use and maintenance of said way for all purposes for which public ways are used in the Town of Acushnet, and any drainage, utility, access, and/or other related easements, or take any other action relative thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:
(RECOMMENDATION FROM THE FLOOR)

1. Motion made by Chairman Rawcliffe that the Town accept as a public town way Evergreen Drive as it has been laid out by the Board of Selectmen in the manner shown on the plan entitled: “Definitive Subdivision Plan of Edgewood Acres”, prepared by Fitzgerald Engineering, Inc., dated December 10, 2004, and recorded with the Bristol County Registry of Deeds, Southern District, in Plan Book 157 page 11-13, a copy of said plan having been placed on file with the Town Clerk as required by law; and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire, by gift, purchase or eminent domain, such interests in land as are necessary to allow for the use and maintenance of said way for all purposes for which public ways are used in the Town of Acushnet, and any drainage, utility, access, and/or other related easements.
2. Finance Committee recommendation by Chairman St. Jean: The Finance Committee voted unanimously to support this article.
3. Planning Board recommendation by Chairman Marc Cenerizio: The Planning Board recommends this article.
4. Vote (requires 2/3rds): Seeing no one opposed, the article is declared passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer from available funds the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars for the purpose of holding a large item pickup for Town residents, or to take any other action relative thereto. (\$20,000.00)

(Submitted by the Department of Public Works)

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:
(RECOMMENDATION FROM THE FLOOR)

1. Motion made by Selectman Gaspar that the Town transfer from Free Cash the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) for holding

- a large item pickup for Town Residents.
2. Finance Committee recommendation by Vice Chairman Boucher: The Finance Committee recommends this article unopposed.
3. Vote: Seeing no one opposed, the article is declared passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer from available funds the sum of Forty Thousand Dollars for the purchase and equipping of a 6400 GVW Silverado pickup, or similar vehicle, for use within the Highway Department, to replace a 2001 Chevy S10 pickup, or to take any other action relative thereto. (\$40,000.00)

(Submitted by the Department of Public Works)

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:
(RECOMMENDATION FROM THE FLOOR)

1. Motion made by Selectmen Cioper that the Town transfer from Free Cash the sum of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00) for the purchase and equipping of a 6400 GVW Silverado pickup, or similar vehicle, for use within the Highway Department, to replace a 2001 Chevy S-10 pickup.
2. Finance Committee recommendation by Chairman St. Jean: The Finance Committee voted, unanimously, to support this article.
3. Vote: The article passes with opposition.

ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer from available funds the sum of Fifty One Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars for the purchase and equipping of a 2017 Chevy Silverado 3500 Cab & Chassis with a Utility Body, or similar vehicle, for use within the Water Department, to replace a 1988 Ford F350, or to take any other action relative thereto. (\$51,800.00)

(Submitted by the Department of Public Works)

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:
(RECOMMENDATION FROM THE FLOOR)

1. Motion made by Chairman Rawcliffe that the Town transfer from the Sewer Enterprise Fund the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) and from the Water Special Revenue Account the sum of Forty-One Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars (\$41,800.00), all for the purchase and equipping of a 2017 Chevy Silverado 3500 Cab & Chassis with a Utility Body, or similar vehicle, for use within the Water and Sewer Department.
2. Finance Committee recommendation by Vice Chairman Boucher: Finance Committee recommends this article, unopposed.
3. Vote: The article passes with opposition.

ARTICLE 25. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to file special legislation to amend Section 5-3-1 of the Town Charter to eliminate the residency requirement for the Town Administrator, provided that the General Court may make clerical and editorial changes of form only to the bill unless the Board of Selectmen approves amendments to the bill prior to enactment by the General Court, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to approve such amendments which shall be within the scope of the general public objectives of the petition or to take any other action relative thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:
(RECOMMENDATION FROM THE FLOOR)

1. Motion made by Selectman Gaspar, the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to file special legislation to amend Section 5-3-1 of the Town Charter to eliminate the residency requirement for the Town Administrator, provided that the general Court may make clerical and editorial changes of form only to the bill unless the Board of Selectmen approves amendments to the bill prior to enactment by the General Court, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to approve such amendments which shall be in the scope of the general public objectives of the petition.
2. Finance Committee recommendation by Chairman St. Jean: The Finance Committee voted to support this article by a unanimous vote.
3. Vote: Seeing no one opposed, the article is declared passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 26. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer from available funds a sum of money to the Stabilization Fund in accordance with the provisions of General Laws Chapter 40, Section 5B, or to take any other action relative thereto.

(Submitted by the Finance Committee)

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:
(RECOMMENDATION FROM THE FLOOR)

1. Motion made by Selectmen Cioper, the Town table said article.
2. Vote (requires 2/3rds): The motion passes by a 2/3rds majority.

9:25 p.m. Motion made to Selectman Gaspar to adjourn the Special Town Meeting. Motion is seconded and the meeting is adjourned.

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 24th day of October, 2016.

Garry L. Rawcliffe, Chairman

Kevin Gaspar, Sr., Member

Michael Cioper, Member

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

A True Copy Attest:
This 27th day of October, 2016

Marc Laplante
Constable of Acushnet

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

In April 2016, Michael Cioper was elected as a member of the Board of Selectmen and Garry L. Rawcliffe was elected Chairman.

We would like to take the time to thank our former Town Administrator Alan G. Coutinho for his hard work and dedication to the Town of Acushnet, as he retired from the Town in June of 2016. We would also like to thank Mr. Kevin Paicos for volunteering his time within Acushnet for a few months as acting Town Administrator, Ms. Leonard in the Board of Selectmen's Office, the staff in the Treasurer/Collectors Office and all other Town Departments for stepping up and keeping the Town Hall running as efficient as possible during the transition time. We are happy to say we have hired a new Town Administrator, Mr. Brian Noble who played a part in the November Town Meeting and various Selectmen's Meeting's until his original start date of January 2017, also in December the Town hired a new Town Accountant, Ms. Julie Hebert who started in January, 2017

Buildings

Since the Police Department moved out of the Parting Ways Building renovation has been a work in progress. Some of the Town Hall Departments eventually will be moved to the Parting Ways to give departments more space and ease for residents. The project is being accomplished with in-house staff which is saving the Town a significant amount of money.

Celebrations

The seventh annual Main Street car show was held on August 25th with perfect weather and record crowds. The Acushnet Police Association once again provided live music but the stars of the show were the classic cars.

Energy

Acushnet believes in the effort brought forward by the Patrick Administration in developing the Green Community program, continued with the Baker/Polito administration and would look to become a model in Southeastern Massachusetts for the benefits produced by the program. Our financial commitment, for the benefits of all citizens, has always been approved by our Board of Selectmen through our Town's Administrator and under the guidance of the Energy Committee. Over the past nine years we have invested over \$350,000 of town funds and close to an additional \$450,000 from Green Communities to help achieve our goal, and are asking for additional financial help from the Green Community program to help us accomplish those projects listed for the next grant round. This will help us tremendously in achieving our energy goals and reducing our carbon foot print.

These are the projects and places that have taken place to reduce the cost of Energy:

Condensing Boilers	Town Hall, Parting Ways, EMS
Programable Thermostats	Town Hall, Parting Ways, EMS
LED Lighting Upgrades	Town Hall, Parting Ways, EMS, COA, DPW Garage
Air Sealing & Insulation	EMS
Demand Control & Ventilation	Acushnet Elementary & Middle Schools

Finance

The Town continues to receive clean audit reports. The goal of the audit is to provide the Selectmen and the Town resident’s assurance that the information they are receiving from the Finance Team is accurate and factual. In July of 2016, two key members of our Finance Team; Ms. Cathy Doane, Finance Director and Ms. Roberta Oliveira, Finance Assistant/ Assistant Town Accountant left to pursue other positions. We would like to take the time to thank them for their dedication to the town of Acushnet.

Respectfully submitted,

Garry L. Rawcliffer, Chairman
Kevin Gaspar, Sr.
Michael Cioper

Lisa Leonard, Executive Administrative Assistant
Rachel Charbonneau, Part-time Administrative Assistant

OFFICERS APPOINTED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

POLICE COMMISSIONERS

Garry L. Rawcliffe	2017
Kevin Gaspar, Sr.	2018
Michael A. Cioper	2019

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Alan G. Coutinho, retired June 30, 2016

TOWN ACCOUNTANT/DIRECTOR OF FINANCES

Cathy L. Doane, resigned July 15, 2016

TOWN TREASURER/COLLECTOR

Kristie A. Costa

TAX TITLE CUSTODIAN

Kristie A. Costa

TOWN COUNSEL

Kopelman & Paige

TOWN INSURANCE BROKER

Hub International Insurance

POLICE CHIEF

Michael G. Alves

FIRE CHIEF / EMS DIRECTOR

Kevin A. Gallagher

ADA COORDINATOR

Alan G. Coutinho, resigned June 30, 2016

AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION

Scott Harding	Robert Gilmore, Jr.
Maria Goncalves	Cynda Williams, resigned
Norma York, Chair	

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER/INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

Rebekah A. Tomlinson

ASSISTANT ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

Kelly Massey

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

Barbara Dupuis
Deborah Blasziez

Kelly Burishkin
Anne Marshall

BOARD OF APPEALS

Raymond F. Leblanc	2016
Marc Cenerizio	2017
Richard J. Lally	2018
Carol Westgate	2019
Paul B. Hipolito (Chair)	2020
Alan Perry II (Alternate) resigned	2016
David Costa	2017
Robert Brown (Alternate)	2017

BUILDING BOARD OF APPEALS

Raymond F. LeBlanc	2016
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INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS

James A. Marot

DEPUTY BUILDING INSPECTOR

Nathan Darling

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

Thomas DeCosta
Victor Pereira

BY-LAW REVIEW COMMITTEE

Pamela Labonte	2017
Marc Laplante	2017
Raymond LeBlanc	2017
James A. Marot	2017
Leo Rousseau	2017
Carol Westgate	2017
John Howcroft	2017
Norval Stanley (Alternate)	2017
Michael A. Cioper	2017

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

Marc Cenerizio (Planning Commission)	2017
Chad Leclair (Park Commissioners)	2018
Lawrence Mulvey (Housing Authority)	2019
Heidi Pelletier (Conservation Commission)	2019
Joyce Reynolds (Historical Commission)	2019
Evelyn Bouley (Citizen Member)	2019
Karen Knox (Citizen Member)	2017

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Marc C. Brodeur	2018
Everett Philla	2019
Ted Cioper	2017
Robert Rocha, Jr.	2017
Heidi Pelletier	2018
Christopher Green, resigned	2016
Evelyn Boulay	2019

CONSERVATION AGENT

Merilee Kelly

CONSTABLES

Frank J. Adesso	2019
Marc E. Laplante	2019
Joseph Latimer	2018
Kelli A. Tomlinson	2019
Herve W. Vandal, Jr.	2019

COUNCIL ON AGING

Marie Hardy	2018
Paulette Hudson	2018
Marcia Mitchell	2019
Diana DeFrias	2019
Pauline Teixeira	2019
Gerard Bergeron, resigned	2017
Linda Guilbeault	2019

COUNCIL ON AGING DIRECTOR

Paula Rossi-Clapp

CULTURAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

Jamie Alves, resigned	2019
Jeannine Watts	2019
Stephen Watts	2019
Pauline Teixeira	2019
Dianna Couto	2018
Lauren Holiday	2019

ELECTION INSPECTORS

Catherine L. Audette	Louise L. Benoit
Joanne K. Cioper	Lillian R. Contois, Warden
Andrea Corrie	Dianna Couto, Warden
Diana DeFrias	Louise Desroches
Jeanne L. Duggan	Diane Ferreira, Clerk
Donna G. Forand	Carolyn C. Fortin, Clerk
Joanne Fournier	Dorothy F. Gomes
Russell W. Goyette	Carol E. Gravanis
Marie M. Hardy	Paulette J. Hudson
Mary A. Lebeau, resigned	Donna Lebrode
Eileen Medeiros	Maria M. Moore, Warden
Margaret M. Mota	Susan Perry
Gail Perzentz	Anita Poitras
Everett C. Philla, Jr.	Faye M. Philla, Warden
Roberta Raymond	Priscilla V. Santos
Joyce A. Wylie-Scholz	Susanne Y. Sounik
Pamela G. Tripp	Lori M. Walsh
Janet West	

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (DIRECTOR)

Gerard Bergeron

ENERGY COMMITTEE

Alan Coutinho, resigned
 Merilee Kelly
 Jim Marot
 John Roy
 David Wojnar
 Henry Young

ENFORCEMENT AGENT FOR THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

James A. Marot

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Michael Boucher	2018
Susan Delgado	2018
Robert Ferreira	2016
Eric McGlynn	2017
Robert St. Jean	2016
Eric Cannon	2016
Jacqueline Stanley	2018

FOREST WARDEN, INSPECTOR OF GARAGES

Kevin A. Gallagher

GOLF MANAGEMENT & OPERATIONAL COMMITTEE

John Abaray, Jr. (Member at Large)	2016
Robert Ferreira (Finance Committee Rep.)	2016
David Flynn (Member at Large)	2016
Manuel Goulart (Business Community Rep.)	2016
Edward Issac (Member-at-Large)	2016

HERRING WARDEN

Ted Govoni

ASSISTANT HERRING WARDEN

Scott Perdigao

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Joyce Reynolds	2018
Madeline Gwozdz	2018
Pauline Teixeira	2016
Robert Hall	2016

HOUSING PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE

Henry Young	2016
Dan Menard (DPW)	2016
Michael Cioper (Housing Authority)	2016
Lynn Sigman (Housing Authority)	2016
Nicholas Gomes	2016
Kevin Gaspar, Sr. (Selectman)	2016
David Davignon (Board of Health)	2016

INSPECTOR OF GARAGES

Kevin A. Gallagher

INSURANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Eric Arruda	2016
Jeremy Fontes	2016
Paul Fortin	2016
Maria Otocky	2016
Sue Picard	2016
John Roy	2016

MOTH SUPERINTENDENT/INSPECTOR OF PEST CONTROL

Dan Menard

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

Maurice St. Amand
Evelyn Bouley
Paul Guilbeault

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

Marc Cenerizio	2016
Robert Rocha	2016

PARKING CLERK

Alan G. Coutinho

PHASE II STORMWATER COMMITTEE

Marc Cenerizio (Planning Commission)
Alan Coutinho (Town Administrator)
Merilee Kelly (Conservation Agent)
James Marot (Building Inspector)
Daniel Menard (Highway Superintendent)
Joe Correia (Board of Health Agent)

POLICE STATION BUILDING COMMITTEE

Michael Alves, Police Chief	Al Amaral, Resident
Alan Coutinho, Town Admin.	Tom DeCosta, Resident
Cathy Doane, Finance Director	Jeremy Fontes, Police Officer
Kevin Gaspar, Sr., Selectman	James Marot, Building Insp.
Robert St. Jean, Finance Comm.	Henry Young, Planner

PORTABLE SIGN COMMITTEE

James A. Marot

PPWG - HARBOR TRUSTEE COUNCIL MEMBER

Stephen Morrisseau

PUBLIC SAFETY COORDINATOR

Kevin Gaspar, Sr.

REGISTRAR OF VOTERS

Joseph Costa	2018
Jeannie Soucy	2016
Irene DeCotis	2017

SAFETY COMMITTEE

Michael Alves (Police Chief)	2016
Alan G. Coutinho (Town Admin.)	2016
Kevin Gallagher (Fire Chief)	2016
James Marot (Bldg. Insp.)	2016
Dan Menard (Public Works)	2016

SEALER OF WEIGHTS & MEASURES

Theodore Machado

SHELLFISH WARDEN/HARBOR MASTER

Robert Medeiros

SOIL CONSERVATION BOARD

Marc Cenerizio (Planning Commission Rep.)

Garry Rawcliffe (Board of Selectmen Rep.)

Merilee Kelly (Conservation Agent)

Robert Medeiros (Board of Health Rep.)

Dan Menard (Public Works Rep.)

SPECIAL POLICE OFFICER OF NEW BEDFORD WATER WORKS

Dan Menard

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

Henry Young

Merilee Kelly

S.R.T.A. ADVISORY COMMISSION MEMBER

Garry L. Rawcliffe

STREET NAME COMMITTEE

Michael Alves (Police Chief)

Kevin Gallagher (Fire Chief)

TILCON CAPALDI CLOSURE PLAN COMMITTEE

Raymond LeBlanc

David E. Wojnar

(TILCON CAPALDI) WEIGHER

Sarah Fitzgerald	2016
Ron Burke	2016
Claudio Moco	2016
Rick Leaver	2016
Nancy Franco	2016
Mike Oliveira	2016
Johathan Souza	2016

VETERANS AGENT

Ronald Cormier

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, Matthew Lopes, Member and Liberio Soares, Member. The office staff consists of Kelly A. Koska, M.A.A., Principal Assessor, and Suzanne Picard, Senior clerk.

Liberio Soares won a fourth term as a Board member in 2016 unopposed. He will serve the Board for another three years. Congratulations to him on his victory.

Fiscal 2017 (assessments as of January 1, 2016) is a revaluation year for the Town of Acushnet. Full fair cash values for this tax cycle were determined through the analysis of arms length sales that took place from June 2014 through December 2015. Residential property owners will see their actual assessments reflect this timeframe. The Department of Revenue, Bureau of Local Assessments, historically requires communities to complete a revaluation every three years. The next anticipated revaluation year is scheduled Fiscal 2020. Acushnet successfully completed the re-evaluation process and the tax rate was set by December 5, 2016. The cyclical inspection process is in year 3 of the 10-year process. The cyclical inspection process is also a statutory requirement by the Department of Revenue for communities to successfully execute. This process is done on a year-to-year perpetual basis.

Fiscal 2017 was also the eighth year executing QUARTERLY tax billing for the Town of Acushnet. Taxpayers received their FIRST and SECOND quarters PRELIMINARY bills on July 1, 2016. The preliminary tax run was committed based on the current value of the real property multiplied by the Fiscal 2016 tax rates. The Fiscal 2017 ACTUAL tax commitment executed successfully, and taxpayers received their mailing including the THIRD and FOURTH quarter installment coupons on December 31, 2016. As a reminder the actual billing statements do have the newly certified assessment information listed along with the current fiscal year's newly approved tax rate by the Department of Revenue. Quarterly tax billing has been a beneficial change in assisting the Town meet its financial obligations timely as well as providing annual uniform bill dates for the taxpayers.

The Assessors' office generated \$202,505 in new growth. This amount was approved by the Department of Revenue on November 10, 2016. These funds are part of the tax levy calculation for FY 2017 purposes. This increase in growth for the tax base this year is reflective of increased building permits and new construction.

The tax rate for FY 2017 reflects a 25% shift. This translates in to the real properties classified as commercial or industrial and personal property paying a 25% 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 Fiscal 2017 apportioned installments for the Phase II Sewer betterment were added to the ACTUAL tax bills for those taxpayers who were assessed this improvement 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 proper interest due to be calculated and committed to the Collector's office. There were

also 3 Phase II Sewer Betterment Privilege fees committed during calendar 2016. There assessments were made to parcels receiving the sewer privilege within the existing project that were not part of the initial assessment. There has been an increase in Privilege fee assessments since the acceptance of the Residential Village zoning in 2014.

The Board of Health tie-in loans apportioned installments for Fiscal 2017 were also committed. This betterment loan program is in its tenth installment year. There are 33 remaining accounts with un-apportioned installments as of Fiscal 2017. The staff in the Assessors' office is available to answer any questions property owners may have regarding this loan or other special assessments.

The Board of Assessors wishes everyone continued good health and best wishes for the 2017.

TAX SUMMARY	<u>FY 2016</u>	<u>FY 2017</u>
Total Amount to be raised	\$ 30,821,982.63	\$ 31,959,619.68
Total estimated receipts from other revenue sources	\$ 15,009,899.40	\$ 15,549,863.00
TAX LEVY	\$ 15,812,083.23	\$ 16,409,756.68

VALUE BY CLASS	<u>FY 2016</u>	<u>FY 2017</u>
Single Family (101)	\$ 853,982,600.00	\$ 891,470,400.00
Condominiums (102)	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
2 & 3 Family (104 & 105)	\$ 38,408,900.00	\$ 40,021,400.00
Multi Family (111-125)	\$ 5,556,300.00	\$ 6,208,300.00
Vacant land (130-132,106)	\$ 26,098,400.00	\$ 25,752,200.00
Others (103,109, Res mixed use)	\$ 46,226,327.00	\$ 47,045,082.00
Commercial (3**)	\$ 30,827,413.00	\$ 30,511,458.00
Chapter 61, 61A, 61B	\$ 1,491,862.00	\$ 1,515,202.00
Industrial (4**)	\$ 22,408,360.00	\$ 22,844,160.00
Personal Property	\$ 34,424,161.00	\$ 43,038,414.00

TAX RATE FY 2017 (rate/\$1000 of value)
Residential = \$ 14.44 Commercial/Industrial/Personal Property = \$ 18.60
(125% shift)

AVERAGE ASSESSED VALUE SINGLE FAMILY HOME \$ 272,130.00

Respectfully submitted,

Marc Cenerizio, Chairman
Matthew Lopes, Member
Liberio Soares, Member
ACUSHNET BOARD OF ASSESSORS

VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS 2016

BIRTHS:

In Acushnet	1
In other Municipalities	66
Total	67
Resident	67
Non-Resident	0
Total	67
Male	38
Female	29
Total	67

MARRIAGES:

In Acushnet	14
In other Municipalities	46
Total	60
Resident Bride and Groom	35
Resident Groom	1
Resident Bride	8
Non-Resident Bride and Groom	16
Total	60

DEATHS:

In Acushnet	35
In other Municipalities	67
Total	102
Resident Deaths - Female	45
Resident Deaths - Male	54
Non-Resident Deaths - Female	0
Non-Resident Deaths - Male	3
Total	102

Attest:

Pamela A. Labonte
Town Clerk

TOWN CLERK

The Town Clerk's Office provides information and is responsible for maintaining and overseeing the Town's official and historical records, for the residents of Acushnet. The Town Clerk is the chief election official of all elections and a Registrar of Voters. The additional services provided by this office are copies of vital records, voter registrations, dog licenses, marriage intentions, business certificates, raffle permits, zoning and general bylaws, town meeting article certifications, and archival and genealogy research.

The 2016 elections and town meetings calendar was demanding in the Clerk's Office with a highly contentious March Presidential Primary and the introduction of Early Voting. The following are the elections and town meetings prepared and executed by the Town Clerk's Office in the calendar year:

2016 Elections & Town Meetings

Presidential Primary Election	March 1 st
Annual Town Election	April 4 th
Annual Town Meeting	May 23 rd
Special Town Meeting	May 23 rd
Special Town Meeting	August 30 th
State Primary Election	September 8 th
Presidential/State Election	November 8 th
Special Town Meeting	November 14 th

*All 2016 results of elections and town meetings can be found elsewhere in this Town Report.

2016 in Review:

- ❖ Beginning in January, the 2016 Annual Street Census was prepared and mailed from the Town Clerk's Office, and sent to over 5,000 households. Once returned, the office was tasked with processing each form through the VRIS (Voter Registration Information System) and updating each voter registration card. These efforts led to the most up-to-date voter population and the publication of the 2016 Annual List of Residents.
- ❖ In February, 1,079 unlicensed dog owners were mailed reminders of the March 31st licensing deadline and the March 20th Rabies Clinic.
- ❖ March 20th, the Town Clerk's Office participated in the Annual Town Rabies Clinic, located at the Town Barn, organized by Rebekah Tomlinson, Animal Control Officer. Dr. Christine Gaumont and staff of the Acushnet Animal Hospital were onsite and administered rabies shots while the staff of the Clerk's Office issued the annual dog licenses. The Town Clerk results were as follows:

License Type	Dog Licenses Issued
Spayed/Neutered	96
Unaltered	65
1-4 Dog Kennel	8

- ❖ June 2016 marked the eighth year of extended Tuesday evening hours, until 8:00 p.m., for the Town Clerk's Office. This has proved beneficial for residents and nonresidents applying for marriage licenses, dog licenses, voting registrations and all other Town Clerk related business, as well as other departments.
- ❖ In July, 2,473 voters were notified by mail that beginning with the September 8th, State Primary, Precinct II, previously, located at the Fire Station, 24 Russell St., would relocate to the Acushnet Grange, 1121 Main St. In addition to this mailing, signage was created and posted throughout town notifying the voters of the change.
- ❖ Also, in July the birth records from 2001 through 2008 were bound and archived for historical preservation.
- ❖ In October, 2,575 voters were notified by mail that beginning with the November 8th Presidential/State Election, Precinct III, previously located at the Council on Aging, 59 ½ South Main St. was relocated to the Acushnet Public Library, 232 Middle Rd. In addition and due to the low voter turnout at the September 8th election, an additional Precinct II relocation reminder mailing was sent to all voters in that precinct and signage for both precincts were posted around town notifying all voters affected by the changes.
- ❖ The Early Voting Law was signed into law on May 22, 2014 and effective in Massachusetts, beginning with the November 8th election Presidential/State Election. This required Early Voting to be held October 24th through November 4th and in Acushnet was held in the Selectmen's meeting room located at 122 Main St. The organization, preparation and execution proved to be more challenging than originally thought, as voter turnout was higher than expected. Fortunately, through teamwork, patience and many long hours for office staff, success was reached with very few problems reported. The efforts resulted in 1,717 early voters with a 26% turnout of eligible voters.
- ❖ November: After eight years in the Town Clerk's Office, the Town Clerk's full-time senior clerk, Rachel Charbonneau transferred to the Selectmen's Office as a part-time administrative clerk. This transfer left a vacancy of a full-time position; however, with Rachel's team spirit and the support of the Board of Selectmen and the Town Administrator's Office, she graciously offered to remain in the Town Clerk's Office to cover the early morning hours before her day began in the Selectmen's Office, until the position was filled. The Town Clerk's Office is exceptionally appreciative of her flexibility and willingness to help.

Dog Licenses Recap

Below is a recap of Dog Licenses issued for each respective calendar year:

Dog Licenses Issued	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
Individual	1789	1797	1747	1722	1745
K (3-4 Dog Kennel)	85	86	96	94	95
KK (5-15 Dog Kennel)	10	15	19	15	13
KKK (15+ Dog Kennel)	4	3	2	2	3

Financial Update:

*Below is a recap of fees collected in the Town Clerk's Office:

General Ledger Accounts	FY2016 Revenue	FY2015 Revenue	FY2014 Revenue	FY2013 Revenue	FY2012 Revenue
Dog Licenses	\$19,590	\$20,096	\$19,345	\$20,498	\$20,754
Business Certificates	\$1,265	\$1,985	\$2,380	\$2,240	\$1,245
Town Clerk Fees*	\$8640	\$7,936	\$6,507	\$6,993	\$7,429
Town Clerk Late Fees	\$2,930	\$2,210	\$2,900	\$4,146	\$1,869
TOTAL REVENUE	\$32,425	\$32,227	\$31,132	\$33,877	\$31,295

* Includes fees for vital records certified copies, marriage intention applications, by-law & resident books, copies, etc.

In Conclusion:

Each year brings change and new challenges and this year was no different. Every success and accomplishment of the Town Clerk's Office in 2016, not only, relied on leadership, but that of the hard work, dedication and support of the staff, Rachel Charbonneau, Nancy Clerc and Irene Decotis. Year after year, I continue to feel so fortunate to work with an incredible group of hard-working and dedicated individuals that regardless of the challenges they continue to provide residents of Acushnet with knowledgeable, skilled and courteous service.

In addition, I must recognize the cooperation, hard work and dedication of the Board of Registrars, all Election Inspectors, Clerks, Wardens and Town Meeting Tellers for their efforts of going over and above to make each election and town meeting a success.

Unfortunately, it is difficult to recognize the efforts of all those that supported the Town Clerk's Office; however, it is important to thank all that made 2016 another successful and productive year. The cooperation of department heads, appointed and elected officials and volunteers make it a continual pleasure working for the town and residents of Acushnet.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela A. Labonte
Town Clerk

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Reconciliation of Treasurer's Cash

July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016

Balances per Reconciled Bank Statements

Bartholomew	Stabilization	1,696,590.59
Bartholomew	OPEB Stabilization	194,553.55
Bristol County Savings Bank	Money Market	2,822,375.76
Bristol County Savings Bank	Police Station Project	226,561.70
Bristol County Savings Bank	Depository Account	2,229,597.34
Bristol County Savings Bank	CPA Account	605,011.96
Bristol County Savings Bank	School Lunch	83,682.40
Bristol County Savings Bank	Collectors' Account	161,168.66
Bristol County Savings Bank	Lockbox Account	60,250.66
Cape Cod Cooperative	Sewer Account	1,396,240.86
Cape Cod Cooperative	Money Market	825,436.63
Harbor One	General Fund CD	1,000,000.00
Harbor One	Money Market	9,793.35
Rockland Trust	Money Market	852,395.64
Rockland Trust	Payroll Account	4.44
Rockland Trust	Golf Course	568,494.28
Rockland Trust	Sewer Account	449,887.31
Rockland Trust	Vendor Account	18.86
UNIBANK	Online Account	967,880.52
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		14,149,944.51

Cash on Hand	1,934.00
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Bartholomew Various Town Trusts	542,800.88
Bristol County Planning Board Solar Trusts	88,305.43
Bristol County Various Town Trusts	218,799.12
Bristol County Various Planning Board Trusts	84,864.11

Total of All Cash and Investments for the Town

\$15,086,648.05

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,

Kristie A Costa
Treasurer

**TOWN OF ACUSHNET
SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS**

**BALANCE SHEET
JUNE 30, 2016**

ASSETS

Cash and Short-Term Investments	\$6,014,113.53
Receivables:	
Real Estate and Personal Property	\$263,467.61
Tax liens and Foreclosures	\$725,637.84
Motor Vehicle and Other Excise	\$160,998.40
Departmental and Other	\$164,107.21
TOTAL ASSETS	\$7,328,324.59

LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY

LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable	\$947,847.36
Accrued Payroll	\$488,233.98
Other Liabilities	\$118,119.97
Deferred Revenues and Provision for Abatements	\$1,314,211.06
Accrued Compensated Absences	\$2,195.50
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$2,870,607.87

FUND EQUITY

Fund Balances:	
Reserved For Encumbrances and Continuing Appropriations	\$598,390.05
Reserved For Debt Reduction	\$26,343.41
Reserved For Expenditures	\$1,155,518.00
Undesignated	\$2,677,465.26
TOTAL FUND EQUITY	\$4,457,716.72

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	\$7,328,324.59
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**TOWN OF ACUSHNET
COMMUNITY PRESERVATION FUND**

**BALANCE SHEET
JUNE 30, 2016**

ASSETS

Cash and Short-Term Investments	\$597,249.17
Receivables:	
CPA Surcharge	\$1,927.06
Tax liens	\$2,429.77
TOTAL ASSETS	\$601,606.00

LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY

LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable	\$8,488.57
Deferred Revenues	\$4,356.83
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$12,845.40

FUND EQUITY

Fund Balances:	
Reserved for Encumbrances and Continuing Appropriations	\$205,567.03
Reserved for Expenditures	\$165,551.00
Reserved for Open Space	\$15,749.95
Reserved for Historic Preservation	\$6,119.95
Reserved for Community Housing	\$149,714.95
Undesignated	\$46,057.72
TOTAL FUND EQUITY	\$588,760.60

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	\$601,606.00
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TOWN OF ACUSHNET SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

BALANCE SHEET JUNE 30, 2016

ASSETS

Cash and Short-Term Investments	\$3,454,719.47
Receivables:	
EMS:	\$0.00
Title V Loan Program:	
Apportionment Not Yet Due	\$6,898.19
Sewer Tie In Loan Program:	
Apportionment Added to Tax	\$601.20
Comm. Interest Added to Tax	\$83.83
Apportionment Not Yet Due	\$68,634.78
Def. Sewer Loan - Prin. Added to Tax	\$2,310.00
Def. Sewer Loan - Comm. Interest	\$693.00
Tax Title	\$6,911.81
Sewer Phase 2 Betterment Program:	
Betterment Added to Tax	\$5,903.43
Comm. Interest Added to Tax	\$2,847.04
Betterment Not Yet Due	\$1,711,923.83
Def. Sewer PH2 Bett. Prin. Added to Tax	\$23,119.86
Def. Sewer PH2 Bett. Comm. Interest	\$10,708.53
Privilege Fee Not Yet Due	\$36,710.29
Tax Title	\$31,114.24
TOTAL ASSETS	\$5,363,179.50

LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY

LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable	\$66,372.43
Deferred Revenue:	
EMS	\$0.00
Title V Loan Program:	
Def. Rev. Apportionment Not Yet Due	\$6,898.19
Sewer Tie In Loan Program:	
Def. Rev. Apportionment Added to Tax	\$601.20
Def. Rev. Comm. Interest Added to Tax	\$83.83
Def. Rev. Apportionment Not Yet Due	\$68,634.78
Def. Rev. Def. Sewer Loan - Prin. Added to Tax	\$2,310.00
Def. Rev. Def. Sewer Loan - Comm. Interest	\$693.00
Def. Rev. Tax Title	\$6,911.81
Sewer Phase 2 Betterment Program:	
Def. Rev. Betterment Added to Tax	\$5,903.43
Def. Rev. Comm. Interest Added to Tax	\$2,847.04
Def. Rev. Betterment Not Yet Due	\$1,711,923.83
Def. Rev. Def. Sewer PH2 Bett. Prin. Added to Tax	\$23,119.86

Def. Rev. Def. Sewer PH2 Bett. Comm. Interest	\$10,708.53
Def. Rev. Privilege Fee Not Yet Due	\$36,710.29
Def. Rev. Tax Title	\$31,114.24

TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$1,974,832.46
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FUND EQUITY

Fund Balance Reserved for Expenditures	\$300,000.00
Agricultural Comm. Grant	403.73
Ambulance Task Force Grant	192.77
Animal Gift Fund	2,527.92
ARAW Grant	17,668.35
Arts Lottery Council	4,707.92
Board of Health	64.00
BOH Mini Grant	38.58
Building Maintenance Fund	897.46
Cable Ed. & Gov. Access Studio	20,132.51
Celebrations Gift Fund	22.91
COA - Strong Women Grant	750.46
COA Gift Fund	1,137.62
COA Revolving Fund	1,019.51
Coastline Chair Yoga Grant	86.00
Conservation Revolving Fund	2,481.67
Cops in Shops Grant	1,190.01
Council on Aging Grant	-
D.A.R.E. Grant	231.26
Downtown Steering Committee	5,653.73
EECBG Energy Grant	224.00
EMPG Grant EMA	(3,220.00)
Empowerment Fund	1,872.96
EMS	513,188.78
Fire Department Gift Fund	1,058.46
Fire S.A.F.E. Grant	7,626.38
Green Community Grant	24,615.50
Law Enforcement Grant	1,590.73
LIB-CD Antitrust Settlement	185.16
Library Gift Fund	187,940.82
Library Guilding Grant	12.99
LIG/MEG/NRC	17,137.26
Notice of Intent	17,326.05
Park Revolving Fund	4,919.32
Parting Ways Beautification	50.00
PEG Access	378,312.81
Police Gift Fund	50.00

Public Libraries Fund Grant	5.43
Sept 11 Memorial Gift Fund	909.65
Sewer Ph 2 Betterment	1,378,896.11
Sewer Tie In Loan Reserved Receipts	464,781.82
Sewer Tie In Admin. Grant	168.49
Title V Receipts Reserved	26,485.91
Vets Memorial/Celebrations Gift	5,002.00
TOTAL FUND EQUITY	\$3,388,347.04

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	\$5,363,179.50
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**TOWN OF ACUSHNET
SCHOOL LUNCH**

**BALANCE SHEET
JUNE 30, 2016**

ASSETS

Cash and Short-Term Investments	\$69,999.81
TOTAL ASSETS	\$69,999.81

LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY

LIABILITIES

Cash and Short-Term Investments	\$1,963.90
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$1,963.90

FUND EQUITY

Fund Balances:	
Undesignated	\$68,035.91
TOTAL FUND EQUITY	\$68,035.91

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	\$69,999.81
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**TOWN OF ACUSHNET
SCHOOL SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS**

**BALANCE SHEET
JUNE 30, 2016**

ASSETS

Cash and Short-Term Investments	\$399,771.64
TOTAL ASSETS	\$399,771.64

LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY

LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable	\$14,047.30
Accrued Payroll	\$6,901.06
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$20,948.36

FUND EQUITY

Fund Balance Res. for Encumbrances and Cont. Approp.	\$2,433.47
SPED Circuit Breaker	\$164,165.00
Title 1	\$256.19
Title 2 - Pl 94-142	\$12,259.39
Early Childhood Grant	\$539.00
Tech Lighthouse	\$384.75
Teacher Quality in Education	(\$2,057.00)
SPED Program Improvement	\$862.00
Ford Middle School	\$17,808.76
Elementary School Fund	\$15,586.01
School Building Rental	\$116,821.35
Medical Fnd Non Smoking Grant	\$396.90
Ch71 Sec 71f Tuition Revolving	\$7,738.00
Full Day Kindergarten	\$1,347.06
Preschool Program	\$40,282.40
TOTAL FUND EQUITY	\$378,823.28

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	\$399,771.64
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**TOWN OF ACUSHNET
SCHOOL SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS**

**BALANCE SHEET
JUNE 30, 2016**

ASSETS

Amounts to be Provided for Payment of Bonds	\$12,373,492.14
TOTAL ASSETS	\$12,373,492.14

LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY

LIABILITIES

Sewer Phase II Bonds	\$2,797,155.35
School Renovation Bond	\$1,002,000.00
Bonds Payable Fire Truck	\$25,000.00
Bonds Payable Police Station	\$4,675,000.00
Water Main Bonds - Phase I	\$567,218.18
Water Main Bonds - Phase II	\$1,537,311.49
Water Main Bonds - Phase III	\$1,316,868.12
Sewer Tie-In Loan Program	\$436,637.00
Title V Bonds \$16,302.00	
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$12,373,492.14

FUND EQUITY

Sewer Tie-In Program Authorized	(\$7,422.49)
Police Station - Authorized	(\$238,814.00)
Sewer Tie-In Program Unissued	\$7,422.49
Police Station - Unissued	\$238,814.00
TOTAL FUND EQUITY	\$0.00

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	\$12,373,492.14
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**TOWN OF ACUSHNET
TRUST FUNDS**

**BALANCE SHEET
JUNE 30, 2016**

ASSETS

Cash and Short-Term Investments	\$2,604,428.19
Deferred Compensation	\$4,249,579.21
TOTAL ASSETS	\$6,854,007.40

LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY

LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable	\$283.17
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$283.17

FUND EQUITY

A Leconte Library	\$3,670.22
Adam Fluegal BOH	\$1,953.89
AllenRhoda Russell Library	\$10,724.12
Cemetary Perpetual Care	\$108,668.92
Charles Beals Library	\$7,324.94
Earl Burt Sch Library	\$4,789.27
F Sowa Library	\$13,357.82
Golf Course Farm Land Act	\$150,410.12
H Rogers Partinways Bldg	\$15,629.21
Haydon-Candage Flower	\$426.23
Instructive Nursing	\$12,323.45
Long Plain Meetinghouse	\$5,076.24
Long Plan School	\$7,135.07
Meetinghouse Restoration	\$138,783.51
Omey/Cottie Flower	\$19,552.91
OPEB Stabilization	\$194,553.55
Parting Ways Green Trust Fund	\$13,722.71
RN Swift 1 BOH	\$5,943.83
RN Swift 2 BOH	\$629.92
Russell Lib Maint	\$8,168.35
Russell Protestant Poor	\$54,114.12
Russell Public School	\$44,840.55
Russell Town Hall	\$12,619.72
Ruth Tabor Scholarship	\$8,307.05
Stabilization	\$1,696,590.59
Sylvia Manter School	\$60,693.71
Tavis/Ellis Flower	\$2,624.14
W/G Owen Art Week	\$1,510.86
Fund Balance Reserved for Deferred Compensation	\$4,249,579.21
TOTAL FUND EQUITY	\$6,853,724.23

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY

\$6,854,007.40

**TOWN OF ACUSHNET
AGENCY FUNDS**

**BALANCE SHEET
JUNE 30, 2016**

ASSETS

Cash and Short-Term Investments	\$140,290.13
TOTAL ASSETS	\$140,290.13

LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY

LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable	\$574.50
Edgewood Estates	\$857.03
Erin Heights	\$419.42
Rockett Solar Bond Guarantee	\$75,273.76
Gendron Estates	\$793.52
Maple Ridge Estates	\$80.96
Edgewood Acres #2 Escrow	\$74.32
TRC - Anrad Filing Conservation	\$141.88
Maple Ridge #2 - Perf Escrow	\$3,756.40
Deep Brook Estates #4	\$13,948.78
Farm Pond Estates	\$6,298.76
Tripp Estates	\$646.10
Lucy/Winston Street	\$112.88
Outside Police Details	(\$3,136.25)
Police Reg Radio Network Bills	\$62.15
Perry Hill Church Legal Fund	\$40,385.92
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$140,290.13

FUND EQUITY

Undesignated Fund Balance	\$0.00
TOTAL FUND EQUITY	\$0.00

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	\$140,290.13
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**TOWN OF ACUSHNET
HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT FUND**

**BALANCE SHEET
JUNE 30, 2016**

ASSETS

Cash and Short-Term Investments	\$0.00
TOTAL ASSETS	\$0.00

LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY

LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable	\$0.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$0.00

FUND EQUITY

Fund Balances:	
Undesignated	\$0.00
TOTAL FUND EQUITY	\$0.00

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	\$0.00
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**TOWN OF ACUSHNET
WATER SPECIAL REVENUE FUND**

**BALANCE SHEET
JUNE 30, 2016**

ASSETS

Cash and Short-Term Investments	\$1,007,429.82
Receivables:	
Tax Title	\$1,195.80
Water Fees	\$360,458.53
Departmental and Other	\$142.95
TOTAL ASSETS	\$1,369,227.10

LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY

LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable	\$162,960.44
Deferred Revenues	\$361,797.28
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$524,757.72

FUND EQUITY

Fund Balances:	
Reserved for Encumbrances and Continuing Appropriations	\$116,300.00
Undesignated	\$728,169.38
TOTAL FUND EQUITY	\$844,469.38

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	\$1,369,227.10
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**TOWN OF ACUSHNET
SEWER ENTERPRISE FUND**

**BALANCE SHEET
JUNE 30, 2016**

ASSETS

Cash and Short-Term Investments	\$406,459.28
Receivables:	
Tax Title	\$1,560.02
Sewer Fees	\$135,018.77
Machinery & Equipment	\$65,562.00
Allowance for Depreciation - Machinery & Equipment	(\$15,310.57)
Infrastructure	\$5,753,984.00
Allowance for Depreciation - Infrastructure	(\$1,504,461.24)
Vehicles	\$10,293.00
Allowance for Depreciation - Vehicles	(\$10,293.00)
Construction in Process	\$0.00
TOTAL ASSETS	\$4,842,812.26

LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY

LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable	\$24,523.67
Deferred Revenues	\$136,578.79
Net Fixed Assets	\$4,299,774.19
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$4,460,876.65

FUND EQUITY

Fund Balances:	
Reserved for Encumbrances and Continuing Appropriations	\$80,393.43
Undesignated	\$301,542.18
TOTAL FUND EQUITY	\$381,935.61

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	\$4,842,812.26
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TOWN OF ACUSHNET GOLF ENTERPRISE FUND

BALANCE SHEET JUNE 30, 2016

ASSETS

Cash and Short-Term Investments	\$414,096.80
Land Acquisition	\$1,637,100.18
Land Improvements	\$1,547,894.99
Allow. For Depreciation - Land Improvements	(\$1,209,039.27)
Land Improvements Interest	\$798,861.98
Land Improvements Non-Depreciable	\$2,835,910.08
Buildings	\$294,876.96
Allow. For Depreciation - Buildings	(\$154,177.88)
Machinery and Equipment	\$1,092,919.83
Allow. For Depreciation - Machinery & Equipment	(\$852,349.72)
Construction in Process	\$19,592.00
Amounts To Be Provided For Retirement Of Long Term Obligations	\$3,227,015.02
TOTAL ASSETS	\$9,652,700.97

LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY

LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable	\$36,258.49
Bonds Payable	\$3,030,000.00
Bonds Payable - Irrigation System	\$115,000.00
Taxes Due to Massachusetts	\$0.00
Outing Deposits	\$2,400.37
Gift Certificates	\$3,377.52
Gift Cards	\$34,649.62
Capitalized Lease Obligation	\$82,015.02
Net Fixed Assets	\$6,011,589.15
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$9,315,290.17

FUND EQUITY

Fund Balances:	
Reserved for Encumbrances and Continuing Appropriations	\$13,544.02
Undesignated	\$323,866.78
TOTAL FUND EQUITY	\$337,410.80

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	\$9,652,700.97
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**TOWN OF ACUSHNET
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS**

**BALANCE SHEET
JUNE 30, 2016**

ASSETS

Cash and Short-Term Investments	\$259,699.31
TOTAL ASSETS	\$259,699.31

LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY

LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable	\$53,805.36
Bonds and Notes Payable	\$0.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$53,805.36

FUND EQUITY

Fund Balances:	
Reserved for Encumbrances and Continuing Appropriations	\$77,249.31
Police Station	\$95,448.90
Parting Ways Building Project	\$17,225.63
Fire Station Roof Renovation	\$15,970.11
TOTAL FUND EQUITY	\$205,893.95

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	\$259,699.31
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TOWN OF ACUSHNET GOVERNMENTAL FIXED ASSETS

BALANCE SHEET JUNE 30, 2016

ASSETS

Land Acquisitions	\$1,689,257.00
Land Improvements	\$5,243,512.00
Buildings	\$34,072,875.00
Machinery & Equipment	\$2,542,985.58
Infrastructure	\$21,373,019.00
Vehicles	\$2,034,968.00
Construction in Process	\$3,678,440.00
Accumulated Depreciation	(\$33,429,383.18)
TOTAL ASSETS	\$37,205,673.40

LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY

LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable

TOTAL LIABILITIES

FUND EQUITY

Fund Balances:

Undesignated \$37,205,673.40

TOTAL FUND EQUITY **\$37,205,673.40**

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY **\$37,205,673.40**

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

To the Officers & Residents of the Town of Acushnet:

Number of Dogs Picked Up Unrestrained (Brought to the Shelter)	15
Number of Dogs Claimed	9
Number of Dogs Transferred & Adopted	3
Number of Dogs Euthanized	3
*Number of Kennels Inspected	11
Number of Cats/Kittens Brought to the Shelter	14
Number of Cats Adopted	14
Number of Cats Euthanized/Hit by M.V. or Injured	10
Number of Dogs hit by Motor Vehicles (Deceased/Injured)	3
Number of Dead Animal Picked Up (Including Deer)	911
Number of Complaints Investigated	1,343
Number of Hearings by Selectmen	1
Number of Citations Issued	260
Number of Court Hearings	43
Mileage	5,728
Animal Gift Fund Donations	\$627.00

Respectfully Submitted,

Rebekah Tomlinson
Animal Inspector

ANIMAL INSPECTOR

To the Officers & Residents of the Town of Acushnet:

Total Number of Quarantines	30
Number of Dogs	17
Number of Cats	7
Number of Goats	6
Number of Rabies Investigated	3
Number of Rabies Investigated – Positive	0
Number of Rabies Cases – Negative	2
Number of Rabies Cases – Unsatisfactory	1
Number of People Who went for Rabies Vaccine	1
<i>*Animals Were Unavailable for Quarantine</i>	
Number of Barn Inspections	93
Number of Oxen	0
Number of Cattle (incl. Dairy, Bulls, Heifers & Calves)	169
Number of Horses, Ponies & Minis	114
Number of Alpacas	2
Number of Llamas	1
Number of Donkeys	5
Number of Mules	0
Number of Sheep	184
Number of Goats	109
Number of Rabbits	156
Number of Swine	11
Number of Peacocks	30
Number of Guinea Hens	25
Number of Waterfowl	186
Number of Swans	10
Number of Pheasants	50
Number of Geese	30
Number of Chickens	746
Number of Roosters	37
Number of Turkeys	15
Number of Quail	50
Number of Partridge	4

Respectfully Submitted,
 Rebekah Tomlinson
 Animal Inspector

BOARD OF HEALTH

Board Members

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

Office Staff

Joann DeMello, Senior Clerk
Wanda L. Hamer, Senior Clerk
Joseph Correia, Health Agent

To the Officers and Residents of the Town of Acushnet,

Nursing Health Care Programs:

Blood Pressure Screenings were held by the Community Nurse and Hospice Care of Fairhaven every Wednesday from 9:00 am to 10:00 am at the Council on Aging Building at 59 ½ South Main Street. Starting in July, monthly Blood Pressure Screenings were held once a month at the Acushnet Presidential Terrace – 23 Main Street – for all residents located at the premises. The Community Nurses followed up with 27 communicable diseases that were reported to the Board of Health Office.

Blood Drives held by the American Red Cross and sponsored by the Acushnet Board of Health were held on the following dates:

January 15, 2016.
March 21, 2016.
May 16, 2016.
July 11, 2016.
November 9, 2016.

Inspections:

Septic System Installations	58	Mobile Home Parks	6
Title V Insp. (Witnessed)	63	Food Service	9
Septic System Abandonments	1	Complaints	9
Soil Evaluations	160	Housing	2
Percolation Tests	80		

Permits:

Septic System Repairs	42
Septic System New Const.	16
Food Service	55
Farmers Market	8
Stable/Animals-Farm	27
Tobacco	7
Offal	9
Well	6
Body Art Establishment	3
Body Art Practitioner	5

Total Receipts

Permit Fees	\$50,740.50
Mobile Park Fees	\$ 8,712.00
Total	\$59,452.50

Board of Health Meetings	15
Septic Plans Reviewed	47
Homeland Security Meetings Attended	9
Informational Meetings Attended	11
DPH Conference Calls/Webinars	11
Medical Reserve Corps Meetings	2

EASTERN EQUINE ENCEPHALITIS (EEE)/ WEST NILE VIRUS (WNV)

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health held several conference calls with Local Boards of Health regarding Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) and West Nile Virus (WNV). Acushnet remained in Moderate Risk for EEE and WNV. The Agent and Staff posted notices around Town and on the Local Cable Channel warning residents of the risk, to wear mosquito spray, long sleeves and to curtail outdoor activities.

ZIKA

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Bureau of Infections Disease held conference calls with Local Boards of Health regarding the ZIKA virus throughout the year. Posters and information were provided to the Board from DPH and information was made available for residents in the form of flyers and fact sheets.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS:

Amy Palmer, Emergency Planner for Bristol County Public Health Emergency Preparedness Coalition worked with the Board of Health regarding Emergency Dispensing Sites (EDS). Amy assisted the Board and staff with planning in the event of a disaster, outbreak or shelter requirements. The Town’s Emergency Dispensing Site is located at the Albert Ford Middle School located at 708 Middle Road. This site is registered with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. The State has now established new guidelines regarding EDS quarterly drills, these drills are State mandated and required to be performed by the Board of Health. It keeps all personnel involved with the EDS site updated and informed and allows the Planner to review the test drill and write up an evaluation regarding the process and procedure if an actual emergency

were to occur in Town. As of July 2016, Amy Palmer resigned. We welcomed Alison Novak in October 2016 as the Emergency Planner for Bristol County.

In November, the Board of Health Agent and staff along with Alison Novak did a walk thru of the EDS site located at 708 Middle Road. This exercise was held to familiarize Alison with our EDS site.

On the following dates the Board of Health conducted mandatory call down drills under the direction of the Bristol County Planner. The drills were conducted using the Health & Homeland Alert Network (HHAN) system. All results were compiled and sent to the Department of Public Health to meet the State mandates.

February 11, 2016 – Amy Palmer.

November 18, 2016 – Alison Novak.

Respectfully submitted,

Acushnet Board of Health

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, municipal partnerships, 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 2016 the Town of Acushnet paid \$1,792.21 to SRPEDD, based upon an assessment of \$0.17395 cents per capita.

Local citizens serving at SRPEDD included the following:

SRPEDD Commission: Henry Young

Joint Transportation Planning Group: Henry Young

Technical assistance was provided to the Town in the following areas:

- Assisted the Planning Board with the development of a Riverwalk Brochure and outreach materials. (SCR)
- Continued assistance to South Coast Bikeway Alliance (Acushnet represented) with mapping, funding guidance, route planning, and public outreach. In addition, the Bikeway Alliance worked with East Coast Greenway Alliance to develop a plan for wayfinding signage including inventory of existing signage and identifying future new sign locations. (MassDOT)

Some of SRPEDD's More Significant Accomplishments During 2016 Were:

- The Transportation Improvement Program, which sets regional priorities for federal transportation funds, was completed and approved for FY 2017-2021.
- Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) for Southeastern Massachusetts, a regional economic development strategy, updated annually by SRPEDD and certified by the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) maintains eligibility for the region's cities and town to receive EDA funding.
- SRPEDD continued to provide administrative and technical support to the Taunton River Stewardship Council (TRSC) through a Cooperative Agreement with the National Parks Service. The Council is a multi-community, multi-agency collaborative established through the designation of the Taunton River as a Federal Partnership Wild & Scenic River in 2009.

In partnership with the TRSC, SRPEDD provides public education and stewardship opportunities to Taunton River Watershed communities, as well as access to local project funds through its Mini Grants Program.

- SRPEDD provides technical planning to two regional transit authorities, SRTA and GATRA, including route evaluations, rider surveys, performance standards and

federal reporting. SRPEDD completed a Regional Transit Plan for GATRA that will guide transit improvements in the near future.

- SRPEDD finalized its Regional Bicycle Plan, including a thorough inventory of existing bicycling conditions and statistics, outreach to the public and communities regarding infrastructure needs, and recommendations on how to improve connectivity throughout the region.
- SRPEDD completed the Regional Bus Stop Inventory for all bus stop locations within the SRPEDD region for the GATRA and SRTA. Data collected for each stop will provide assistance toward a Bus Stop Capital Improvement Program to begin in 2017.
- SRPEDD conducts a district-wide traffic-counting program and maintains a computer file of available traffic count data throughout the region. SRPEDD undertook 144 traffic counts at various locations this past year.
- SRPEDD maintains a comprehensive database of all 372 signalized intersections in the region and conducted 56 turning movement counts at various locations this past year.
- South Coast Rail remained a major priority in 2016. SRPEDD continued to support the Southeastern Massachusetts Commuter Rail Task Force, which includes representation from SRPEDD municipalities and regional organizations. SRPEDD also provided technical assistance to communities through 17 projects that implement the South Coast Rail Economic Development and Land Use Corridor Plan.
- SRPEDD is a member of two National Estuary Programs (NEP) including the Narragansett Bay Management Committee and Buzzards Bay Steering Committee, created to protect the resources and promote the stewardship of their respective watersheds. The Buzzards Bay and Narragansett Bay Watersheds together encompass the entirety of the SRPEDD area. As a member of these oversight committees, SRPEDD participates in the development of their respective Management Plans for both programs.
- SRPEDD has been providing technical assistance to the South Coast Climate Change Coalition whose mission is to increase public awareness of the probable consequences of climate change, help communities incorporate resiliency planning, and take actions that help communities adapt to and minimize the consequences of climate change.
- SRPEDD continues as the lead agency for the Resilient Taunton Watershed Network (RTWN). The RTWN is a collaborative of local, non-profit, regional, and state and federal government representatives interested in the future health and resilience of the Taunton River Watershed. The RTWN provides information, conducts outreach and educational efforts, resources and tools to protect existing natural resources, reduce flooding, promote restoration, and develop sustainability. (EPA)
- SRPEDD is a member of the Board of Directors of Southeast Environmental Education Alliance (SEEAL). SEEAL is a non-profit organization whose mission is to help provide quality environmental education and stewardship opportunities to communities in southeastern Massachusetts. SEEAL runs a Mini-Grants Program to support local projects in addition to projects that address climate change, alternative energy, urban agriculture and youth conservation education.

- SRPEDD maintains an extensive Geographic Information System (GIS) mapping program. The mapping program contains a number of data layers including, land-use, zoning, water resources, soils, habitats, transportation network, economic development, priority protection and priority development areas, and other data and information.
- SRPEDD operates the Southeastern Massachusetts Data Center, providing information to businesses, cities and towns, and individuals.
- SRPEDD continues to represent the region as one of thirteen members across the Commonwealth of the Massachusetts Association of Regional Planning Agencies (MARPA). Through its efforts and information exchange, the association assists member RPAs in responding to issues and needs that cross city, town, county, and state boundaries through planning, policymaking, communication coordination, advocacy, education, analysis, technical assistance and legislative support.

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

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

To the residents and officers of the Town of Acushnet:

The Building Department issued 587 permits and collected \$62,700.50 in fees for the annual year ending in December 2016. The estimated value of work was \$11,889,810.00.

Date	Permits	Fees Collected	Estimated Value of Work
January 2016	25	\$2,861.00	\$766,200.00
February	22	\$2,170.00	\$565,700.00
March	37	\$7,629.00	\$1,379,165.00
April	45	\$6,987.00	\$882,732.00
May	60	\$3,636.00	\$681,725.00
June	44	\$4,885.00	\$1,016,072.00
July	34	\$5,870.00	\$1,360,910.00
August	29	\$9,352.00	\$1,583,078.00
September	59	\$6,877.00	\$1,453,491.00
October	41	\$2,557.50	\$503,940.00
November	46	\$4,838.00	\$1,218,072.00
December	36	\$2,373.00	\$478,725.00
Subtotals	478	\$60,035.50	\$11,889,810.00
Certificate of Occupancy	30	Included with building permit fees	N/A
Certificate of Inspection	19	\$800.00	N/A
Mechanical Permits	23	\$1,150.00	N/A
Sheet Metal Permits	25	\$155.00	N/A
Trenching Permits	9	\$450.00	N/A
Zoning Permits	2	\$60.00	
Zoning Inquiries	1	\$50.00	N/A
Totals	587	\$62,700.50	N/A

Respectfully submitted,
 James A. Marot, Building Commissioner
 Nathan Darling, Deputy Building Inspector
 Brigitte M. Benoit, Senior Clerk

WIRING DEPARTMENT

To the residents and officers of the Town of Acushnet:

The Wiring Department issued 259 permits and collected \$29,770.00 in fees for the annual year ending in December 2016.

Date	Permits	Fees Collected
January 2016	10	\$1,000.00
February	22	\$2,200.00
March	26	\$2,250.00
April	17	\$1,780.00
May	29	\$2,505.00
June	22	\$1,680.00
July	24	\$2,180.00
August	15	\$1,725.00
September	22	\$3,930.00
October	29	\$4,395.00
November	21	\$1,935.00
December	22	\$4,190.00
Total	259	\$29,770.00

Respectfully submitted,

James A. Marot, Building Commissioner
Frank Knox, Wire Inspector
Thomas De Costa, Deputy Inspector
Brigette M. Benoit, Senior Clerk

PLUMBING DEPARTMENT

To the residents and officers of the Town of Acushnet:

The Plumbing Department issued 104 permits and collected \$8,774.00 in fees for the annual year ending in December 2016.

Date	Permits	Fees Collected
January 2016	4	\$312.00
February	7	\$608.00
March	18	\$1,763.00
April	9	\$744.00
May	11	\$840.00
June	5	\$408.00
July	9	\$712.00
August	6	\$392.00
September	8	\$539.00
October	9	\$920.00
November	8	\$856.00
December	10	\$680.00
Total	104	\$8,774.00

Respectfully submitted,

James A. Marot, Building Commissioner
Raymond LaFrance, Plumbing Inspector
William Alphonse, Deputy Plumbing Inspector
Brigette M. Benoit, Senior Clerk

GAS DEPARTMENT

To the residents and officers of the Town of Acushnet:

The Gas Department issued 128 permits and collected \$7,490.00 in fees for the annual year ending in December 2016.

Date	Permits	Fees Collected
January 2016	7	\$345.00
February	6	\$340.00
March	17	\$970.00
April	9	\$515.00
May	14	\$925.00
June	4	\$235.00
July	11	\$770.00
August	13	\$517.00
September	10	\$620.00
October	12	\$653.00
November	14	\$955.00
December	11	\$645.00
Total	128	\$7,490.00

Respectfully submitted,

James A. Marot, Building Commissioner
Raymond LaFrance, Gas/Plumbing Inspector
William Alphonse, Deputy Gas/Plumbing Inspector
Brigette M. Benoit, Senior Clerk

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

In the year 2016, the Zoning Board of Appeals received twelve (12) applications. Of those twelve (12); three (3) were for variances, six (6) were for special permits and one (1) withdrew. The Board granted eight cases and denied three cases.

Alcock, Jason – 04/05/2016 – Denied.

Croteau, Geoffrey/Erin – 05/03/2016 - Denied

Deschamps, Bryan – 03/06/2016 –Special Permit – Granted

Desroches, Seth – 04/05/2016 – Special Permit – Granted

Lyonnais, Leo – 10/25/2016 – Variance & Special Permit – Granted

Martin, Randall – 05/03/2016 – Special Permit – Granted

Martins, Mary – 08/02/2016 – Variance – Granted

Pierce, George/Sandra – 02/16/2016 – Special Permit - Granted

Sylvia, James W. – 10/25/2016 - Denied

Tomlinson, Kelli – 04/05/2016 – Special Permit - Granted

Vieira, David – 03/08/2016 – Variance - Granted

Villano, Gerard – 09/06/2016 - Withdrew

Respectfully submitted,

Rachel Charbonneau
Zoning Board of Appeals Secretary

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 as necessary.

2016 Filings under MGL Chapter 131 Section 40:

- Notices of Intent – 6
- Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation – 1
- Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation withdrawal - 1
- Requests for Determination of Applicability – 9
- A.T.F/Requests for Determination of Applicability - 1
- Requests for Certificate of Compliance – 9
- Partial Request for Certificate of Compliance – 1
- Request for Order of Conditions Extension - 1
- Site Visits – 35

What's New in 2016

2016 was a busy year for the Conservation Commission. At the beginning of the year we welcomed Christine Lagasse, our new senior conservation clerk. In March we had five people attend the annual conference of the Massachusetts Association of Conservation

Commissioners. The annual neighborhood clean-up this year was held on April 30. We had about fifty volunteers participate in picking up trash along our streets, including the local Cub/Boy Scout troops and the Ford Middle School Honor Society. The pollinator garden, an acre-sized lot above the golf course on Main Street, continues to keep us busy. Pollinators – butterflies, bees both native and honeybees, bats, and to some degree hummingbirds and other birds, are all suffering from loss of habitat and other problems due to various diseases, parasites, and pesticides. Our garden is a safe, pesticide-free place to come forage between crops. The numerous flowers and flowering trees attract bees and butterflies. The DPW and the golf course staff have been extremely helpful, donating mulch and compost, and mowing the field when it gets too high. We've also had some volunteer help in the garden, which we appreciate very much. This year we said goodbye to Christopher Green, a well-respected and thoughtful member of the Commission whom we will miss. As the year closes we have an opening for a voting Commission member, which we hope to fill soon.

Commission Membership:

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

As of December 31, 2016, the Conservation Commission and staff included:

Robert Rocha, Chairman
Ted Cioper, Vice Chairman
Marc Brodeur, Member
Everett Philla, Member
Heidi Pelletier, Member
Evelyn Bouley, Member
Christopher Green, Member (*resigned 9/30/16*)

Merilee Kelly, Agent
Christine Lagasse, Senior Clerk

Respectfully submitted,

Merilee Kelly, Agent
Acushnet Conservation Commission

COUNCIL ON AGING

Paula Rossi-Clapp, Director
Pauline Teixeira, Chairman of the Board
Linda Guilbeault, Vice Chair
Marcia Mitchell, Secretary
Marie Hardy, Board of Directors Member
Paulette Hudson, Board of Directors Member
Pauline Cote, Board of Directors Member
Diane DeFrias, Board of Directors Member

The Acushnet Council on Aging (ACOA) Senior Center is open, and staffed, Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. The majority of staff positions (Receptionist, Meal Servers, Meals on Wheels Delivery Driver) are funded through Coastline Elderly's Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP). SCSEP is a paid job-training program that provides a bridge to employment for mature workers.

Our longstanding offerings include on-site meals, Meals-on-Wheels, Cribbage, Mahjong, Scrabble, Hand & Foot, Pitch, BINGO, Diabetic Toe Nail Care, Diabetic Shoe Care, Dental Cleanings and Screenings, Hearing Clinic, BP Screening, Needle Arts, Red Hat Society, *Single Gals on the Go!* (a social group for single, low income women over the age of 70), Lovely Ladies Losing Lbs., over 8 exercise classes per week and much more.

Our new programs and senior groups this year included rolling out the new My Senior Center Scan Card System, the Don Who Travel Club, two more Hand & Foot card groups, and an on-site monthly Hearing Clinic.

There were several upgrades to the building this past year; a newly remodeled Reception Desk/Area making it larger and better equipped to handle our busy center. The interior of the building was repainted. The Building Department did an outstanding job. Thank you, Jim, Scott, Tyler and Miguel! We upgraded the phone system to improve communication. We upgraded and added computer hardware and software. The commercial kitchen saw upgrades too, with a new gas oven/range and overhead exhaust. Other improvements were made to the air filters, a new hot water heater, two new waterless urinals to reduce cost of repairs and water usage, and we purchased noise reducing room dividers. Outside, we had the flagpole repaired.

Officer Louann Jenkinson, Family Resource Officer and COA Outreach retired from the Acushnet Police Department in December, after 34 years of service. The COA was honored with hosting her retirement party. Louann will continue to volunteer and be a presence at the center for years to come.

We provided outreach geared toward frail and homebound residents who are unable to travel to the Senior Center site. This can, and does, include wellness checks, delivering supplies from the COA's food pantry, nursing home and hospital visits. Outreach staff, along with the COA Director, is available for home visits, help to complete fuel assistance, SNAP and Mass Health applications. Our vans can also be used for medical appointments with notice.

Many organizations and groups utilize the Council on Aging building. The Senior Center proudly hosts meetings and events for flu clinics, the annual art show, garden club events, Federal/State and Town Elections, Candidate's Night, Soccer sign ups, and the Boy Scouts Annual Spaghetti Dinner. The Police Department/Association continues to hold fundraisers onsite and we thank them for their ongoing support and presence at the senior center. We hosted our first annual Volunteer Appreciation luncheon honoring 25 guests.

With the help of the DPW, the center now has a new walking path/intergenerational community activity area in the back of the building. This past year we hosted a Haunted Halloween Ride and Holiday Sleigh Ride.

In closing, we would like to take this opportunity to show appreciation for all the many donations we have received over the past year. All donations are used for improvement to the Center's offerings and we are very grateful. We would like to acknowledge the Acushnet Police Association who funds, or helps offset the cost of many of our special events, and the Acushnet Fire Association for their donations to the senior community during the holidays.

Respectfully Submitted,
Paula Rossi-Clapp, Director

CULTURAL COUNCIL

The Cultural Council was able to grant 62% of the applications received with the funds from the Massachusetts Cultural Council and the Town of Acushnet.

This year our Chairperson is Christopher Saulnier.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven Watts, Secretary

Members:

Diana Couto

Lauren Holiday

Christopher Saulnier

Pauline Teixeira

Jeannine Watts

Stephen Watts

PUBLIC WORKS

Dan Menard - DPW Director
Christine York – Senior Clerk
Kathy Silva - Water Billing Clerk

Highway Department

Paul Fortin
Thomas Menard
Peter Westgate
Matthew Tripp

Water/Sewer Division

Cam Barlow
John Westgate
Eric Abreu

Recycling Center

Peter Fortin

To the Officers and Residents of the Town of Acushnet:

The Highway Division has continued to improve drainage and roadways throughout the Town.

The following is a list of major projects completed.

- Cleared out detention pond on Fairway Drive
- Repaired collapsed catch basins and manholes throughout town.
- Asphalt patch roads where needed and repair berms throughout town.
- Regrade and compacted dirt roadways.
- Clean catch basins.
- Reclaimed and paved 5 roads: Leonard Street, Main Street, Perry Hill Road, Conduit Street, Ward Street, River Road and Harding Street.

The Water/Sewer Division continues to replace 300 old meters and fix problems with the radio reading systems MTU's. Maintenance of Systems is still ongoing. It consists of vacuuming of gate boxes, exercising valves, flushing hydrants. We had 2 main breaks and 9 service leaks.

The Sewer Division continues to maintain the three pump stations. It includes cleaning of wet wells, replacing worn valves and cleaning of pumps.

FIRE & EMS DEPARTMENT

To the Officers and Residents of the Town of Acushnet, I hereby submit this annual report for the year ending December 31, 2016.

During 2016, the Acushnet Fire & EMS Department responded to an unprecedented number of calls. Our apparatus rolled out of our stations 1,551 times. The Fire Division reported 546 incidents to the State Fire Marshal, only the second time calls surpassed 500. The Emergency Medical Services Division responded to a total of 1,005 calls, an increase of 8.5% over 2015's total of 926. Of these calls, 864 resulted in patients being transported to local hospitals, an increase of 7% over the previous year's transport total.

Our EMS call volume has exploded over the past five years. Calls are up 33% over the total we responded to in 2012. That translates to an increase in EMS business of one-third in a five year period.

In 2012 the department responded to 756 calls and transported 638 patients to the hospital.

Breaking the 1,000 mark for the first time is significant for this department. It also speaks to the challenges we face in prehospital emergency care. Our population is aging, health insurance coverage is more widespread and the culture has changed to where emergency rooms and EMS act as the primary point of contact for many people experiencing medical problems.

In addition to a sharp increase in call volume, the town has experienced an increase in the amount of EMS generated revenue collected each fiscal year. More than \$500,000 in revenue from EMS work was collected for the first time in Fiscal Year 2015 and repeated in Fiscal Year 2016. We are on track to surpass those previous benchmarks in the current fiscal year.

The department ended 2016 with a brand new ambulance. Funded by Town Meeting in the fall of 2015, a 2016 Ford F550 with a customized ambulance box has been added to the department's fleet of apparatus. The vehicle cost \$265,000 and was paid for with EMS generated revenue.

The addition of our new Rescue 1 is great news for the residents of Acushnet as it was paid for the day it hit the road. This year we need to replace our 16 year old back up ambulance. Based on our revenue projections we should be in a position to use EMS proceeds and keep that expense off the tax rolls.

At the heart of each call are the services provided by our staff. From the simplest call (a squirrel stuck behind a refrigerator) to the most challenging (and we have had many over the past few months) our firefighters, paramedics and EMT's strive to provide exceptional service to each and every individual, at each and every call. My respect for them increases every day and I thank them for their continued competency, compassion and professionalism. This team is quite remarkable.

Respectfully submitted.
Kevin A. Gallagher
Chief of Department

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 the Department of Public Works (DPW). 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 2016, members of the Acushnet EMA continue to maintain the Acushnet EMA Headquarters located at 14 Thomas Street and to utilize this location as the town's Emergency Operations Center or EOC. Through software that we have to track the number of volunteer hours worked by the volunteers of Acushnet EMA, our volunteers have completed over 900 hours of volunteer community service to the town of Acushnet and the AEMA. At the FEMA dollar rate of volunteer service of \$29.00 dollars per hour (as noted on https://www.independentsector.org/volunteer_time), this would equate to over \$26,100 dollars of total donated work given to the town of Acushnet and its residents. We continue to have the designation from the Eastern Massachusetts Amateur Radio Emergency Services (ARES) of being a sub-regional command center for their organization, meaning Amateur Radio volunteers within AEMA would help staff the AEMA with Ham Operators for weather related and communication emergency incidents in Southeast Massachusetts based on ARES leadership discretion.

The Acushnet EMA has received numerous upgrades to its infrastructure through grants, support from town management, private partners and AEMA volunteers. During 2016, we have made significant progress on our building's renovation project and we have a new working Emergency Operations Center. Work completed over 2016 included carpeting for the main operations, communications and office area, the wiring and installation of flat screen televisions in the communications and operations areas, the acquisition and setup of new office furniture for the facility and renovation work to the garage bays of the building. Remaining work in 2017 for the facility involves one room that also houses the servers and other computer equipment. This renovated EOC will provide local officials a centralized location to gather and exchange information for situational awareness and planning purposes during an emergency. During non-emergencies, the facility will be used for training of our local emergency management agencies and our other emergency preparedness partners.

We continue to have access to the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) Web EOC program, public safety and Amateur Radio communications resources. AEMA provided services to backup Public Safety with weather related incidents to open a shelter/warming center in the town as necessary, support other town needs at other town department's request and to provide auxiliary support to Eastern Massachusetts ARES as the ARES sub-regional command center. AEMA HQ was also staffed to provide an Amateur Radio communications link for South Coastal Massachusetts, Cape Cod and between AEMA, MEMA and the National Weather Service in Taunton. Weather reports for the town of Acushnet and surrounding areas were relayed to MEMA and NWS Taunton via Amateur Radio. The Acushnet EMA was also used as a

relay point during several other storm situations over the course of 2016 supporting the NWS Taunton SKYWARN program via Amateur Radio. This was especially true during Post Tropical Cyclone Hermine where wind damage reports were relayed by members of Acushnet EMA and the Acushnet EMA provided guidance to the Acushnet Labor Day Road Race committee on what kind of weather to expect for the event.

Through Emergency Management Performance Grants (EMPG) and Citizen Corps grants written by AEMA volunteer Assistant Director Ed Caron, who has written multiple grants to these programs previously and has succeeded in securing over 25,000 dollars in funding since 2009, the AEMA secured over 5700 dollars in additional grant funding in 2016. This grant funding was utilized for shelter supplies and emergency safety equipment for agency and town usage as required for various town events and in the event of an emergency or disaster situation that requires use of the equipment to support town emergency response.

The town based activities for the past year include providing lighting at town events and traffic control at planned activities such as the Acushnet Rabies Clinic, the Fairhaven-Acushnet Little League Parade, Acushnet Youth Soccer Parade, Acushnet Car Show/ Cruise Night, the Labor Day Road Race, Apple Peach Parade, Halloween Parade, support for the primary presidential election night and for the main presidential election nights supporting parking and traffic control at the town polls as well as situational awareness support during the main presidential election in November and Christmas Light Illumination and Sing-A-Long at Acushnet Fire Station 1. We also provided mutual aid support for the town of Fairhaven for their Fathers Day Road Race for traffic management. The Acushnet EMA management staff also informed its members of numerous other training classes for shelters, CERT and other classes that were held across the South Coastal Massachusetts area. Finally, it is noted that the AEMA through the efforts of Ed Caron, Operations Officer and Assistant AEMA Director, also supports the regular monthly tests of the MEMA Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Services (RACES) and ARES Nets from the AEMA HQ facility where all communication capabilities of the AEMA are tested.

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. 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

POLICE DEPARTMENT

To the officials and residents of the Town of Acushnet, I hereby submit my report for the year ending December 31, 2016.

On behalf of the men and women of the Acushnet Police Department I am pleased to report that we have been in the new Police Station located at 64 Middle Rd for a year. The Police Station Building Committee is still actively working with the contractor to finish all of their punch list items needed to complete the construction of the new Police Station.

Officer Paul Melo and Officer Louann Jenkinson both retired this year after 34-years of service to the Town. Officer Louann Jenkinson was the Family Resource Officer and Officer Paul Melo was the School Resource Officer. Each Officer received numerous commendations during their careers and they had a huge impact on the Police Department and our community. I would like to thank Officer Melo and Officer Jenkinson for their service to this community.

The new School Resource Officer is Officer Derek Cathcart. SRO Cathcart's 2016 activities report and services include but are not limited to updating the school crisis plans, critical incident preparation training with staff, school security, safety planning, school bus safety, lock down and evacuation drills along with traffic enforcement. The SRO also assists in peer mediation groups, self-defense programs after school, PBIS committee, school improvement counsel, Internet safety programs, CPR training with students and staff. The SRO had a total of 240 Calls-for-Service on the schools campus.

The Firearms and Sex Offender Registry Detective's 2016 activities report include are not limited to the following investigations. Detective James Costa conducted 11 renewals and/or in-take investigation of sex offenders residing in Acushnet. We had 2 level 3 offenders registered in Town this year. We arrested one of the two level 3 offenders in November 2016 and he received an 18-month sentence for indecent assault and battery of a person over the age of 14. We processed 283 License to Carry to Town residents where as we processed 142 in 2015. We urge residents to file renewals and application as soon as they can to aid us in the licensing process.

The Police Department in conjunction with District Attorney Thomas Quinn III installed a prescription drug drop off box located in the Police Department lobby. Proper disposal of prescription drugs has become a problem for every community in the United States. The number of Americans who abuse prescription drugs illegally now exceeds the number of Americans who abuse cocaine, hallucinogens, inhalants and heroin combined. Studies have shown that prescription drug abusers sometimes get the pills from medicine cabinets in homes. According to the Environmental Protection Agency, The age-old practice of flushing pharmaceuticals down the toilet is now considered to be the least desirable of all alternatives. Once flushed down the drain or toilet, expired or unwanted medications become a source of pollution in wastewater and they generally cannot be removed by treatment plants or septic systems. Instead, these pollutants are able to pass through the treatment centers and enter rivers, streams, lakes and groundwater systems. In addition to the environmental effects of improper medication disposal, there is the public concern for these drugs getting into the hands of kids.

We have received 45 pounds of prescription drugs from residents since we installed the box in March. We encourage all residents to take advantage of this service to safely dispose of unused and unwanted medication.

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

OTHER ACTIVITIES

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

Calls for Service	7189
209A/HPO Requested	19
209A Violated	10
209A/HPO served	115
Attempted 209A/HPO service	7
Abandoned Vehicle	3
Administrative Duties	112
Alarm Calls	509
Ambulance	994
Animal Complaints	193
Annoying Phone Calls	16
Arrests	234
Arson	2
Assault w/Hands	2
Assault w/Other Dangerous	1
Assault/simple no injury	4
Assist Other Police Department	93
Assist Agency/Not Police	42
B&E motor vehicle	53
B&E, Attempted Forced Entry	11
B&E	32
Death/Accidental	1
Death/Natural, unattended	2
Directed Patrols	446
Disabled Motor Vehicles	56
Disorderly, disturbing peace	24
Disturbance, noise complain	111
Domestic Disturbance	101
Domestic Disturbance, verbal	18
Driving Under the Influence	6
E911 hang up/abandoned	67
E911 Test call	54
Elder Affairs	24
Embezzlement	1
Erratic Operation	99
Family Resource	5
Fire runs	209
Fireworks	16
Follow up to prev. call	205
Found Items	68

Fraud/Bad checks	56
Harassment	38
Humane calls/Injured animal	45
Hunting violations	2
Illegal Dumping	7
Items returned to owner	43
Larceny	48
Littering	3
Lost items	16
Mental Investigation	4
Missing Person-adult	9
Missing Person-child	5
M.V. Theft other	7
M.V. recoveries	7
M.V. stolen	7
Neighbor Problems	63
Notifications	86
Open Windows/Door	10
Parking Complaints	34
Person Assist	559
PC (Sec 12 & Sec35)	18
Police Information	336
Prisoner Transport	84
Probate/civil complaints	4
Public Drinking	1
Rape	1
Road Safety/Hazards	130
Robbery by Firearm	1
Runaway	3
School Resource Officer	53
SAIN Interviews	1
Search Warrant Executed	2
Sex Offenses/not rape	3
Sex Offender Registrations	14
Sex Offender Notification	2
SEMLEC Activation	2
Shots Fired	18
Stolen Property	18
Summons Service	209
Suicide/Attempted Suicide	20
Suspicion	82
Suspicious Person	98
Suspicious M.V.	206
Suspicious investigation	169
Threats	33
Traffic Accidents	201
Traffic Accidents/Hit & Run	38
Traffic non-moving	40
Traffic Moving	459
Trespassing	19

Turned in Items	6
Unwanted Person	17
Vandalism	76
Weapons Violation	1
Wire Down/Power Outage	37

MEMBERS OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

CHIEF OF POLICE

Michael G. Alves

SERGEANTS

Thomas L. Carreau
Christopher R. Richmond
Gary S. Coppia
John A. Bolarinho
Keith A. Ashley

FULL TIME OFFICERS

James D. Costa
Derek W. Cathcart
Michael A. Matton
Kevin Walsh
Jeremy T. Fontes
Danny B. DeAmaral
Gary L. Rousseau
Gene W. Robinson
Ryan Lavoie
Ryan Hemphill
Kraig Pimental

PART TIME OFFICERS

Michael J. Nunes
Gary Moniz

DISPATCHERS

Jolene M. Costa
Suzanne M. Nocon
Laurent R. St. Jean

Sincerely,



Michael G. Alves
Chief of Police

PLANNING COMMISSION

The Planning Commission generally held regular meetings one Thursday a month, on a date agreed upon by the members, beginning at 6:30 PM. Regular meetings are held in the Planning Department office on the second floor of the Parting Ways Building. Public hearings and on-site meetings were posted in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, and most meetings have been televised.

The public is always invited to attend the public meetings. In past years, the Planning Commission was able to receive last minute submissions at their meetings. This has been negated due to a change in the Open Meeting Law requiring a posting of the complete agenda for every department more than 48 hours before the meeting. If your business is not on the agenda before the posting time, we regretfully cannot hear you. You will be directed to get on the agenda for the next meeting.

The Planning Department had a busy year of community service. Under the direction of Town Planner, Henry Young, we have moved forward on several projects including the permitting process of three new ground mounted solar photovoltaic systems. Clean alternative energy systems are a relatively new land use that requires substantial public participation and regulation by the Board. Henry Young served on the Public Safety Building Committee which concluded its business this year providing administrative oversight of design and construction. Day to day operation of the Planning Department is aided by the capable assistance of our veteran clerk, Donna Ellis.

Finally, we recognize the service of Richard Forand as he retires from the Planning Board. Having served 22 years on the Board, he has been a thoughtful and deliberate member with considerable institutional experience and memory. His counsel on difficult issues before the board has been invaluable. We wish Richard well in his future endeavors.

Respectfully submitted,

The Planning Commission
Marc Cenerizio, Chairman
Henry Young, Town Planner
Richard Ellis
Richard P. Forand
Leo Coons, Jr.
Mark DeSilva
Phil Mello

**THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
STATE RECLAMATION AND MOSQUITO
CONTROL BOARD
BRISTOL COUNTY MOSQUITO CONTROL PROJECT
38R FOREST STREET * ATTLEBORO, MA 02703
Tel: (508) 823-5253 * Fax: (508) 828-1868**

This year marks the 57th anniversary of the Bristol County Mosquito Control Project and its services to the cities and towns of Bristol County. The project was established in 1959 in response to numerous cases of Eastern Equine Encephalitis. In 2000 Bristol County saw the introduction of West Nile Virus into the area. Over the years, our project has greatly reduced exposure to these arboviruses.

Much has changed in recent years with new technologies and products now available to help monitor and suppress the presence of mosquito borne diseases. Our project has embraced new innovations to help us serve the public with greater efficiency. We utilize GPS guidance systems on our spray trucks enabling our technicians to effectively schedule and conduct early morning applications and document application routes. We have also adopted more environmentally responsible products for our larvicide and adulticide applications. We did this in order to be a better steward of the environment and reduce any unwanted effect on non-target organisms. We still continue our practice of surveillance through trapping and sending specimens to the Massachusetts Department of Public Health for testing.

During the 2016-mosquito season, 15,877 mosquitoes were tested for the mosquito borne viruses EEE and WNV. There were no isolations of EEE with no human cases in the County. We had eight (8) mosquito isolates of WNV in the County with no reported human cases. There were no equine cases for EEE or WNV.

Our project continues its efforts year round to reduce mosquito breeding areas through water management and source reduction. Our goal is to remove debris, silt and vegetation from drainage ditches to improve water flow, thus eliminating standing water conducive to larval development.

During the time period January 1, 2016– December 31, 2016 the Bristol County Mosquito Control Project:

- Sprayed over 2,642 acres
- Treated 13.5 acres with *B.t.i.* 25 locations for mosquito larvae
- Received 246 requests for spraying
- Cleared and reclaimed 2,475 feet of brush
- Cleaned 1,810 feet of ditches by machine
- Mowed .65 acre of brush by machine
- Treated 725 catch basins

Throughout the year, we strive to educate the public concerning mosquito borne diseases and simple ways people can protect themselves and help prevent breeding on their

own property. We have many types of outreach programs including; speaking at public health events, visiting local schools and senior centers, and creating informational handouts for distribution. Be sure to check out our website: www.mass.gov/eea/bristolcountymosquitocontrol for updates and information.

I would like to thank the town officials and residents of Acushnet for their continued support and cooperation. Our project is extremely proud of the work we perform and look forward to serving our communities in the upcoming year. If there are any questions concerning the projects efforts or objectives, please feel free to contact our office. Respectfully submitted,

Priscilla Matton

Superintendent
January 3, 2017

Bristol County Mosquito Control Commissioners:

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

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

This year we have been very busy at the Friend's Quaker Meetinghouse. The entire exterior has been replaced with all new clap board. It has been painted with all new shutters. In the spring Scott and the 2 boys will replace the gutters and downspouts. Also finish scraping and painting where needed.

We also had an antique organ donated to us from the Mattapoisett Historical Society, they feel it belongs at our meetinghouse because of the age of our building.

The Long Plain Museum needs to update the fire alarms in the museum. Some of the work has been done but we still need the Fire Chief to take a look as to what is there and was is still needed to complete the work.

We had a great turnout for Apple/Peach, thanks to our volunteers every year. It seems like every year we lose many of our members of the Historical Society, so we rely on the students from Old Colony to help us in the kitchen, sell the goods and peel the apples. We did send a thank you letter to Old Colony for all their help.

Alec Plante took on a eagle scout project by putting together "A Guide to Historical Acushnet" that has been printed and we are selling them at the Long Plain Museum for \$10.00 each.

The Russell Memorial Library also donated books from the 1850's-1860's from the Henry Russell family. A painting of the Decker property on Mill Rd. A 1855 map for locating old homes in Acushnet. All on display at the Long Plain Museum. Museum is open from April-October on Sunday's or by calling 508-961-7843 for appointment.

Now to the Perry Hill Church and the work that is being done there. The electrical is complete for now, the insulation is complete and we are getting bids for the sheetrock to be done inside. The bids for the sheetrock came in higher than expected and we did not have enough funding to complete. We were given 4 beautiful antique hanging lights from the Advent Church on Middle Rd. by the late David White and family. We want to thank the family for the items that we will use at the Perry Hill Church. The Commission members would like to see the church completed this year so that we may use it for weddings, meetings, and other uses.

Logan Avellar undertook an Eagle Scout project at the church of refinishing all the pews, with the help of his parents and other scouts the project came out beautifully.

The exterior of the church is complete and looks great. The Commission has had interest from other scouts looking for their Eagle Badge with interest of doing some other work inside.

Just a reminder of The History of Acushnet book, The Ancient Cemetery Book and the 1860 census book is still available, we also have postcards and Acushnet maps at the museum. Call Pauline 508-961-7843 for information.

Respectfully submitted,

Pauline Teixeira-Chairperson

Joyce Reynolds

Madeline Gwozdz

Robert Hall

Dunstan Whitlock-recording secretary

Scott Harding

Robert Gilmore Jr.-Vice-Chair

Acushnet Historical Commission

PARK DEPARTMENT

Town of Acushnet, the Park and Recreation department submit the following report for calendar year ending December 31, 2016.

2016 kicked off on our senior field with both Fairhaven High School and Old Colony using our field as their home field moving forward. We also opened the Fairhaven Acushnet Little League season on our new Knox Field to a warm welcome. In 2016 our new park Supervisor Mike Ashley started his position and did an excellent job, nothing but compliments on the condition of our park and fields. In April, Chris Anderson was sworn in on the Park Board replacing Mike Desroisers. The Park and the Town of Acushnet want to thank Mike for his time on the board and all the things he brought to our community. Also in April, Chad Leclair stepped into the Park Chairman seat.

In July, Cathy Jason continued leading the towns Summer Rec. program. Cathy and this program are both great assets to our town, her program sees local kids doing arts and crafts, playing games and sports, as well as interacting with others for two hours of daily activity for 6 weeks of the summer. The kids are supervised by local adults and teenagers who help and participate with the children on all activities. Thank you Cathy for you and your crew's hard work and dedication each summer.

As stated earlier we had a new park Superintendent in 2016, Mike Ashley he was assisted by Leo Braz, Anthony Richards and Jack Pellitier. They did a phenomenal job in keeping the park looking wonderful and representing the town well.

Champions Field

Other noticeable changes to the park in 2015-2016, work has begun on Joey Jason Field to build a new scorer's booth to go along with the newly redesigned Knox Field. There continues to be discussions about the Veteran's Memorial and Playground expansion. Benches will be installed in the basketball courts in 2016, along with new doggy stations to help keep the park clean. Local Boy Scout, Noah Miranda, is building a handicapped accessible picnic area and swing set under the shady trees behind Knox Field. Other projects have been informally talked about but nothing yet has been voted on to continue to make Pope Park a staple of our community.

In closing, I want to thank Jack Pelletier for being at the park and putting in extra time after Don and Jerry's retirement along with Elf's Landscape for doing some of the bigger projects during this same time. TruGreen for keeping the park in good shape and the residents of Acushnet for showing up and using our facilities. Thank you for being part of our park community and please feel free to submit suggestion on things that you believe you would like to see done at Pope Park. It is our duty to make Pope Park the best Park and we will continue to make that our goal in 2016 and beyond.

Respectfully yours,
Acushnet Park Board
Chad Leclair – Chairman
Chris Anderson
Rob St. Jean

ACUSHNET RIVER VALLEY GOLF COURSE

Acushnet River Valley continues to represent itself in the local golf market area, as municipal golf course with outstanding conditions and superior customer service. Our municipal golf course is a flagship of dedication and hard work for the town of Acushnet. We represent the town offering professional services daily to thousands of commuting golfers from surrounding towns and states. We have created a loyal customer base that demands this level of service and conditions which is why we continue to draw business from other public and private country clubs to visit us multiple times a season. We have been recognized by peers, customers and our community as one of the hardest working golf courses in Massachusetts. Every year we modify our operation this year we incorporated the use of drones to capture some spectacular video and photography of the golf course which will be utilized in our updated website, advertising and scorecard this year. We also updated our much needed, software and hardware in the pro shop, this will allow us to be maintain productivity in these demanding times. It is very important to keep technology up to date, many software programs become inoperable if they are not maintained in timely fashion – it is a cost of doing business. These updates allow us to remain competitive with the private sector.

After years of hard work, we must maintain our reputation for getting positive feedback regarding our level of commitment to update our customers with promotions, images of the course conditions. All of this attention to detail regarding rates, conditions and service are the reason why we are the municipal golf course of choice for those seeking an *affordable round of golf* in the south coast area. We have assisted a great number of loyal local community charities in establishing golf tournament fundraisers resulting in hundreds of thousands of dollars raised for their charities over the past decade. Acushnet River Valley impacts the community in a very positive manner. It is with great pride I share the insight or our dedication, devotion and commitment to our surrounding communities as the foundation of an outstanding amenity and recreational facility provided by the town of Acushnet.

We continue to manage our costs and pursue the growth of our business thru aggressive online marketing which incurs no additional costs but provides us with flexibility to adapt to current market conditions and demands. We will continue to develop and fine tune this marketing concept. This has been a successful strategy and we will continue to maximize it to its fullest potential.

An important fact to process is we are the *affordable comfort for this area*, we have grown to develop a loyal customer base that elect to bring their family, friends and business clients to Acushnet River Valley golf course because they know they will be treated with respect. We are proud of this customer perception and value it, driving us to maintain and strengthen our relationship to exceed expectations. However, it is a necessary evil that we must raise our rates from time to time as our vendors increase the cost of the products we use in our business. In order to offset increased costs, we must increase with revenues. We plan on improving our golf cart fleet this season, this is one of our first impressions to our customers as they enter the facility. We have witnessed a number of competitors modifying their operations, reducing amenities, reducing staffing, raising fees in order to stay in business or closing altogether. These are difficult times in the golf industry but it is a cycle, those that operate with precision will survive.

We continue to sacrifice and maintain a strict budget plan as we annually try to reduce expenses. We are constantly overachieving individually to try and stay on top of this battle. Conceptually, we ask each of our town employees to do more, dig a little deeper recognize one more thing they can contribute as we build our business. I am proud to say Acushnet River Valley is one of the few succeeding in this economic climate. We have always believed and held true to our vision of providing the best possible experience for a fair price. In doing so, we have earned the respect and loyalty from a very large market area.

I would like to thank the team of Acushnet River Valley staff for representing the town with exceptional dedication in achieving our objectives to offer outstanding professional customer service. As a professional we understand that to mean our clients and customers deserve more. they deserve "*the best*", so that is exactly what we give them a feeling of community.

Thank you for your continued support.

Respectfully submitted,
Dana Przybyszewski

ACUSHNET PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Acushnet Public Library celebrated one year at its new location, 232 Middle Road, in December of 2016. Features of the new Library include a Children's Room, a Periodicals Room, two Study Rooms, a Young Adult area, public computer stations, a Community Room, handicap-accessible entries and restrooms, and ample public parking.

Since the relocation, the Library has become an even more valued community entity, and experienced the following highlights in 2016:

- 557 new library cards were issued
- A 30% increase in overall circulation from 2015
- The month of August saw the highest circulation in the Library's history
- The Summer Reading Program had its highest participation in the Library's history
- Increases in both programs and attendance
- Precinct 3 polling location

Library Mission and Offerings – Materials, Programs, Services

The mission of the Acushnet Public 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 Library offers books, DVDs, audiobooks, music CDs, eBooks, newspapers, magazines, Internet access, online databases, and personal assistance using technology, all at no cost. Printers, a copy machine and a fax machine are available to the public for a small fee.

Free children's programs support emerging literacy, and regular story times are offered throughout the year. The annual Summer Reading Program encourages children to read during the summer months while reinforcing the skills gained during the school year. The Library also holds programs for adults. The popular Knitters Group continues to meet twice a month, while a Crafters Group now meets bimonthly as well. A Readers Group meets once a month to discuss titles selected by its members. Regular

Technology sessions are scheduled, and the Community Room has attracted various local and state non-profit groups to hold meetings and workshops. New programming is planned for 2017. Additionally, the Library has successfully increased its outreach efforts to Town schools.

The Library currently holds passes to the New Bedford Whaling Museum, Buttonwood Park Zoo, Massachusetts Parks Pass Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR), Mystic Aquarium, Plimoth Plantation, and Roger Williams Park Zoo. Patrons in good standing are able to check out passes, which provide free or discounted admission to these destinations.

The Library's Museum Pass Program and many special events are made possible by the generosity of the Friends of the Acushnet Public Library, a non-profit community service organization that supports and enhances library services for the community. We are grateful to them for their hard work and dedication throughout the year. Information about the Friends group can be found on Facebook at www.facebook.com/AcushnetPublicLibFriends, and on the Library's website.

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

Library Hours of Operations, Staff, and Board of Trustees

The Library is open year-round. Hours of operation are 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m., Monday and Wednesday; 1:00 p.m. – 8 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday; and 9:00 a.m. – 3 p.m., Saturday.

The telephone number is 508-998-0270 and the fax number is 508-998-0271.

The website is www.acupl.org, and the Facebook page is www.facebook.com/AcushnetPublicLibrary.

Staff of the Acushnet Public Library: Dina M. Brasseur, Director, M.S.L.I.S.; Sandra Medeiros, Patron Services Associate; Mary Marshall, Lesley Perkins, Pauline Prudhomme (retired December 2016), Jacqueline Rolnick, Cynthia Souza, and Bethany Vieira, Library Technicians; Diane Fuller, Custodian.

The six-member Board of Library Trustees has the custody and management of the Library and all related property. The Board typically meets monthly. Acushnet Public Library Board of Trustees: Diane Ferreira, Nancy Francis, Jeri Howland, Kristen Leotti (Chair), Henry Preston, Jean Stripinis.

State Certification and Interlibrary Loan Benefit for Patrons

The Library maintained state certification in 2016. 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 2-½% each year over a three 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 allow the library to provide additional services.

The Library is a full voting member of the SAILS Library Network. Through SAILS, library patrons have access to the collections of over 70 libraries. In addition to the automated system, SAILS provides cataloging services, technical support and continuing education. The SAILS system allows users to search the catalog, reserve materials, and renew items from home.

The Library is also a member of the Massachusetts Library System. MLS provides delivery of materials between libraries, regional reference and inter-library loan service, on-line databases, staff training, Summer Reading materials, and professional consultants at no charge to the library.

The Board of Trustees thanks the residents of Acushnet, Town officers, and other Town departments for their support throughout the year. In addition, we thank the businesses, organizations, and individuals who fund our very popular Summer Reading Program, and the many library patrons who donate time and materials.

Respectfully submitted,
Acushnet Public Library Board of Trustees

LIBRARY STATISTICAL REPORT 2016

Active Borrowers	4793
Children’s Programs Held	70
Attendance at Children’s Programs	1,377
Teen Programs Held	28
Attendance at Teen Programs	127
Adult Programs Held	86
Attendance at Adult Programs	483
Computers Available for Public Use	7
Computers Available with Internet Access	5
Sessions Held on Computers Available with Internet Access	1,565
Community Room Use	47
Study Room Use	293
Materials Holdings (Number of Items)	
Books	21352
Periodical Subscriptions	105
Videos/DVDs	3328
Audio	681
eBooks	21279

Downloadable Audio/Video	5559
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Circulation (Times Borrowed)

Books – Adult and Teen	18,578
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Books – Children	20,674
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Periodicals	3,116
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Videos/DVDs	13,297
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Audio	1,920
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eBooks	1,697
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Downloadable Audio/Video	451
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Museum Passes	203
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Total Items Circulated	59,936
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VETERAN'S SERVICES

To the residents and town officials of Acushnet, I submit the following report for Department of Veteran 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 Veteran 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 Veteran Services employees in the Boston office as well as local contact with VFW and American Legion Posts in Town.

The Veteran Services 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 spouses 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 veteran in finding 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 Veteran 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 widows, simply by contacting my office. The majority of VSOs in the state are full time (40 hrs. wk) with several working 10 to 20 hrs./week.

As the present position of VSO in Acushnet is a "part time" due to the Towns' population, it is generally my policy to be in my office at the Town Hall Mondays from 8a.m.-12 p.m. and Thursdays 10am -1 p.m. to work on submitting monthly town payment vouchers to veterans and or their widows, as well as being available for office visits. Variables occur each month, therefore a "set" amount of hours per week is not practical. The hours are to be determined by the requirements of the work load and could vary occasionally.

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 Town's VSO to Veterans and or their widows. Massachusetts is the only State in the country that does this.

Respectfully submitted,

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Veterans Service Officer

PUBLIC SCHOOLS

I am delighted to offer the annual report on the state of public education in the Town of Acushnet for the year 2016.

School Committee:

The School Committee is the governing board of the town's public school system. In Acushnet, the committee is a five-member board elected to three overlapping terms. Current members of the Acushnet School Committee are:

Christopher Green, Chair
Jody Tavares, Secretary
Erin Ptaszenski

David DeTerra, Vice-Chair
Sarah Gomes

In April 2016, Erin Ptaszenski was elected to a three-year term and Sarah Gomes was elected to a three-year term after serving the remaining year of the seat initially held by Douglas Coray. Michelle DeTerra stepped down from the committee after serving since 2010.

The School Committee maintains several subcommittees. Current members that make up these subcommittees are as follows:

- Budget Subcommittee- David DeTerra (Chair) and Sarah Gomes
- Negotiations Subcommittee- Christopher Green (Chair) and Jody Tavares
- Policy and Evaluation Subcommittee- Jody Tavares (Chair) and Erin Ptaszenski

Additionally, the School Committee maintains other positions as follows:

- Old Colony Vocational Appointment Committee- Sarah Gomes, Christopher Green, and Erin Ptaszenski
- Southeastern Massachusetts Educational Collaborative Representative- Sarah Gomes

In 2016, a Regionalization Subcommittee was formed by both the Fairhaven and Acushnet School Committees to meet jointly to explore the possibility of a further collaboration of services up to and including regionalization. Christopher Green and Sarah Gomes were both named to Acushnet's Regionalization Subcommittee.

Districtwide:

There were no changes to the Acushnet Public Schools Central Office in 2016.

As of October 1, 2016, there were 955 students PK through grade 8 enrolled in the Acushnet Public Schools. This figure is 15 students less than what was reported for the same date in 2015 and 18 students less than what was reported for the same date in 2014. In 2016, the student enrollment for the Ford Middle School (FMS) decreased by 6 students (423 to 417), and the enrollment for the Acushnet Elementary School (AES) decreased by 9 students (547 to 538).

The percentage of economically disadvantaged students has been steadily increasing. The percentage of economically disadvantage students continued to increase from 17.5%

in 2014 to 19.8% in 2015 to 22.8% in 2016. This 2016 percentage compares to the state average of 30.2%. The percentage of students with disabilities in the district was at its lowest figure since 2004. Students with disabilities made up 17.6% of the student population in 2015 and 15.1% in October 2016. The 15.1% figure is now below the state average of 17.4% for the first time since 2004. The English Language Learner population decreased from .6% of the district in October 2015 to .4% in 2016. This percentage is still markedly less than the state average of 9.5% but higher than the 0% reported for Acushnet in October 1, 2007. Lastly, the high needs population increased slightly from 32.8% in 2015 to 33.6% in 2016. This compares to the state average of 45.2% in 2016.

As of October 1, 2016, the enrollment by race/ethnicity was .7% African-American, .2% Asian, 2.3% Hispanic, .1% Native-American, 94.8% White, and 1.9% Multi-Race, Non-Hispanic. This compares to the state average of 8.9% African-American, 6.7% Asian, 19.4% Hispanic, .2% Native-American, 61.3% White, .1% Native Hawaiian, Pacific Islander, and 3.4% Multi-Race, Non-Hispanic.

In 2015-2016, Acushnet's daily attendance rate was 96.2, while the state average was 94.9 with a retention rate of .6% versus 1.5% for the state. The average class size was 18.3 versus 18.0 for the state. Lastly, the percentage of students who were suspended or expelled was as follows: .4% in-school suspension, 1.4% out-of-school suspension, and .2% expulsion.

Acushnet does not maintain a high school. As a result, Acushnet sends its students to several area high schools, which include Bristol County Agricultural High School, Fairhaven High School, New Bedford High School, and Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School. All but the latter high school is accounted for in the school department's budget. As of the first tuition billings, 15 students were enrolled at Bristol County Agricultural High School, 237 students were attending Fairhaven High School, and 28 students were enrolled at New Bedford High School. In addition, 136 students were enrolled at Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School and 20 students were enrolled at Bishop Stang High School.

Several students were enrolled in various schools as a part of school choice. As of December 2016, 10 students were enrolled in the Old Rochester Regional School District, 2 in the Freetown-Lakeville Public Schools, 1 in the Berkley Public Schools, and 4 in the TEC Connections Academy Commonwealth Virtual School.

The Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) is administered annually to students in Massachusetts in accordance with the Education Reform Law of 1993. These state tests are designed to measure performance based on the learning standards in the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks and serve as one measure of accountability for students, schools, and districts.

Like most Massachusetts districts, Acushnet chose to administer PARCC in 2016, which is an assessment specifically designed to test whether students have mastered the concepts and skills outlined in the Common Core curriculum standards. Across the Commonwealth, approximately 72 percent of students in grades 3-8 were administered

PARCC, while 28 percent were administered MCAS. In addition, 44 percent of Massachusetts PARCC districts used the computer-based format, 39 percent used paper, and 17 percent used a mix of computer-based and paper. All districts, including Acushnet, administered the MCAS in science in paper.

State averages were not calculated by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education for ELA and mathematics PARCC and MCAS scores because they weren't able to create a valid representative sample to serve as a basis for comparison statewide. In addition, test scores and student growth percentiles were affected based on the type of test a district chose to administer and the mode of administration (paper or online) selected. Schools where students took PARCC in paper for both years, like Acushnet, had generally lower student growth percentiles in 2016 and schools where students took MCAS generally scored higher than schools who administered PARCC. As a result, the Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents has recommended that the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education reset the accountability system for school districts because of the issues with reliability and validity of the current assessments due to the fact of administering multiple tests with different modes. The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education is fortunately considering a change to and a reset of the accountability system in 2017 due to this issue and in order to comply with the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), which replaces No Child Left Behind (NCLB), and was signed into law in December 2015.

Massachusetts currently uses an accountability measure known as the Progress and Performance Index (PPI), which combines information about narrowing proficiency gaps, student growth, graduation and dropout rates into a single number. This index replaces Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP), which measured progress towards all students achieving proficiency by 2014, with the more realistic goal of reducing the proficiency gaps in half, as measured by PPI, by 2017.

With AYP, data was reported out for all subgroups and if a school didn't meet the benchmark in any one subgroup for two years in a row, then it didn't achieve AYP. With PPI, the data is reported for all subgroups and for a high needs subgroup made up of all subgroups. The high needs subgroup, along with the aggregate is used to calculate PPI.

All districts, schools, and groups with sufficient data are assigned an annual PPI based on two years of data. Annual PPI indicates progress from one year to the next. Cumulative PPI represents a trend over time. It is a metric on a scale of 1 to 100 with the target goal being a score of 75.

The cumulative PPI scores, which are based on a four-year trend of annual PPI scores with the most recent years weighted most, along with another metric which measures a school's overall performance on PPI indicators relative to other schools in the same grade span, help to classify schools into accountability and assistance levels.

There are five accountability and assistance levels for schools. Level 1 represents the highest performing, while Level 5 represents the lowest performing. Schools are designated as Level 1 if they meet a target cumulative PPI of 75 or better for the

aggregate and for the high needs subgroup and are not in the bottom twenty percent of schools serving similar grades. Level 2 schools are schools that are also not in the bottom twenty percent of schools serving the same or similar grades but have not met a target PPI of 75 or better for both subgroups. Level 3 schools are classified as such because they are in the bottom twenty percent of all schools serving the same or similar grades. Level 4 and 5 schools are a subset of Level 3 schools that are declared by the Commissioner of the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to be the lowest performing schools in the state.

In 2016, AES achieved the 65th percentile (significantly above average) when looking at the school's overall performance relative to other schools in the same grade span, which was lower than the 68th percentile in 2015 but higher than the 63rd percentile achieved in 2014. AES's PPI scores decreased from 86 to 74 for the aggregate subgroup but increased from 63 to 68 in the high needs subgroup. As a result, AES was designated a Level 2 school because it missed the 75 PPI target for the high needs and aggregate subgroups.

In 2016, FMS achieved the 53rd percentile (above average) when looking at the school's overall performance relative to other schools in the same grade span, which was lower than the 59th percentile in 2015. FMS's PPI scores decreased from 66 and 58 for the aggregate and high needs subgroups in 2015 to 52 and 52 in 2016. FMS missed the 75 cumulative PPI target for both the all students and high needs subgroups. As a result, FMS was once again designated as a Level 2 school.

A district is generally classified into the level of its lowest-performing school. Therefore, the district is Level 2 because both of Acushnet's schools were designated as Level 2.

The first goal of the District Improvement Plan is related to increasing student achievement. Progress was made in several initiatives related to this goal, including but not limited to, completing curriculum maps for all academic subjects, creating a curriculum archiving system using Google Drive, developing a textbook/resource adoption schedule, developing reteach plans in order to reteach material students had trouble mastering based on the analysis of data, and promoting a common vernacular of best teaching practices.

The District Improvement Plan's second goal focuses on safety and wellness. In order to meet this goal, the district implemented several initiatives including but not limited to, overhauling its crisis management plan after receiving extensive training from the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, conducting safety drills, creating a calendar of events to promote wellness, and providing health, bullying and violence prevention curricula to students.

The District Improvement Plan's third goal is related to communication and collaboration. To help meet this goal, middle school parents were provided electronic access to student data, a new website was created, a Twitter page was created and linked to the district website, and a professional development survey was completed with the results informing the revision to the District Improvement Plan and the professional

development opportunities offered by the district.

The fourth District Improvement Plan goal was related to supporting operations. The district pursued natural gas conversions, held regular meetings to address maintenance and custodial issues, hired summer custodians, coordinated assistance from the Bristol County Sheriff's Office with painting the schools, creating a Facilities Director position to better manage maintenance and cleanliness of the buildings, implemented breakfast in all grades, created a district Substitute Teacher Handbook that was used for a substitute teacher orientation, and upgraded district technology. In regards to the latter, an additional computer lab at the elementary school was created, new computers for the FMS computer classroom and library were added, interactive whiteboards were installed in grades two and three, computers and hardware were added to various classrooms, Chromebooks were purchased, 3-D printers were purchased for Technology class, the network backbone was upgraded from 1 to 10 gigabytes, 28 wireless access points were added (over 90% of the district now has wireless access), the Internet connection speed has been increased from 50mb to 200mb, and Google Accounts were created for all staff.

In 2016, professional development offerings were constructed based off of information obtained from a districtwide professional development survey administered to staff that was designed to support the initiatives as expressed in the District Improvement Plan. Professional development focused on wellness, team building, and co-teaching during the second professional development day of the 2015-2016 school year. The district partnered with Behavioral Connections and the Bay State Reading Institute to help to refine a multi-tiered system of support (MTSS) integrating social-emotional/behavioral and academic interventions. Professional development offerings provided by these two organizations to support MTSS included reciprocal teaching, small-group differentiated instruction, debate, and ABA and classroom management. Other professional development opportunities in 2016 included a focus on special education and restraint regulations and technology. In regards to the latter, a professional development day was devoted almost entirely to technology in November. Technology professional development included virtual field trips, coding, interactive whiteboard (Promethean) training, Renaissance Learning, Google Apps, and Safari Montage.

Curriculum Instruction Assessment (CIA) committees continued to meet monthly to discuss and revamp curriculum, evaluate instruction and assessments, as well as analyze data with the goal of improving student achievement. These collaborative meetings have proven to be an important part of enhancing classroom practice.

The Acushnet Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO) continued to play an important role in the success of our schools in 2016. Members of the PTO continued to donate many hours of their time volunteering for school functions and organizing and administering PTO-sponsored events. Their fundraising efforts continued to provide the district with monies for field trips, extracurricular activities, and special events for Acushnet students. Bonnie Grace once again served as the PTO president.

Albert F. Ford Middle School:

There have been several changes at the Ford Middle School (FMS) over the past year.

Michelle Silvia, the assistant principal for the past four years, was named Interim Principal of the Ford Middle School for the 2016-2017 school year replacing Helder Angelo. Nora Dupont, an educator with thirty-five years of experience as a teacher and administrator in the New Bedford Public Schools, was hired as Interim Assistant Principal. In addition, Ryan Mitchell was hired to replace a retiring Pat Avellar as a seventh grade social studies teacher, Renee Damgaard was hired to teach mathematics, Joseph Cote was hired as a sixth grade science teacher, and Alexandra Washburn was hired to teach health.

The FMS educational program offers major academic classes in English/language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies in each grade. In addition, students in grades five through eight receive instruction in a second mathematics class every other day. This second mathematics class supplements the instruction of the main mathematics class and uses a curriculum that focuses more on applying mathematics. In fifth grade and sixth grade, students receive a second English/language arts class every other day designed to supplement instruction, while all seventh and eighth graders receive instruction in Spanish every other day. In addition, the FMS educational program includes various specialty classes including social-emotional and general health, art, computer, technology engineering, physical education, and music (general music, band, and chorus).

The focus for the 2016-2017 school year encompasses three main initiatives that align with the District Improvement Plan. First, FMS is focusing on a multi-year initiative to create curriculum units for all subjects. Thus far, curriculum maps have been created for all academic subjects. Second, FMS has been focusing on increasing the amount of collaborative co-teaching where two educators jointly provide instruction. Jennifer Holbrook from the University of Central Florida has been working with select teachers via remote access in order to provide the coaching necessary to lead this initiative. Lastly, FMS has been looking to more firmly establish a multi-tiered system of supports, which is an integration of behavioral/social emotional and academic supports. In regards to the latter, FMS created an Extended Learning Time (ELT) block in order to provide flexible interventions to struggling students based on data, to extend enrichment opportunities for a majority of students, and to increase literacy (reading, writing, speaking, and listening) across the curriculum as is required by the Common Core Standards. The Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) initiative continues to evolve and a group of educators has been working together to refine the tiered system of PBIS to more seamlessly integrate with the response to intervention framework and the Student Teacher Assistance Team (STAT) process.

Acushnet Elementary School:

There were several new hires at the Acushnet Elementary School (AES). Jasmyne Nunes was hired as a second grade teacher, Laurie Smith was hired as a grade one special education teacher, Michelle VanVoorhis was hired to teach grade four, Karen Anselmi was hired as a resource room teacher, and Nakita Besegai was hired as a part-time Title I teacher.

A net of two positions were added for 2016-2017. First, Patricia Santos transferred from grade four to assume the new Science Technology Engineering and Math (STEM)

position and grade one and kindergarten once again have special education teachers dedicated to that grade level; a special education teacher was shared between the two grades in the prior school year.

At AES, students are arranged in self-contained classrooms where teachers teach English/language arts, mathematics, science, social studies, and social-emotional and general health. Students in kindergarten through grade four also receive instruction in art, computer technology, music, physical education, and STEM.

The 2016-2017 school year, marked the fifth year of universal full-day kindergarten and an expanded preschool. All kindergarten students were once again able to take advantage of a full-day schedule and curriculum at no cost, while the preschool once again made up four classes versus only two available classes during the 2011-2012 school year. The rationale for the expansion of these early learning opportunities is grounded in research, which has consistently shown that early intervention and support leads to stronger academic achievement and social/emotional growth.

To improve student achievement for all learners, the AES staff continues to use data from district formative assessments (e.g., DIBELS Next, Galileo) and grade-level, researched-based measurements that support the planning for small group and individualized intervention support. This includes developing, implementing and monitoring re-teach plans for standards not mastered. In addition, interventionists are staffed during literacy blocks to provide targeted literacy instruction. Like the middle school, teachers have been receiving professional development from the Bay State Reading Institute in small group differentiated instruction and reciprocal teaching in order to bolster interventions and academic supports for students. The Bay State Reading Institute offers a model that focuses on impacting instruction across the curriculum. It includes teacher coaching, principal leadership, a focus on student performance data, high expectations, and tailored instruction designed to meet each student's needs.

A Positive Behavior Intervention Support (PBIS) Steering Committee continues to meet at AES to gather data and monitor and develop this program. The committee comprises a cross section of school stakeholders (teachers, parents, and administrators) and focuses on improving student academic and behavioral outcomes, ensuring all students have access to the most effective and accurately implemented instructional and behavioral practices and interventions possible. PBIS provides an operational framework for achieving these outcomes. A group of educators from the district began meeting in 2016 in order to more seamlessly integrate PBIS with the response to intervention framework and the Student Teacher Assistance Team (STAT) process.

Like AES, FMS has been immersed in developing curriculum units. Thus far, curriculum maps have been created for all academic subjects. They have also been a part of the district initiative to increase the amount of collaborative co-teaching. Jennifer Holbrook has been working with select teachers via remote access in order to provide coaching in co-teaching.

Special Education:

The state special education reimbursement program, commonly known as the circuit breaker program, was started in FY04 to provide additional funding to districts for high-cost special education students. The threshold for eligibility is tied to four times the state average foundation budget per pupil as calculated under the chapter 70 program, with the state paying up to 75 percent of the costs above the threshold. The district once again carried forward this reimbursement as is recommended by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and Department of Revenue. This practice is encouraged in order to guard against unexpected special education cost increases or circuit breaker reimbursement drops. The state's Special Education Circuit Breaker program includes a provision that allows districts to claim for extraordinary relief when claimable special education costs exceed 125 percent of the previous year's claimed costs. Acushnet was not eligible for extraordinary relief in FY16.

The Regional Educational Assessment and Diagnostic Services (READS) Collaborative accepted the Acushnet School District as a full member in 2014-2015. Educational collaboratives exist in order to provide specialized instruction and support to students who need a substantially separate setting that can't otherwise be provided through in-district programs. This is particularly true of Acushnet's district as students with low-incidence disabilities often do not warrant the set up and maintenance of specialized programs. Districts that are members of educational collaboratives pay lower tuition rates than non-member districts. Superintendent Donovan serves on the READS Collaborative Board of Directors, while the Director of Special Education serves on READS Collaborative Middle Management Committee.

Acushnet continues to be a member of the Southeastern Massachusetts Educational Collaborative (SMEC). Sarah Gomes once again was the Acushnet School Committee's representative to SMEC, while the Director of Special Education continues to serve as a member of the SMEC Steering Committee, a group that discusses and proposes programs that would be beneficial to the students of collaborative member districts. A portion of direct speech/language, occupational and physical therapy services, as well as assessments are also contracted through the collaborative.

In 2016, several students were brought back from out of district placements like the READS Collaborative and SMEC. As a result, several one-to-one paraprofessionals were added to the staff in order to service these students in district.

The Acushnet-Fairhaven Special Education Parent Advisory Council met each quarter during the 2015-2016 school year to review special education regulations and discuss areas of interest and concern to the parents.

Lastly, team meetings continue to be held to discuss eligibility, planning, programming, and progress of special education students, on an annual and as needed basis. In addition, school-wide special education staff meetings continue to be held monthly, while task force meetings have been held as topics and issues emerge.

English Language Learners:

Acushnet is in Cohort 3 with respect to the implementation of RETELL – Rethinking Equity and Teaching for English Language Learners. Most teachers and administrators have completed or are currently enrolled in Sheltered English Immersion classes that are required by the state for educators to be endorsed as educators of students with English as their second language.

McKinney-Vento:

Acushnet families who find themselves displaced or lacking fixed, adequate, regular housing are swiftly accommodated so that student attendance at school is not interrupted. Transportation is the primary resource provided to students and families who are considered homeless.

Budget and Grants:

In May, Town Meeting appropriated \$13,434,735 for the school department for its FY 2017 budget. This budget was a .72% increase from the prior fiscal year. This budget supported the addition of an elementary school STEM teacher, a school psychologist, a kindergarten special education teacher, and a first grade special education teacher. Positions eliminated were a K/1 special education teacher, a maintenance worker, and two paraprofessionals.

The district applied for and is slated to receive non-special education entitlement grants from the federal government totaling \$110,650 in FY17, which is \$4,521 less than the previous fiscal year's final allocation. These entitlement grants consist of Titles I and IIA. Title I monies make up the largest portion of the entitlement grants. This grant pays for one full-time and one part-time Title I teacher. These teachers provide reading skill development to low achieving students at the elementary school. The funds also are used to help support professional development costs for the elementary school which is a Title I school. Title IIA (Teacher Quality) funds are used to help support professional development for teachers and paraprofessionals and the district's mentoring program.

The district applied for and received several grants for FY17. The Special Education Entitlement Grant - 240 supplemented the district's special education program in FY16 by \$259,397, which is a decrease of \$3,548 from the previous fiscal year's allocation. Acushnet once again received monies from the Department of Early Education and Care's Early Childhood Special Education Grant - 262 to supplement the preschool program. The allocation from this grant was \$6,722 and \$166 more than the previous fiscal year. The Special Education Program Improvement Grant - 274 was once again issued in FY17. The allocation of \$7,837 was the same as the previous fiscal year. The monies for this grant help to fund professional development related to special education. Lastly, the district is slated to receive \$1,400 from the 298 Early Childhood Special Education Program Improvement grant in FY17, which is a \$600 decrease from the previous year. This grant will be used to bolster early childhood special education through professional development.

The district no longer receives the state's Quality Full-Day Kindergarten Grant due to the fact that the funding for this grant was not supported in the state's budget. At its

peak allocation this grant used to provide over \$50,000 to help support the full-day kindergarten program by offsetting salary and supply costs.

Respectfully submitted,

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Superintendent of Schools

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