

ACUSHNET AT A GLANCE

Incorporated: February 13, 1860

Type of Government: Open Town Meeting

Population: 9,937

10,129 (State Census)

Total Valuation:

Class 1 and 2 Tax Rate: \$14.44 per \$1,000 (Fiscal Year 2017)

Class 3 and 4 Tax Rate: \$18.57 per \$1,000 (Fiscal Year 2017)

Registered Voters: 7,445

Total Area: 18 Square Miles

Churches: 6

Public Schools: 2

Parochial Schools: 1

Regional School: 1

Principal Industries:

road surface materials, farming, apple,
peach orchards, landscape nurseries

4TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:

Congressman Joseph Kennedy III

Office: (508) 999-6462 - Office: (617) 332-3920

11TH BRISTOL REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT:

Robert Koczera

Office: (617) 722-2582

2ND BRISTOL SENATORIAL DISTRICT:

Mark C.W. Montigny

Office: (508) 984-1474 - Office: (617) 722-1440

Annual Election of Officers: 1st Monday in April

Annual Town Meeting: 4th Monday in April

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TOWN RECORDS AND REPORTS

of the

TOWN OF ACUSHNET

MASSACHUSETTS

For the

Year Ending December 31, 2017

On the front cover:

The Board of Selectmen with Lt. Governor Karen Polito signing the Community Compact initiative which enables the state to help municipalities make the improvements they need to better serve Massachusetts residents.

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
2017**

Leo Rousseau

Board of Selectmen
Conservation Committee
Park Commissioner
Steering Committee
Bylaw Review Committee
Trust Fund Committee
Date of Death – April 2, 2017

Nancy Anna Brightman

Housing Authority
Date of Death – April 13, 2017

Arthur Roland Morris

School Custodian
Date of Death – May 7, 2017

Natalio Gomes

Board of Selectmen
Dump Site Committee
Housing Authority
Growth Management Committee
Zoning Board of Appeals
Solid Waste/Composting Advisory Committee
Transfer Station Site Committee
Wellfield Study Committee
Date of Death – May 10, 2017

Lorraine L. Daniel

Board of Registrars
Teacher's Aide
Date of Death June 28, 2017

"Volunteers wear working boots but leave a trail of angel footsteps."

Terri Guillemets

TOWN OFFICERS

2017

Town Clerk (1)

Pamela A. Labonte

Term Expires 2020

Board of Selectmen (3)

Kevin Gaspar, Sr., Chair

Term Expires 2018

Michael A. Cioper

Term Expires 2019

Roger A. Cabral

Term Expires 2020

Board of Assessors (3)

Marc F. Cenerizio, Chair

Term Expires 2020

Matthew D. Lopes

Term Expires 2018

Liberio DaSilva Soares

Term Expires 2019

Board of Health (3)

Robert Medeiros, Chair

Term Expires 2020

David M. Davignon

Term Expires 2018

Thomas J. Fortin

Term Expires 2019

School Committee (5)

Sarah Ann Gomes, Chair

Term Expires 2019

David Michael DeTerra

Term Expires 2020

Jody J. Tavares

Term Expires 2020

Erin K. Ptaszewski (Resigned – February 28, 2017)

Term Expires 2019

Jennifer Downing (Appointed – March 21, 2017/Expires 2018)

Term Expires 2019

Christopher S. Green (Resigned – February 28, 2017)

Term Expires 2018

Craig Sumner (Appointed – July 18, 2018)

Term Expires 2018

Commissioner of Trust Funds (3)

Marc E. Laplante, Chairman

Term Expires 2019

Leo M. Rousseau (Passed away – April 2, 2017)

Term Expires 2017

Ivo M. Almeida

Term Expires 2018

William A. Krause

Term Expires 2020

Trustees of Free Public Library (6)

Kristen E. Leotti, Chairwoman

Term Expires 2019

Henry T. Preston

Term Expires 2020

Joan M. Howland

Term Expires 2020

Diane Ferreira

Term Expires 2018

Jean S. Stripinis

Term Expires 2018

Nancy A. Francis

Term Expires 2019

Cemetery Board (3)

Paul H. Fortin, Chairman

Term Expires 2018

Charlene Fortin

Term Expires 2019

Joanne K. Cioper

Term Expires 2020

Park Commissioners (3)

Chad W. Leclair, Chairman

Term Expires 2018

Robert St. Jean Jr. (Resigned April 4, 2017)

Term Expires 2020

Michael A. Matton (Appointed June 5, 2017 expires April 2, 2018)

Term Expires 2020

Christopher P. Anderson

Term Expires 2019

Housing Authority (5)

Rene Racine, Chairman

Term Expires 2021

Lawrence P. Mulvey

Term Expires 2022

Andrew J. Gomes (Appointed February 6, 2017/Elected April 3, 2017)

Term Expires 2019

Isabel M. Sousa

Term Expires 2020

Robert Brown (Governor's Appointee – Appointed August 15, 2017)

Term Expires 2018

Planning Board (5)

Marc F. Cenerizio, Chairman

Term Expires 2022

Bryan Deschamps (Appointed – January 24, 2017/Elected April 3, 2017)

Term Expires 2018

Richard A. Ellis

Term Expires 2019

Philip A. Mello

Term Expires 2020

Mark M. DeSilva, Sr.

Term Expires 2021

Moderator (1)

Nicholas Gomes

(Appointed – May 1, 2017/Expires 2018)

Term Expires 2020

Tree Warden (1)

Raymond F. Barlow

Term Expires 2020

Town Oaths Administrated by Pamela Labonte, Town Clerk “2017”

<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 Committee	Appt. 5/01/17	5/01/18	6/07/17
Michael G. Alves	Safety Committee	Appt. 5/01/17	5/01/18	5/25/17
Michael G. Alves	Street Naming Committee	Appt. 5/01/17	5/01/18	5/25/17
Catherine L. Audette	Election Inspector	Appt. 5/01/17	5/01/18	6/06/17
Amanda L. Baptiste	Board of Appeals (Alternate)	Appt. 11/14/17	5/01/18	11/21/17
Raymond F. Barlow	Tree Warden	Elected 4/03/17	4/06/20	6/05/17
Louise Benoit	Election Inspector	Appt. 5/01/17	5/01/18	---*
Gerard A. J. Bergeron	Cable Advisory Committee	Appt. 7/18/17	Upon Completion	10/02/17
John P. Abaray, Jr.	Golf Management & Operational Committee	Appt. 5/01/17	5/01/18	6/07/17
Michael G. Alves	Safety Committee	Appt. 5/01/17	5/01/18	5/25/17
Michael G. Alves	Street Naming Committee	Appt. 5/01/17	5/01/18	5/25/17
Catherine L. Audette	Election Inspector	Appt. 5/01/17	5/01/18	6/06/17
Amanda L. Baptiste	Board of Appeals (Alternate)	Appt. 11/14/17	5/01/18	11/21/17
Raymond F. Barlow	Tree Warden	Elected 4/03/17	4/06/20	6/05/17
Gerard A. J. Bergeron	EMA Director	Appt. 5/01/17	5/01/18	5/30/17
Kelly E. Burishkin	Beautification Committee	Appt. 5/01/17	5/01/18	---*
Lynn Berube	Housing Partnership Committee	Appt. 5/01/17	5/01/18	---*

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Deborah J. Blasziez	Beautification Committee	Appt. 5/01/17	5/01/18	6/21/17
Robert F. Brown	Board of Appeals (Alternate)	Appt. 5/01/17	5/01/18	8/16/17
Robert F. Brown	Housing Authority (Governor's Appointee)	8/15/17	1/29/18	8/16/17
Gerard A. J. Bergeron	EMA Director	Appt. 5/01/17	5/01/18	5/30/17
Kelly E. Burishkin	Beautification Committee	Appt. 5/01/17	5/01/18	---*
Lynn Berube	Housing Partnership Committee	Appt. 5/01/17	5/01/18	---*
Deborah J. Blasziez	Beautification Committee	Appt. 5/01/17	5/01/18	6/21/17
Robert F. Brown	Board of Appeals (Alternate)	Appt. 5/01/17	5/01/18	8/16/17
Robert F. Brown	Housing Authority (Governor's Appointee)	8/15/17	1/29/18	8/16/17
Gerard A. J. Bergeron	EMA Director	Appt. 5/01/17	5/01/18	5/30/17
Kelly E. Burishkin	Beautification Committee	Appt. 5/01/17	5/01/18	---*
Lynn Berube	Housing Partnership Committee	Appt. 5/01/17	5/01/18	---*
Deborah J. Blasziez	Beautification Committee	Appt. 5/01/17	5/01/18	6/21/17
Robert F. Brown	Board of Appeals (Alternate)	Appt. 5/01/17	5/01/18	8/16/17
Robert F. Brown	Housing Authority (Governor's Appointee)	8/15/17	1/29/18	8/16/17
Gerard A. J. Bergeron	EMA Director	Appt. 5/01/17	5/01/18	5/30/17
Kelly E. Burishkin	Beautification Committee	Appt. 5/01/17	5/01/18	---*

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Lynn Berube	Housing Partnership Committee	Appt. 5/01/17	5/01/18	---*
Deborah J. Blasziez	Beautification Committee	Appt. 5/01/17	5/01/18	6/21/17
Robert F. Brown	Board of Appeals (Alternate)	Appt. 5/01/17	5/01/18	8/16/17
Robert F. Brown	Housing Authority (Governor’s Appointee)	8/15/17	1/29/18	8/16/17
Barbara J. Dupuis	Beautification Committee	Appt. 5/01/17	5/01/18	6/07/17
Roger A. Cabral	Board of Selectmen	Elected 4/03/17	4/06/20	4/04/17
Roger A. Cabral	Cable Advisory	Appt. 7/18/17	Upon Completion	10/05/17
Roger A. Cabral	Energy Committee	Appt. 5/01/17	5/01/18	10/05/17
Roger A. Cabral	Rent Control	Appt. 5/01/17	End of Term	10/05/17
Marc F. Cenerizio	Board of Assessor	Elected 4/03/17	4/06/20	4/04/17
Marc F. Cenerizio	Community Preservation Committee (Resident)	Appt. 5/01/17	5/01/18	5/30/17
Marc F. Cenerizio	Open Space Committee	Appt. 5/01/17	5/01/18	5/30/17
Marc F. Cenerizio	Phase II Stormwater Committee	Appt. 5/01/17	5/01/18	5/30/17
Marc F. Cenerizio	Planning Commission	Elected 4/03/17	4/04/22	4/04/17
Marc F. Cenerizio	Soil Conservation Board	Appt. 5/01/17	5/01/18	5/30/17
Rachel Charbonneau	Acting Town Clerk	Appt. 11/21/16	11/21/16	1/10/17
Joanne K. Cioper	Cemetery Board	Appt. 4/03/17	4/06/20	4/06/17

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Joanne K. Cioper	Election Clerk	Appt. 5/01/17	5/01/18	6/05/17
Michael A. Cioper	By-Law Committee	Appt. 5/01/17	5/01/18	---*
Michael A. Cioper	By-Law Committee	Appt. 8/10/16	5/01/17	---*
Michael A. Cioper	Housing Partnership Committee	Appt. 5/01/17	5/01/18	---*
Michael A. Cioper	Lake Street Improvement Committee	Appt. 5/10/16	Upon Completion	---*
Michael A. Cioper	SRTA Advisory Committee	Appt. 5/01/17	End of Term	---*
Teddy Cioper	Conservation Commission	Appt. 5/01/17	5/01/20	---*
Paula Rossi-Clapp	Council on Aging (Director)	Appt. 5/01/17	5/01/18	5/30/17
Paula Rossi-Clapp	Council on Aging (Director)	Resigned 10/03/17	5/01/18	5/30/17
Lillian R. Contois	Election Warden	Resigned 3/08/17	5/01/17	5/02/16
Ronald T. Cormier	Veteran’s Agent	Appt. 5/01/17	5/01/18	6/29/17
Joseph E. Correia IV	Phase II Stormwater Committee	Appt. 5/01/15	5/01/16	---*
Joseph E. Correia IV	Safety Committee	Appt. 5/01/17	5/01/18	---*
Joseph E. Correia IV	Soil Conservation Board	Appt. 5/01/15	5/01/16	---*
Andrea Corrie	Election Inspector	Appt. 5/01/17	5/01/18	5/31/17
David F. Costa	Board of Appeals (Alternate)	Resigned 6/06/17	5/01/17	5/16/16
Kristie A. Costa	Tax Title Custodian	Appt. 5/01/17	5/01/18	---*
Kristie A. Costa	Tax Title Custodian	Appt. 4/26/16	5/01/17	---*

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Pauline I. Cote	Council on Aging	Resigned 8/03/17	5/01/19	4/29/16
Dianna Couto	Election Warden	Appt. 5/01/17	5/01/18	6/06/17
Nathan P. Darling	Deputy Building Inspector	Appt. 5/01/17	5/01/18	6/29/17
David M. Davignon	Housing Partnership Committee	Appt. 5/01/17	5/01/18	---*
Thomas J. DeCosta	Deputy Wire Inspector	Appt. 5/01/17	5/01/18	---*
Thomas J. DeCosta	Deputy Wire Inspector	Appt. 4/25/16	5/01/17	---*
Irene N. Decotis	Temporary Assistant Registrar	Appt. 4/01/17	4/01/18	6/02/17
Bryan Deschamps	Planning Commission	Elected 4/03/17	4/02/18	---*
Bryan Deschamps	Planning Commission	Appt. 1/24/17	4/03/17	1/25/17
Louise M. Desroches	Election Inspector	Appt. 5/01/17	5/01/18	6/05/17
David M. DeTerra	School Committee	Elected 4/03/17	4/06/20	---*
Jennifer S. Downing	School Committee	Appt. 3/21/17	4/02/18	3/24/17
Jeanne L. Duggan	Election Inspector	Appt. 5/01/17	5/01/18	6/05/17
Anne Estabrook	Animal Control Officer Assistant	Appt. 5/23/17	5/01/18	7/10/17
Diane Ferreira	Election Clerk	Appt. 5/01/17	5/01/18	5/30/17
Robert A. Ferreira	Finance Committee	Appt. 6/22/16	5/01/19	5/30/17
Robert A. Ferreira	Golf Management & Operational Committee	Appt. 5/01/17	5/01/18	5/30/17
Sarah Fitzgerald	Tilcon Capaldi/PJ Keating Weigher	Appt. 4/25/16	5/01/17	---*

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David M. Flynn	Golf Management & Operational Committee	Appt. 5/01/17	5/01/18	6/08/17
Donna G. Forand	Election Inspector	Appt. 5/01/17	5/01/18	6/01/17
Richard P. Forand	Planning Commission	Resigned 1/01/17	4/02/18	12/04/13
Carolyn C. Fortin	Election Clerk	Appt. 5/01/17	5/01/18	6/05/17
Carolyn C. Fortin	Town Meeting Warden	Appt. 6/05/17	6/30/17	6/07/17
Joanne Fournier	Election Inspector	Appt. 5/01/17	5/01/18	---*
Joanne Fournier	Election Inspector	Resigned 7/20/17	5/01/18	---*
Nancy Franco	Tilcon Capaldi/PJ Keating Weigher	Appt. 5/01/17	5/01/18	6/22/17
Nancy Franco	Tilcon Capaldi/PJ Keating Weigher	Appt. 5/01/16	5/01/17	6/22/17
Kevin A. Gallagher	Forest Warden	Appt. 5/01/17	5/01/18	---*
Kevin A. Gallagher	Forest Warden	Appt. 4/25/16	5/01/2017	---*
Kevin A. Gallagher	Inspector of Garages	Appt. 5/01/17	5/01/18	---*
Kevin A. Gallagher	Safety Committee	Appt. 5/01/17	5/01/18	---*
Kevin A. Gallagher	Safety Committee	Appt. 5/01/16	5/01/17	---*
Kevin A. Gallagher	Street Naming Committee	Appt. 5/01/17	5/01/18	---*
Kevin Gaspar, Sr.	Housing Partnership Committee (BOS)	Appt. 5/01/17	5/01/18	---*
Kevin Gaspar, Sr.	Housing Partnership Committee (BOS)	Appt. 5/01/16	5/01/17	---*
Andrew J. Gomes	Housing Authority	Appt. 2/06/17	4/03/17	2/13/17

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Andrew J. Gomes	Housing Authority	Elected 4/03/17	4/01/19	4/07/17
Nicholas A. Gomes	Town Moderator	Appt. 5/01/17	4/02/18	5/12/17
Manuel A. Goulart	Golf Management & Operational Committee	Appt. 5/01/17	5/01/18	6/08/17
Edward Govoni, Jr.	Herring Warden	Appt. 5/01/15	5/01/16	---*
Russell W. Goyette	Election Inspector	Appt. 5/01/17	5/01/18	---*
Carol E. Gravanis	Election Inspector	Appt. 5/01/17	5/01/18	6/13/17
Christopher S. Green	School Committee	Resigned 2/28/17	4/02/18	4/07/15
Scott E. Harding	Agricultural Commission	Appt. 10/24/16	5/01/17	3/24/17
Adam J. Hebert	Police Department	Appt. 3/28/17	---*	3/28/17
Julie M. Hebert	Town Accountant	Appt. 1/09/17	5/01/17	1/09/17
John C. Howcroft	By-Law Review Committee (Alt)	Appt. 5/01/17	5/01/18	---*
Joan M. Howland	Trustee of Free Public Library	Elected 4/03/17	4/06/20	---*
Paulette J. Hudson	Election Inspector	Appt. 5/01/17	5/01/18	6/01/17
Joan M. Howland	Trustee of Free Public Library	Elected 4/03/17	4/06/20	---*
Paulette J. Hudson	Election Inspector	Appt. 5/01/17	5/01/18	6/01/17
Joan M. Howland	Trustee of Free Public Library	Elected 4/03/17	4/06/20	---*
Paulette J. Hudson	Election Inspector	Appt. 5/01/17	5/01/18	6/01/17
Joan M. Howland	Trustee of Free Public Library	Elected 4/03/17	4/06/20	---*

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Paulette J. Hudson	Election Inspector	Appt. 5/01/17	5/01/18	6/01/17
Edward J. Isaac	Golf Management & Operational Committee	Appt. 5/01/17	5/01/18	6/07/17
Merilee Kelly	Energy Committee	Appt. 5/01/17	5/01/18	7/20/17
Merilee Kelly	Energy Committee	Appt. 4/25/16	5/01/17	1/13/17
Merilee Kelly	Open Space Committee	Appt. 5/01/17	5/01/18	7/20/17
Merilee Kelly	Open Space Committee	Appt. 4/25/16	5/01/17	1/13/17
Merilee Kelly	Phase II Stormwater Committee	Appt. 5/01/17	5/01/18	7/20/17
Merilee Kelly	Phase II Stormwater Committee	Appt. 4/25/16	5/01/17	1/13/17
Merilee Kelly	Soil Conservation Board	Appt. 5/01/17	5/01/18	7/20/17
Merilee Kelly	Soil Conservation Board	Appt. 4/25/16	5/01/17	1/13/17
Frank A. Knox	Deputy Wire Inspector	Appt. 5/01/17	5/01/18	7/13/17
Frank A. Knox	Wire Inspector	Appt. 4/25/16	4/25/16	5/01/17
William A. Krause	Commission of Trust Funds	Elected 4/03/17	4/06/20	4/27/17
Pamela A. Labonte	By-Law Review Committee	Appt. 5/01/17	5/01/18	---*
Pamela A. Labonte	By-Law Review Committee	Appt. 5/02/16	5/01/17	---*
Donna M. Labrode	Election Inspector	Appt. 5/01/17	5/01/18	6/06/17
Marc E. Laplante	By-Law Review Committee	Appt. 5/01/17	5/01/18	---*
Rick Leaver	Tilcon Capaldi/PJ Keating Weigher	Appt. 5/01/15	5/01/16	N/A

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Mary A. Lebeau	Election Inspector	Appt. 5/01/17	5/01/18	6/06/17
Raymond F. Leblanc	By-Law Review Committee	Appt. 5/01/17	5/01/18	---*
Pauline Lincoln	Election Inspector	Appt. 5/01/17	5/01/18	---*
Pauline Lincoln	Election Inspector	Appt. 3/21/17	5/01/17	---*
Donald P. Lopes	Cable Advisory Committee	Appt. 7/18/17	Upon Completion	10/02/17
Theodore Machado	Sealer of Weights and Measures	Appt. 5/01/17	5/01/18	7/18/17
Theodore Machado	Sealer of Weights and Measures	Appt. 4/25/16	5/01/17	7/18/17
Theodore Machado	Sealer of Weights and Measures	Appt. 5/01/15	5/01/16	7/18/17
Theodore Machado	Sealer of Weights and Measures	Appt. 5/01/14	5/01/15	7/18/17
Theodore Machado	Sealer of Weights and Measures	Appt. 4/22/13	5/01/14	7/18/17
Theodore Machado	Sealer of Weights and Measures	Appt. 4/23/12	5/01/13	7/18/17
James A. Marot	American Disabilities Act Coordinator	Appt. 5/01/17	5/01/18	6/27/17
James A. Marot	By – Law Review Committee (Bldg. Insp.)	Appt. 5/01/17	5/01/18	6/27/17
James A. Marot	Energy Committee	Appt. 5/01/17	5/01/18	6/27/17
James A. Marot	Enforcement Agent for Board of Selectmen	Appt. 5/01/17	5/01/18	6/27/17
James A. Marot	Phase II Stormwater Committee	Appt. 5/01/17	5/01/18	6/27/17
James A. Marot	Portable Sign Committee	Appt. 5/01/17	5/01/18	6/27/17
James A. Marot	Safety Committee	Appt. 5/01/17	5/01/18	6/27/17

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Anne C. Marshall	Beautification Committee	Appt. 5/01/17	5/01/18	5/31/17
Kelly M. Massey	Assistant Animal Control Officer/ Inspector of Animals	Appt. 4/25/16	5/01/17	---*
Michael A. Matton	Park Commissioner	Appt. 6/05/17	4/02/18	8/07/17
Eric R. McGlynn	Finance Committee	Appt. 12/05/17	6/01/20	12/26/17
Eileen M. Medeiros	Election Inspector	Appt. 5/01/17	5/01/18	---*
Robert Medeiros	Board of Health	Elected 4/03/17	4/06/20	4/05/17
Robert Medeiros	Shellfish Warden Harbor Master	Appt. 5/01/17	5/01/18	7/11/17
Robert Medeiros	Soil Conservation Board	Appt. 5/01/17	5/01/18	7/11/17
Daniel M. Menard	Housing Partnership Committee (DPW)	Appt. 5/01/17	5/01/18	---*
Daniel M. Menard	Housing Partnership Committee (DPW)	Appt. 5/01/16	5/01/17	1/10/17
Daniel M. Menard	Housing Partnership Committee (DPW)	Appt. 5/01/15	5/01/16	1/10/17
Daniel M. Menard	Moth Superintendent Inspector of Pest Control	Appt. 5/01/17	5/01/18	---*
Daniel M. Menard	Moth Superintendent Inspector of Pest Control	Appt. 5/01/16	5/01/17	1/10/17
Daniel M. Menard	Moth Superintendent Inspector of Pest Control	Appt. 5/01/15	5/01/16	1/10/17
Daniel M. Menard	Phase II Stormwater Committee	Appt. 5/01/17	5/01/18	---*
Daniel M. Menard	Phase II Stormwater Committee	Appt. 5/01/16	5/01/17	1/10/17

Town Oaths Administrated by Pamela Labonte, Town Clerk “2017”

<u>Name</u>	<u>Office</u>	<u>Date of Election, Appointment, or Resignation</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>	<u>Date Sworn In</u>
Daniel M. Menard	Phase II Stormwater Committee	Appt. 5/01/15	5/01/16	1/10/17
Daniel M. Menard	Safety Committee	Appt. 5/01/17	5/01/18	---*
Daniel M. Menard	Safety Committee	Appt. 5/01/16	5/01/17	1/10/17
Daniel M. Menard	Safety Committee	Appt. 5/01/15	5/01/16	1/10/17
Daniel M. Menard	Soil Conservation Board	Appt. 5/01/17	5/01/18	---*
Daniel M. Menard	Soil Conservation Board	Appt. 5/01/16	5/01/17	1/10/17
Daniel M. Menard	Soil Conservation Board	Appt. 5/01/15	5/01/16	1/10/17
Daniel M. Menard	Special Police Officer for New Bedford Water Works	Appt. 5/01/17	5/01/18	---*
Daniel M. Menard	Special Police Officer for New Bedford Water Works	Appt. 5/01/16	5/01/17	1/10/17
Daniel M. Menard	Special Police Officer for New Bedford Water Works	Appt. 5/01/15	5/01/16	1/10/17
Bruce Miranda	Tilcon Capaldi/PJ Keating Weigher	Appt. 5/01/17	5/01/18	6/21/17
Bruce Miranda	Tilcon Capaldi/PJ Keating Weigher	Appt. 5/01/16	5/01/17	6/21/17
Richard Miranda, Jr.	Agricultural Commission (Alternate)	Appt. 5/01/17	5/01/18	---*
Richard Miranda, Jr.	Agricultural Commission (Alternate)	Appt. 2/06/17	5/01/17	3/22/17
Claudio M. Moco	Tilcon Capaldi/PJ Keating Weigher	Appt. 5/01/17	5/01/18	6/21/17
Claudio M. Moco	Tilcon Capaldi/PJ Keating Weigher	Appt. 5/01/16	5/01/17	6/21/17
Maria M. Moore	Election Warden	Appt. 5/01/17	5/01/18	5/31/17

Town Oaths Administrated by Pamela Labonte, Town Clerk “2017”

<u>Name</u>	<u>Office</u>	<u>Date of Election, Appointment, or Resignation</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>	<u>Date Sworn In</u>
Margaret M. Mota	Election Inspector	Appt. 5/01/17	5/01/18	8/15/17
Lawrence P. Mulvey	Housing Authority	Elected 4/03/17	4/04/22	4/04/17
Brian S. Noble	American Disabilities Act Coordinator	Appt. 1/09/17	5/01/18	10/05/17
Brian S. Noble	Cable Advisory Committee	Appt. 7/18/17	Upon Completion	10/05/17
Brian S. Noble	Parking Officer	Appt. 1/24/17	12/31/20	10/05/17
Brian S. Noble	Safety Committee	Appt. 5/01/17	5/01/18	10/05/17
Brian S. Noble	Town Administrator	Appt. 1/09/17	5/01/17	10/05/17
Jennifer Oliveira	Tilcon Capaldi/PJ Keating Weigher	Appt. 5/01/17	5/01/18	6/21/17
Jennifer Oliveira	Tilcon Capaldi/PJ Keating Weigher	Appt. 5/01/16	5/01/17	6/21/17
Christopher Oliver	Cable Advisory Committee	Appt. 7/18/17	Upon Completion	10/04/17
Scott D. Perdigao	Assistant Herring Warden	Appt. 5/01/17	5/01/18	---*
Scott D. Perdigao	Assistant Herring Warden	Appt. 4/25/16	5/01/17	---*
Scott D. Perdigao	Assistant Herring Warden	Appt. 5/01/15	5/01/16	---*
Victor J. Pereira	Deputy Wire Inspector	Appt. 5/01/17	5/01/18	8/09/17
Victor J. Pereira	Deputy Wire Inspector	Appt. 04/25/16	5/01/17	2/27/17
Susan I. Perry	Election Inspector	Appt. 5/01/17	5/01/18	6/8/17
Gail Perzentz	Election Inspector	Appt. 5/01/17	5/01/18	9/07/17
Everett C. Philla, Jr.	Election Inspector	Appt. 5/01/17	5/01/18	6/05/17
Everett C. Philla, Jr.	Town Meeting Teller	Appt. 6/05/17	6/30/17	6/05/17

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Office</u>	<u>Date of Election, Appointment, or Resignation</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>	<u>Date Sworn In</u>
Faye M. Philla	Election Warden	Appt. 5/01/17	5/01/18	6/05/17
Anita L. Poitras	Election Inspector	Appt. 5/01/17	5/01/18	---*
Michael R. Poitras	Insurance Advisory Committee	Appt. 5/01/17	5/01/18	8/01/17
Michael R. Poitras	Insurance Advisory Committee	Appt. 2/21/17	5/01/17	3/01/17
Henry T. Preston	Trustee of Free Public Library	Elected 4/03/17	4/06/20	5/16/17
Erin K. Ptaszenski	School Committee	Resigned 2/28/17	4/01/19	4/08/16
Roberta Raymond	Election Inspector	Appt. 5/01/17	5/01/18	6/8/17
Nancy Reddy	Agricultural Commission	Appt. 10/04/16	5/01/19	---*
Joyce A. Reynolds	Community Preservation Committee (Historical Commission)	Resigned 08/24/17	5/01/19	5/17/16
Joyce A. Reynolds	Historical Commission	Resigned 08/24/17	5/01/18	5/08/15
Bryant Ribeiro	Tilcon Capaldi/PJ Keating Weigher	Appt. 7/21/17	5/01/18	---*
Robert C. Rocha, Jr.	Conservation Commission	Appt. 5/01/17	5/01/20	7/11/17
Robert C. Rocha, Jr.	Open Space Committee	Appt. 5/01/17	5/01/18	7/11/17
John E. Roy	Energy Committee	Appt. 5/01/17	5/01/18	6/22/17
Robert St. Jean, Jr.	Park Commission	Resigned 4/04/17	4/03/17	4/08/14
Maurice Samson	Council on Aging (Board of Directors)	Appt. 9/05/17	5/01/18	9/15/17
Priscilla V. Santos	Election Inspector	Appt. 5/01/17	5/01/18	8/15/17

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Office</u>	<u>Date of Election, Appointment, or Resignation</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>	<u>Date Sworn In</u>
Richard Senra	Police Department	Appt. 3/28/17	---*	3/28/17
Susanne Y. Sounik	Election Inspector	Appt. 5/01/17	5/01/18	6/05/17
Jonathan Souza	Tilcon Capaldi/PJ Keating Weigher	Appt. 5/01/17	5/01/18	6/21/17
Jonathan Souza	Tilcon Capaldi/PJ Keating Weigher	Appt. 5/01/16	5/01/17	6/21/17
Norval A. Stanley III	By-Law Review Committee (Alternate)	Appt. 5/01/17	5/01/18	---*
Craig Sumner	School Committee	Appt. 7/18/17	4/02/18	7/18/17
Jody J. Tavares	School Committee	Elected 4/03/17	4/06/20	---*
Linda M. Taylor	Lake Street Improvement Committee	Appt. 4/10/17	Upon Completion	---*
Kelli A. Tomlinson	Constable	Appt. 4/25/16	5/01/19	---*
Rebekah A. Tomlinson	Animal Control Officer/Inspector	Appt. 5/01/17	5/01/18	6/27/17
Lori M. Walsh	Election Inspector	Appt. 5/01/17	5/01/18	---*
Carol Westgate	By-Law Review Committee	Appt. 5/01/17	5/01/18	8/01/17
Jason T. White	Police Department	Appt. 3/28/17	---*	3/28/17
David E. Wojnar	Energy Committee	Appt. 5/01/17	5/01/18	---*
David E. Wojnar	Energy Committee	Appt. 4/25/16	5/01/17	---*
Joyce A. Wylie	Election Inspector	Appt. 5/30/17	5/01/18	5/30/17
Henry Young	Energy Committee	Appt. 5/01/17	5/01/18	7/20/17
Henry Young	Housing Partnership Committee	Appt. 5/01/17	5/01/18	7/20/17

RESULTS OF THE ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION HELD ON APRIL 3, 2017

Register of Voters Eligible to Vote in the April 3, 2017 Town Election
Final Day of Registration – March 16, 2017

	A	CC	Demo	Green Rainbow	Lib	Mass Indep Party	Repub	Socialist	Unenrolled	Total
Prec I	1	5	743	4	4		169		1372	2298
Prec II		3	709	1	4		247	1	1565	2530
Prec III		2	789		2	2	190		1631	2616
Total	1	10	2241	5	10	2	606	1	4568	7444

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 500 plus 7 Absentee ballots.

Number of ballots cast from tape 294.

Number of ballots counted manually 1.

Number of ballots spoiled 8.

Number of Provisional Ballots not cast 0.

Number of Unused ballots returned 204.

The following officers were present:

Warden: Faye Philla

Clerk: Carolyn Fortin

Inspectors: Susanne Sounik, Susan Perry, Priscilla Santos

Police Officers: Gene Robinson

Polls were closed at 8:00 p.m. and the ballot box registered 294.

A true record: Attest:/s/ Carolyn Fortin

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 Maria Moore, Warden.
Box register when polls were opened 0.
Number of ballots received 500 plus 8 Absentee ballots.
Number of ballots cast from tape 384.
Number of ballots counted manually 4.
Number of ballots spoiled 11. *50 ballots were sent to Precinct III
Number of Provisional ballots not cast 0.
Number of Unused ballots returned 59.

The following officers were present:

Warden: Maria Moore
Clerk: Diane Ferreira
Inspectors: Andrea Corrie, Joyce Wylie-Scholz, Russell Goyette,
Louise Benoit, Donna Labrode
Police Officers: John Bolarinho,

Polls were closed at 8:00 p.m. and the ballot box registered 384.

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 Joanne Cioper, Clerk.
Box register when polls were opened 0.
Number of ballots received 500 plus 7 Absentee ballots.
Number of ballots cast from tape 461.
Number of ballots counted manually 1.
Number of ballots spoiled 16.
Number of Provisional ballots not cast 0.
Number of Unused ballots returned 79.

The following officers were present:

Warden: Maria Moore
Clerk: Joanne Cioper
Inspectors: Catherine Audette, Gail Perzentz, Louise Desroches,
Everett Philla, Mary Lebeau
Police Officers: Andrew Cordeiro, Thomas Carreau

Polls were closed at 8:00 p.m. and the ballot box registered 461.

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

RESULTS OF THE ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION HELD ON APRIL 3, 2017

	<u>PRECINCT I</u>	<u>PRECINCT II</u>	<u>PRECINCT III</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>MODERATOR</u> <u>(Three Years)</u>				
Blanks:	272	363	422	1057
All Others:				
Write-Ins: (28)				
Nicholas Gomes	4	9	9	22
Joel Mello	1			1
Robert Francis	10	4	10	24
Dave Costa	1			1
Tom Fortin	1			1
John Howcroft	2			2
Nate Gomes	1			1
Paul Fortin	1			1
Richard Damaso	1			1
Gilbert Cabral	1			1
Jim Madruga		1		1
Bob Francis		1	7	8
Paul Soucy		1		1

Mr. Francis		1	1	2
Merrill Chace		1		1
Eric Chew		1		1
David Wojnar		1		1
Nick Gomes		1	4	5
Francis		1	1	2
Nicholas A. Gomes		2		2
Nick Gomes, Jr.		1		1
Nickolas Gomes			2	2
Nathan Gomes			1	1
Mike Nunes			1	1
Roger A. Cabral			1	1
Nicholas Souza			1	1
Nick Monticello			1	1
Frank Knox			1	1
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>295</u>	<u>388</u>	<u>462</u>	<u>1145</u>

	<u>PRECINCT I</u>	<u>PRECINCT II</u>	<u>PRECINCT III</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>TOWN CLERK</u> <u>(Three Years)</u>				
Pamela A. Labonte	239	305	361	905
Blanks:	56	83	100	239
All Others:			1	1
Write-Ins:				
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>295</u>	<u>388</u>	<u>462</u>	<u>1145</u>

	<u>PRECINCT I</u>	<u>PRECINCT II</u>	<u>PRECINCT III</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>SELECTMAN</u> <u>(Three Years)</u>				
Garry L. Rawcliffe	124	158	139	421

Roger A. Cabral	168	223	320	711
Blanks:	2	7	3	12
All Others:				
Write-Ins: (1)				
Roger Cabral	1			1
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>295</u>	<u>388</u>	<u>462</u>	<u>1145</u>

	<u>PRECINCT I</u>	<u>PRECINCT II</u>	<u>PRECINCT III</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>ASSESSOR (Three Years)</u>				
Marc F. Cenerizio	233	297	341	871
Blanks:	61	91	120	272
Write-Ins: (2)				
Tony Cambra	1			1
Susan St. Amand			1	1
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>295</u>	<u>388</u>	<u>462</u>	<u>1145</u>

	<u>PRECINCT I</u>	<u>PRECINCT II</u>	<u>PRECINCT III</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>BOARD OF HEALTH (Three Years)</u>				
Robert Medeiros	222	276	340	838
Blanks:	71	110	121	302
All Others:	2		1	3
Write-Ins: (2)				
Kim Harris		1		1
Ray Cabral		1		1
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>295</u>	<u>388</u>	<u>462</u>	<u>1145</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)				
David Michael DeTerra	213	269	327	809
Jody J. Tavares	195	249	294	738
Blanks:	182	256	302	740
Write-Ins: (3)				
Michelle DeTerra		1		1
Jennifer Downing		1		1
John Roy			1	1
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>590</u>	<u>776</u>	<u>924</u>	<u>2290</u>

	<u>PRECINCT I</u>	<u>PRECINCT II</u>	<u>PRECINCT III</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>COMMISSIONER OF TRUST FUNDS</u> (Three Years)				
Blanks:	292	382	456	1130
All Others:				
Write-Ins: (15)				
Gayle Rodrigues	1			1
Cabral	1			1
Frank Knox	1			1
William A. Krause		1		1
William Krause		1		1
Kyle Racine		1		1
Michael Murray		1		1
Mark Lipset		1		1
Mark LeClair		1		1
Brian Cloughier			1	1
Diane Barlow			1	1

Giselle Crowell			1	1
Keith Ashley			1	1
Ivo Almeida			1	1
Craig A. Souza			1	1
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>295</u>	<u>388</u>	<u>462</u>	<u>1145</u>

	<u>PRECINCT I</u>	<u>PRECINCT II</u>	<u>PRECINCT III</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>PLANNING COMMISSIONER</u> (Five Years)				
Marc F. Cenerizio.	221	293	343	857
Blanks:	74	95	119	288
Write-Ins:				
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>295</u>	<u>388</u>	<u>462</u>	<u>1145</u>

	<u>PRECINCT I</u>	<u>PRECINCT II</u>	<u>PRECINCT III</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>PLANNING COMMISSIONER</u> (For the remainder of unexpired term ending 4/2/18)				
Bryan Deschamps	222	277	335	834
Blanks:	73	110	127	310
All Others:		1		1
Write-Ins:				
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>295</u>	<u>388</u>	<u>462</u>	<u>1145</u>

	<u>PRECINCT I</u>	<u>PRECINCT II</u>	<u>PRECINCT III</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>CEMETERY BOARD</u> (Three Years)				
Joanne K. Cioper	218	285	352	855
Blanks:	75	103	109	287
Write-Ins: (2)				
Everett Hardy	2			2

Les Dakin			1	1
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>295</u>	<u>388</u>	<u>462</u>	<u>1145</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)				
Henry T. Preston	193	236	285	714
Joan M. Howland	202	245	293	740
Blanks:	195	295	346	836
Write-Ins:				
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>590</u>	<u>776</u>	<u>924</u>	<u>2290</u>

	<u>PRECINCT I</u>	<u>PRECINCT II</u>	<u>PRECINCT III</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>PARK COMMISSIONER</u> (Three Years)				
Robert St. Jean, Jr.	219	274	348	841
Blanks:			112	299
All Others:	75	112	1	1
Write-Ins: (4)				
Thomas DeCosta	1			1
Les Dakin		1		1
Paul R. Soucy		1		1
Matthew Barlow			1	1
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>295</u>	<u>388</u>	<u>462</u>	<u>1145</u>

	<u>PRECINCT I</u>	<u>PRECINCT II</u>	<u>PRECINCT III</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>HOUSING AUTHORITY</u> (Five Years)				
Lawrence P. Mulvey	174	185	203	562
Robert M. Lanzoni	100	157	197	454

Blanks:	20	46	62	128
Write-Ins: (1)				
Lanzoni	1			1
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>295</u>	<u>388</u>	<u>462</u>	<u>1145</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 4/1/19)				
Andrew J. Gomes	218	279	341	838
Blanks:	77	109	121	307
All Others:				
Write-Ins:				
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>295</u>	<u>388</u>	<u>462</u>	<u>1145</u>

	<u>PRECINCT I</u>	<u>PRECINCT II</u>	<u>PRECINCT III</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>TREE WARDEN</u> (Three Years)				
Raymond F. Barlow	225	285	349	859
Blanks:	70	103	112	285
All Others:				
Write-Ins: (1)				
Matt Barlow			1	1
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>295</u>	<u>388</u>	<u>462</u>	<u>1145</u>

Attest:

Pamela A. Labonte, Town Clerk
Percentage of Votes Cast 15%

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

In April 2017, Roger Cabral was elected as a member of the Board of Selectmen, Kevin Gaspar Sr. was elected Chairman and Michael Cioper began his 2nd year.

The Council on Aging said goodbye to its Director Ms. Paula Rossi-Clapp and an Interim Director was hired in her place. Ms. Heather Sylvia took the interim position and things are moving along smoothly. Ms. Sylvia was the former Director before Ms. Rossi-Clapp was hired.

The Town received a Community Compact grant for a Consultant to update the Wage / Salary/Job Descriptions for non-union employees.

Buildings

Work at the Parting Ways Building will be complete for moves by Department staff in early Fall 2018. All of the work has been done by Town Staff and has made a significant improvement in bringing back historically correct finishes and interior colors while modernizing the existing spaces and providing new technology for greater efficiency of staff in enabling them to meet the demands of town's residents. All Construction related staff will now be centrally located to provide applicants one stop shopping.

The Town Clerk will also be located on the ground floor with easy access for Town residents seeking the services of this department.

The project is being accomplished utilizing Community Preservation funding.

The Ladies from the Beautification Committee keep doing wonderful things around the Town Hall & Parting Ways Buildings such as the Spring Clean-up which they utilize help from the Bristol County Sheriff's Office. The Christmas wreaths and sidewalk baskets they put together are a great attraction during the Christmas season. The Town would like to thank them for their efforts they are a small committee who do great things.

Celebrations

The eighth annual Main Street Car Show was held on August 31th with perfect weather and record crowds. The cars usually start to line up well before the Town Hall closes, most are eager to get a good spot to showcase their car. The Acushnet Police Association once again provided live music but the stars of the show were the classic cars.

Energy

Acushnet just finished implementation of its 3rd round of Green Communities Grant funding which added new heating plants to Fire Station 1, All new LED lighting for Acushnet River Valley golf maintenance facility, new LED lighting for the EMA facility and the replacement of all the street lights in the northern part of town with new much more energy efficient heads. The Town is now looking to make an application for its fourth round which will allow us to make the conversion of the balance of our street lights to LED along with other energy saving measures which will ultimately help keep

the maintenance cost of all the Towns 16 buildings down to a minimum. We would like to thank the Baker Administration for the continuation of a great program which is partnered with EVERSOURCE to keep the program going. The cumulative effort of EVERSOURCE, State Government and our own municipal staff has been a tremendous help in achieving our energy goals and helping to reduce our carbon foot print for generations to come.

Finance

The Town Accountant decided to bring in a new auditing firm (Melanson Heath) to do the Town's yearly auditing. They worked diligently with the Town Accountant and staff, and the Treasurer's Office to bring forth new policies and procedures and also provide the Selectmen and the Town resident's assurance that the information they are receiving from the Finance Team is accurate and factual.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Gaspar, Sr., Chairman
Michael Cioper
Roger A. Cabral

Brian S. Noble, Town Administrator
Lisa Leonard, Executive Administrative Assistant

OFFICERS APPOINTED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

POLICE COMMISSIONERS

Kevin Gaspar, Sr.	2018
Michael A. Cioper	2019
Roger A. Cabral	2020

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Brian S. Noble

TOWN ACCOUNTANT/DIRECTOR OF FINANCES

Julie Hebert

TOWN TREASURER/COLLECTOR

Kristie A. Costa

TAX TITLE CUSTODIAN

Kristie A. Costa

TOWN COUNSEL

Kopelman & Paige

TOWN INSURANCE BROKER

MIIA

POLICE CHIEF

Michael G. Alves

FIRE CHIEF / EMS DIRECTOR

Kevin A. Gallagher

ADA COORDINATOR

James Marot

AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION

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

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER/INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

Rebekah A. Tomlinson

ASSISTANT ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

Anne Estabrook

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

Barbara Dupuis
Deborah Blasziez
Kelly Burishkin
Anne Marshall

BOARD OF APPEALS

Raymond F. Leblanc	2020
Marc Cenerizio	2021
Richard J. Lally	2018
Carol Westgate	2019
Paul B. Hipolito (Chair)	2020
Amanda Baptiste (Alternate)	2018
Robert Brown (Alternate)	2018

BUILDING BOARD OF APPEALS

Raymond F. LeBlanc	2020
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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	2018
Marc Laplante	2018
Raymond LeBlanc	2018
James A. Marot	2018
Carol Westgate	2018
John Howcroft	2018
Norval Stanley (Alternate)	2018
Michael A. Cioper	2018

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

Marc Cenerizio (Planning Commission)	2018
Chad Leclair (Park Commissioners)	2018
Lawrence Mulvey (Housing Authority)	2019
Heidi Pelletier (Conservation Commission)	2019
Evelyn Bouley (Citizen Member)	2019
Karen Knox (Citizen Member)	2020

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Marc C. Brodeur	2018
Everett Philla	2019
Ted Cioper	2020
Robert Rocha, Jr.	2020
Heidi Pelletier	2018
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
TBD	2019
TBD	2019
Pauline Teixeira	2019
Linda Guilbeault	2019
Maurice Samson	2018

COUNCIL ON AGING DIRECTOR

Heather Sylvia

CULTURAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

Jeannine Watts	2019
Stephen Watts	2019
Pauline Teixeira	2019
Dianna Couto	2018
Christopher Saulnier	2019

ELECTION INSPECTORS

Catherine L. Audette	Louise L. Benoit
Joanne K. Cioper-Clerk	Andrea Corrie
Dianna Couto, Warden	Louise Desroches
Jeanne L. Duggan	Diane Ferreira, Clerk
Donna G. Forand	Carolyn C. Fortin, Clerk
Joanne Fournier	Russell W. Goyette
Carol E. Gravanis	Paulette J. Hudson
Donna Labrode	Mary A. Lebeau
Pauline Lincoln	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	

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (DIRECTOR)

Gerard Bergeron

ENERGY COMMITTEE

Brian Noble
Merilee Kelly

Jim Marot
John Roy
Henry Young

ENFORCEMENT AGENT FOR THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

James A. Marot

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Michael Boucher	2018
Susan Delgado	2018
Holly Fabian	2019
Robert Ferreira	2019
Eric McGlynn	2020
Robert St. Jean	2019
John Howcroft	2020
Jacqueline Stanley	2018
Micheal St. Onge	2020

FOREST WARDEN, INSPECTOR OF GARAGES

Kevin A. Gallagher

GOLF MANAGEMENT & OPERATIONAL COMMITTEE

John Abaray, Jr. (Member at Large)	2018
Robert Ferreira (Finance Committee Rep.)	2018
David Flynn (Member at Large)	2018
Manuel Goulart (Business Community Rep.)	2018
Edward Issac (Member-at-Large)	2018

HERRING WARDEN

ASSISTANT HERRING WARDEN

Scott Perdigao

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Madeline Gwozdz	2018
Pauline Teixeira	2019
Robert Hall	2019
Dunstan Whitlock	2018
Robert Gilmore	2019
Scott Harding	2019

HOUSING PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE

Henry Young	2018
Dan Menard (DPW)	2018
Michael Cioper (Housing Authority)	2018
Lynn Berube (Housing Authority)	2018
Nicholas Gomes	2018
Kevin Gaspar, Sr. (Selectman)	2018
David Davignon (Board of Health)	2018

INSPECTOR OF GARAGES

Kevin A. Gallagher

INSURANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Eric Arruda	2018
Keith Ashley	2018
Eric Abreu	2018
Michael Poitras	2018
Sue Picard	2018
Patricia Santos	2018

MOTH SUPERINTENDENT/INSPECTOR OF PEST CONTROL

Dan Menard

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

Maurice St. Amand

Evelyn Bouley

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

Marc Cenerizio	2018
Robert Rocha	2018

PARKING CLERK

Brian S. Noble

PHASE II STORMWATER COMMITTEE

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

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	2019
Irene DeCotis	

SAFETY COMMITTEE

Michael Alves (Police Chief)	2018
Brian S. Noble (Town Admin.)	2018
Kevin Gallagher (Fire Chief)	2018
James Marot (Bldg. Insp.)	2018
Dan Menard (Public Works)	2018
Joe Correia (Board of Health)	2018

SEALER OF WEIGHTS & MEASURES

Theodore Machado

SHELLFISH WARDEN/HARBOR MASTER

Robert Medeiros

SOIL CONSERVATION BOARD

Marc Cenerizio (Planning Commission Rep.)
Roger A. Cabral (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

Michael Cioper

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	2018
Ron Burke	2018
Claudio Moco	2018
Rick Leaver	2018
Nancy Franco	2018
Mike Oliveira	2018
Johathan Souza	2018

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.

Marc Cenerizio won a fourth term as a Board member in 2017 unopposed. He will serve the Board for another three years. Congratulations to him on his victory.

Fiscal 2018 (assessments as of January 1, 2017) is an interim 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 2015 through December 2016. 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. The tax rate was certified on November 9, 2017. 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. We are working rigorously to maintain this schedule in accordance with the DOR requirements.

Fiscal 2018 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, 2017. The preliminary tax run was committed based on the current value of the real property multiplied by the Fiscal 2017 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, 2017. 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 \$267,049 in new growth. This amount was approved by the Department of Revenue on October 20, 2017. These funds are part of the tax levy calculation for FY 2018 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 2018 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 2018 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 2 Phase II Sewer Betterment Privilege fees committed during calendar 2017. 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 2018 were also committed. This betterment loan program is in its eleventh installment year. 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 2018.

TAX SUMMARY	<u>FY 2017</u>	<u>FY 2018</u>
Total Amount to be raised	\$31,959,619.68	\$32,399,383.79
Total estimated receipts from other revenue sources	\$15,549,863.00	\$15,336,596.00
TAX LEVY	\$ 16,409,756.68	\$ 17,062,787.79

VALUE BY CLASS	<u>FY 2017</u>	<u>FY 2018</u>
Single Family (101)	\$891,470,400.00	\$925,884,500.00
Condominiums (102)	\$0.00	\$0.00
2 & 3 Family (104 & 105)	\$40,021,400.00	\$41,116,400.00
Multi Family (111-125)	\$6,208,300.00	\$6,265,500.00
Vacant land (130-132,106	\$25,752,200.00	\$25,234,700.00
Others (103,109, Res mixed use)	\$47,045,082.00	\$45,871,107.00
Commercial (3**)	\$30,511,458.00	\$30,707,733.00
Chapter 61, 61A, 61B	\$1,515,202.00	\$1,665,964.00
Industrial (4**)	\$22,844,160.00	\$23,779,760.00
Personal Property	\$43,038,414.00	\$52,113,601.00

TAX RATE FY 2018 (rate/\$1000 of value)
Residential = \$ 14.42 Commercial/Industrial/Personal Property = \$ 18.50
(125% shift)

AVERAGE ASSESSED VALUE SINGLE FAMILY HOME \$ 279,400.00

Respectfully submitted,

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

VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS 2017

BIRTHS:

In Acushnet	0
In other Municipalities	75
<i>Total</i>	75
Resident	75
Non-Resident	0
<i>Total</i>	75
Male	42
Female	33
<i>Total</i>	75

MARRIAGES:

In Acushnet	9
In other Municipalities	34
<i>Total</i>	43
Resident Bride and Groom	25
Resident Groom	4
Resident Bride	3
Non-Resident Bride and Groom	11
<i>Total</i>	43

DEATHS:

In Acushnet	34
In other Municipalities	74
<i>Total</i>	108
Resident Deaths - Female	49
Resident Deaths - Male	58
Non-Resident Deaths - Female	0
Non-Resident Deaths - Male	1
<i>Total</i>	108

Attest:

Pamela A. Labonte

Town Clerk

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

The Town Accountant's office provides financial support to all departments, boards and committees of the Town of Acushnet. The office maintains a complete set of financial records for all Town accounts, appropriations, debts, and contracts. Payments to all Town vendors and employees are processed through this department. The office is responsible for budgetary development and oversight, while also ensuring compliance with Federal and State laws, Town Meeting authorizations, and Generally Accepted Accounting Principles.

My first year in the Accounting Department was certainly challenging as there was a six-month absence of both a Town Accountant and Assistant Town Accountant before my arrival. After much work, the Town Administrator and I were able to provide a balanced budget with a 50% reduction in free cash dependence, despite the typical budget constraints of level-funded state aid. We are continuing to work toward developing a fiscally prudent FY19 budget that satisfies the residents' needs for excellent services at the lowest cost possible by researching new sources of revenue and developing procedures for better financial oversight of all accounts.

To all the department heads, employees, committees and boards – I would like to express my appreciation for your continuous cooperation and communication with the Accounting Department. We look forward to working with you in the coming fiscal year! I would also like to thank my Assistant Town Accountant, Melissa Forgue, and Account Clerk, Debra Saucier, for their exceptional hard-work and constant support to maintain a professional and efficient environment within the Accounting Department.

The following reports provide combined balance sheets and fund activity for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017.

Respectfully Submitted,

Julie Hebert
Town Accountant

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Reconciliation of Treasurer's Cash

July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017

Balances per Reconciled Bank Statements

Bartholomew	Stabilization	1,721,308.89
Bartholomew	OPEB Stabilization	197,388.15
Bristol County Savings Bank	Money Market	4,331,825.07
Bristol County Savings Bank	Police Station Project	227,186.22
Bristol County Savings Bank	Depository Account	1,345,708.39
Bristol County Savings Bank	CPA Account	599,053.16
Bristol County Savings Bank	School Lunch	280,415.01
Bristol County Savings Bank	Collectors' Account	123,096.18
Bristol County Savings Bank	Lockbox Account	22,971.95
Bristol County Savings Bank	Solar Tax Revenue	26,386.59
Cape Cod Cooperative	Sewer Account	1,412,089.66
Cape Cod Cooperative	Money Market	819,177.26
Harbor One	General Fund CD	1,000,000.00
Harbor One	Money Market	17,312.50
Rockland Trust	Money Market	599,256.88
Rockland Trust	Payroll Account	4.24
Rockland Trust	Golf Course	842,945.10
Rockland Trust	Sewer Account	406,874.39
Rockland Trust	Vendor Account	12.78
UNIBANK	Online Account	1,659,729.58
		15,632,742.00
Cash on Hand		2,094.00
Bartholomew Various Town Trusts		549,414.24
Bristol County Planning Board Solar Trusts		75,500.61
Bristol County Various Town Trusts		218,893.33
Bristol County Various Planning Board Trusts		50,487.22

Total of All Cash and Investments for the Town

\$16,529,131.40

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
Combined Balance Sheet - All Fund Types & Account Groups
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2017

	Governmental Fund Types			Proprietary Fund Types			Fiduciary			Account Group		Totals
	General	Special	Capital Projects	Sewer	Enterprise	Golf	Trust & Agency	General	LTD	Assets		(Memo Only)
Fund	Revenue											
Cash & Investments	6,899,731	6,013,507	136,251	476,722	481,097		2,789,120	-	-	-		16,796,428
Petty Cash	544				300							2,094
Receivables:												-
Property Taxes	433,646	3,115	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		436,761
Motor Vehicle Excise	166,070	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		166,070
Tax Liens/Foreclosures	640,789	41,862	-	1,549	-	-	-	-	-	-		684,200
Water Fees	336,218	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		336,218
Sewer Fees	1,648,011	-	-	132,038	-	-	-	-	-	-		1,780,049
Departmental/Other	665,734	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		665,734
Intergovernmental	200,400	-	23,905	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		224,305
Fixed Assets, Net												
Acc. Dep.	-	-	-	4,144,864	5,969,043	-	-	-	-	39,008,356		49,122,263
Amounts to be Provided	-	-	-	-	2,927,787	-	-	11,662,154	-	-		14,589,941
Total Assets	8,341,886	8,708,991	160,156	4,755,173	9,378,227	2,789,120	11,662,154	39,008,356				84,804,063

**Liabilities &
Reserves**

Warrants & Accounts Payable	1,407,068	265,524	31,030	31,598	38,255	490	-	-	1,773,965
Accrued Payroll & Withholdings	712,198	10,131	-	-	-	-	-	-	722,329
Liabilities Due Depositors	-	-	-	-	-	159,348	-	-	159,348
Other Liabilities	4,579	91	-	-	44,193	-	-	-	48,863
Capital Lease Obligations	-	-	-	-	37,787	-	-	-	37,787
Accrued Compensated Absences	818	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	818
Bonds/Notes Payable	-	-	-	-	2,890,000	-	11,662,154	-	14,552,154
Deferred Revenue & Overlay	1,440,905	2,694,940	23,905	133,588	-	-	-	-	4,293,338
Total Liabilities & Reserves	3,565,568	2,970,686	54,935	165,186	3,010,235	159,838	11,662,154	-	21,588,602
Investment in General Fixed Assets				4,144,864	5,969,043			39,008,356	49,122,263
Reserved									-
	1,427,969	688,429	-	230,000	30,000	202,392			2,578,790
	302,275	121,021	-	43,416	2,861	-			469,573
	419,351	245,969	-	7,351	-	-	-	-	672,671
	26,343	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	26,343

**Fund
Balances**

Undesignated	2,600,380	4,682,886	105,221	164,356	366,088	2,426,890	-	-	10,345,821
Total Fund Balances	4,776,318	5,738,305	105,221	4,589,987	6,367,992	2,629,282	-	39,008,356	63,215,461
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	8,341,886	8,708,991	160,156	4,755,173	9,378,227	2,789,120	11,662,154	39,008,356	84,804,063
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

TOWN OF ACUSHNET
Undesignated Fund Balance Analysis
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2017

Fund 0100

**Beginning
Balance, July
1, 2016:**

\$2,677,465

Close FY 2017 Revenue/Expenditures	318,602
Close FY 2017 F/B Free Cash Res for Expenditures	1,155,518
Close FY 2017 F/B Res for Cont Approp.	-
Close FY 2017 F/B Reserved for Encumb.	598,390
Establish FY 2018 F/B Res for Cont Approp.	(419,351)
Establish FY 2018 F/B Reserved for Encumb.	(302,275)
Establish FY 2018 Free Cash Res for Expenditures	(1,427,969)

**Ending
Balance,
June 30, 2017
Undesignated**

2,600,380

**Balance Sheet
Summary Total
Fund Balance:**

Fund Balance Reserved for Encumbrances	302,275
Fund Balance Reserved for Cont. Appropriations	419,351
Fund Balance Free Cash Reserved for Expenditures	1,427,969
Fund Balance Reserve for Debt Exclusion	26,343
Undesignated Fund Balance	2,600,380

**Total Ending
Fund Balance
June 30, 2017**

\$4,776,318

From Balance Sheet

\$4,776,318

	DEPARTMENT	Original Budget	Approp. Transfers Budget	Final Budget	Salaries		Expenses		Total	Closed to Encumbered Fund Balance
					YTD	YTD	YTD	YTD		
	Reserve Fund	100,000	(33,715)	66,285	-	-	-	-	-	66,285
Legislative	Town Meetings & Elections	14,000		14,000			12,594	291		1,115
Legislative	Moderator	1,095		1,095	725		-	-		370
Executive	Selectmen	226,559	4,574	231,133	151,811		26,948	10		52,364
Executive	Finance Committee	2,575	-	2,575	1,428		288			859
Accountant/Auditor	Finance Director	12,597		12,597	676		-	-		11,921
Accountant/Auditor	Town Accountant	172,329	-	172,329	131,925		27,370	10,650		2,384
Assessors	Assessors	150,827	2,190	153,017	105,312		42,925	3,076		1,704
Treasurer	Town Treasurer	126,512	2,000	128,512	80,975		31,838	3,296		12,403
Collector	Town Collector	117,954	-	117,954	101,181		3,965	1,771		11,037
Law Dept	Town Counsel	67,500		67,500	-		53,353	-		14,147
Operations Support	Technology	111,328		111,328	4,828		103,835	-		2,665
License/Reg	Town Clerk	110,498	3,439	113,937	90,092		6,563	282		17,000
License/Reg	Registrar of Voters	28,200	750	28,950	14,000		11,386	23		3,541
Conservation	Conservation Commission	59,257		59,257	55,674		1,084			2,499
Conservation	Soil Board	1,050		1,050	127		-	-		923
Land Use	Planning Board	53,877		53,877	51,445		989	166		1,277
Land Use	Board of Appeals	4,150		4,150	758		1,449			1,943

Public Buildings	Town Buildings	198,231	5,075	203,306	119,624	61,992	1,371	20,319
	Other	100	199	299		199		100
GENERAL GOVERNMENT								
Police	Police Department	2,093,491	15,032	2,108,523	1,914,602	139,926	30,062	23,933
Fire	Fire Department	430,223	23,824	454,047	418,494	33,218		2,335
EMS	Emergency Medical Services	506,732	18,352	525,084	434,337	90,746	-	1
Inspection	Building Department	125,722	1,370	127,092	114,412	2,047	2,441	8,192
Inspection	Sealer of Weights & Measures	1,085		1,085	1,085	-	-	0
Other	Emergency Management Agency	11,590	-	11,590	1,000	9,726	566	298
Other	Animal Control	44,410	-	44,410	40,820	3,138	55	397
Other	Forestry	8,375		8,375	600	5,063	-	2,712
PUBLIC SAFETY								
		3,221,628	58,578	3,280,206	2,925,350	283,864	33,124	37,868
Reg Ass I	Old Colony Regional School	1,752,816	-	1,752,816		1,744,654	-	8,162
Education	School Department	13,434,735	151,563	13,586,298	7,607,994	5,699,192	167,812	111,300
EDUCATION								
		15,187,551	151,563	15,339,114	7,607,994	7,443,846	167,812	119,462

Hwy-Streets	Department of Public Works - Highway						
S&I	638,300	-	638,300	347,104	257,460	4,772	28,964
Street Lighting	25,000	175,000	200,000		199,888		112
Waste Collection	60,000	6,418	66,418	-	61,994		4,424
Other	857,200	-	857,200	16,269	690,457	63,353	87,121
	6,789	-	6,789	5,464	1,236	-	89
PUBLIC WORKS							
	1,587,289	181,418	1,768,707	368,837	1,211,035	68,125	120,710
Health	164,805	8,000	172,805	146,723	15,442	8,807	1,833
Special	100,303	7,270	107,573	75,115	25,438	2,317	4,703
Veterans	280,644	162	280,806	18,999	218,425		43,382
HUMAN SERVICES							
	545,752	15,432	561,184	240,837	259,305	11,124	49,918
Library	228,687		228,687	166,781	57,464	-	4,442
Recreation	19,188	-	19,188	-	18,307	274	607
Parks	36,860	2,582	39,442	19,020	19,156	877	389
Historical	5,800	78	5,878		4,713	3	1,162
Celebrations	4,500	-	4,500		2,928		1,572

Other	Miscellaneous	11,349	13,539	24,888	13,498	5,618	5,772
	CULTURE & RECREATION						
		306,384	16,199	322,583	199,299	108,186	13,944
Princ	Retirement of Debt - Principal	335,000		335,000		335,000	0
Int	Retirement of Debt - Interest	169,078	-	169,078		169,078	0
	DEBT SERVICE						
		504,078	-	504,078	-	504,078	0
Intergov	County Tax	119,015		119,015		119,015	0
Intergov	State Assessments	157,315	14,050	171,365	-	84,109	87,256
Retirement	Pensions	1,287,820	266	1,288,086		1,288,085	1
Work Com	Workers Compensation	175,000	(12,000)	163,000		155,690	7,310
Unemployment	Unemployment Compensation	30,000		30,000		14,959	15,041
Health Ins	Health Insurance	1,636,642	(54,506)	1,582,136		1,276,076	306,060
Other Ins	Liability Insurance	209,000	12,000	221,000		208,750	12,250
	UNCLASSIFIED						
		3,614,792	(40,190)	3,574,602	-	3,146,684	427,918
	G F OPERATING BUDGETS						
		26,526,113	367,512	26,893,625	12,252,898	13,343,776	302,275
							994,676

Transfer to Stabilization Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
Transfer to Enterprise Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
Transfer to Special Revenue Fund	-	35,000	35,000		35,000	-			0
Transfer to Capital Expenditure Fund	-	31,178	31,178		34,853	-			-3,675
	-	66,178	66,178	-	69,853	-			-3,675
GRAND TOTAL G.F. OPERATING BUDGETS	26,526,113	433,690	26,959,803	12,252,898	13,413,629	302,275			991,001

**General Fund Articles
(Continuing Appropriations)**

STM 6/15 #7 - Vision 21 Radio	6,186	6,186		-					6,186
STM 11/16 #4 - CWMP Plan		350,000	350,000	-	11,998	338,002			0
STM 11/16 #16 - Wage/ Classification Study		25,000	25,000		2,800	22,200			0
STM 4/02 #5 - GASB Contract	11,493		11,493		650	10,843			0
STM 6/15 #10 - AssessPro GIS	1,000		1,000			-			1,000
STM 6/15 #11 - Fax Machine	326		326			-			326
STM 10/08 #2 - Munis Training	5,495		5,495			5,495			0
STM 10/14 #21 - Replace Copier	1,002		1,002	-	-	-			1,002

STM 10/14 #22 - Update By-Laws	9,903	9,903	1,994	7,909	0
STM 5/14 #17 - Replace Blinds	375	375	-	375	0
STM 10/03 #4 - CD Roms	929	929		929	0
STM 10/11 #10 - Dog License Program	751	751		751	0
STM 10/04 #16 - Zoning By-Law	4,656	4,656	340	4,316	0
STM 7/97 #28 - ADA Compliance	2,059	2,059		2,059	0
STM 10/15 #10 - HE Gas Boiler	14,000	14,000		14,000	0
STM 11/16 #2 - Repair Town Hall Roof		7,000	2,567	4,433	0
STM 10/09 #18 - Bulletproof Vests	205	205	-	-	205
STM 4/06 #6 - Police Cruisers	28,000	28,000	28,000		0
STM 11/16 #15 - Two Cruisers		68,085	67,222		863
STM 5/14 #9 - Modify Garage Door	24,000	24,000	9,765		14,235
STM 11/16 #18 - Rent Fire Gear		3,300	3,300	-	0
STM 10/15 #11 - New Ambulance	265,000	265,000	265,000	-	0
STM 11/16 #17 Reporting Software		10,000	10,000	-	0
STM 10/15 #16 - School Technology/Hardware	54,647	54,647	-	54,647	0
STM 11/16 #23 - New Pickup Truck		40,000	39,590		410

STM 11/16 #22 - Large Item Pickup	20,000	20,000	12,392	7,608	0
STM 11/16 #8 - Refurbish SUV	2,500	2,500	-	-	2,500
STM 10/15 #14 - Historical Signs	433	433	433	433	0
GENERAL FUND ARTICLES	430,460	525,885	956,345	-	510,265
				419,353	26,727

TOWN OF ACUSHNET
General Fund Revenues
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2017

Cherry Sheet

Line #	Description	Budget	Actual	Variance (\$)	% Received
Receipts:					
A1	School Aid Chapter 70	6,250,222	6,250,222	-	100.0%
A2	School Transportation	-	-	-	100.0%
B1	Unrestricted General Government Aid	1,457,837	1,457,837	-	100.0%
B5	Veterans Benefits	176,296	120,197	(56,099)	68.2%
B6	Exemptions: Vets, Blind & Surv Sp.	55,416	56,309	893	101.6%
B7	State-Owned Land	31	31	-	100.0%
	Additional State Aid		4,072	4,072	100.0%
Total Receipts		7,939,802	7,888,668	(51,134)	99.4%

Local Receipts

Line #	Description	Budget	Actual	Variance (\$)	% Received
1	Motor Vehicle Excise	800,000	1,396,364	596,364	174.5%
3	Penalties & Interest on Taxes	99,000	140,568	41,568	142.0%
5	Charges for Services - Water	1,442,517	1,590,131	147,614	110.2%
8	Charges for Services - Solid Waste Fees	2,042	6,326	4,284	309.8%

10	Fees	32,351	32,647	296	100.9%
13	Departmental Revenue - Library	405	179	(226)	44.2%
16	Other Departmental Revenue	25,865	64,181	38,316	248.1%
17	Licenses & Permits	179,845	173,829	(6,016)	96.7%
19	Fines & Forfeits	12,871	10,004	(2,867)	77.7%
20	Investment Income	13,033	22,992	9,959	176.4%
21	Medicaid Reimbursement	40,000	76,655	36,655	191.6%
23	Miscellaneous Nonrecurring	-	17,193	17,193	100.0%
Total Local Receipts		2,647,929	3,531,069	883,140	133.4%

Tax Revenues

Line #	Description	Budget	Actual	Variance (\$)	% Received
4110	Personal Property	799,223	798,110	(1,113)	99.9%
4120	Real Estate	15,310,534	15,392,692	82,158	100.5%
4199	Tax Liens	-	93,894	93,894	100.0%
Total Tax Revenue		16,109,757	16,284,696	174,939	101.1%

Interfund Transfers

Line #	Description	Budget	Actual	Variance (\$)	% Received
	Transfer from Special Revenue Fund	310,000	355,096	45,096	114.5%
	Transfer from Capital Expenditure Fund	26,000	26,000	-	100.0%
Total Transfers In		336,000	381,096	45,096	113.4%

TOWN OF ACUSHNET
Combining Balance Sheet - Special Revenue Funds
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2017

	Community Preservation Fund 1100	Water Surplus Fund 2700	Federal & State Grants Funds	Other (OSR, RRA, Rev) Funds	TOTALS (Memo Only)
ASSETS					
Cash and Investments	\$618,134	1,254,971	136,025	\$4,004,921	6,014,051
					-
Accounts Receivable:					-
Property Taxes	3,115			-	3,115
Motor Vehicle Excise					-
Tax Liens/Foreclosures	1,941	1,556	-	38,365	41,862
Water Fees	-	336,218		-	336,218
Sewer Fees				1,648,011	1,648,011
Departmental/Other	-			665,734	665,734
Intergovernmental	-	-	-	-	-
	623,190	1,592,745	136,025	6,357,031	8,708,991
LIABILITIES & FUND BAL					
Liabilities & Reserves:					
Warrants/Accounts Payable	6,206	184,674	13,793	60,851	265,524
Accrued Payroll			10,131		10,131
Liabilities Due Depositors	-			-	-
Other Liabilities				91	91
Capital Lease Obligations					-
Accrued Compensated Absences	-	-	-	-	-
Net Fixed Assets					-
Bonds/Notes Payable					-
Deferred Revenue & Overlay	5,056	337,774	-	2,352,110	2,694,940
					-
Fund Balances:					-
Reserved for Expenditures	263,509	97,000	-	327,920	688,429
Reserved for Encumbrances	-	119,104		1,917	121,021

Reserved for Continued Appropriations	245,969			-	245,969
Undesignated Fund Balance	102,450	854,193	112,101	3,614,142	4,682,886
	\$623,190	\$1,592,745	\$136,025	\$6,357,031	\$8,708,991

TOWN OF ACUSHNET
Combining Balance Sheet - Special Revenue Funds
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2017

	Community Preservation Fund 1100	Water Surplus Fund 2700	Federal & State Grants Funds	Other (OSR, RRA, Rev) Funds	TOTALS (Memo Only)
Revenues					
Federal & State Grants			724,096		\$724,096
Charges for Services	-	1,590,132	-	-	\$1,590,132
Other	175,142	-	-	1,674,849	\$1,849,991
	175,142	1,590,132	724,096	1,674,849	\$4,164,219
Expenditures					
Salary and Wages	875	178,566	343,973	262,198	\$785,612
Expenditures	-	894,326	493,001	377,615	\$1,764,942
Construction	-	-		-	\$-
Capital Outlay	151,098	84,420	-	46,815	\$282,333
Debt Service	-	206,991	-	369,547	\$576,538
Prior Year Encumbrances	-	-	-	-	\$-
	151,973	1,364,303	836,974	1,056,175	\$3,409,425
Excess Revenues over/ (under) Expenditures	23,169	225,829	(112,878)	618,674	\$754,794
Bond Proceeds	-	-	-	-	\$-
Transfers in	-	-		-	\$-
Transfers (out)	-		(10,096)	(301,147)	\$(311,243)
	-	-	(10,096)	(301,147)	(311,243)
Excess Revenues over/ (under) Exp/Transfers	23,169	225,829	(122,974)	317,527	443,551
Fund Balance, 6/30/16	588,759	844,468	235,075	3,626,452	\$5,294,754
Fund Balance, 6/30/17	611,928	1,070,297	112,101	3,943,979	5,738,305

TOWN OF ACUSHNET
Combining Balance Sheet - Special Revenue Funds
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2017

	Police Building Fund 3000	Parting Ways Building Fund 3130	Fire Building Roof Fund 3160	Highways Chapter 90 Fund 2020	Capital Projects Funds Totals (Memo)
ASSETS					
Cash and Investments	102,751	17,226	15,970	\$304	136,251
			-		-
Accounts Receivable:			-		-
Property Taxes	-		-	-	-
Motor Vehicle Excise			-		-
Tax Liens/Foreclosures	-	-	-	-	-
Water Fees	-	-	-	-	-
Sewer Fees	-	-	-	-	-
Departmental/Other	-	-	-	-	-
Intergovernmental	-	-	-	23,905	23,905
Fixed Assets, Net Acc. Dep.	-	-	-	-	-
Amounts To Be Provided LTD	-	-	-	-	-
	102,751	17,226	15,970	24,209	160,156

LIABILITIES & FUND BAL.

Liabilities & Reserves:

Warrants/Accounts Payable		31,030	31,030
Accrued Payroll			-
Liabilities Due Depositors	-		-
Other Liabilities			-
Capital Lease Obligations			-
Accrued Compensated Absences	-		-
Net Fixed Assets			-
Bonds/Notes Payable			-
Deferred Revenue & Overlay		23,905	23,905
			-

Fund Balances:					-
Reserved for Expenditures					-
Reserved for Encumbrances	-				-
Reserved for Continued Appropriations					-
Undesignated Fund Balance	102,751	17,226	15,970	(30,726)	105,221
	\$102,751	\$17,226	\$15,970	\$24,209	\$160,156

TOWN OF ACUSHNET
Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures And
Changes in Fund Balances - Capital Project Funds
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2017

	Police Building Fund 3000	Parting Ways Building Fund 3130	Fire Building Roof Fund 3160	Highways Chapter 90 Fund 2020	TOTAL Capital Projects Fund
Revenues					
Federal & State Grants			-	513,921	\$513,921
Charges for Services	-	-	-	-	\$-
Other	683	-	-	-	\$683
	683	-	-	513,921	\$514,604
Expenditures					
Salary and Wages	-	-	-		\$-
Expenditures	18,899	-	-	-	\$18,899
Construction	51,732	-		-	\$51,732
Capital Outlay		-	-	544,647	\$544,647
Debt Service	-	-	-		\$-
Prior Year Encumbrances	-	-	-	-	\$-
	70,631	-	-	544,647	\$615,278
Excess Revenues over/ (under) Expenditures					
	(69,948)	-	-	(30,726)	\$(100,674)
Bond Proceeds	-	-	-	-	\$-
Transfers in	-	-		-	\$-
Transfers (out)	-			-	\$-
	-	-	-	-	-
Excess Revenues over/ (under) Exp/Transfers					
	(69,948)	-	-	(30,726)	(100,674)
Fund Balance, 6/30/16	172,699	17,226	15,970	-	\$205,895
Fund Balance, 6/30/17	102,751	17,226	15,970	(30,726)	105,221

TOWN OF ACUSHNET
Special Revenue Funds Analysis
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2017

GL Fund #:	Balance			Transfers		Balance
	July 1, 2016	Receipts	Salaries	Expenditures	In/(Out)	June 30, 2017
FEDERAL GRANTS:						
1090	EMPG Grant	-3,220	6,440	0	3,220	0
1310	FEMA Grant	0	10,096	0	-10,096	0
0400	Title 1	256	79,157	61,244	18,167	2
0420	Title 2 - PI 94-142	12,259	267,091	224,418	38,590	16,342
0430	Early Childhood Grant	539	5,378	6,539	182	-804
0700	Teacher Quality in Education	-2,057	27,863	4,090	21,644	72
1000	EECBG Sub-Grant	224	0	0	0	224
Total Federal Grants:		8,001	396,025	296,291	-10,096	15,836

STATE GRANTS:						
1060	Downtown Steering Committee	5,654	0	0	0	5,654
1860	Elections/Extended Polling Grant	0	2,664	2,664	0	0

1010*	DEP - Mass EVIP Grant	0	0	0	7,968	0	-7,968
1200	D.A.R.E. Grant	231	0	0	0	0	231
1230	SRPEDD - Homeland Security Grant	0	0	0	0	0	0
1235	Cops in Shops Grant	1,190	0	0	0	0	1,190
1250	SETB Support Incentive Grant	0	27,979	27,979	0	0	0
1255	Police Reimbursable Grant	0	0	0	0	0	0
1270	SWAT Training Grant	0	0	0	0	0	0
1287	SETB Training Grant - 911	0	26,004	17,039	8,965	0	0
1300	Fire S.A.F.E. Grant	7,626	0	0	5,243	0	2,383
1350	Ambulance Task Force Grant	193	0	0	0	0	193
2110	Chapter 90 WRRP Program Grant	0	0	0	0	0	0
0350	SPED Circuit Breaker	164,165	71,903	0	164,165	0	71,903
0460	Tech Lighthouse Grant	385	0	0	0	0	385
0470	MKEA Initiative Grant	0	0	0	0	0	0
0480	Early Child SPED #298 Grant	0	1,400	0	1,400	0	0
0710	SPED Program Improvement Grant	862	8,912	0	9,774	0	0
1600	Arts Lottery Council Grant	4,708	4,712	0	4,509	0	4,911
1650	Council on Aging Formula Grant	0	23,300	0	23,300	0	0

1400	LIG/MEG/NRC	17,138	14,739	0	14,803	0	17,074
1420	Library Guilding Grant	13	0	0	0	0	13
1430	Library-CD Anti-Trust Settlement	185	0	0	0	0	185
1440	Public L:ibraries Fund Grant	5	0	0	0	0	5
1500	Board of Health Grant	64	0	0	0	0	64
1740	BOH Mini Grant	39	0	0	0	0	39
1760	Green Communities Grant	24,616	146,458	0	171,071	0	3
Total State Grants:		227,074	328,071	47,682	411,198	0	96,265

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE:

2700	Water Special Revenue Fund	844,468	1,590,132	178,566	1,185,737	0	1,070,297
0800	Form Middle School	18,569	28,865	0	25,893	0	21,541
0810	Elementary School Fund	16,762	15,563	900	14,064	0	17,361
0820	School Building Rental	117,322	47,186	6,752	50,240	0	107,516
0830	Medical Fund Non-Smoking Grant	397	0	0	0	0	397
0300	School Lunch Fund	68,035	407,962	195,302	182,858	0	97,837
1100	Community Preservation Fund	588,759	175,142	0	151,973	0	611,928
1570	Sewer Tie-Ins	168	0	0	0	0	168
1280	Police Gift Fund	50	0	0	0	0	50
1410	Library Gift Fund	187,941	183	0	11,734	0	176,390

1530	Animal Gift Fund	2,528	358	0	250	0	2,636
1540	Celebrations Gift Fund	23	0	0	0	0	23
1550	Park Department Gift Fund	0	1,300	0	0	0	1,300
1555	September 11 Memorial Gift Fund	910	280	0	835	0	355
1560	Fire Department Gift Fund	1,059	3,480	0	0	0	4,539
1565	Veterans Memorial Park/ Celebrations Gift Fund	5,002	0	0	0	0	5,002
1670	Council on Aging Gift Fund	1,138	10,088	0	7,444	0	3,782
1010	Building Maintenance Fund	897	0	0	0	0	897
1020	EMA Certification Grant	0	2,500	0	2,500	0	0
1030	Cable Education & Government Access	20,133	10,000	0	260	0	29,873
1040	PEG Access	378,313	94,244	0	46,815	0	425,742
1050	Empowerment Fund	1,873	0	0	0	0	1,873
1220	Law Enforcement Trust	1,591	1,945	0	820	0	2,716
1660	Coastline Chair Yoga Grant	86	0	0	0	0	86
1680	COA - Strong Women Grant	750	2,986	0	3,190	0	546
1690	AWAR Grant	17,668	16,600	14,050	4,096	0	16,122
1700	Parting Ways Beautification	50	0	0	0	0	50
1750	Notice of Intent	17,326	3,318	0	1,204	0	19,440

1791	Back Bay Watershed Migrant	0	35,000	0	35,000	0	0	0
1840	Agricultural Committee Grant	403	133	0	40	0	0	496
1900	Insurance Reimbursement Fund	0	24,424	0	12,256	0	0	12,168
1910	Outside Advertisement Fund	0	407	0	407	0	0	0
4000	Capital Expenditure Fund	26,315	71	0	0	8,853	35,239	
Total Other Special								
	Revenue:	2,318,536	2,472,167	395,570	1,737,616	8,853	2,666,370	

RECEIPTS RESERVED FOR APPROPRIATION:

1800	EMS Receipts Reserved Fund	813,189	555,081	0	0	-310,000	1,058,270	
1522	Title V Receipts Reserved Fund	26,486	2,157	0	5,434	0	23,209	
1572	Sewer Tie-In Loan Receipts Reserved Fund	464,782	33,747	0	31,188	0	467,341	
1592	Sewer Phase 2 Betterment Receipts Reserved Fund	1,378,897	312,207	0	332,925	0	1,358,179	
Total Receipts Reserved for								
	Appropriation:	2,683,354	903,192	0	369,547	-310,000	2,906,999	

REVOLVING FUNDS:

0850	Ch 71 Sec 71F Tuition Revolving Fund	7,738	0	0	0	7,738
0900	Full Day Kindergarten	1,347	578	0	0	1,925
0950	Preschool Program	40,283	38,559	45,194	0	33,648
1870	Parks Revolving Fund	4,919	1,010	0	3,312	2,617
1695	COA Revolving Fund	1,020	19,164	0	18,712	1,472
1610	Library Revolving Fund	0	2,965	0	0	2,965
1795	Conservation Revolving Fund	2,482	2,488	0	2,500	2,470
Total Revolving Funds:		57,789	64,764	45,194	24,524	52,835

TOWN OF ACUSHNET
Combining Balance Sheet - Enterprise Funds
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2017

	Sewer	Golf	TOTAL
	Enterprise	Enterprise	Enterprise Funds
	Fund 6000	Fund 6600	(Memo Only)
ASSETS			
Cash and Investments	\$476,722	481,397	958,119
			-
Accounts Receivable:			-
Property Taxes	-		-
Motor Vehicle Excise			-
Tax Liens/Foreclosures	1,549	-	1,549
Water Fees	-	-	-
Sewer Fees	132,038	-	132,038
Departmental/Other	-	-	-
Intergovernmental		-	-
Fixed Assets, Net Acc. Dep.	4,144,864	5,969,043	10,113,907
Amounts To Be Provided LTD	-	2,927,787	2,927,787
	4,755,173	9,378,227	14,133,400
LIABILITIES & FUND BAL.			
Liabilities & Reserves:			
Warrants/Accounts Payable	31,598	38,255	69,853
Accrued Payroll			-
Liabilities Due Depositors	-		-
Other Liabilities		44,193	44,193
Capital Lease Obligations		37,787	37,787
Accrued Compensated Absences	-	-	-
Bonds/Notes Payable		2,890,000	2,890,000
Deferred Revenue & Overlay	133,588	-	133,588

			-
Fund Balances:			-
Net Fixed Assets	4,144,864	5,969,043	10,113,907
Reserved for Expenditures	230,000	30,000	260,000
Reserved for Encumbrances	43,416	2,861	46,277
Reserved for Continued Appropriations	7,351		7,351
Undesignated Fund Balance	164,356	366,088	530,444
	<u>\$4,755,173</u>	<u>\$9,378,227</u>	<u>\$14,133,400</u>
	-	-	-

TOWN OF ACUSHNET
Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures And
Changes in Fund Balances - Enterprise Funds Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2017

Revenues	Sewer Enterprise Fund 60	Golf Enterprise Fund 66	TOTAL Enterprise Funds (Memo Only)
Intergovernmental		-	-
Charges for Services	538,565	1,143,060	1,681,625
Earnings on Investments	1,204	773	1,977
Other	4,684	148,096	152,780
	<u>544,453</u>	<u>1,291,929</u>	<u>1,836,382</u>
Expenditures			
Salary and Wages	68,669	450,157	518,826
Expenditures	387,529	340,465	727,994
Construction	-	-	-
Capital Outlay	25,068	94,244	119,312
Prior Year Encumbrance	-	-	-
Debt Service		345,525	345,525
	<u>481,266</u>	<u>1,230,391</u>	<u>1,711,657</u>
Excess Revenues over/ (under) Expenditures	<u>63,187</u>	<u>61,538</u>	<u>124,725</u>
Bond Proceeds	-	-	-
Transfers in	-	-	-
Transfers (out)	-	-	-
	-	-	-
Excess Revenues over/ (under) Exp/Transfers	<u>63,187</u>	<u>61,538</u>	<u>124,725</u>
Fund Balance, 6/30/16	<u>381,936</u>	<u>337,411</u>	<u>719,347</u>
Fund Balance, 6/30/17	445,123	398,949	844,072

TOWN OF ACUSHNET
Enterprise Funds Budget/Expense (Budget Basis) - Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2017

SEWER ENTERPRISE FUND

DEPARTMENT	Original Budget	Approp. Transfers	Final Budget	Expenses YTD	Total Encumbered	Closed to Fund Balance
<u>SEWER OPERATING</u>						
Sewer Salaries	80,263	-	80,263	68,669	-	11,594
Sewer Expenditures	413,068	58,000	471,068	387,529	43,416	40,123
Sewer Capital Outlay	2,000	-	2,000	25	-	1,975
Sewer Debt		-	-	-	-	-
Reserve Fund - Sewer	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL SEWER OPERATING	495,331	58,000	553,331	456,223	43,416	53,692
<u>SEWER ARTICLES</u>						
585506- STM 11/16 #24 - W/S Chevy Truck	-	10,000	10,000	10,000	-	-
908003- STM 5/10 #19 - R&M Sewer System	3,770	-	3,770	-	3,770	-
908004- STM 5/14 #12 - Pump Station Repair	3,874		3,874	1,293	2,581	-
908005- STM 10/15 #5 - Infiltration Eval	14,750	-	14,750	13,750	1,000	-
TOTAL SEWER ARTICLES	22,394	10,000	32,394	25,043	7,351	-
TOTAL SEWER	517,725	68,000	585,725	481,266	50,767	53,692

GOLF ENTERPRISE FUND

DEPARTMENT

GOLF OPERATING

Original Budget	Approp. Transfers	Final Budget	Expenses YTD	Total Encumbered	Closed to Fund Balance
525,207		525,207	450,157	-	75,050
342,059		342,059	326,921	2,861	12,277
101,790		101,790	94,244	-	7,546
345,525	-	345,525	345,525	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-
1,314,581	-	1,314,581	1,216,847	2,861	94,873

TOTAL GOLF OPERATING

GOLF ARTICLES

585500- STM 4/06 #22 - Capital Equipment

13,544	-	13,544	13,544	-	-
13,544	-	13,544	13,544	-	-

TOTAL GOLF ARTICLES

1,328,125	-	1,328,125	1,230,391	2,861	94,873
1,845,850	68,000	1,913,850	1,711,657	53,628	148,565

TOTAL GOLF

TOTAL ENTERPRISE FUNDS

TOWN OF ACUSHNET
Combining Balance Sheet - Trust Funds
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2017

	Non-Expendable Trust Funds	Pension Reserve Fund 8220	Stabilization Trust Fund 8200	Other Trust Funds	TOTALS (Memo Only)
ASSETS					
Cash and Investments	\$202,392	197,388	1,721,309	\$508,393	2,629,482
Accounts Receivable:					-
Property Taxes	-	-	-	-	-
Motor Vehicle Excise	-	-	-	-	-
Tax Liens/Foreclosures	-	-	-	-	-
Water Fees	-	-	-	-	-
Sewer Fees	-	-	-	-	-
Departmental/Other	-	-	-	-	-
Intergovernmental	-	-	-	-	-
	202,392	197,388	1,721,309	508,393	2,629,482
LIABILITIES & FUND BAL.					
Liabilities & Reserves:					
Warrants/Accounts Payable	-	-	-	200	200
Accrued Payroll	-	-	-	-	-
Liabilities Due Depositors	-	-	-	-	-
Other Liabilities	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Lease Obligations	-	-	-	-	-
Accrued Compensated Absences	-	-	-	-	-
Net Fixed Assets	-	-	-	-	-
Bonds/Notes Payable	-	-	-	-	-
Deferred Revenue & Overlay	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Fund Balances:	-	-	-	-	-
Reserved for Expenditures	202,392	-	-	-	202,392
Reserved for Encumbrances	-	-	-	-	-
Reserved for Continued Appropriations	-	-	-	-	-
Undesignated Fund Balance		197,388	1,721,309	508,193	2,426,890
	\$202,392	\$197,388	\$1,721,309	\$508,393	\$2,629,482

TOWN OF ACUSHNET
Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures And
Changes in Fund Balances - Trust Funds
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2017

	Non-Expendable	OPEB	Stabilization	Other	TOTALS
	Trust	Trust	Trust	Trust	
	Funds	Fund 8220	Fund 8200	Funds	(Memo Only)
Revenues					
Federal & State Grants			-		\$-
Charges for Services	250	-	-	-	\$250
Earnings on Investments		2,834	24,719	8,385	\$35,938
	250	2,834	24,719	8,385	\$36,188
Expenditures					
Salary and Wages	-	-	-	1,015	\$1,015
Expenditures	-	-	-	10,035	\$10,035
Construction	-	-		-	\$-
Capital Outlay	-	-	-	-	\$-
Debt Service	-	-	-		\$-
Prior Year Encumbrances	-	-	-	-	\$-
	-	-	-	11,050	\$11,050
Excess Revenues over/ (under) Expenditures	250	2,834	24,719	(2,665)	\$25,138
Bond Proceeds	-	-	-	-	\$-
Transfers in	-	-		-	\$-
Transfers (out)	-			-	\$-
	-	-	-	-	-
Excess Revenues over/ (under) Exp/Transfers	250	2,834	24,719	(2,665)	\$25,138
Fund Balance, 6/30/16	202,142	194,554	1,696,590	510,858	\$2,604,144
Fund Balance, 6/30/17	202,392	197,388	1,721,309	508,193	\$2,629,282
	-	-	-	-	-

TOWN OF ACUSHNET

Trust Fund Analysis

Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2017

GL Fund #:		Balance July 1, 2016	Unrestricted Receipts	Unrestricted Expenditures	Balance June 30, 2017
NON-EXPENDABLE TRUSTS					
7200	Charles Beals Library (Restricted)	5,000	0	0	5,000
7210	A Leconte Library (Restricted)	2,500	0	0	2,500
7220	Allen Rhonda Russell Library (Restricted)	590	0	0	590
7230	Russell Library Maintenance (Restricted)	5,000	0	0	5,000
7240	F Sowa Library (Restricted)	3,000	0	0	3,000
7250	W/G Owen Art Week (Restricted)	1,000	0	0	1,000
7300	Parting Ways Green Trust (Restricted)	13,151	0	0	13,151
7500	Long Plain School (Restricted)	5,000	0	0	5,000
7510	Sylvia Manter School (Restricted)	10,000	0	0	10,000
7520	H Rogers Parting Ways Building (Restricted)	5,000	0	0	5,000
7530	Russell Public School (Restricted)	7,500	0	0	7,500
7540	Earl Burt School Library (Restricted)	3,000	0	0	3,000
7550	Ruth Tabor Scholarship (Restricted)	4,000	0	0	4,000
8000	Long Plain Meetinghouse (Restricted)	5,000	0	0	5,000
8010	Meeting House Restoration (Restricted)	100,000	0	0	100,000

8100	Cemetery Perpetual Care (Restricted)	17,900	250	0	18,150
8120	Russell Protestant Poor (Restricted)	11,500	0	0	11,500
8130	Russell Town Hall (Restricted)	3,000	0	0	3,000
Total Non-Expendable:		202,141	250	0	202,391

OTHER TRUST FUNDS

7200	Charles Beals Library (Unrestricted)	2,325	107	0	2,432
7210	A Leconte Library (Unrestricted)	1,170	54	0	1,224
7220	Allen Rhonda Russell Library (Unrestricted)	10,134	156	0	10,290
7230	Russell Library Maintenance (Unrestricted)	3,168	119	0	3,287
7240	F Sowa Library (Unrestricted)	10,358	195	70	10,483
7250	W/G Owen Art Week (Unrestricted)	511	22	0	533
7500	Long Plain School (Unrestricted)	2,135	104	0	2,239
7300	Parting Ways Green Trust (Unrestricted)	571	200	0	771
7510	Sylvia Manter School (Unrestricted)	50,694	884	0	51,578
7520	H Rogers Parting Ways Building (Unrestricted)	10,629	228	0	10,857
7530	Russell Public School (Unrestricted)	37,341	653	0	37,994
7540	Earl Burt School Library (Unrestricted)	1,789	70	0	1,859
7550	Ruth Tabor Scholarship (Unrestricted)	4,307	121	150	4,278
8010	Meeting House Restoration (Unrestricted)	38,783	2,026	7,058	33,751
8000	Long Plain Meetinghouse (Unrestricted)	76	74	0	150
8100	Cemetery Perpetual Care (Unrestricted)	90,769	1,586	1,772	90,583

8120	Russell Protestant Poor (Unrestricted)	42,614	789	2,000	41,403
8130	Russell Town Hall (Unrestricted)	9,620	184	0	9,804
7010	Haydon-Candage Flower	426	1	0	427
7030	Omey/Cottie Flower	19,553	49	0	19,602
7040	Tavis/Ellis Flower	2,624	7	0	2,631
7800	Adam Fluegal BOH	1,954	28	0	1,982
7810	RN Swift 1 BOH	5,944	86	0	6,030
7820	RN Swift 2 BOH	630	9	0	639
8110	Instructive Nursing	12,323	180	0	12,503
8240	Golf Course Farm Land Act	150,410	453	0	150,863
Total Other Trusts:		510,858	8,385	11,050	508,193

OPEB

8220	OPEB Stabilization	194,554	2,834	0	197,388
Total OPEB:		194,554	2,834	0	197,388

STABILIZATION

8200	Stabilization	1,696,591	24,718	0	1,721,309
Total Stabilization:		1,696,591	24,718	0	1,721,309

TOWN OF ACUSHNET
Combining Balance Sheet - Agency Funds
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2017

	Balance July 1, 2016	Additions	Deductions	Balance June 30, 2017
ASSETS				
Cash and Investments	\$140,290	101,851	82,503	\$159,638
Accounts Receivable:				
	140,290	101,851	82,503	159,638
LIABILITIES				
Accounts Payable	574	8,250	8,534	290
Braley Hill Estates	-			-
Edgewood Estates	857	2		859
Erin Heights	419		419	-
Rockett Rolar Bond Guarantee	75,274	196		75,470
Gendron Estates	794	2		796
Maple Ridge Estates	81			81
Edgewood Acres #2 Escrow	74	27		101
TRC - Anrad Filing Conservation	142			142
Maple Ridge #2 - Performance Escrow	3,756	10		3,766
Deep Brook Estates #4	13,949	35		13,984
Farm Pond Estates (FY12)	6,299	2	6,301	-
Tripp Estates	646	2		648
Lucy/Winston Street	113			113
Deep Brook Estates	-	23,404		23,404
Outside Police Details	(3,136)	76,631	73,969	(474)
Police Regional Radio Network	62	1,418	1,530	(50)
Perry Hill Church Legal Fund	40,386	122		40,508
	\$140,290	\$110,101	\$90,753	\$159,638
	0			0

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

Number of Dogs Picked Up Unrestrained (Brought to the Shelter)	4
Number of Dogs Claimed	0
Number of Dogs Transferred & Adopted	4
Number of Dogs Euthanized	0
*Number of Kennels Inspected	9
Number of Cats/Kittens Brought to the Shelter	41
Number of Cats Adopted	41
Number of Cats Euthanized/Hit by M.V. or Injured	9
Number of Dogs hit by Motor Vehicles (Deceased/Injured)	2
Number of Dead Animal Picked Up (Including Deer)	656
Number of Complaints Investigated	1,782
Number of Hearings by Selectmen	0
Number of Citations Issued	322
Number of Court Hearings	74
Mileage	5,164
Animal Gift Fund Donations	\$318.00

Respectfully Submitted,

Rebekah Tomlinson
Animal Inspector

ANIMAL INSPECTOR

To the Officers & Residents of the Town of Acushnet:

Total Number of Quarantines	23
Number of Dogs Quarantined	16
Number of Cats Quarantined	7
Number of Rabies Investigated	1
Number of Rabies Investigated – Positive	0
Number of Rabies Cases – Negative	1
Number of Rabies Cases – Unsatisfactory	0
Number of People Who went for Rabies Vaccine	0
*Animals Were Unavailable for Quarantine	
Number of Barn Inspections	84
Number of Oxen Inspected	2
Number of Buffalo Inspected	2
Number of Cattle Inspections (incl. Dairy, Bulls, Heifers & Calves)	164
Number of Horses, Ponies & Minis Inspected	112
Number of Alpacas Inspected	2
Number of Donkeys Inspected	8
Number of Llamas Inspected	0
Number of Mules Inspected	0
Number of Sheep Inspected	180
Number of Goats Inspected	103
Number of Swine Inspected (2 Potbellies)	10
Number of Chickens Inspected	678
Number of Roosters Inspected	16
Number of Turkeys Inspected	19
Number of Peacocks Inspected	3
Number of Guinea Hens Inspected	9
Number of Waterfowl Inspected	93
Number of Swans Inspected	8
Number of Pheasants Inspected	72
Number of Geese Inspected	38
Number of Rabbits Inspected	191

Respectfully Submitted,

Rebekah Tomlinson
Animal Inspector

BOARD OF HEALTH

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David M. Davignon, Chairman
Thomas J. Fortin, Clerk
Robert Medeiros, 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. Monthly Blood Pressure Screenings were held at the Acushnet Presidential Terrace – 23 Main Street – for all residents located at the premises. The Community Nurses followed up with 45 communicable diseases that were reported to the Board of Health Office.

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

January 9, 2017
March 20, 2017
May 15, 2017
July 14, 2017
September 13, 2017

Inspections:

Septic System Installations	109	Mobile Home Parks	3
Title V Insp. (Witnessed)	74	Food Service	69
Septic System Abandonments	0	Complaints	10
Soil Evaluations	138	Housing	18
Percolation Tests	64		

Permits:

Septic System Repairs	41
Septic System New Const.	14
Food Service	64
Farmers Market	8
Stable/Animals-Farm	37
Tobacco	7
Offal	8
Well	17
Body Art Establishment	3
Body Art Practitioner	5

Total Receipts

Permit Fees	\$37,320.50
Mobile Park Fees	\$ 8,712.00
Total	\$46,032.50

Board of Health Meetings 16

Septic Plans Reviewed 70

Homeland Security Meetings Attended 9

Informational Meetings Attended 8

DPH Conference Calls/Webinars 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). 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.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS:

Alison Novak, Emergency Planner for Bristol County Public Health Emergency Preparedness Coalition worked with the Board of Health regarding Emergency Dispensing Sites (EDS). Ali 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.

On September 22, 2017 the Board of Health conducted a mandatory call down drill under the direction of the Bristol County Planner. The drill was 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.

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 4 cities and 23 towns in southeastern Massachusetts dealing with common issues facing the 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. In 2017 the Town of Acushnet paid \$1,836.92 to SRPEDD, based upon an assessment of 17.829 cents per capita.

Local citizens representing Acushnet included the following:

SRPEDD Commission: Henry Young

Joint Transportation Planning Group: Henry Young and Merilee Kelly

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

Assisted Planning Board with data analysis and mapping for Acushnet Master Plan. (DLTA)

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)

Conducted traffic counts on Nyes Lane at New Bedford line; Perry Hill Road, Main Street and Robinson Road at Rochester line; and South Main Street, north of Fairhaven line. (MassDOT)

Conducted turning movement counts at the intersection of Main Street at South Main Street, Perry Hill Road, Robinson Road, Hamlin Street and Wing Street; intersection of South Main Street at Slocum Road; and Middle Road intersection at Hamlin Street and Nyes Lane. (MassDOT)

Some of SRPEDD's More Significant Accomplishments During 2017 Were:

- 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 towns to receive EDA funding.
- The Transportation Improvement Program, which sets regional priorities for federal transportation funds, was completed and approved for FY 2018-2022.
- SRPEDD conducts a district-wide traffic-counting program and maintains a computer file of available traffic count data throughout the region. SRPEDD undertook 152 traffic counts at various locations this past year.

- SRPEDD continues to operate the Pavement Management Program, evaluating pavement conditions on federal-aid eligible roadways in the region's cities and towns.
- SRPEDD maintains a comprehensive database of all 380 signalized intersections in the region. SRPEDD conducted 90 turning movement counts at various locations this past year.
- SRPEDD continue to assist communities under the Regional Bicycle Plan addressing infrastructure needs and recommendations on how to improve connectivity throughout the region.
- SRPEDD initiated the Regional Pedestrian Plan to examine existing conditions in the region's cities and towns and provide recommendations to improve pedestrian connectivity.
- 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 has initiated the Regional Bus Stop Capital Investment Plan following the completion of the Regional Bus Stop Inventory in 2016. The inventory of data collected for GATRA and SRTA bus stops is available to assist on proposed capital improvements.
- 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 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 and in addition project that climate change, alternative energy, urban agriculture and youth conservation education.

- SRPEDD provides fiduciary support services to the Southeast Regional Homeland Security Council (SRAC), comprised of 96 municipalities and the Wampanoag Nation.
- 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, originally founded in 1956, is one of 13 regional planning agencies, or RPAs, across the state, and approximately 556 across the country. It was established for the purpose of delivering cost effective services, and facilitating enhanced regional planning and planning coordination on behalf its member cities and towns. Please let us know how we can be of continued service to your community!

HOUSING AUTHORITY

April, 2017 marked the 44th year of service to the Town of Acushnet, providing low income housing to elderly and handicapped individuals.

In fiscal 2008, the Authority was awarded Community Preservation Funds to research the land owned by the authority, but not yet developed. The goal of the Acushnet Housing Authority is to develop the land in order to provide Acushnet with additional housing to meet the needs of its present and future elderly population. In 2014 The Town of Acushnet Selectman approved a Housing Partnership Committee. The purpose of this committee will help the Housing Authority, along with the town to help Acushnet residents with housing needs.

The Authority continues to receive Capital Improvement Funding for repairs. We are in the engineering stage to replace our rear sidewalks. In the past year, we have replaced the benches around the grounds, the tops of our swings, and added a gate for our residents to have access to the Coalition land. The Funding will continue to allow us to do improvements into fiscal year 2022.

The Bristol County Sheriff's Office inmate program is still a success for the Acushnet Housing Authority. Some of the jobs that they have completed last year were shoveling snow on our walkways, painting some vacant units, cleaning our common ways, and repainting our shutters and front doors.

The Garfield St. facility opened its doors in 1992 and continues to work successfully in assisting the Department of Mental Health to house people who are mentally challenged. The maintenance and upkeep of the Garfield St. property falls under the Acushnet Housing Authority. The Acushnet Housing Authority has added new flooring, roof, furnace, air conditioner and a rear deck. The funding was provided by the Capital Improvement Funding.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Rene Racine, Chairman
Lawrence Mulvey, Vice Chairman
Isabel Sousa, Treasurer
Andrew Gomes, Treasurer
Robert Brown Governor Appointee
Lynn Berube, Executive Director
Julie Benedetto, Administrative Assistant
Michael Cioper, Maintenance Mechanic

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

To the residents and officers of the Town of Acushnet:

The Building Department issued 482 permits and collected \$75,988.00 in fees for the annual year ending in December 2017. The estimated value of work was \$9,731,038.00.

Date	Permits	Fees Collected	Estimated Value of Work
January 2017	18	\$ 2,222.00	\$766,200.00
February	23	\$ 5,742.00	\$ 750,104.00
March	25	\$ 3,874.00	\$ 503,550.00
April	39	\$ 3,894.00	\$ 453,366.00
May	45	\$ 8,071.00	\$ 723,332.00
June	47	\$ 8,234.00	\$ 888,464.00
July	34	\$ 9,062.00	\$ 1,247,809.00
August	37	\$ 3,425.00	\$ 575,803.00
September	28	\$ 3,135.00	\$ 383,077.00
October	38	\$ 6,455.00	\$ 879,401.00
November	30	\$ 8,552.00	\$ 1,059,667.00
December	36	\$ 11,222.00	\$ 1,500,265.00
Subtotals	400	\$ 73,888.00	\$ 9,731,038.00

Certificate of Occupancy	22	Included with building permit fees	N/A
Certificate of Inspection	19	\$ 800.00	N/A
Mechanical Permits	15	\$700.00	N/A
Sheet Metal Permits	18	\$250.00	N/A
Trenching Permits	2	\$100.00	N/A
Zoning Permits	5	\$200.00	
Zoning Inquiries	1	\$50.00	N/A
Totals	482	\$ 75, 988.00	N/A

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

BUILDING PERMITS

To the residents and officers of the Town of Acushnet:

The following permits were issued for the annual year ending in December 2017.

Structures	Amount
Additions	13
Chimney	2
Commercial	5
Decks	8
Demolitions	7
Doors	21
Dwelling	16
Garage	10
Insulation	19
Miscellaneous	45
Pool	19
Renovations	23
Roof	79
Shed	3
Siding	23
Signs	6
Solar	37
Temporary Structures	6
Windows	45
Woodstoves	13
Totals	400

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 205 permits and collected \$21,435.00 in fees for the annual year ending in December 2017.

Date	Permits	Fees Collected
January 2017	12	\$1,120.00
February	15	\$1,280.00
March	10	\$1,350.00
April	10	\$ 800.00
May	18	\$1,965.00
June	15	\$1,275.00
July	20	\$1,860.00
August	17	\$1,200.00
September	21	\$1,630.00
October	20	\$1,225.00
November	24	\$4,650.00
December	23	\$3,080.00
Total	205	\$ 21,435.00

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 103 permits and collected \$7,895.00 in fees for the annual year ending in December 2017.

Date	Permits	Fees Collected
January 2017	10	\$ 920.00
February	8	\$ 624.00
March	4	\$ 216.00
April	10	\$ 712.00
May	9	\$ 592.00
June	6	\$ 424.00
July	12	\$ 919.00
August	6	\$ 432.00
September	7	\$ 757.00
October	10	\$ 589.00
November	11	\$ 924.00
December	10	\$ 786.00
Total	103	\$ 7,895.00

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 108 permits and collected \$6,770.00 in fees for the annual year ending in December 2017.

Date	Permits	Fees Collected
January 2017	14	\$ 835.00
February	5	\$ 310.00
March	6	\$ 610.00
April	12	\$ 885.00
May	9	\$ 610.00
June	5	\$ 280.00
July	6	\$ 415.00
August	8	\$ 440.00
September	12	\$ 655.00
October	10	\$ 540.00
November	10	\$ 510.00
December	11	\$ 680.00
Total	108	\$ 6,770.00

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 2017, the Zoning Board of Appeals received six applications. Of those six, four were for special permits and two of the applications were withdrawn. The Board granted four of the cases and denied zero.

Rosa Ferriera- 02/07/2017- Withdrawn

Anna Kristiansen- 02/07/2017- Special Permit- Granted

Seth Desroches- 03/07/2017- Withdrawn

Linda Norcross- 04/04/2017- Special Permit- Granted

Linda Norcross- 06/06/2017- Special Permit- Granted

David & Debra Macedo- 11/21/2017- Special Permit- Granted

Respectfully Submitted,
Amanda Baptiste
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 Tuesday night of the month at 6:00 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.

2017 Filings under MGL Chapter 131 Section 40:

- Notices of Intent – 13
- Requests for Determination of Applicability – 16
- Requests for Certificate of Compliance – 8
- Partial Request for Certificate of Compliance – 1
- Amended Order of Conditions - 1
- Site Visits – 35

What's New in 2017

In 2017, the Conservation Commission made it through the entire year with an opening for a voting member. Nevertheless we managed to handle all the filings and issues that came up in the course of the year. In March we had four people attend the annual conference of the Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissioners, where we always learn a lot and get to network with other commission members and staff. On Earth Day, April 22, we had about fifty volunteers help us with the annual neighborhood clean-up. They all helped out with picking up trash along our streets, including the

local Cub Scout and 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 are 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. In the summer we voted to change our meeting time and day to Tuesdays at 6 p.m., which seems more convenient for everyone. As the year closes we still 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, 2017, 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

Merilee Kelly, Agent
Christine Lagasse, Senior Clerk

Respectfully submitted,
Merilee Kelly, Agent
Acushnet Conservation Commission

COUNCIL ON AGING

Heather Sylvia, Interim Director
Linda Guilbeault, Chairman of the Board
Marcia Mitchell, Vice Chair
Paulette Hudson, Secretary
Pauline Teixeira, Board of Directors Member
Marie Hardy, Board of Directors Member
Maurice Samson, Board of Directors Member
Diane DeFrias, Board of Directors Member

What an exciting year we had! The Acushnet Council on Aging (COA) welcomed many new team members including full-time Custodian, Brad Schick; part time Van Driver, Marcel Beaulieu; COA Board Chair, Linda Guilbeault and Interim Director, Heather Sylvia. We would like to thank Director Paula Rossi-Clapp and Outreach Specialist LouAnn Jenkinson for their years of dedication to the department and wish them all the best as they pursue new opportunities.

The COA and Senior Community Center is a hub of activity and available Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

In 2017, 922 unduplicated seniors took part in at least one (1) program or activity not including Meals on Wheels or other transportation services. Rides were provided for an additional 45 seniors to the grocery store, for medical appointments and to/from the Center. Information about our daily services and programs can be found in our monthly newsletter, on Facebook and on the Town's website, <https://www.acushnet.ma.us/council-on-aging>.

The COA's Outreach Worker is available 18 hours per week to act as a liaison between community/social programs and services and our Acushnet residents. We are able to assist with applications for Fuel Assistance, SNAP (food stamps), Greater Boston Food Bank, Housing, MassHealth and more. Home visits are available for those unable to access the Senior Community Center.

Onsite at the Senior Community Center is a food pantry which is accessible, to any Acushnet resident that may benefit from this service. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the students and faculty at the Ford Middle School who held a food drive in November to help restock our shelves. Over 1,500 non-perishable items were collected.

The COA's longstanding programming continued with much success in 2017. Visitors to the Center stayed busy with the community lunch program, New Bedford Garden Club, Veteran's events, Mahjong, Scrabble, Hand & Foot, Pitch, BINGO, 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. and much more.

For those looking to stay physically fit we offer exercise classes Monday-Friday. No matter where you are in your exercise routine there is a class for you!

Along with new staff, we also welcomed new programs in 2017. Chair Yoga with Joey Machado is offered every Tuesday morning at 9:00 a.m. and a 50+ Job Seekers Regional Networking Group is held on the 3rd Thursday of every month from 1:00-3:30 p.m. Funded by the Massachusetts Association of Councils on Aging this free group supports individuals over the age of 50 who need help with resumes, networking, interviewing skills and more.

In closing, we would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who took the time in 2017 to join us for a program, contributed their talent, stopped by just to say hello or lent their support in some other way.

Respectfully Submitted,
Heather Sylvia, Interim Director

CULTURAL COUNCIL

The Cultural Council was able to grant 58% of the applications received with the funds from the Massachusetts Cultural Council and the Town of Acushnet. The Council received 22 applications and approved 16 out of the 22.

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

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 projects completed.

- Maintained detention ponds
- Quaker Lane Culvert
- Cushing Lane Culvert
- Built School Parking Lot with Drainage
- Built new docks, sidewalks, and guardrails on Lake Street. Creating a safer environment for the residents to enjoy fishing. Cleaned up parking area, creating a picnic area
- Veterans Memorial
- Sweeping and brushing cutting
- Maintained DPW equipment
- Asphalt patch roads where needed and repair berms throughout town
- Repaired collapsed catch basins and manholes throughout town
- Regrade and compacted dirt roadways
- Clean catch basins
- Snow plowing, sanding and salting

The Water/Sewer Division continues to replace 300 old meters and maintains the radio reading system.

The following is a list of projects completed:

- Installation of new sewer main, which consisted of 870 feet of 8 inch SDR35 PVC pipe, 4 manholes. Adding 15 new services.
- Curb box repairs
- Painting Hydrants
- Water Testing
- Cleaning out wet wells
- Vacuuming gate boxes
- Exercising valves
- Flushing Hydrants
- Maintained 3 pump stations and generators

We had 3 main water breaks, 11 service leaks and 1 gate box replacement.

Dan Menard-DPW Director
Christine York-DPW Clerk
Kathy Silva- Utility Billing Accountant

Highway Department

Paul Fortin
Thomas Menard
Peter Westgate

Water/Sewer Division

John Westgate

Matthew Tripp

Cam Barlow

Eric Abreu

Acushnet Recycling Center

Peter Fortin

MEMBERS OF THE ACUSHNET FIRE AND EMS DEPARTMENT

EMS Division

Chief of Department

Kevin A. Gallagher, EMT-Paramedic, I/C

EMT Paramedics (Fulltime)

Michael Mentzer

Brian Donohoe

Jessica Vinjerud

EMT Paramedics (Part-Time)

Christopher Brassells

Rachel Lincoln

Darius Argentinis

Brad Allen

Derek Demelo

Wendy Ashworth

Laurie Gonsalves

Paul Correia

Justin Medeiros

EMT Basics (Part-Time)

Michael Coffey

Gerard Bergeron

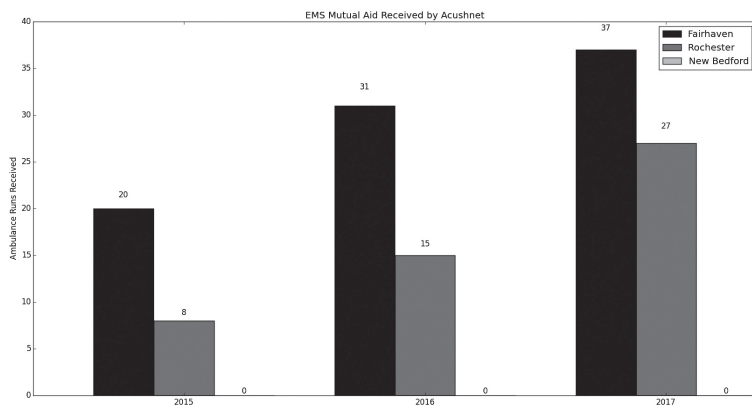
Kaylee Desroches

Matthew Morrisseau

Courtney Rittenhouse

I/C: Massachusetts certified Instructor / Coordinator

BOLD NAMES = CALL FIREFIGHTER & EMT



MEMBERS OF THE ACUSHNET FIRE AND EMS DEPARTMENT

Fire / Rescue Division

Chief of Department Kevin A. Gallagher, CFO, FOIII, **

Career Firefighters Eric Arruda, EMT-Paramedic, Thomas Farland, EMT-Paramedic
& Paul Frysinger, EMT-Paramedic

Call Captains David Makuch, Gerard Bergeron & George Pimental

Call Lieutenants Paul Martins, FFI/II, FOI & Brian Monte, FFI/II

Call Firefighters

Mark Pinhancos, FFI/II

Kathryn Johnson, FFI/II, EMT-Basic

Michael Leger, FFI/II, EMT-Basic

Michael Mentzer, EMT-Paramedic

Adam Hebert, FFI/II, EMT-Basic

Matthew Morrisseau, FFI/II, EMT Basic

Nicholas Charpentier, FFI/II

Jessica Vinjerud, FFI/II, EMT Paramedic

NathanDandurand, FFI/II

Peter Rawcliff

Jeff Krupa, EMT Basic

Josue Henriquez, Recruit

Nathan Pringle, Recruit

Wendy Ashworth, Recruit

Scott Salter, FFI/II, EMT-Basic

Andrew Corrigan, FFI/II

Brian Donohoe, FFI/II, EMT Paramedic

Zachery Stupalski, FFI/II

Aaron Carvalho, FFI/II

Ryan Leemer, FFI/II

Matthew Tripp

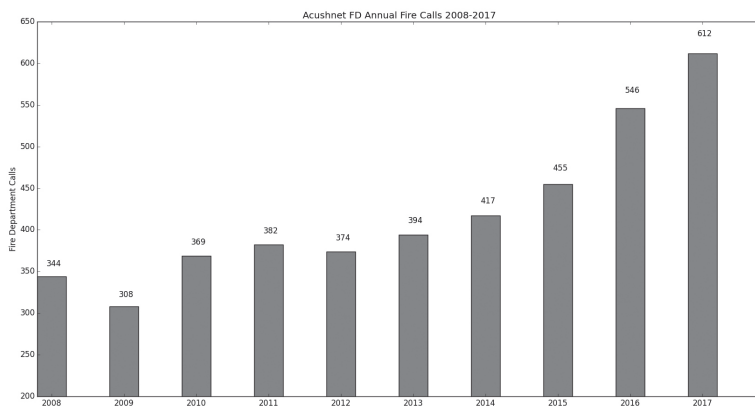
Greg Caswell

Nathan Reed

Jeffrey Krupa

Dispatcher Diane Barlow

Key:	FFI	Massachusetts Certified Firefighter Level One
	FFI/II	Massachusetts Certified Firefighter Level One & Two
	FI1	Massachusetts Certified Fire Instructor Level One
	FOIII	Massachusetts Certified Fire Officer Level Three
	CPRI	Certified CPR Instructor
	**	Massachusetts Fire Service Commission Accredited Fire Chief
CFO		Chief Fire Officer designation by The Commission on Professional Credentialing



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 2017, 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 approximately 832 hours of volunteer community service to the town of Acushnet and the AEMA. At the FEMA dollar rate of volunteer service of \$29.88 dollars per hour (as noted on <https://independentsector.org/resource/the-value-of-volunteer-time/>), this would equate to \$24,860.16 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) as the 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 completed its remaining upgrades to its infrastructure through grants, support from town management, private partners and AEMA volunteers. During 2017, the remainder of the EOC renovation including the building lighting and the room that houses the servers and computer equipment was completed. The completely renovated EOC provides 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 emergency management agency, other local departments in the town of Acushnet and our other emergency preparedness partners including other town emergency management agencies and non-governmental organizations. As an example of the EOC's non-emergency use, on Saturday 4/1/17, AEMA held a Pot Luck Dinner Meeting to discuss goals and volunteer recruitment for the agency going forward.

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 by Acushnet EMA members and via the weather station on site at the agency throughout 2017 during severe weather with

particularly notable events such as the February 9th 2017 blizzard, Tropical Storm Jose, and the October 29th-30th 2017 major coastal storm.

Through Emergency Management Performance Grants (EMPG), Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and Citizen Corps grants written by AEMA volunteer Assistant Director Ed Caron, the town has succeeded in securing over 28,000 dollars in funding since 2009 and the AEMA secured approximately 3400 dollars in additional grant funding in 2017. This grant funding was utilized in 2017 to purchase a cargo trailer for shelter supplies 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. In addition, a Ford Explorer vehicle previously used by the town's Board of Selectmen was handed down to AEMA by the selectmen for the agency's use. The vehicle, now called ISU-3 (Incident Support Unit #3), will be used to support town events, storms and other situations where AEMA is activated for support going forward.

The town based activities for the past year included 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 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. On Thursday September 14th, 2017, the AEMA received a thank you letter from the Acushnet Board of Selectmen for the agency's support in coordinating the level of safety during the annual car cruise and the Apple Peach Parade and were proud of the agency's work during these two events and throughout the year. This was very gratifying for our entire agency's staff and members who give solely on the self-satisfaction of making a difference in their community.

The Acushnet EMA management staff also informed its members and where appropriate, town residents, of numerous other training classes for shelters, CERT and other classes that were held across the South Coastal Massachusetts area. AEMA working with MEMA co-sponsored an Emergency Preparedness Workshop instructed by Doug Forbes of MEMA Region 2 on Thursday July 6th at the Acushnet Council on Aging to educate the community on this important topic. 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, 2017.

On behalf of the men and women of the Acushnet Police Department I am pleased to report that we have closed the construction contract with Nauset Construction. I would like to take this opportunity again to thank the Acushnet voters who made this project possible. I would like to thank the hard work of the Board of Selectmen, Finance Committee, Police Staff, Volunteers and the Police Station Building Committee. We still continue to work on this project utilizing grants and other funding opportunities as they become available.

The School Resource Officer is Officer Derek Cathcart. SRO Cathcart's 2017 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, programs after school, PBIS committee, school improvement counsel, Internet safety programs.

The Firearms and Sex Offender Registry Detective's 2017 activities report include are not limited to the following investigations. Detective Jeremy Fontes has been assigned as the Firearms Detective and he is responsible to maintain and conduct investigations for the Sexual Offender Registry. The Department has issued over 250 firearms licenses. Detective Fontes instituted new, streamlined protocols regulating the intake of firearms license applications. He is also now utilizing the department's LiveScan electronic fingerprinting system for both new applicants and renewals. The turnaround time from the submission of an application to a firearms license being issued in hand has been greatly reduced by Detective Fontes' initiative. Having designated "firearms hours" has also freed up Detective Fontes to complete other tasks.

Sergeant Christopher Richmond has been assigned to the Detective Sergeant position in 2017. As part of the reorganization we have joined several new regional police groups. We are still active with the Southcoast Anticrime Team (SCAT), we have become involved with the Southeastern Massachusetts Law Enforcement Council (SEMLEC) Detective Unit and regularly attend the New Bedford Gang Intelligence briefings. We have also worked with the Drug Enforcement Agency's (DEA) High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Task Force and the United States Postal Service (USPS) Office of Inspector General. We have also partnered with the Bureaus of Criminal Investigation (BCI) with both the Bristol and Plymouth County Sheriffs' Offices. We have utilized the highly technical skills of BCI personnel from both agencies to process crime scenes and collect evidence to assist in our investigations.

The Detective Unit has also established accounts giving us access to the databases of the SEMLEC Detectives, the New England State Police Information Network (NESPIN), the Department of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms (ATF) eTrace program, CopLink, and the Plymouth County Sheriff's Office pawn transactions.

All of the above has enhanced our investigative ability and allowed the department to

solve a number of cases including four unrelated burglaries that resulted in the recovery of the victim's stolen property and criminal charges being brought against the offenders. Since July 2017, the Detective Division has investigated 7 unattended/sudden deaths and conducted investigations of 7 sex related crimes.

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 complaint	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. Coppa

John A. Bolarinho

Keith A. Ashley

FULL TIME OFFICERS

James D. Costa

Derek W. Cathcart

Michael A. Matton

Kevin K. Walsh

Jeremy T. Fontes

Danny B. DeAmaral

Gary L. Rousseau

Gene W. Robinson

Ryan M. Lavoie

Ryan D. Hemphill

Kraig A. Pimental

Andrew G. Cordeiro

Jason T. White

PART TIME OFFICERS

Michael J. Nunes

Adam J. Hebert

DISPATCHERS

Suzanne M. Nocon

Alan D. Bowen

Laurent R. St. Jean

Sincerely,



Michael G. Alves
Chief of Police

Town Clerk Report 2017

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 elections and town meetings calendar was relatively quiet in 2017. The following are the elections and town meetings prepared and executed by the Town Clerk's Office in the calendar year:

2017 Elections & Town Meetings

Annual Town Election	April 4 th
Annual Town Meeting	May 23 rd

*All 2017 results of elections and town meeting minutes can be found elsewhere in this Town Report.

2017 in Review:

- ❖ Effective in January and with the passage of the updated Public Records Law, the Town Clerk was tasked with the new role of Chief Records Access Officer for the town. This new role acts as the gatekeeper of all public records requests and ensures the town is in compliance with all requests.
- ❖ June 2017 marked the ninth year of extended Tuesday evening hours, until 8:00 p.m., for the Town Clerk's Office. This continues to be beneficial for residents and nonresidents applying for marriage licenses, dog licenses, voting registrations and all other Town Clerk related business.
- ❖ Effective July 1st, and with support of the Annual Town Meeting Voters, the Town Clerk's office budget was approved to support an elected full-time Town Clerk position and two part-time Senior Clerk positions. No existing union employees were impacted by this change as the full-time senior clerk position was vacated in the previous year.
- ❖ Although, 2017 was a quieter year in relation to the previous busy election years, the time was utilized to focus on vital records. Birth records from 2009 through 2014 and death records from 2003 through 2016 were organized, bound and archived for historical preservation.

- ❖ In December, the annual summary and education requirements of the 2010 Open Meeting Law were distributed to all employees, department heads, appointed and elected officials.
- ❖ In July, the Town Clerk's Office welcomed back Rachel Charbonneau as the permanent part-time Senior Clerk, after a year in the Selectmen's Office.
- ❖ Beginning in January, the 2017 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 2017 Annual List of Residents.
- ❖ In February, 910 unlicensed dog owners were mailed reminders of the March 31st licensing deadline and the March 12th Rabies Clinic.
- ❖ March 12th, 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's license results were as follows:

License Type	Dog Licenses Issued
Spayed/Neutered	84
Unaltered	38
1-4 Dog Kennel	5
5-15 Dog Kennel	1

Dog Licenses Recap

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

Dog Licenses Issued	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
Individual	1807	1789	1797	1747	1722
K (3-4 Dog Kennel)	77	85	86	96	94
KK (5-15 Dog Kennel)	9	10	15	19	15
KKK (15+ Dog Kennel)	4	4	3	2	2

Financial Update:

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

General Ledger Accounts	FY2017 Revenue	FY2016 Revenue	FY2015 Revenue	FY2014 Revenue	FY2013 Revenue
Dog Licenses	\$18,335	\$19,590	\$20,096	\$19,345	\$20,498
Business Certificates	\$2,230	\$1,265	\$1,985	\$2,380	\$2,240
Town Clerk Fees*	\$8,060	\$8,640	\$7,936	\$6,507	\$6,993
Town Clerk Late Fees	\$3,545	\$2,930	\$2,210	\$2,900	\$4,146
Dog Fines	\$2,785	\$5,005	\$5,055	\$5,415	\$7,285
TOTAL REVENUE	\$34,955	\$37,430	\$37,282	\$36,547	\$41, 162

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

In Conclusion:

I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to my staff, namely, my part-time Senior Clerks, Rachel Charbonneau and Nancy Clerc and my Assistant Registrar of Voters, Irene Decotis. The success of the Clerk's Office in 2017 was a result of their hard work and dedication.

I would also like to extend my appreciation to the election and town meeting employees, the Department of Public Works, Council on Aging, Acushnet Library, Acushnet Grange, Rebekah Tomlinson and all others that have supported the Town Clerk's Office throughout the year and helping us to better serve our residents.

I look forward to an equally positive and productive year in 2018.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela A. Labonte
Town Clerk

Town of Acushnet
FY18 Revenue Budget Estimate
Includes Other Sources of Funds

Revenue Sources	FY17 Recap	FY18
General Fund Operations Revenue		
Fiscal Year Levy Limit	\$15,350,126	\$15,936,384
Fiscal Year 2.5% Adjustment	383,753	398,410
Fiscal Year New Growth	202,505	125,000
Legal Levy Limit	15,936,384	16,459,794
Add: Debt Exclusion	477,778	461,048
Less: Unused Levy Capacity	(4,405)	
Actual Levy	16,409,757	16,920,842
Less: FY Overlay (allowance for Abatements/ Exemptions)	(415,149)	(250,000)
Less: Tax Title Certification	(12,000)	
Less: Other Deficits	(1,792)	
Less: Solar Farm Revenue to Capital Expense Fund	(31,178)	(29,000)
Total Estimated Operational Tax Levy	\$15,949,638	\$16,641,842
Fiscal Year Cherry Sheet State Receipts:		
Chapter 70	6,250,222	6,274,422
Charter Tuition Reimbursement		9,795
Unrestricted General Government Aid	1,457,837	1,514,693
Veterans' Benefits	176,296	155,334
Exemptions (Vets, Blind & Surviving Spouse)	55,416	56,309
State Owned Land	31	31
Plus: Public Libraries	13,848	14,702
Subtotal Estimated State Revenue	7,953,650	8,025,286
Less: FY Offsets - Public Libraries	(13,848)	(14,702)
Less: Assessments	(288,587)	(337,907)
	(302,435)	(352,609)
Total Estimated State Aid	\$7,651,215	\$7,672,677

Other Revenues:

Motor Vehicle	800,000	975,000
Penalties & Interest on Taxes	99,000	100,000
Charges for Services - Water	1,442,517	1,497,932
Charges for Services - Solid Waste Fees	2,042	2,000
Fees	32,351	32,500
Departmental Revenue - Libraries	405	-
Other Departmental Revenue	25,865	70,000
Licenses & Permits	179,845	160,000
Fines & Forfeits	12,871	10,000
Investment Income	13,033	13,500
Medicaid Reimbursement	40,000	75,000
Total Other Revenues	\$2,647,929	\$ 2,935,932
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Total Available for Appropriation	\$26,248,782	\$27,250,451
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EMS Receipts Reserved Fund	300,000	310,400
Overlay	13,701	
Free Cash	1,141,817	\$663,863
Total Estimated Other Sources of Operational Funds	\$1,455,518	\$974,263
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Total Estimated General Fund Operational Revenue	\$27,704,300	\$28,224,714

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

Appropriation: An authorization to make expenditures and to incur obligations for specific purposes. An appropriation is granted by Town Meeting and is usually limited in time and amount as to when it may be expended. Any part of the general appropriation not spent or encumbered by June 30 automatically reverts to surplus, which may become Free Cash. A specific appropriation is carried forward from year to year until spent for the designated purpose or transferred by Town Meeting vote to another account.

Assessed Valuation: A valuation set upon real or personal property by the Board of Assessors as a basis for levying taxes.

Budget: A plan of financial operation consisting of an estimate of proposed expenditures for a given period and the means of financing them. The budget is voted in the spring at Town Meeting for the fiscal year that begins the following July 1st.

Capital Budget: A plan of proposed capital outlays and the means of financing them for the current year.

Cherry Sheet: An annual statement received from the Massachusetts Department of Revenue detailing estimated payments to the town for the next fiscal year and the estimated state and county government charges payable by the town. The Assessors in setting the tax rate use these amounts. The actual receipts and charges may vary from the estimates.

Community Preservation Act (CPA): The Town adopted the Community Preservation Act (CPA) in 2004. This Act allows the town to collect up to a 3% surcharge (Acushnet has voted only 1.5%) on property tax bills (the funds can be matched up to 100% by the state when funds are available), which creates the Community Preservation Fund, to use for Community Preservation purposes. Each year, the town must appropriate, or reserve (but not necessarily spend), 10% of the funds for each of the three Community Preservation purposes: Open Space, Historic Resources, and Community Housing. The remaining 70% of the funds can be appropriated or reserved used for any of the three purposes and for Recreation and for administration.

Debt Service: Payment of interest and repayment of principal to holders of the Town's debt instruments.

Fiscal Year: A 12-month period, commencing July 1 and ending June 30, to which the annual budget applies. Fiscal years are often denoted FYXX with the last two numbers representing the calendar year in which it ends, for example, FY17 is the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017.

Free Cash: Free cash is the portion of unreserved fund balance available for appropriation. It is not cash but rather is approximately the total of cash and receivables less current liabilities and earmarked reserves also reduced by reserves for uncollected taxes. This is also referred to as "available cash". The amount is certified annually by the Massachusetts Department of Revenue.

General Fund: The major town-owned fund which is created with town receipts and which is charged with expenditures payable from revenues.

Grant: A contribution of assets by one governmental unit or other organization to another. Typically, these contributions are made to local governments from the state and federal governments. Grants are usually made for specific purposes.

Line-Item Budget: A format of budgeting that organizes costs by type of expenditure such as expenses, equipment, and salaries.

Overlay: The amount set aside to allow for uncollected property taxes. An amount for the overlay is added to the appropriations and other charges. Overlay Surplus – see below.

Overlay Surplus: The unused amount of the overlay for prior years, which may be transferred, by a vote of the Town, to the reserve account or used for extraordinary items.

Property Tax Levy: The amount produced by multiplying the assessed valuation of property by the tax rate. The tax rate is expressed “per thousand dollars” of assessed valuation.

Reserve Fund: Money set aside by Town Meeting to be allocated by the Finance Committee for extraordinary or unforeseen expenditures.

Stabilization Fund: A special reserve funded by Town Meeting for future expenditures.

Tax Classification Tax Allocation: Before setting the tax rate each year, a classification hearing is held by the selectmen to determine the shares of the tax levy to be paid by each class of property in the community, and whether to allow an open space discount, residential exemption, or small commercial exemption. The Assessors provide information about the impact of these options at the hearing. The decisions of the Selectmen are reported to the Bureau of Accounts and are referred to as the “Classification Tax Allocation.”

Terms associated with Proposition 2½:

Debt or Capital Exclusion: The Town can assess taxes in excess of the levy limit by voting a debt exclusion or capital outlay exclusion. This amount does not become a permanent part of the levy limit base but does allow the Town to assess taxes for a specific period in excess of the limit for payment of debt service costs or payment of capital expenditures.

Excess Levy Capacity: The difference between the Town’s tax levy limit and its actual tax levy for the current year. It is the additional tax levy that could be raised without asking for an override.

New Growth: The amount of property tax revenue that the Town can add to its allowable tax levy as a result of new construction, alterations, subdivisions or change of use which increases the value of a parcel of land by more than certain amounts.

Override: An amount, voted by the Town, which is permanently added to the levy limit. A majority vote of the Selectmen allows an override question to be put on the ballot. Override questions must be presented in dollar terms and must specify the purpose of the override. Overrides require a majority vote of approval by the Town.

Tax Levy Limit: The maximum amount of the tax levy for a period under the restrictions of Proposition 2½. It is calculated as the prior year limit plus new growth plus 2.5% of the prior year levy limit.

TOWN OF ACUSHNET
MINUTES FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
Monday, June 5, 2017

At Seven o'clock in the Evening
at the Albert F. Ford Middle School, 708 Middle Road

WEATHER: Cool & Clear

LOCATION: Ford Middle School

WARRANT & NEWSPAPER NOTICES: Approved by Nicholas Gomes, Moderator

TIME MEETING OPENED: 7:05 P.M.

ATTENDANCE: 126

TIME MEETING ADJOURNED: 9:21 P.M.

ARTICLE 1: To see if the Town will accept the reports of its Officers, Boards, Departments, Committees, and Commissions, as printed in the 2016 Annual Report, or act on anything relative thereto.

Requested by the Board of Selectmen

This article authorizes Town Meeting to accept the Town Report and act on the recommendations of the Town Officers.

MOTION: I move that the Town hear and act upon the reports of the Officers, Boards, Departments, Committees, and Commissions as printed in the 2016 Annual Report.

MOTION BY: Kevin Gaspar, Sr., Board of Selectmen Chair

DISCUSSION: No discussion ensued.

VOTE REQUIRED: Majority

PASS/FAIL: Motion passes unanimously.

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote to accept and expend any sum or sums of money that may be available from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (Massachusetts Department of Transportation) for Chapter 90 type construction, improvements, and/or reconstruction of public ways and associated equipment; and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into contracts relative thereto, and to appropriate said sum or sums in anticipation of reimbursement from the Commonwealth; or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Board of Selectmen

This article permits the Town to accept and spend money appropriated to the Town by the Commonwealth for road repairs and related expenses.

The Finance Committee recommends this Article unanimously.

MOTION: I move that the Town vote to accept and expend any sum or sums of money that may be available from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for Chapter 90 type construction improvements or reconstruction of public ways and associated equipment, further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into contracts relative thereto and to appropriate said sum or sums in anticipation of reimbursement from the Commonwealth.

MOTION BY: Michael Cioper, Board of Selectmen

DISCUSSION: No discussion ensued.

VOTE REQUIRED: Majority

PASS/FAIL: The article passes unanimously.

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for state or federal grants, and to expend any monies received, as outlined in the appropriate grant application; or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Board of Selectmen

The Town Meeting must annually authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for, accept and use any funds that may be available to the Town under state or federal grants.

The Finance Committee recommends this Article unanimously.

MOTION: I move that the Town Authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for state or federal grants and to expend any monies received as set forth in the appropriate grant applications.

MOTION BY: Roger A. Cabral, Board of Selectmen

DISCUSSION: No discussion on the article ensued.

VOTE REQUIRED: Majority

PASS/FAIL: The motion passes unanimously.

NOTE: Resident, Paul Pelletier questions the manner the articles are being presented and stated those in opposition did not have an opportunity to vote, as the moderator only asked for a vote in favor of the article and then declared the article passed.

The Moderator acknowledged the deficiency and states he will seek opposition and requested to move on to the next article.

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds a certain sum of money to be added to line item 0104423-529000, Snow Removal/Ice

Control, or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Board of Selectmen

The Finance Committee recommends this Article unanimously in the amount of \$175,000.

This article appears every year and is a vehicle to transfer money into the snow removal line of the budget in the event that it was in deficit due to the severity of the winter.

MOTION: I move that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$175,000 to the FY2017 Snow and Ice Budget to cover a deficit created by winter snow removal.

MOTION BY: Kevin Gaspar, Sr., Board of Selectmen (Chair)

DISCUSSION: Resident Amy Angers of Hill Street questions when it snowed enough in the last year that was in the amount of \$175,000. She lives on a small private road and she paid to have it shoveled.

Town Administrator Brian Noble states the line item was never, previously, budgeted for properly and references the 2018 Budget Snow Removal line item is significantly increased.

VOTE REQUIRED: Majority

PASS/FAIL: Seeing no one opposed, the article is declared passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote, under the provisions of the General Laws of Massachusetts, Chapter 41, §108, or any amendments thereto, to fix the salaries of all elected officials for Fiscal Year 2018, and raise and appropriate any sum or sums therefor, and further raise and appropriate any sum or sums of money for the maintenance of the several departments of the Town, and for other necessary charges, in accordance with the amount recommended by the Finance Committee as shown in the final column of the Warrant; or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Board of
Selectmen

This Article advances the Operating Budget for the Town for the Fiscal Year that begins on July 1st. The Finance Committee has balanced the available revenue with the department requests and is advancing this budget for the approval of Town Meeting.

The Finance Committee recommends unanimously in favor of this Article.

MOTION: I move that the Town fix the salaries of all elected officials for Fiscal Year 2018 and appropriate funds for the payment of said salaries and compensation, payment of debt and interest, a reserve fund, and for charges, expenses and outlays of the several town departments for the ensuing twelve (12) month period through June 30, 2018; all as set forth in the budget presentation by the Finance Committee, and, as funding therefor, to appropriate from Taxation the sum of \$16,641,842; transfer the sum of \$7,672,677 from Projected State Aid Receipts; the sum of \$2,935,932 from Estimated Local Receipts; and to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$663,863; and further to transfer from EMS Reserved Receipts account the sum of \$310,400. All to fund the budget as recommended by the Finance Committee as shown in the final column of Article 5 in the Warrant for the June 5, 2017 Annual Town Meeting.

MOTION BY: Robert St. Jean, Finance Committee (Chair)

DISCUSSION: General Government’s budget is held by Selectman Cabral.

Resident Paul Pelletier of Nestle’s Lane, questions the current balance of the Reserve Fund.

Town Accountant Julie Hebert responds stating there is approximately \$60,000.

Resident Amy Angers of Hill St., states every year the school gives back about \$30,000. for bus monitors and was told money is turned back to the town and the figure disclosed by Ms. Hebert is inaccurate.

Selectman Kevin Gaspar, Sr. states the Reserve Fund is for unforeseen and emergency purposes and has nothing to do with the School Departments budget. He further explains when the School Department does not expend funds they go into the General Fund not to the Reserve Fund.

Ms. Angers questions the last fiscal year General Fund remaining funds.

Town Administrator Brian Noble states approximately \$60,000 is still remaining and clarifies the difference between the Free Cash and the Reserve Fund.

Once all questions are satisfied, Moderator Gomes continues with General Government. Town Clerk’s budget is held by Selectman Roger Cabral.

VOTE REQUIRED: Majority

PASS/FAIL: Motion, with exception of General Government, passes unanimously.

PASS/FAIL: Motion of General Government excluding the Town Clerk's budget passes unanimously, with no one in opposition.

DISCUSSION: Selectman Cabral states he's not looking to change any dollar figures. He feels it's important to communicate a change in our government; he struggles with the timing of the Town Clerk's position being changed from part-time to full-time and doesn't necessarily object. He further states, we are taking the part-time Town Clerk's position with a salary of \$36,000 and making it a full-time position with a salary of \$69,000. He further states he struggles with the timing, with this change being made two months after the election. If the plan had been to make the position a full-time clerk at \$69,000, he wonders how many people would have come forward and expressed being a full-time clerk in the Town of Acushnet.

He further states if we have a \$70,000 elected position in town, it should not be an elected position, it should be an appointed position. If we were going to make this change, we should have anticipated this change prior to this last election and communicated better and maybe it would have been a more competitive election. He didn't propose any change.

Selectman Cioper states what Selectman Cabral said is correct, however, what Mr. Cabral didn't mention is that we are taking a full-time (office) clerk and bringing it to a part-time (office) clerk. That brings in a certified Town Clerk for the full 35 hours, just like we have a certified Town Administrator, Town Accountant, etc. We are cutting the (office) clerk position down to a 20 hour position and making the Town Clerk full time, at a difference of approximately \$4,800 in the budget.

Town Clerk Pamela Labonte states the difficulty in managing the liabilities in the office, with a Town Clerk working less than the office staff. This was discussed at many meetings, most recently the previous week's Town Meeting Forum. This was a great opportunity with the loss of the full-timer to make the position part-time and increase the Town Clerk to full-time, with a difference of approximately \$4,900 in the budget.

Resident Norval Stanley of Main St. spoke fairly. Selectman Cabral clarifies his position and states his comments were not intended to attack or criticize anyone and was about the changes in the position from part-time to full time, the change in compensation and the timing.

Resident Andrew Gomes on Main St. questions the difference between part-time hours and full-time hours.

Ms. Labonte clarifies an elected position does not require a specific number of hours, however, in order to receive health benefits a minimum of 20 hours is required.

Constance Preston questions if the position can be changed from elected to an appointed position.

Moderator Gomes states the question is not within the scope of the article. Seeing no further discussion, the article is moved to a vote. The original motion was made and seconded and then line item 1161, Town Clerk's Budget, by itself, as written in the budget was voted.

PASS/FAIL: The motion passes with opposition of five individuals.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the consent of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017, in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws (MGL), Chapter 44, §4, and to issue a note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with MGL, Chapter 44, §17, or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Board of
Selectmen

This is a routine Article at Town Meeting, and it allows the Treasurer to borrow money during the normal course of business to cover temporary cash flow deficiencies from time to time.

The Finance Committee recommends unanimously in favor of this Article.

MOTION: I move the Article as written in the Warrant.

MOTION BY: Michael Cioper, Board of Selectmen

DISCUSSION: No discussion ensued.

VOTE REQUIRED: Majority

PASS/FAIL: Seeing no opposition, the motion passes unanimously.

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum or sums of money to operate the Golf Club Enterprise Fund as shown below:

Reserve Fund	\$ 30,000
Salaries	510,322
Operation & Maintenance	387,484
Capital Outlay	89,121
Debt Service	347,725
TOTAL	\$ 1,364,652

and that this sum be raised as follows:

Golf Center Revenue	\$ 1,334,652
Golf Retained Earnings	30,000
TOTAL:	\$ 1,364,652

or take any other action relative thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Board of
Selectmen

This Article authorizes the “Enterprise Fund” for the operation of the Golf Club. It permits the use of dedicated funds collected for the services provided to be spent within the fiscal year for the expenses of operating the Golf Club.

The Finance Committee recommends unanimously in favor of this Article.

MOTION: I move that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,364,652 to operate the Golf Club Enterprise authorized under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, §53F½, as set forth in Article 6, of the June 5, 2017 Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

MOTION BY: Roger A. Cabral, Board of Selectmen

DISCUSSION: Resident Paul Pelletier questions the definition of “Golf Retained Earnings.”

Selectman Kevin Gaspar explains the Enterprise Surplus fund requires approval of a special town meeting, if an emergency occurred mid-season. The Golf Retained Earnings allows the town to expend money in the event of an emergency, without a special town meeting and can only be used with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, first and then the Finance Committee for a second.

VOTE REQUIRED: Majority

PASS/FAIL: The motion passes with three in opposition.

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum or sums of money to operate the Sewer Enterprise Fund as shown below:

Reserve Fund	\$ 50,000
Salaries	69,085
Operations & Maintenance	425,523
Capital Outlay	3,000
Debt Service	-0-
TOTAL	\$ 547,608

and that this sum be raised as follows:

Sewer Revenues	\$ 497,608
Sewer Retained Earnings	50,000
Tax Levy	-0-
TOTAL:	\$ 547,608

or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Board of
Selectmen

This Article authorizes the “Enterprise Fund” for the operation of the Sewer Department. It permits the use of dedicated funds collected for the services provided to be spent within the fiscal year for the expenses of operating the Sewer Department.

The Finance Committee recommends unanimously in favor of this Article.

MOTION: I move that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$547,608 to operate the Sewer Enterprise authorized under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, §53F½, as set forth in Article 6 of the June 5, 2017 Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

MOTION BY: Kevin Gaspar, Sr., Board of Selectmen Chair

DISCUSSION: No discussion ensued.

VOTE REQUIRED: Majority

PASS/FAIL: Seeing no opposition, the motion passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow, file for grant(s) and/or match funds provided in grants, or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money to purchase an Advanced Life Support (ALS) ambulance for the

Acushnet EMS Department, or take any other action relative thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Board of
Selectmen

This Article seeks the permission of Town Meeting to purchase a new ambulance for the EMS. The ambulance would replace one of the ambulances currently in service. Payments of principal and interest would be paid from the Ambulance Receipts Reserve Account.

The Finance Committee recommends unanimously in favor of this Article in the amount of \$285,000 and recommends borrowing or bonding to purchase the ambulance.

MOTION: I move that the Town authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen to borrow pursuant to the provisions of GL c 44 §§ 7 or 8 or any other enabling authority, the sum of \$285,000 to provide for the purchase of, and/or to provide matching funds for grants available for the purpose of acquiring a new ALS ambulance and any and all necessary appurtenances.

MOTION BY: Kevin Gallagher, Fire Chief/EMS Director

DISCUSSION: Chief Gallagher explains the replacement of Rescue I, the most heavily used ambulance and the purpose of the article to replace Rescue II, which is 16 years old and several concerns raised by the state during the last inspection, some of which were structural. He stated the intent to rotate Rescue I and II on a six month basis to extend their life over the next ten to fifteen years.

Chairman Gaspar clarifies the way the article is written, it says “to borrow”; the intent of the Board of Selectmen and the Chief is to use the EMS Reserve Receipt Account to pay for the ambulance so it is not raised by taxation and will be paid for by funds raised by the EMS department on ambulance runs with no intentions of borrowing or bonding.

VOTE REQUIRED: 2/3rds Majority

PASS/FAIL: The motion passes with no opposition.

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will transfer from the EMS Receipts Reserve Account or other available funds a certain sum of money to purchase turnout and firefighting gear for recent academy graduates, or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Fire Chief
and
The Board of Selectmen

\$17,520 for turnout gear and other equipment for newly employed firefighters.

The Finance Committee recommends unanimously in favor of this Article.

MOTION: I move that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$17,520 from the EMS Receipts Reserve Account for the purpose of purchasing firefighter turnout gear.

MOTION BY: Kevin Gallagher, Fire Chief/EMS Director

DISCUSSION: Chief Gallagher thanks Selectman Gaspar, for informing town meeting of the previous vote. This vote will be expending funds from the Ambulance Receipt account and not from taxation.

VOTE REQUIRED: Majority

PASS/FAIL: Seeing no opposition, the motion passes unanimously.

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money for improving the technology infrastructure of town government, to include equipment, software, and/or labor to design and/ or install such technology in Town offices and buildings, as follows:

Description	Department Request	Finance Committee Recommends
Servers and Software	\$35,450	\$35,450
Wiring (Cat 6) for Town Hall Ethernet Drops	\$16,000	\$16,000
Telephone System (VoIP)	\$23,310	\$23,310
Backup Appliance	\$7,820	\$7,820
Upgrade to Fiber between Town Hall & Parting Ways	\$3,420	\$3,420
POE Switches	\$4,000	\$4,000
Labor	\$10,000	\$10,000
Total	\$100,000	\$100,000

or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Board of
Selectmen

The Town offices need to bring the technology up to current standards, to improve speed and productivity and to improve cybersecurity. This Article will go a long way to solve our current problems.

The Finance Committee recommends unanimously in favor of this Article in the amounts presented.

MOTION: I move that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$100,000 to fund the improvement of the town government’s technology infrastructure including without limitation equipment, software, and labor to design and install this technology together with all incidental and necessary costs in the Town offices and buildings.

MOTION BY: Michael Cioper, Board of Selectmen

DISCUSSION: No discussion ensued.

VOTE REQUIRED: Majority

PASS/FAIL: Seeing no opposition, the motion passes unanimously.

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money for the following project studies for the Department of Public Works:

Project	Department Requested Amount	Finance Committee Recommended Amount	Source of Funds
Infiltration & Inflow (“I/I”) Analysis and Control Plan	\$15,000	\$15,000	Sewer Enterprise
Phase II Sewer System Infiltration & Inflow (“I/I”) Evaluation and Investigation	\$55,000	\$55,000	Sewer Enterprise
Water System Master Plan for Water Main Rehabilitation	\$27,000	\$27,000	Water Surplus Revenue

Requested by the Board of Selectmen

Infiltration & Inflow (I/I) Analysis and Control Plan – This project is in required compliance with Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection’s (MassDEP) new regulation which requires the Town to develop and implement an ongoing plan to control I/I to the sewer system as part of their municipal operation and maintenance procedures. The plan would be developed in conjunction with the Town and would include an ongoing program to identify and eliminate sources of I/I. The previous I/I investigation program that was completed in 2016 would be included in the program, as well as the Town’s plan for future I/I investigation, rehabilitation, and program funding. MassDEP requires the I/I Analysis and Control Plan to be completed by December 2017.

Phase II Sewer System I/I Evaluation and Investigation - To date, approximately 25% of the sewer collection system pipe and 15% of the manholes have been inspected in the 2016 study. Phase II of the I/I evaluation would be to inspect additional segments of pipes and

manholes. It would also continue the Town’s ongoing I/I program in compliance with MassDEP’s new O&M regulations noted above.

Water System Master Plan for Water Main Rehabilitation - This project would include updating the Town’s existing distribution system model and developing a capital improvement plan for water main replacement.

The Finance Committee unanimously recommends in favor of this Article in the amount of \$97,000 and recommends the funding sources as presented.

MOTION: I move that the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$70,000 from the Sewer Enterprise Fund Reserve and the sum of \$27,000 from the Water Surplus Revenue Account for the purpose of funding Inflow & Infiltration Studies and the Water System Master Plan for Water Main Rehabilitation as described in Article 12 of the June 5, 2017 Annual Town Meeting.

MOTION BY: Roger A. Cabral, Board of Selectmen

DISCUSSION: Selectman Gaspar states this is a mandate from the state.

VOTE REQUIRED: Majority

PASS/FAIL: Seeing no opposition, the motion passes unanimously.

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or otherwise provide the sums recommended, or any other sum or sums, for Capital Outlay as set forth in the following schedule and determine whether such sums will be provided by taxation or by transfer or by a combination thereof,

Department	Item Description	Department Request	Finance Committee Recommends
Highway	Dump Truck (1 ton)	\$70,000	\$70,000
Highway	Utility Truck (1/2 ton)	\$40,000	\$40,000
Water	Truck (1 ton)	\$70,000	\$70,000
Total		\$180,000	\$180,000

or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Board of
Selectmen

This Article provides for some of the routine amount capital requests in the budget.

The Finance Committee recommends unanimously in favor of this Article.

MOTION: I move that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$70,000 from the Water Surplus Revenue Account and the sum of \$110,000 from Free Cash for the purpose of acquiring trucks and necessary appurtenances thereto for the Highway and Water Departments.

MOTION BY: Michael Cioper, Board of Selectmen

DISCUSSION: Resident Paul Pelletier, of Nestle’s Lane, asks for the balance of the water surplus account if the article passes.

Selectman Kevin Gaspar states \$700,000 in water, as of this article and \$250,000 in sewer.

VOTE REQUIRED: Majority

PASS/FAIL: The motion passes, with one in opposition.

ARTICLE 14: 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 take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Board of
Selectmen

This Article authorizes the Cemetery Board to determine and perform work within the Cemetery and to determine and set the compensation for the Cemetery Board and employees.

The Finance Committee recommends unanimously in favor of this Article.

MOTION: I move this Article as written in the Warrant.

MOTION BY: Roger A. Cabral, Board of Selectmen

DISCUSSION: No discussion ensued.

VOTE REQUIRED: Majority

PASS/FAIL: Seeing no opposition, the motion passes unanimously.

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or borrow a sum or sums of money for the purpose of reconstructing the sewer pump station located on the school campus including, without limitation, costs associated with

reconstruction, and installation, as well as other costs incidental to such purpose, or act on anything relative to thereof or thereon.

Requested by the Board of
Selectmen
and the School Committee

The Article seeks to reconstruct the sewer pump station at the schools which was first installed in 2002. The sewer pump station is undersized, and there have been ongoing problems with keeping the pump station operable. The proposed replacement station would utilize the same pumps used in the rest of the town sewer stations and would be easier and more cost effective to maintain.

The Finance Committee recommends this Article in the amount of \$110,000 to be paid from the Sewer Enterprise Reserve Account. The total cost of the project is \$210,000. However, the Schools have paid the initial \$100,000 from their FY17 budget.

The Finance Committee recommends unanimously in favor of this Article.

MOTION: I move that the Town vote to transfer from the Sewer Enterprise Reserve Account the sum of \$110,000 for reconstructing the sewer pump station located on the school campus including, without limitation, costs associated with reconstruction, and installation, as well as other costs incidental to that purpose.

MOTION BY: Kevin Gaspar, Sr., Board of Selectmen Chair

DISCUSSION: Chairman Gaspar states the article seeks to reconstruct the sewer pump station at the schools, which was first installed in 2002. The sewer pump station is undersized, and there have been ongoing problems with keeping the pump station operable. The proposed replacement station would utilize the same pumps used in the rest of the town sewer stations and would be easier and more cost effective to maintain.

Chairman Gaspar further states this is the collaboration of the town and the school department to rehabilitate the pump station at the school.

Resident Paul Pelletier, of Nestle’s Lane, questions if this will allow residents of Peckham Road to eventually tie into it.

Chairman Gaspar responds it is a possibility and the goal of the Board of Selectmen but, at this time, we cannot authorize any tie-ins but, the Board of Selectmen, will be exploring the possibility while they upgrade the system.

NOTES: Moderator Gomes notes a procedural correction and will formally

ask for Finance Committee recommendation for all articles.

VOTE REQUIRED: Majority

PASS/FAIL: Motion made by Selectman Gaspar passes unanimously.

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will vote to establish a special unpaid committee to be known as a Regional School District Planning Committee, representing key stakeholders from both the Town of Fairhaven and the Town of Acushnet with three such members from Acushnet, including one member of the school committee from the Town of Acushnet, to be appointed by the moderator in accordance with the provisions of Section 14 of Chapter 71 of the General Laws, as amended; or act on anything relative to thereof or thereon.

Requested by School
Committee

The School Committee seeks to explore additional opportunities for collaboration including the regionalization of the schools with the Town of Fairhaven.

The Finance Committee recommends in favor of this Article by a vote of 4-1-1.

MOTION: I move that the Town establish a special unpaid committee to be known as the Regional School District Planning Committee for the purposes of studying possible options and mutual opportunities for collaboration between the communities of Acushnet and Fairhaven. This committee shall be formed in accordance with MGL Chapter 71, Section 14.

MOTION BY: Sarah Gomes, School Committee Chair

VOTE REQUIRED: Majority

DISCUSSION: Sarah Gomes, School Committee Chair, explains the reason the article is on the Floor and states the Town of Fairhaven approached the School Committee to collaborate on some level. The School Committee is asking the town permission to create a committee to complete a study that would cover four major areas.

What are the pros and cons, both academically and financially of

☐ a K-12 regionalization

☐ a 9-12 regionalization

☐ a Superintendent's Union

□ increasing our collaboration of departmental

personnel with the Town of Fairhaven

Fairhaven acquired the funding to conduct the study and, currently, no other districts have approached Acushnet with a similar request. We are, currently, in the fourth year of a twelve year contract and we already have a relationship with them as well as 90% of our students choose to attend Fairhaven.

Resident Rebecca Ashley of Mattapoisett Rd. states she is a parent of a first grader and a teacher at the Acushnet Elementary School. She expresses concern of attracting and retaining administrators and questions who will apply for jobs if jobs may be eliminated with regionalization. She goes on to state Fairhaven privatized their support staff positions and questions the loss of union protection for those employees.

Moderator Gomes clarifies the scope of the article.

Resident Monique Cote of Park Dr. is a Ford Middle School teacher. She speaks against the study and states, at the April School Committee meeting, they were told there would be representation of the STEM {sic} Board and for all stakeholders, then at the May meeting was told there would only be three seats with representation; cut down after only one month. Ms. Cote questions the representation they will have. She goes on to state Acushnet is performing well and choice is important to the people of Acushnet. She states Fairhaven is “price gouging us” and Acushnet has paid two and three times more than what it costs to educate a Fairhaven student. She questions “Why would we get a better deal now?” and refers to a population drop and, further states, Acushnet makes them look good. Ms. Cote states Acushnet gives Fairhaven \$2.5M in school revenue, which goes into their General Fund, to balance their town budget not the school budget and questions why wouldn’t we keep our students and our money in our town. She further stated the School Committee’s time would be served better if focused on Acushnet students.

MOTION: Move to postpone the article indefinitely.

MOTION BY: Resident John Howcroft of Perry Hill Rd.

DISCUSSION: Further discussion is allowed on Mr. Howcroft’s motion.

Resident David Wojnar of Blacksmith Dr. speaks in favor of postponing the article.

School Committee Chair Gomes clarifies the purpose of the study would cover more than just regionalization.

VOTE REQUIRED: Majority

PASS/FAIL: Mr. Howcroft's motion passes, with eleven in opposition.

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide for a sum not to exceed \$20,000 for the purpose of conducting a comprehensive study regarding an enhanced relationship between the Fairhaven Public Schools and the Acushnet Public Schools, or act on anything relative to thereof or thereon.

Requested by School
Committee

The cost of studying the options available to the Town regarding regionalization would be covered by this appropriation.

The Finance Committee recommends in favor of this Article by a vote 4-1-1.

MOTION: The Town of Fairhaven has obtained a state grant to cover both community's costs and we do not have to appropriate funds for this project, therefore I move to indefinitely postpone this article!

MOTION BY: Michael Cioper, Board of Selectmen

DISCUSSION: No discussion ensued.

VOTE REQUIRED: Majority

PASS/FAIL: The motion passes, with one in opposition.

ARTICLE 18: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money to construct additional parking capacity on the school campuses including, without limitation, costs associated directly, or indirectly with the installation of the parking lot, or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by School
Committee

The schools require additional parking capacity to accommodate a safer drop-off and pick-up environment as well as to enlarge capacity to prevent hazards due to overcrowding existing facilities when community events, including voting, are held on the campus.

The Finance Committee recommends unanimously in favor of this Article in the amount of \$50,000.

MOTION: I move that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$50,000 to construct additional parking on the school campus including without limitation, costs associated directly, or indirectly with the project.

MOTION BY: Sarah Gomes, School Committee Chair

DISCUSSION: Resident, Monique Cote expresses concern that work has already begun without town meeting voting on it.

Town Administrator Brian Noble acknowledges that some work was completed prior to town meeting in response to safety concerns in dropping and picking up children and the need for additional parking spots. He stated the area chosen had an extraordinary number of dead, dying and diseased trees and there was an opportunity to utilize the labor of the DPW (Department of Public Works) and he authorized the clearing of the area.

VOTE REQUIRED: Majority

PASS/FAIL: The motion passes with nine in opposition.

ARTICLE 19: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Overlay or Overlay Surplus the sum of \$12,500 for the purpose of real estate cyclical inspections and data entry or take any other action relative thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Board of
Assessors

The Department of Revenue requires a full inspection of all real property improvements every ten years. The cycle at this time is in the 2nd year and the 10th year is FY 2027. These funds would be requested to expedite this requirement in a more efficient manner. The cost quoted is \$25.00 per parcel including inputting the discovered data in CAMA. The accuracy of the data ensures the Town is taxing equitably.

The Finance Committee recommends unanimously in favor of this Article.

MOTION: I move that the Town vote to transfer from Overlay Surplus the sum of \$12,500 to perform real estate cyclical inspections and data entry in the Assessor’s Office.

MOTION BY: Marc Cenerizio, Board of Assessors Chair

DISCUSSION: Kelly Koska, Principal Assessor for the Town of Acushnet states the request for these monies is required statutorily and the

DOR (Department of Revenue) requires a full assessment of all properties and improvements. If this is not done this can cause a problem where values are not certified which could result in non-certification of the tax rate. The use for these monies will equate to approximately 500 parcels being visited and inspected, entered into our database and to ensure the equitable assessment of all real property.

VOTE REQUIRED: Majority

PASS/FAIL: Seeing no opposition the motion passes unanimously.

ARTICLE 20: To see if the Town will reserve from FY 2018 Community Preservation Fund - Estimated Revenues, the sum of \$8,579 for administrative expenses, 10% (\$17,157) for open space purposes; 10% (\$17,157) for historic preservation; 10% (\$17,157) for affordable housing; and the remaining \$111,520 to the FY 2018 Community Preservation Fund budgeted reserve; or take any other action relative thereon or in relation thereto.

Submitted by the Community
Preservation Committee

This Article is in compliance with Massachusetts General Law that requires the reserving of certain percentages of the Community Preservation Act funds for specific purposes. This is done annually at Town Meeting.

The Finance Committee recommends this article unopposed.

MOTION: I move the Town vote to reserve from FY 2018 Community Preservation Fund - Estimated Revenues, the sum of \$8,579 for administrative expenses, 10% (\$17,157) for open space purposes; 10% (\$17,157) for historic preservation; 10% (\$17,157) for affordable housing; and the remaining (\$111,520) to the FY 2018 Community Preservation Fund Budgeted Reserve.

MOTION BY: Marc Cenerizio, Board of Assessors Chair

DISCUSSION: No discussion ensued.

VOTE REQUIRED: Majority

PASS/FAIL: Seeing no opposition, the motion passes unanimously.

CPA ARTICLES CANNOT BE AMENDED TO EXCEED THE AMOUNT RECOMMENDED BY THE CPC.

ARTICLE 21: To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$75,000 from Community Preservation Fund balance for Historic Preservation and/or the Undesignated Fund Balance of the Community Preservation Act Funds account and/or the

FY18 budgeted reserves of the Community Preservation Fund for the repair, renovation, and preservation of the Parting Ways Building, or take any other action relative thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Community
Preservation Committee and
the Board of Selectmen

This Article funds the historic preservation efforts of the Town to rehabilitate the Parting Ways building for appropriate use while preserving the historic nature of the building.

The Finance Committee recommends in favor of this Article unanimously.

MOTION: I move that the Town vote to appropriate for historic preservation purposes a sum of \$75,000 from the Community Preservation Fund Balance reserved for Historic Preservation or from the Undesignated Fund Balance of the Community Preservation Act to repair, renovate, improve or otherwise restore the Parting Ways Building.

MOTION BY: Marc Cenerizio, Board of Assessors Chair

VOTE REQUIRED: Majority

PASS / FAIL: Seeing no opposition, the motion passes unanimously.

NOTES: No discussion ensued.

CPA ARTICLES CANNOT BE AMENDED TO EXCEED THE AMOUNT
RECOMMENDED BY THE CPC.

ARTICLE 22: To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 from Community Preservation Fund balance for Historic Preservation and/or the Undesignated Fund Balance of the Community Preservation Act Funds account and/or the FY18 budgeted reserves of the Community Preservation Fund for the purpose of providing additional funding for repairs on the Town of Acushnet owned Historic Perry Hill Church pursuant to the Community Preservation program, or take any other action relative thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Community
Preservation Committee and
the Historical Commission

This Article funds the historic preservation efforts of the Town to preserve the Perry Hill Church.

The Finance Committee does not recommend this Article by a vote of 6-1.

MOTION: I move to indefinitely postpone this article.

MOTION BY: Marc Cenerizio, Board of Assessors Chair

DISCUSSION: No discussion ensued.

VOTE REQUIRED: Majority

PASS / FAIL The motion passes with two in opposition.

CPA ARTICLES CANNOT BE AMENDED TO EXCEED THE AMOUNT RECOMMENDED BY THE CPC.

ARTICLE 23: To see if the Town will authorize, reauthorize, and/or establish the following Revolving Accounts established under the provisions of Massachusetts General Law Chapter 44, §53E½, and/or the Bylaws of the Town under the following terms:

Revolving Fund	Authorized to Spend	Use of Funds	Revenue Source	FY18 Limit	Town Bylaw
Public Library	Library Trustees	Library Activities	Fees & Fines	\$4,000	✓
Conservation Commission	Conservation Commission	Commission's Activities	Fees Rec'd	\$2,500	
Park Department	Park Commissioners	Park Dept. Activities	Fees Rec'd	\$12,500	
Council on Aging	Council on Aging Board	Senior Center Activities	Fees Rec'd	\$30,000	✓

or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Board of Selectmen

The Article seeks to renew the authorization to use the funds collected through fines, permit fees, and application fees for the support of that department's activities. Two of the funds are established under the Bylaws of the Town, but Town meeting still needs to authorize the spending limit.

MOTION: I move the Town vote to re-authorize the revolving funds as listed in this Article for Fiscal Year 2018 in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53E ½ for the receipts related to the Public Library Activities, Conservation Committee Activities, Park Department Activities and the Senior Center Activities and their expenditures for the operation of the programs and activities, to be under the authority of the respective Boards and Commission and not to exceed the amounts listed in the Article for Fiscal Year 2018.

MOTION BY: Roger A. Cabral, Board of Selectmen

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Robert St. Jean, Finance Committee Chair states the Finance Committee recommends, unanimously, in favor this article.

DISCUSSION: No discussion ensued.

VOTE REQUIRED: Majority

PASS/FAIL: Seeing no opposition, the motion passes unanimously.

ARTICLE 24: To see if the Town will vote to allow the Board of Library Trustees to sell for the sum of \$1 the discarded books and periodicals of the Acushnet Public Library to the Friends of Acushnet Public Library, a non-profit library support group, or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Library
Trustees

Town Meeting approval for the disposition of surplus inventory is required. The Library Trustees seek this permission every year to perform this task.

The Finance Committee recommends this article unopposed (Finance Committee Vice-Chair, Dr. Michael Boucher)

MOTION: I move that the Town vote to allow the Board of Library Trustees to sell discarded books and periodicals of the Acushnet Public Library to the Friends of the Acushnet Public Library for the sum of one dollar.

MOTION BY: Kevin Gaspar, Board of Selectmen Chair

DISCUSSION: No discussion ensued.

VOTE REQUIRED: Majority

PASS/FAIL: Seeing no opposition, the motion passes unanimously.

ARTICLE 25: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town’s Zoning Bylaw by replacing Section 3.9 in its entirety to wit;

TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA ESTABLISHMENTS that would provide as follows, “Temporary Moratorium on Recreational Marijuana Establishments:”

Section A: Purpose

On November 8, 2016, the voters of the Commonwealth approved a law

regulating the cultivation, processing, distribution, possession, and use of marijuana for recreational purposes (new G.L. c. 94G, Regulation of the Use and Distribution of Marijuana Not Medically Prescribed). The law, which allows certain personal use and possession of marijuana, took effect on December 15, 2016 and (as amended on December 30, 2016; Chapter 351 of the Acts of 2016) requires a Cannabis Control Commission to issue regulations regarding the licensing of commercial activities by March 15, 2018 and to begin accepting applications for licenses on April 1, 2018. Currently, under the Zoning Bylaw, a non-medical Marijuana Establishment (hereinafter, a “Recreational Marijuana Establishment”), as defined in G.L. c. 94G, §1, is not specifically addressed in the Zoning Bylaw. Regulations to be promulgated by the Cannabis Control Commission may provide guidance on certain aspects of local regulation of Recreational Marijuana Establishments. The regulation of recreational marijuana raises novel legal, planning, and public safety issues, and the Town needs time to study and consider the regulation of Recreational Marijuana Establishments and address such issues, as well as to address the potential impact of the State regulations on local zoning and to undertake a planning process to consider amending the Zoning Bylaw regarding regulation of Recreational Marijuana Establishments. The Town intends to adopt a temporary moratorium on the use of land and structures in the Town for Recreational Marijuana Establishments so as to allow sufficient time to address the effects of such structures and uses in the Town and to enact bylaws in a consistent manner.

Section B: Definition

“Recreational Marijuana Establishment” shall mean a “marijuana cultivator, marijuana testing facility, marijuana product manufacturer, marijuana retailer or any other type of licensed marijuana-related business.”

“Manufacture,” to compound, blend, extract, infuse or otherwise make or prepare a marijuana product.

“Marijuana accessories”, equipment, products, devices or materials of any kind that are intended or designed for use in planting, propagating, cultivating, growing, harvesting, manufacturing, compounding, converting, producing, processing, preparing, testing, analyzing, packaging, repackaging, storing, containing, ingesting, inhaling or otherwise introducing marijuana into the human body.

“Marijuana cultivator”, an entity licensed to cultivate, process and package marijuana, to deliver marijuana to marijuana establishments and to transfer marijuana to other marijuana establishments, but not to consumers.

“Marijuana Establishment”, a marijuana cultivator, marijuana testing facility, marijuana product manufacturer, marijuana retailer or any other type of licensed marijuana-related business. (k) “Marijuana product manufacturer,” an entity licensed to obtain, manufacture, process and package marijuana and

marijuana products, to deliver marijuana and marijuana products to marijuana establishments and to transfer marijuana and marijuana products to other marijuana establishments, but not to consumers.

“Marijuana products,” products that have been manufactured and contain marijuana or an extract from marijuana, including concentrated forms of marijuana and products composed of marijuana and other ingredients that are intended for use or consumption, including edible products, beverages, topical products, ointments, oils, and tinctures.

“Marijuana testing facility,” an entity licensed to test marijuana and marijuana products, including certification for potency and the presence of contaminants.

“Marijuana retailer,” an entity licensed to purchase and deliver marijuana and marijuana products from marijuana establishments and to deliver, sell or otherwise transfer marijuana and marijuana products to marijuana establishments and consumers.

Section C: Temporary Moratorium

For the reasons set forth above and notwithstanding any other provision of the Zoning Bylaw to the contrary, the Town hereby adopts a temporary moratorium on the use of land or structures for a Recreational Marijuana Establishment and other uses related to recreational marijuana. The moratorium shall be in effect through June 30, 2018, or until such time as the Town adopts Zoning Bylaw amendments that regulate Recreational Marijuana Establishments, whichever occurs earlier. During the moratorium period, the Town shall undertake a planning process to address the potential impacts of recreational marijuana in the Town, and to consider the Cannabis Control Commission regulations regarding Recreational Marijuana Establishments, and shall consider adopting new Zoning Bylaws in response to these new issues.

or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Planning
Board and
The Board of Selectmen

The Article allows time for the Town to properly prepare the zoning and other regulations opportune to the establishment of legalized recreational marijuana.

MOTION: I move that the Town vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw by replacing Section 3.9 in its entirety as written in the Warrant.

MOTION BY: Marc Cenerizio, Chairman of the Planning Board

DISCUSSION: Henry Young, Town Planner: In November 2016, voters of the Commonwealth approved a law which permitted the cultivation, distribution, possession and use of marijuana for recreational use. However, the state is delinquent in forming a “Cannabis Control Commission” to issue guidance on local regulation and zoning of recreational marijuana. When that guidance is developed we will study both the by-laws and regulatory issues and in the interim we are asking for a moratorium on the cultivation, distribution, possession and use on recreational marijuana. If approved this moratorium would be until June 30, 2018. This is the same course of action we took with medical marijuana.

James Marot, Building Inspector, questions if the Town can vote to prolong the moratorium at Town Meeting before June 30th of next year.

Brian Noble, Town Administrator, responds positively and explains the process of the town approving or disapproving a moratorium.

VOTE REQUIRED: 2/3rd's Majority

PASS / FAIL: The motion passes; eight in opposition and satisfies the 2/3rd's bylaw requirement.

ARTICLE 26: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Acushnet General Bylaws, Zoning Article VIII, 3.3.2.E. (BV) Business Village District Development Standards, to add sub-section (7) and (8) to 3.3.2 Business Village District (BV) “E” Development Standards, to read as follows:

(7) All buildable lots shall conform to all provisions of Massachusetts Title V and any and all other provisions, rules and regulations of the Acushnet Board of Health as are administered and current at the time of Building Permit application.

(8) Minimum lot area for all parcels not capable of tying into municipal water and sewer shall be 45,000 sq. ft. with 100 ft. of approved road frontage.

or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Planning
Board

This Article corrects the Zoning in an area of Town that is not served by the Town Sewer and corrects a technical deficiency.

MOTION: I move that the Town vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw as written in the Warrant.

MOTION BY: Marc Cenerizio, Chair of the Planning Board

DISCUSSION: Henry Young, Town Planner stated: This amendment will allow lots with 45,000 sq. ft., with 100 feet of frontage and therefore complies with Mass. General Law. This was voted on by the Planning Board and approved unanimously.

VOTE REQUIRED: 2/3rds Majority

PASS / FAIL: Seeing one in opposition, the motion passes with one in opposition, satisfying the 2/3rds requirement for the amended bylaw.

ARTICLE 27: To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 90, Sections 17C and 18B as amended, or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Board of Selectmen

This law authorizes the Board of Selectmen to establish a speed limit of 25 miles per hour on any roadway inside a thickly settled or business district in the town on any way that is not a state highway and further to establish a designated safety zone on, at or near any way in the town which is not a state highway with a speed limit of 20 miles per hour.

MOTION: I move that the Town vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 90, Section 17C and 18B as amended.

MOTION BY: Kevin Gaspar, Sr., Board of Selectmen Chair

DISCUSSION: No discussion ensued.

VOTE REQUIRED: Majority

PASS / FAIL: Seeing no opposition, the motion passes, unanimously, by a majority vote.

ARTICLE 28: To see if the Town will vote to approve a By-Law that supports the adoption of Chapter 40, Section 57 as amended by Chapter 218 of the Acts of 2016; or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

DENYING THE GRANTING OR RENEWAL OF LICENSE/PERMIT FOR NON-

PAYMENT OF TAXES/FEES

The town may, as authorized under the provisions of MGL Chapter 40, Section 57 and this By-Law, deny any application for, or revoke or suspend a building permit, or any local permit including renewals and transfers issued by any board, officer, department for any person, corporation or business enterprise, who has neglected or refused to pay any local taxes, fees, assessments, betterments or any other municipal charges, including amounts assessed under the provisions of MGL Chapter 40, Section 21D or with respect to any activity, event or other matter which is the subject of such license or permit and which activity, event or matter is carried out or exercised or is to be carried out or exercised on or about real estate whose owner has neglected or refused to pay any local taxes, fees, assessments, betterments or any other municipal charges.

- (a) The tax collector or other municipal official responsible for records of all municipal taxes, assessments, betterments and other municipal charges, hereinafter referred to as the tax collector, shall annually, and may periodically, provide to permit-issuing departments, a delinquency list of any person, corporation, or business enterprise, hereinafter referred to as the party, that has neglected or refused to pay any local taxes, fees, assessments, betterments or other municipal charges, for a period of 90 days and that has not filed in good faith a pending application for an abatement of such tax or a pending petition before the appellate tax board.
- (b) The licensing authority may deny, revoke or suspend any license or permit, including renewals and transfers of any party whose name appears on said list furnished to the licensing authority from the tax collector or with respect to any activity, event or other matter which is the subject of such license or permit and which activity, event or matter is carried out or exercised or is to be carried out or exercised on or about real estate owned by any party whose name appears on said list furnished to the licensing authority from the tax collector; provided, however, that written notice is given to the party and to the tax collector, as required by the applicable provisions of law, and the party is given a hearing, to be held not earlier than fourteen days after said notice. Said list shall be prima facie evidence for denial, revocation or suspension of said license or permit to any party. The tax collector shall have the right to intervene in any hearing

conducted with respect to such license denial, revocation or suspension. Any findings made by the licensing authority with respect to such license denial, revocation or suspension shall be made only for the purposes of such proceeding and shall not be relevant to or introduced in any other proceeding at law, except for any appeal from such license denial, revocation or suspension. Any license or permit denied, suspended or revoked under this section shall not be reissued or renewed until the licensing authority receives a certificate issued by the tax collector that the party is in good standing with respect to any and all local taxes, fees, assessments, or other municipal charges, payable to the municipality as of the date of the issuance of said certificate.

- (c) Any party shall be given an opportunity to enter into a payment agreement, thereby allowing the licensing authority to issue a certificate indicating said limitations to the license or permit and the validity of said license or permit shall be conditioned upon the satisfactory compliance with said agreement. Failure to comply with said agreement shall be grounds for the suspension or revocation of said license or permit; provided, however, that the holder be given notice and a hearing as required by applicable provisions of law.
- (d) The Board of Selectmen may waive such denial, suspension or revocation if it finds that there is no direct or indirect business interest by the property owner, its officers or stockholders, if any, or members of their immediate family, as defined in MGL Chapter 268A, Section 1 in the business or activity conducted in or on said property

This By-Law shall not apply to the following licenses: open burning (c.48 s.13); bicycle permits (c.85 s.11A); sales or articles for charitable purposes (c.101 s.33); children's work permits (c.149 s.69); clubs, associations dispensing food or beverage licenses (c.140 s.21E); dog licenses (c.140s.137); fishing, hunting, or trapping (c.131 s.12); marriage licenses (c.207 s.28); and theatrical events, public exhibitions (c.140 s.181).

or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Board of
Selectmen

At the Special Town Meeting of January 29, 2001, the Town authorized the acceptance of MGL Chapter 40, Section 57. Pursuant to that adoption the Town now seeks to issue a bylaw to implement that acceptance.

Under MGL Chapter 40 Section 57, a town may enact a bylaw that allows the Town to refuse to issue or renew, or to revoke, certain licenses and permits if applicable local taxes, fees, and assessments are not currently paid by the owner. The cost to the town, in time and expense, to collect unpaid accounts can be considerable; the right to withhold benefits of ownership to delinquent owners may provide the town with effective leverage to obtain payment.

MOTION: I move that the Town adopt a new General Bylaw entitled Denying the Granting or Renewal of Licenses/Permits for Non-Payment of Taxes/Fees as printed in the Warrant and 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.

MOTION BY: Kevin Gaspar, Sr., Board of Selectmen Chair

DISCUSSION: No discussion ensued.

VOTE REQUIRED: 2/3rd's Majority

PASS / FAIL: Seeing one in opposition, the motion is declared passed with 2/3rd's majority requirement, with one in opposition.

ARTICLE 29: To see if the Town will vote to amend Article VII of the Bylaws of the Town as follows:

Article VII
TOWN OF ACUSHNET
LAWS RELATING TO DOGS

Section 1 All dogs owned or kept within the boundaries of the Town of Acushnet shall be restrained from running at large beyond the boundaries of the property owned or under the control of their keeper at all times during the day or night, except that when any such dog is permitted beyond said boundaries it shall be restrained by leash or other similar restraint. Penalties for the violation of any provision of this by-law shall be assessed and collected in accordance with the provisions established under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 140 Section 173A, Three (3) or more instances in a twelve (12) month

period will be subject to a hearing before the Board of Selectmen. (Non-criminal Disposition of Complaint for Violation of Dog Control Laws).

1A A person who at the commencement of a license period (the time between January 1st and December 31st of any year, both dates inclusive) becomes the owner or keeper within the Town of Acushnet of a dog six months or over which is not duly licensed shall cause it to be registered, numbered, described and licensed before March 31st of each year.

Failure to license your dog(s) by March 31st of each year, or failure to license your dog(s) obtained after March 31st, within three months of taking possession of such dog(s), shall result in a late fee assessed by the Town Clerk and shall be subject to penalties under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 140, Section 137 and 137A (Licenses, Kennel Licenses) and Section 141, keeping unlicensed dogs.

Failure to vaccinate your animals against rabies shall be subject to penalties as applied under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 140, Section 145B penalty for non-vaccination of rabies.

Section 2 Section 2 and preceding Section 1 are enacted pursuant to the authority of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 140, Sections 173 and 173A. Penalties for the violation of Section 1 hereof shall be assessed and collected in accordance with the procedure established under said Section 173A (Non-Criminal Disposition of Complaints for Violation of Municipal Dog Control Laws) as assigned by the Board of Selectmen.

Section 3A The owner or keeper of any dog found at either the Town Beach or any other recreational areas in town during beach hours or during times that town recreational areas or parks are open or on the property of any public school property during school hours may be subject to a noncriminal citation.

B The owner or keeper of any dog who has been ordered restrained by either the Board of Selectmen, the Animal Control Officer or the Police Department and who fails to obey such order may be fined and punished as prescribed by Chapter 140, Section 167 and 168 which are herein incorporated and made a part of this by-law.

C The owner or keeper of any dog who is left unattended for a period of 24 hours or longer may be subject to a noncriminal citation.

D The owner or keeper of any dog determined to be a nuisance by either the Animal Control Officer or the Police Department may be

subject to a noncriminal citation.

F Any person who takes in or otherwise shelters a stray dog without notifying the Animal Control Officer, the Police Department or the Board of Selectmen may be subject to a noncriminal violation.

Section 4A The owner or keeper of any dog who has violated (Section 1) the restraining Bylaw of the Town of Acushnet, or State Dog Law, shall be charged a daily boarding fee each time such dog shall be picked up by the Animal Control Officer.

B The owner or keeper of any dog who has violated the restraining By-Law Bylaw of the Town of Acushnet, or State Dog Law, may claim their dog by contacting the Animal Control Officer to make arrangements to pick up their dog(s) at the Animal Shelter.

- C. Any dog that is impounded shall be so impounded for a period of (7) days, during which time an owner or keeper shall be entitled to lay claim to ownership of the dog, provided, that this period may be extended at the discretion of the Animal Control Officer. Immediately upon impounding any dog, the Animal Control Officer shall make every reasonable effort to notify the owner of the dog of his or her impoundment.

Section 5A The owner or keeper of any dog whether licensed or not, which continually howls, yelps, barks, or through other noise disturbs or annoys any person or number of persons, or is a source of annoyance to any person residing in the vicinity is unlawful and is hereby declared to be a public nuisance. Shall be subject to penalties under Massachusetts General Law, c 140 s 157.

B It shall be the duty of each person who owns, possesses or controls a dog to remove and dispose of any feces left by such person's dog on public property and any private property not owned or possessed by such person. This section shall not apply to a dog accompanying any handicapped person who, by reason or his/her handicap is physically unable to comply with the requirements of this section. Any person who fails to obey such order shall be subject to a non-criminal citation.

C Any dog which is on the sidewalk, street, or any other area to which the public has right of access, must be under leash as prescribed by Chapter 140, Sections 173 and 173A of the General Laws of Massachusetts which is incorporated into this By-law.

Section 6

Fees

Licenses and Fees for all services, licenses, boarding, and permits shall be established by regulation as periodically amended by the Board of Selectmen.

Note: All portions above that reflect editing are deletions from the original Town of Acushnet By-Law Article VII. All italicized portions above are either additions or grammatical corrections to the original bylaw.

or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Board of
Selectmen

Note: All portions above that reflect editing are deletions from the original Town of Acushnet Bylaw Article VII. All italicized portions above are either additions or grammatical corrections to the original bylaw.

This bylaw change updates and corrects the Town Bylaws and complies with State Law.

MOTION: I move that the Town vote to amend Article VIII of the General Bylaws as written in the Warrant.

MOTION BY: Roger A. Cabral, Board of Selectmen

DISCUSSION: No discussion ensued.

VOTE REQUIRED: 2/3rd's Majority

PASS / FAIL: Seeing no opposition, the motion is passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 30: To see if the Town will vote to amend Article II, Section 2 of the Bylaws of the Town as follows:

Any number of registered Town voters present shall constitute a quorum sufficient for any Town Meeting for the transaction of all business.

or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Board of
Selectmen

This Article would amend the Town Bylaws to remove the quorum requirement at Town Meeting

MOTION: I move that the town vote to amend Article II, §2 of the General Bylaws of the Town as written in the Warrant.

MOTION BY: Kevin Gaspar, Sr., Board of Selectmen Chair

VOTE REQUIRED: 2/3rd's Majority

DISCUSSION: Resident John Howcroft, of Perry Hill Rd., states he is in opposition of the article and our founding fathers structured a quorum to protect taxpayers to have checks and balances. It is a protection that on some rainy evening a small group of individuals can reconstruct a \$30M budget. The taxpayers should have some protection to protect their investment.

Resident Leslie Dakin, of Leonard St., states if any town department is denied funding, they can “stack the meeting” and get what they want and that increases our taxes. Mr. Dakin suggests if we are concerned about town meeting attendance, you consider town meeting members. Members that are civic minded and engaged in town affairs.

MOTION: I move that we table the article.

MOTION BY: Resident Leslie Dakin of Leonard St.

DISCUSSION: Moderator Gomes states a technical deficiency in the way the motion was made as Mr. Dakin had discussion and therefore cannot make the motion.

Chairman Gaspar states he is not in favor of lowering the quorum and would raise the quorum to 10% of the voters and states it's a shame that there is difficulty getting 75 voters to vote a \$30M budget. He then encourages those in attendance to bring their friends and neighbors to future town meetings

MOTION: I move to postpone the article indefinitely.

MOTION BY: Resident Paul Pelletier of Nestle's Ln.

PASS/FAIL: Seeing no opposition, the motion passes, unanimously, and meets the 2/3rd's requirement.

ARTICLE 31: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds or otherwise provide a certain sum of money to be added to the Stabilization Fund as established in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 40, Section 5B, or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Board of
Selectmen

The Finance Committee recommends this Article in the amount of \$471,606. The Stabilization Fund is Acushnet's "savings account" for the future needs of the Town. It is vitally important to the financial health of the Town to provide for the future.

The Finance Committee recommends unanimously in favor of this Article.

MOTION: I move the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$491,606. to be added to the Town's Stabilization Account.

MOTION BY: Robert St. Jean, Finance Committee Chair

DISCUSSION: Resident Paul Pelletier, of Nestle's Lane, questions the balance in the Stabilization Fund.

Julie Hebert, Town Accountant, states the balance is approximately \$1.7M and will be approximately \$2.2M if the article passes.

VOTE REQUIRED: Majority

PASS/FAIL: The motion passes by a majority vote with two in opposition.

ARTICLE 32: To see if the Town will adopt the resolution outlined in Appendix 2 of this document, to wit;

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS the efficient administration of Town affairs is achieved through the largely voluntary assumption of official responsibilities by elected or appointed officers combined with the loyal and faithful service of salaried employees, and,

WHEREAS certain persons have during the calendar year of 2016 concluded periods of service during which they have made substantial contributions to the public weal,

BE IT RESOLVED that the names and nature of service of the following named persons be herewith noticed and recorded in the minutes of this Annual Town Meeting of 2017 in grateful recognition of their work on behalf of the Town,

or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Board of
Selectmen

This Article seeks to recognize and express the Town’s gratitude for the service rendered by the parties listed in the Appendix of this document.

MOTION: I move that the town recognize and express our gratitude to those employees, board, and commission members who completed their service to the Town in the calendar year 2016 by the adoption of the resolution as shown in Appendix 2 of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant of 2017.

MOTION BY: Michael Cioper, Board of Selectmen

DISCUSSION: No discussion ensued.

VOTE REQUIRED: Majority

PASS/FAIL: Seeing no opposition, the motion passes unanimously.

You are directed to serve this Warrant by posting a copy thereof attested to by you in writing in each of eight public places in the Town at least fourteen days before the time for holding the meeting called for in the Warrant. Herefore fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk of said Town on or before the _____ day of May 2017.

Given under our hands this _____ day of _____ in the year of our Lord two thousand and seventeen.

THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

_____ Kevin Gaspar, Sr., Chairman	Attest:
_____ Michael Cioper	_____ Pamela A. Labonte, Town Clerk
_____ Roger A. Cabral	_____ Date

BRISTOL, SS.

Pursuant to the within Warrant, I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Acushnet by posting up attested copies of the same at the Town Hall, the Council on Aging, the Acushnet Post Office, Jason’s Variety, Scuttlebutts Variety, Ford Middle School, Acushnet Elementary School and the Acushnet Public Library, of said Town fourteen days at least before the date hereof, as within directed.

APPENDIX 1: Town Meeting Parliamentary Procedure

Parliamentary procedure has a long history. Originating in the early English Parliaments, it came to America with the first European settlers and became uniform in 1876 when Henry Robert published his manual, known as “Robert’s Rules of Order.” Our Town Meeting proceedings are governed by the rules contained in “Town Meeting Time: A Handbook of Parliamentary Law” except as modified by the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapters 39 and 43A.

Parliamentary procedure means that everyone may be heard and to come to decisions without confusion. It means democratic rule, flexibility, the protection of rights and most importantly a fair hearing for everyone.

The basic parts of parliamentary procedure provide for the presentation of motions, the seconding or the expression of support of another’s motion, an opportunity to debate and ability to make a decision.

There are five general types of motions:

- ☐ Main Motion: These introduce subjects for consideration.
- ☐ Subsidiary Motions: This motion change how the main motion is handled. (They are voted on before the main motion.)
- ☐ Privileged Motions: This motion concern special or important matters not related to the pending business. In general, they are considered before other types of motions.
- ☐ Incidental Motions: These are questions of procedure that arise out of other motions, and they must be considered before the other motion.
- ☐ Motions that bring a question again before the assembly: These enable certain items to be reconsidered. In general, they are brought up when no business is pending.

Some questions relating to motions:

- ☐ Is it in order? Your motion must relate to the business at hand and be presented at the right time. It must not be obstructive, frivolous or against the law.
- ☐ May I interrupt the speaker? Some motions are so important that the speaker may be interrupted to make them. The original speaker regains the floor after the interruption has been attended to.
- ☐ Do I need a second? Usually, yes, A second indicates that another member would like to consider your motion and it prevents spending time on a question

that interests only one person.

- ☐ Is it debatable? Parliamentary procedure guards the right to free and full debate on motions. However, some subsidiary or privileged and incidental motions are not debatable.
- ☐ Can it be amended? Striking out or inserting wording, or both can change some motions. Amendments must relate to the subject as presented in the main motion.
- ☐ What vote is needed? Most require only a majority vote (more than half the members present and voting). But, motions concerning the rights of the town meeting, borrowing, and some other miscellaneous subjects may require “super-majorities” of $\frac{3}{4}$ or 9/10’s depending on the applicable state law.
- ☐ Can it be reconsidered? Some motions can be debated again and revoted to give members a chance to change their minds. The motion to reconsider must come from the “winning” side.

How Do I Present My Motion?

Obtain the Floor:

- ☐ Wait until the previous speaker is finished.
- ☐ Rise and address the Moderator. Say, “Mr. Moderator.”
- ☐ Wait until you are recognized.
- ☐ State your name and address for the record.

Make your motion:

- ☐ Speak clearly and concisely.
- ☐ State your motion affirmatively. Say, “I move that we do...” Instead of “I move that we do not...”
- ☐ Stay on the subject and avoid personal attacks.

You wait for a second:

- ☐ Another member will say, “I second the motion.”
- ☐ Or the Moderator will call for a second.
- ☐ If there is no second, your motion will not be considered. (Motions made at the direction of a board or committee (more than one person) do not require a

second.)

The Moderator states your motion:

- ☐ The Moderator must say, “It is moved and seconded that we...”
- ☐ After this happens, debate or voting can occur.
- ☐ Your motion is now “assembly property,” and you can’t change it without the consent of the body.

You expand on your motion:

- ☐ As the person who made the motion, you are allowed to speak first.
- ☐ Direct all comments to the Moderator
- ☐ Keep to the time limit for speaking.
- ☐ You may speak again after all other speakers are finished.
- ☐ You may speak a third time by a motion to suspend the rules with a 2/3 vote.
- ☐ The Moderator puts the question:
- ☐ The Moderator asks, “Are you ready for the question?”
- ☐ If there is no more debate, or if a motion to stop debate is adopted, a vote is taken.
- ☐ The Moderator announces the result.

The method of voting on a motion:

- ☐ Voice: The Moderator asks those in favor to say “aye” and those opposed to say “no.” A member may move for an exact count.
- ☐ General Consent: When a motion isn’t likely to be opposed, the chair says, “If there is no objection...” Members show consent by their silence. If someone says, “I object,” the matter must be put to a vote.
- ☐ Show of hands: Members raise their hands to verify a voice vote, or as an alternative to it. This does not require a count. A member may move for an exact count.
- ☐ Ballot: Members write their vote on a slip of paper and is done when secrecy is desired.

More Motions:

A motion to lay on the table: This motion is used to lay something aside temporarily to take care of more urgent matters. It should not be used to prevent debate or to kill a question. Members can “take from the table” a motion for reconsideration. This must happen by the end of the town meeting.

A motion to indefinitely postpone: This is a parliamentary strategy. It allows members to dispose of a motion without making a decision for or against. This is useful in case of a badly chosen main motion for which either a “yes” or “no” vote would have undesirable consequences.

APPENDIX 2: A Resolution of Gratitude

RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS certain persons have during the calendar year of 2016 concluded periods of service during which they have made substantial contributions to the public weal,

BE IT RESOLVED that the names and nature of service of the following named persons be herewith noticed and recorded in the minutes of this Annual Town Meeting of 2017 in grateful recognition of their work on behalf of the Town:

Agricultural Commission	Cynda Williams
Assistant Accountant	Robertta Oliveira
Call Fire Fighter/Monthly	Michael Coffey
Clerk – Collectors Office	Diane Ferreira
Clerk - Board of Appeals, Board of Selectmen	Christine Mercier
Conservation Commission	Christopher Green
Election Inspector	Marie Hardy
Election Inspector	Eileen Medeiros
Golf Course Equipment Operator	Oriazio Rufo
Golf Maintenance Groundskeeper	Brendan Conley
Golf Maintenance Groundskeeper	Brien Perkins
Golf Pro	Gary Cardoza
Housing Authority	Nicholas A. Gomes
Housing Authority	James S. Madruga

Library Assistant	Denise Charland
School Department	Amanda Sullivan
Park Laborer	Robert Lanzoni
Part Time Paramedic	Philip Saraiva
Patron Service Associate	Michele Tapper-Racine
Police Officer	Paul Melo
Police Officer	Luann Jenkinson
Selectman	David Wojnar
School Department - Teacher	Melanie Campia
School Department - Teacher	Justen Foster
School Department - Teacher	Peter Gallagher
School Department – Teacher	Patricia Avellar
School Department – Teacher	Jacqueline Callahan
School Department – Teacher	Dana Vermilyea
School Department – Administration	Helder Angelo
School Department – Paraprofessional	Michelle Ferreira
School Department – Paraprofessional	Krystal Fortin
School Department – Paraprofessional	Elena Garland
School Department – Paraprofessional	Cheryl Walsh
School Department – Custodian	David Menard
Town Accountant	Cathy Doane
Town Administrator	Alan Coutinho
Wire Inspector	Frank Knox
Zoning Board of Appeals	Alan Perry II

THE TOWNSPEOPLE OF ACUSHNET
JUNE 2017

APPENDIX 3: Selectmen’s Regulation: Dog Fees

Article VII of the Town of Acushnet By-Laws:
Applicable License, Permit Fees, including Boarding Charges

1st violations –will be issued as a non-criminal violation – warning –citing Massachusetts General Law, chapter and section.

2nd and 3rd violations - Fee structure as follows, citing Massachusetts General Law, chapter and section.

After 3rd violation in a calendar year a Public Hearing held by the Board of Selectmen shall

be scheduled.

Failure to license	\$50.00	non-criminal violation
Failure to restrain	\$50.00	non-criminal violation
Animal left unattended for 24 hours	\$50.00	non-criminal violation
Nuisance	\$50.00	non-criminal violation
Any dog on any town owned property where it is stated they are not allowed	\$50.00	non-criminal violation
Any dog owner who refuses to pick up feces after their dog would be subject to a fine	\$50.00	non-criminal violation
Failure to vaccinate against rabies	\$100.00	non-criminal violation

License Fees:

Individual:

Spayed females / neutered males	\$10.00
Unaltered male and female dogs	\$15.00

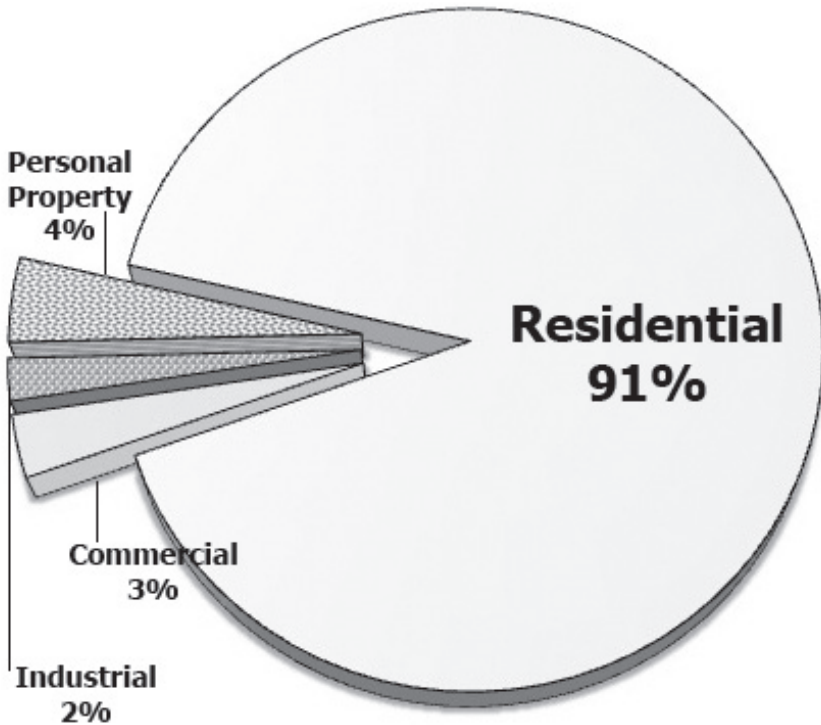
Kennel licenses:

Licenses for dog kennels with 1-4 dogs	\$20.00
Licenses for dog kennels with 5-15 dogs	\$50.00
Licenses for dog kennels over 15 dogs	\$100.00

Permit Fees:

Breeding (more than one litter per year)	\$150.00
Boarding	\$150.00
Pet Day Care	\$150.00
Dog Training	\$150.00
Pet Grooming	\$150.00
Boarding Fee per day	\$25.00

**Acushnet's Tax Base
FY2017**



Residential Rate

\$14.44 / thousand

(\$0.09 decrease)

Commercial/Industrial/Personal Property Rate

\$18.57 / thousand

(\$0.03 decrease)

The Average Single Family home is valued at \$272,130

Single Family homes showed a significant increase in value from the last fiscal year. Last year the single-family average was \$260,900.

Commercial Values have also increased.

The State requires the Town to conduct a cyclical inspection every ten years. This means that every property needs to be measured and inspected to make sure that the property is assessed at the fair market value (FMV).

PLANNING COMMISSION

To the Officers and Residents of the Town of Acushnet:

The Planning Commission respectfully submits the following report for the calendar year 2017.

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 subdivision reviews, grant applications and data collection preemptive to the next Town Master Plan process. Day to day operation of the Planning Department is aided by the capable assistance of our veteran clerk, Donna Ellis.

Respectfully submitted,
The Planning Commission
Marc Cenerizio, Chairman
Richard Ellis
Mark DeSilva
Phil Mello
Bryan Deschamps
Henry Young, Town Planner

**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 58th anniversary of the Bristol County Mosquito Control Project and its services to the cities and towns of Bristol County. Our mission is to bring mosquito populations to tolerable levels using a variety of scientifically effective methodologies consistent with applicable laws. Surveillance, water management, biological and chemical controls are performed in an environmentally sensitive manner to minimize potential effects on people, wildlife and the environment. Over the years, our project has greatly reduced exposure to both Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) and West Nile virus (WNV).

The Project continues to make upgrades to our pesticide application equipment, service request system and data collection. We utilize GPS guidance systems on our spray trucks enabling our technicians to effectively schedule and conduct early morning applications and document pesticide application routes. We remain committed to applying environmentally responsible larvicide and adulticide products. We do this in order to be better stewards of the environment and reduce any unwanted effect on non-target organisms. We continue our practice of arbovirus and population surveillance through trapping and sending mosquito specimens to the Massachusetts Department of Public Health for testing.

During the 2017-mosquito season, 23,187 mosquitoes were tested for the mosquito borne viruses EEE and WNV. There was one (1) isolation of EEE and no human cases in the County. Bristol County had fifteen (15) mosquito pools test positive for WNV with one (1) reported human case. There were no equine cases for EEE or WNV.

The Project continues its year round efforts 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 period of January 1, 2017– December 31, 2017 the Bristol County Mosquito Control Project:

- Sprayed over 1,758 acres
- Treated 23 acres with B.t.i. 23 locations for mosquito larvae
- Received 149 requests for spraying
- Cleared and reclaimed 2,800 feet of brush
- Cleaned 1,010 feet of ditches by machine
- Mowed .5 acre of brush by machine
- Treated 480 catch basins

Throughout the year, we strive to educate the public concerning mosquito borne diseases and simple ways residents can protect themselves and help prevent breeding on their own property. We have many types of outreach programs available including speaking at public health events, radio/newspaper interviews, visiting local schools, 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 8, 2018

Bristol County Mosquito Control Commissioners:

Robert Davis, Chairman
Gregory D. Dorrance
Joseph Barile
Christine A. Fagan
Aaron G. Caswell

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

This year we have been trying to do some work at the Long Plain Museum. We had the bathroom ceilings sheet rocked thanks to CPC funding. Also we had the bathrooms painted all the wood work plus the walls it looks like new. The floors got painted in the hallway and bathrooms.

The Long Plain Museum has had a better winter with heating oil thanks to the blown insulation that was done. We make sure the furnace is maintained and cleaned every September before heating season.

We had a great turnout for Apple/Peach, thanks to our volunteers every year. The weather was fantastic. Thanks to the volunteers from Old Colony, the kids were great and helped where ever they were needed. Plus the Society members that help in the Museum and kitchen.

This year our priority has to be the Long Plain Museum, the exterior needs scraping and painting and all the corner boards need replacing plus the main door frame they are rotted.

When we get funding from Town Meeting to purchase the material then we have the Sheriff's Work crew come out to do the work.

Last step will be to purchase the shutters for the Museum. Then it will be complete.

Now to the Perry Hill Church and the work that is being done there. The electrical is complete for now, the insulation is 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 Church needs supporting under the building, all the rafters need supporting. This work must be completed before we can use the Church, according to the structural engineer. Also the sheetrock inside needs to be finished. We still have to go out to bid for this work. The exterior of the church is complete and looks great.

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.

Also we are looking for new members for our Historical Commission, we are extremely active in Acushnet.

Respectfully submitted,
Pauline Teixeira-Chairperson
Madeline Gwozdz
Robert Hall
Dunstan Whitlock
Scott Harding
Robert Gilmore Jr.
Acushnet Historical Commission

PARK DEPARTMENT

Town of Acushnet, the Park and Recreation department submit the following report for calendar year ending December 31, 2017.

2017 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 2017 Park Supervisor Mike Ashley continued to do an excellent job, which has led to nothing but compliments on the condition of our park and fields. In 2017 we did not have a replacement line-uped to take over for departing Rob St. Jean, so Rob put himself on the ballot and was willing to comeback until we found a replacement. Shortly after the deadline we found our newest member so Rob gracefully stepped down and we introduced Michael Matton as our new member. Michael will complete 2017 as a member and will reapply to finish the rest of his 3 year team on the 2018 ballot. Welcome Michael Matton and thank you for your years of service, Rob St. Jean.

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.

Our Park Superintendent is in his 2nd year, Mike Ashley was assisted by Leo Braz, Josh Nunes, Jack Nelson and Jack Pelletier. We are proud to have employed a college student on summer break, Josh Nunes, a pitcher for the Bay Sox, Jack Nelson, and our very own soldier, Jack Pelletier. Jack is currently away but is scheduled to return to us once his military duties are complete. They did a phenomenal job in keeping the park looking wonderful and representing the town well.

Changes that have been made in 2017, the batting cages were upgraded to a double cage and a fence surrounds the cages along with new nets. Thank you to the Fairhaven Acushnet Youth Baseball League for their assistance with the donation. A net has been erected above the backstop on Knox field to prevent balls from flying into our neighbor's yards. New field signs have been installed on Knox and White fields. Lastly and certainly not least the Veteran's committee has started the project in front of the playground and weather permitting will be completed in early 2018. There are many other projects and improvements being discussed but nothing yet eminent at this time but the goal of the current board is to stay on the park board for many years to come and to work with our Town's departments and Town Admin to make Pope Park the premier park in the area.

In closing, I want to thank our workers for all that they do to keep the park looking as good as it does. To Elf's Landscaping, Tru Green, the DPW, and many others for your work around the park keeping the grass green and the water wet. Our goal is to improve on 2017 with a better 2018, thank you.

Respectfully yours,

Acushnet Park Board
Chad Leclair – Chairman
Chris Anderson
Michael Matton

ACUSHNET RIVER VALLEY GOLF COURSE

Acushnet River Valley Golf Course is holding true to the vision of creating a high quality upscale municipal championship recreational golf facility that is designed to accommodate all levels of golfers. The competitive landscape continues to change and evolve as the economic climate changes and real estate developments continue to flourish in the south coast area. The city of New Bedford appears to be considering a business park on part of their current municipal golf course and real estate developments are being considered as a possibility at another local private golf course. These two scenarios will prove to be very positive to our continued development as a premier golfing option in the south coast. 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. We implement improvements every year to our operation this year we decided to address our sand bunkers and prioritize renovating the hazards that needed the most work. This is a highly visible improvement to our customer base that was frequently commented on, we always offer great conditions on all turf areas but this is taking our conditions to the next level. We also decided to experiment with Golf Now online booking engine upgrade. This allowed us to reach new customers from all around surrounding states that utilized the Golf Now app on their mobile phones. It is proving to be an incredible idea for market exposure. It is the attention we devote to the small details and implementing them for our customers earning their appreciation and more endearing customer loyalty.

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 path of growth thru aggressive online marketing which incurs no additional costs but provides us with flexibility to adapt to current market conditions and demands. This has been a successful strategy and we will continue to maximize it to its fullest potential.

We have maintained our reputation and continue to get positive feedback regarding our level of commitment updating our customers with promotions, images of the course condition. 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 will have to increase our fees this season in order to

support the minimal increase in cost incurred for updating our fleet of golf carts to an unprecedented 2018 model year. We typically get carts that are at least 3 years to five years used. Customer feedback regarding the new cart fleet was unbelievably positive and much appreciated and the golf rounds showed it. 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. The dedication to this vision is starting to bear fruit as other golf courses are beginning to feel an unprecedented amount of pressure. 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 commitment and continued support.

Respectfully submitted,

Dana Przybyszewski

ACUSHNET PUBLIC LIBRARY

Now in its third year at 232 Middle Road, the Acushnet Public Library continues to be a valued community entity. In September of 2017, the Library Board of Trustees and staff were pleased to announce the FY2019-2023 Strategic Plan, outlining the direction the Library will be taking over the next few years. The main themes of the plan were developed with the assistance of a 13-member Strategic Planning Committee composed of community members, and were further shaped by the results of two community surveys. The five specific goals of the Strategic Plan are:

- Patrons will find the library relevant, useful and attractive to their needs
- Children and their caregivers will have access to the materials and programs they need to create a lifelong love of learning
- Library services will be available and accessible to all residents
- The Library will have greater visibility in the community
- The Library will receive the funding necessary to meet the community's needs
- The Strategic Plan is available in its entirety at the Library and on www.acupl.org.

Additional 2017 highlights include:

- A massive 535% increase in program attendance over attendance figures in 2015
- A sustained 30% increase in overall circulation since moving from the old Russell Memorial Library facility
- 308 new library cards were issued
- A visit from the Boston Bruins mascot, Blades, as part of the Summer Reading program, which saw its highest participation in the Library's history
- Presentations from local and regional authors Maureen Boyle, Edward Lodi, Milena Rodrigues, and Michael Tougias

Library Mission and Offerings – Materials, Programs, Services

The mission of the Acushnet Public Library is to inspire lifelong learning and strengthen the entire community, through its materials, programs and services, in a welcoming space that is open to all.

The Library offers books, DVDs, audiobooks, music CDs, eBooks, newspapers, magazines, public computers, wifi, online databases, and mobile device and technology assistance, all at no cost. There are three ways to download books, DVDs, music, and more to personal devices and at no cost to Acushnet Public Library cardholders: Overdrive, Axis360, and hoopla. 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 are always in demand. 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. A popular LEGO club and book club for ages 10+ were launched in 2017. The Library also holds programs for adults. Both the Knitters Group and Crafters Group meet bimonthly and are always welcoming new members. Member driven book groups meet monthly. Regular Technology sessions are scheduled, and the Community Room continues to attract various local and state non-profit groups to hold meetings and workshops. The Library staff provides outreach to the Town schools.

The Library currently holds visitor passes to Buttonwood Park Zoo, The Hall at Patriot Place, Massachusetts Parks Pass Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR), Mystic Aquarium, New Bedford Whaling Museum, Plimoth Plantation, Roger Williams Park Zoo, and the USS Constitution Museum. 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. – 8:00 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday; and 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 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; Elisabeth Botelho, Dolores Henry, Mary Marshall, Lesley Perkins, 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 2017. 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 2017

Active Borrowers	4951
Children's Programs Held	98
Attendance at Children's Programs	1904
Teen Programs Held	26
Attendance at Teen Programs	202
Adult Programs Held	117
Attendance at Adult Programs	843
Computers Available for Public Use	7
Computers Available with Internet Access	5
Sessions Held on Computers Available with Internet Access	2699
Community Room Use	76
Study Room Use	367
Materials Holdings (Number of Items)	
Books	22681
Periodical Subscriptions	104
Videos/DVDs	3103
Audio	633
Downloadable eBooks/Audio/Video	66266
Circulation (Times Borrowed)	
Books – Adult and Teen	18523
Books – Children	21652
Periodicals	2483
Videos/DVDs	11750
Audio	2247
eBooks	2237
Downloadable Audio/Video	1004
Museum Passes	211
Total Items Circulated	60107

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 (or tele-conference) 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. All VSOs must be reviewed and certified by the State of Massachusetts every three years.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald T. Cormier
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 2017.

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:

Sarah Gomes, Chair	David DeTerra, Vice-Chair
Jennifer Downing, Secretary	Jody Tavares
Craig Sumner	

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

Budget Subcommittee - David DeTerra (Chair) and Sarah Gomes

Negotiations Subcommittee - David DeTerra (Chair) and Jody Tavares

Policy and Evaluation Subcommittee - Jody Tavares (Chair) and Jen Downing

Additionally, the School Committee maintains other positions as follows: Old Colony Vocational Appointment Committee-Sarah Gomes, David DeTerra and Jody Tavares.

Districtwide

As of July 1, 2017, Michael Shea started as the Interim Superintendent of Schools. Mr. Shea will hold this position during the new superintendent search process, which is expected to end on June 30, 2018. Mr. Shea replaced Dr. Stephen Donovan, who was the Superintendent of Schools the past 11 years.

In 2017 Mr. Oliver took on the role as the Chief Technology Officer to oversee technology services for the school district and the town. Kathryn Chabot was hired as the district's registrar and data analyst, as a result of a reorganization in the central office. Andrea Curtis was hired in the new position of academic coach to support the district's curriculum coordinator and administrators, teachers and parents to accomplish the district's curriculum, assessment, intervention, and instructional goals.

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.

Several students were enrolled in various schools as part of school choice. As of June 2017, ten students were enrolled in the Old Rochester Regional School District, five in the Freetown-Lakeville Public Schools, one in the Berkley Public Schools and nine in virtual schools.

Albert F. Ford Middle School

We began the 2017-2018 school year with excitement and anticipation. As we continue

to grow our rigorous academic programming, our focus remains on student achievement and maximizing growth for all students. We have 417 students in grades 5-8.

All departments are working on writing to text, common assessments, and evaluating student data. Each department will be incorporating literacy, numeracy and interdisciplinary units into their curriculum. We added an academic coach to guide and support the teachers to increase student learning and achievement.

To support students who struggle with therapeutic and behavioral needs, we expanded our student support office by one member this summer. We were able to hire a full time school adjustment counselor. We continue to share another school adjustment counselor with Fairhaven High School.

As a result of our successful 1:1 initiative with last year's seventh grade, we expanded our 1:1 initiative with Chromebooks to include the eighth grade this year. Currently we have two grades that are using 1:1 Chromebooks. All students (grades 5-8) have access to their own Google account. Teachers are using Google classroom.

This year we are able to offer four extramural sport programs. We have girls' and boys' soccer, girls' and boys' basketball, volleyball, and flag football. Our teams compete at home and away with three middle schools in New Bedford and several of the local charter schools.

Acushnet Elementary School

Acushnet Elementary School (AES) has approximately 550 students in grades preschool through four. There continues to be five self-contained classrooms in grades one through four, two preschool classrooms, and two resource room classrooms. Students in grades kindergarten through four receive instruction in art, computer technology, music, physical education and Science Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM).

There were several new hired at AES. Kara Plante was hired as a pre-kindergarten teacher, JoAnne Whitehead was hired as a .5 reading interventionist, and Erin Sylvia was hired as a paraprofessional. Recently Susan Vieira was hired as the K-2 resource room teacher as a result of Patricia Carlson's resignation on November 28, 2017. Michelle Smith transferred from a grade one teaching position to a preschool teaching position, and Karen Anselmi transferred from a resource room teaching position to a grade one teaching position.

AES has an active school council that meets approximately five times a school year. Parent members are Darlene Boutin, Monique Avila, and Nichole Amaral. Teacher members are Jill Macolini, Catherine Charpentier and Lisa Carvalho. The council helps the school principal, Susan Campinha-Beck, develop and review the implementation of the School Improvement Plan, as well as offers input with the development of AES's budget.

This year, AES had its first student council of fourth grade students who gave speeches to be voted in by their classmates. The student council president is Aidan Powers and

the vice-president is Matthew Moniz. Some of their activities include: a Wildcat squad, Wildcat newscasters, and assisting in the planning of school-wide events.

AES continues to offer a wide range of extra-curricular school and community activities. These include: our annual vocabulary day parade and Veteran's day program, monthly PBIS school-wide assemblies, PTO-sponsored field trips in each grade level, rockin' runners and garden clubs, basketball, field day for grades pre-kindergarten to grade four, grade-level events (i.e., pajama day-grade k; gingerbread-grade 2; science/research fair-grade 4) and before and after school extra help tutoring.

Special Education

Services include general education services with supplementary aids and services. This is the first option considered for any student with disabilities or learning needs, and should be provided whenever possible in the least restrictive environment, in the neighborhood school (FAPE).

There are special education teachers and paraprofessionals for each grade level, pre-k through 8, which helps support the inclusion model. Special education teachers provide in-class academic support through a co-teaching model. Over the last three years, the district has strengthened its inclusive practices to utilize co-teaching strategies and collaborative practices. Eighty-six percent (86%) of students, ages 3-5, are in full inclusion classrooms, 69% of students ages 6-21 with an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) are also in inclusive classrooms.

Currently there are two integrated preschool classrooms which provide early childhood experiences for our youngest learners. In addition, we have four substantially separate classrooms. Two at AES (grades K-2), and two at Ford Middle School (grades 5-6, and 7-8). These programs provide small group specifically designed instruction for students with cognitive deficits, learning disabilities, social emotional needs, autism, and communication weaknesses.

The Acushnet School District continues to be a full member of the Regional Educational Assessment and Diagnostic Services (READS) Collaborative along with Southeastern Massachusetts Educational Collaborative (SMEC). These collaborative programs provide specialized instruction and support to students beyond the scope of in-district programs.

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 \$13,861,932 for the school department for its FY 2018 budget. This budget was a 3.18% increase from the prior fiscal year. This budget supported the addition of an adjustment counselor, academic coach, COTA, registrar, and

a paraprofessional.
The District applied for and received several grants for FY 18:

Grant	FY 18 Allocation	FY 17 Allocation	Change
Title II A, (140)	\$17,852	\$26,251	(\$8,399)
SpEd IDEA, (240)	\$257,130	\$259,397	(\$2,267)
Early Childhood SpEd, (262)	\$6,312	\$6,722	(\$410)
Title I (305)	\$74,765	\$84,920	(\$10,155)

The District did not receive the Special Education Program Improvement grant or the Early Childhood Special Education Program Improvement grant in FY 18. A total of \$9,237 was received for these grants last year. In total, the District received \$30,468 less in grant funds in FY 18 than in FY 17.

Grant funds are used as follows:

Title IIA: Helps support professional development activities for instructional staff. Also supports the District’s mentoring program for new educators and administrators.

SpEd IDEA: Helps support the district’s special education services. Funds teachers, paraprofessionals, a secretary, and contracted services.

Early Childhood SpEd: Helps support the preschool program.

Title I: Supports one full time and one part time teacher who provide reading and skill development to low achieving students at the Elementary School. Funds are also used to help support professional development costs.

Respectfully submitted:
Michael Shea, Interim Superintendent

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