

Town Administrator Report
January 23, 2018

The following is a summary of the major activities of the Office of the Town Administrator for the previous week.

- 1. Financial Update** –I have attached for your review the summary report of revenues and expenditures for the period through December 31, 2017. This is a significant milestone in that it marks exactly the half-way point of our fiscal year. Through one-half of the year, total general fund expenditures stand at 54.8% of budget, which shows that we'll have another fairly tight fiscal year this year. While most Town budgets either fairly close to the calendar in terms of spending, or have distinct planned cycles for spending, some budgets are experiencing stress that we may foresee will require year-end transfers. Workers Compensation claims and insurance costs in the Selectmen's Unclassified Account as well as legal fees merit close scrutiny moving forward. Many other line items are close to being on track, but require monitoring to ensure that adequate funds will remain to close out the year. Revenue collections remain strong, with 55.5% of budget collected through 50% of the fiscal year. Property Tax collections lead the way with \$11,514,816 collected, representing 54.4% of budget for the year. Local Estimated Receipts (LER) show an interesting trend with continued growth throughout the late fall months. Total LER at the half-way mark stand at \$2,322,385, which is up 8.7 from that same point of the previous year. An interesting point is that a strong contributor here has been the hotel/motel and meals excise taxes for the second quarter of the year which is up by over 10% from the second quarter of last year. While this shows a strong late shoulder season performance for 2017, I suspect that adjustments from first quarter collections not previously reported play a role in this strong performance. Either way, it demonstrates a successful year for 2017, which is most welcomed given the strong pressures on the expenditure budget.

- 2. Budget Update-** Following the Board's Budget Workshop conducted at your last meeting, I met with the Finance Committee on Thursday, Jan. 18 to present the budget in an official kick-off to their review process. The majority of the Finance Committee was able to attend the workshop session, which made the kickoff process very easy in that the Committee was briefed and ready to initiate their review. With the assistance of our Assistant Town Administrator, Wendy Brough, and Town Accountant, Deb Potter, we were able to provide additional reports to the Finance Committee which included a detailed listing of every position in the Town budget, an organizational chart for each department showing each position and the descriptions of services, goals and performance measures for each department. At our Finance Committee meeting one of the areas for follow-up was to meet with School Committee members to discuss the Regional High School Budget for FY 19 as well as potential discussions for a change in the funding formula for the High School. I scheduled that meeting for Monday, Jan 22, which was also attended by the Vice Chairman of the Selectmen and two members of the Finance Committee. The MV Regional High School Committee has placed an item on

their agenda for January 25, 2018 at 4:00 PM to discuss the regional funding formula at the request of the Town of Tisbury, which is experiencing the same problems as the Town of Oak Bluffs. If possible, I would like to get some Selectmen to attend and raise the possibility of discussing a formula based on valuation rather than enrollment.

- 3. Land Bank Tax Collections** –Attached please find correspondence from the Town’s Tax Collector to the Land Bank regarding the 2005 conveyance of property from Down Island Golf to the Land Bank. This was an issue hanging on the Town’s books and brought to my attention by our Tax Collector and Assessors. Due to the magnitude of the problem, I wanted to brief the Board on this matter and to keep you in the loop on this discussion. This Land Bank purchase included four long-standing tax lien parcels, and although the Land Bank is exempt from taxes since the sale, Massachusetts General Laws provides that the prior tax assessments must be paid by the current owner upon sale. These taxes and interest were never paid at the time of sale, and now total roughly \$400,000 including penalties and interest, which records indicate are due from the Land Bank. Even if the Town sought to write-off these taxes, the Town would first have to come up with \$132,146 in our own Overlay funds to pay the original principal on the taxes, which on its face does not seem fair. This matter seems ripe for some type of settlement to hold the Town harmless from being forced to raise the funds for taxes due on these properties.
- 4. Protect Our Cape Cod Aquifer**–Attached please find correspondence and background information regarding a newly formed committee on Cape Cod which was organized in opposition to Eversource’ s use of herbicides in environmentally sensitive locations. “Protect our Cape Cod Aquifer” (POCCA) is advocating for a more unique vegetation management plan for the utility that will recognize the unique hydrology of Cape Cod and Martha’s Vineyard and take special precautions to protect the region’s five distinct lenses of sole source aquifer. These lenses are marked by a relatively shallow distance (20-80 feet) to land surfaces covered with highly permeable sandy soils which makes them particularly sensitive to the application of chemical herbicides to the land. The POCCA group has done a tremendous job in gathering great information and formulating a strategy that will benefit our region. I would strongly recommend that we coordinate our efforts closely with this group and that we work together to help influence the regulatory process regarding the use of herbicides in our fragile environmental area. I will offer to be the point person to coordinate with this group and to provide input and support as necessary to attempt to influence the State decisions regarding the Vegetation Management Plan.
- 5. MMA Annual Meeting** – I was in attendance at last week’s Annual Meeting of the Massachusetts Municipal Association. I was very proud to attend the awards ceremony on Saturday evening, along with three members of the Board of Selectmen, for the honor of receiving Certificate of Excellence and third-place award for the Annual Town Report Contest. The meeting was a very timely opportunity to network with colleagues from around the State who are dedicate to solving local problems, and to share ideas and strategies that will help to improve local government.



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	ORIGINAL APPROP	REVISED BUDGET	YTD EXPENDED	MTD EXPENDED	ENCUMBRANCES	AVAILABLE BUDGET	% USED
01 GENERAL FUND							
122 BOARD OF SELECTMEN							
	460,887.07	460,887.07	260,561.80	48,534.60	0.00	200,325.27	56.5%
131 FINANCE COMMITTEE							
	6,155.00	6,155.00	1,287.50	0.00	0.00	4,867.50	20.9%
132 FIN COMM RESERVE FD.							
	56,500.00	39,710.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	39,710.00	.0%
135 TOWN ACCOUNTANT							
	130,392.00	130,392.00	30,085.63	5,187.65	0.00	100,306.37	23.1%
141 ASSESSORS							
	122,553.04	122,553.04	86,146.34	17,137.10	0.00	36,406.70	70.3%
144 TREASURER (FIXED P/R COST)							
	4,014,799.00	4,014,799.00	2,592,805.10	25,631.31	0.00	1,421,993.90	64.6%
145 TOWN TREASURER							
	145,516.14	145,516.14	85,516.76	32,373.55	0.00	59,999.38	58.8%
146 TAX COLLECTOR							
	137,102.00	137,102.00	63,932.43	13,048.38	0.00	73,169.57	46.6%
155 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY							
	340,237.00	344,332.74	217,482.76	42,688.82	0.00	126,849.98	63.2%
161 TOWN CLERK							
	131,744.00	131,744.00	60,629.93	11,337.75	0.00	71,114.07	46.0%
163 BOARD OF REGISTRARS							
	29,656.00	29,656.00	6,708.03	843.54	0.00	22,947.97	22.6%
171 CONSERVATION COMMISSION							
	102,808.00	102,808.00	51,923.27	8,492.34	0.00	50,884.73	50.5%
175 PLANNING BOARD							
	43,275.00	43,275.00	6,449.93	525.90	0.00	36,825.07	14.9%
199 UNCLASSIFIED (SELECTMEN)							
	1,279,845.00	1,279,845.00	937,732.24	59,673.64	0.00	342,112.76	73.3%
210 POLICE DEPARTMENT							
	2,301,161.70	2,301,161.70	1,312,085.95	181,528.95	0.00	989,075.75	57.0%
220 FIRE DEPARTMENT							
	287,900.00	287,900.00	144,310.10	95,671.90	0.00	143,589.90	50.1%
231 AMBULANCE SERVICE							
	337,424.75	337,424.75	157,175.85	30,402.25	0.00	180,248.90	46.6%
241 BUILDING INSPECTOR							
	242,330.00	242,330.00	121,512.29	21,270.33	0.00	120,817.71	50.1%
249 SHELLFISH							
	193,652.00	193,652.00	99,299.25	21,571.88	0.00	94,352.75	51.3%
291 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT							
	21,700.00	21,700.00	17,193.26	2,046.26	0.00	4,506.74	79.2%

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	ORIGINAL APPROP	REVISED BUDGET	YTD EXPENDED	MTD EXPENDED	ENCUMBRANCES	AVAILABLE BUDGET	% USED
296 MARINA MANAGER	257,048.80	257,048.80	143,362.22	12,329.09	0.00	113,686.58	55.8%
300 OAK BLUFFS SCHOOL	7,772,626.00	7,799,965.92	2,802,831.95	715,796.89	0.00	4,997,133.97	35.9%
301 MARTHA'S VINEYARD REG HS	4,646,813.00	4,646,813.00	2,323,406.65	0.00	0.00	2,323,406.35	50.0%
421 HIGHWAY-ADMINISTRATION	1,598,154.00	1,599,877.41	871,408.89	117,258.92	0.00	728,468.52	54.5%
519 BOARD OF HEALTH	192,953.24	192,953.24	85,085.56	15,110.85	0.00	107,867.68	44.1%
541 COUNCIL ON AGING	215,456.91	215,456.91	58,277.85	9,546.10	0.00	157,179.06	27.0%
543 VETERANS' SERVICES	61,000.00	61,000.00	38,546.34	836.29	0.00	22,453.66	63.2%
610 LIBRARY	501,424.36	501,424.36	234,049.62	40,426.71	0.00	267,374.74	46.7%
612 ARTS COUNCIL	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.0%
630 PARKS AND RECREATION	166,253.40	166,253.40	139,452.73	5,548.43	0.00	26,800.67	83.9%
710 MATURING DEBT-PRINCIPAL	2,259,719.67	2,259,719.67	1,867,179.62	0.00	0.00	392,540.05	82.6%
750 MATURING DEBT-INTEREST	537,009.87	545,226.19	272,572.09	0.00	0.00	272,654.10	50.0%
840 STATE/COUNTY ASSESSMENTS	0.00	0.00	586,014.60	75,665.00	0.00	-586,014.60	100.0%
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	28,595,596.95	28,620,182.34	15,676,526.54	1,610,484.43	0.00	12,943,655.80	54.8%
GRAND TOTAL	28,595,596.95	28,620,182.34	15,676,526.54	1,610,484.43	0.00	12,943,655.80	54.8%

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FOR 2018 06

	ORIGINAL APPROP	REVISED BUDGET	YTD ACTUAL	MTD ACTUAL	ENCUMBRANCES	AVAILABLE BUDGET	% USED
01 GENERAL FUND							
01 MOTOR VEH EXCISE							
-573,000.00	-573,000.00	-149,057.83	-21,666.92	0.00	-423,942.17	26.0%	
02 OTHER EXCISE							
-536,900.00	-536,900.00	-802,447.02	-389,730.31	0.00	265,547.02	149.5%	
03 PENALTIES & INTEREST							
-157,000.00	-157,000.00	-147,192.05	-18,705.27	0.00	-9,807.95	93.8%	
04 PILOT							
-10,400.00	-10,400.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-10,400.00	.0%	
08 CHGS TRASH DISP							
-160,000.00	-160,000.00	-112,525.00	-10,170.00	0.00	-47,475.00	70.3%	
10 FEES							
-88,000.00	-88,000.00	-46,406.19	-9,190.00	0.00	-41,593.81	52.7%	
11 RENTALS							
-85,000.00	-85,000.00	-41,685.00	-250.00	0.00	-43,315.00	49.0%	
13 DEPT LIBRARY							
-8,000.00	-8,000.00	-6,604.56	-1,114.56	0.00	-1,395.44	82.6%	
16 OTHER DEPTL							
-155,000.00	-155,000.00	-119,513.05	-13,255.57	0.00	-35,486.95	77.1%	
17 LIC & PERMITS							
-260,000.00	-260,000.00	-134,072.29	-23,453.00	0.00	-125,927.71	51.6%	
19 FINES & FORFEIT							
-15,000.00	-15,000.00	-12,707.50	-945.00	0.00	-2,292.50	84.7%	
20 INVMT INCOME							
-13,000.00	-13,000.00	-7,531.42	-1,121.37	0.00	-5,468.58	57.9%	
21 MISC RECURRING							
-720,000.00	-720,000.00	-743,299.06	-290.50	0.00	23,299.06	103.2%	
30 CHERRY SHEET							
-1,242,045.00	-1,242,045.00	-646,777.00	-103,037.00	0.00	-595,268.00	52.1%	
41 PERSONAL PROPERTY							
-515,618.63	-515,618.63	-274,995.39	-7,429.99	0.00	-240,623.24	53.3%	
42 REAL ESTATE							
-21,152,964.27	-21,152,964.27	-11,514,816.30	-937,595.24	0.00	-9,638,147.97	54.4%	
44 LIENS & OTHER TAXES							
0.00	0.00	-137,160.31	-21,762.36	0.00	137,160.31	100.0%	
49 TRANSFERS IN/OFS							
-1,154,840.48	-1,154,840.48	0.00	0.00	0.00	-1,154,840.48	.0%	
TOTAL GENERAL FUND							
-26,846,768.38	-26,846,768.38	-14,896,789.97	-1,559,717.09	0.00	-11,949,978.41	55.5%	
TOTAL REVENUES							
-26,846,768.38	-26,846,768.38	-14,896,789.97	-1,559,717.09	0.00	-11,949,978.41		
GRAND TOTAL							
-26,846,768.38	-26,846,768.38	-14,896,789.97	-1,559,717.09	0.00	-11,949,978.41	55.5%	

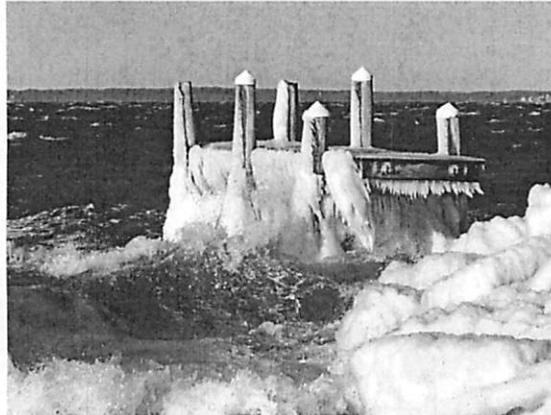
Preliminary Fiscal Year 2018 Local Estimated Receipts By Monthly Collections

	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	YTD
MV Excise	\$ 22,719	\$ 52,243	\$ 11,129	\$ 28,678	\$ 12,623	\$ 21,667	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	149,058
Other Excise	\$ 2	\$ 145	\$ 406,590	\$ 3,183	\$ 2,797	\$ 389,730	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	802,447
Penalties and Interest	\$ 21,673	\$ 21,690	\$ 41,663	\$ 21,575	\$ 21,878	\$ 18,705	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	147,185
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-
Charges for Services-Trash	\$ 32,535	\$ 28,710	\$ 16,905	\$ 9,610	\$ 14,595	\$ 10,170	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	112,525
Fees	\$ 5,058	\$ 9,034	\$ 7,012	\$ 6,365	\$ 9,748	\$ 9,190	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	46,406
Rentals	\$ 22,500	\$ 11,185	\$ 5,000	\$ 1,250	\$ 1,500	\$ 250	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	41,685
Dept. Revenue-School	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-
Dept. Revenue-Library	\$ 1,558	\$ 1,684	\$ 1,131	\$ 800	\$ 318	\$ 1,115	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	6,605
Other Dept. Revenue	\$ 12,313	\$ 9,382	\$ 26,489	\$ 50,863	\$ 7,211	\$ 13,256	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	119,513
Licenses and Permits	\$ 19,138	\$ 23,978	\$ 17,278	\$ 27,228	\$ 22,998	\$ 23,453	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	134,072
Fines and Forfeits	\$ 640	\$ 3,490	\$ 4,088	\$ 1,713	\$ 1,833	\$ 945	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	12,708
Investment Income	\$ 1,332	\$ 1,601	\$ 1,184	\$ 1,062	\$ -	\$ 1,121	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	6,301
Other Miscellaneous-Recurring	\$ 332,081	\$ 337,252	\$ 60,889	\$ 10,816	\$ 2,552	\$ 291	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	743,881
Miscellaneous-Non Recurring	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-
Total	\$ 471,548	\$ 500,392	\$ 599,358	\$ 163,144	\$ 98,051	\$ 489,893	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	2,322,385
Cummulative Monthly Totals	\$ 471,548	\$ 971,940	\$ 1,571,298	\$ 1,734,441	\$ 1,832,492	\$ 2,322,385	\$ 2,322,385	\$ 2,322,385	\$ 2,322,385	\$ 2,322,385	\$ 2,322,385	\$ 2,322,385	

Preliminary Fiscal Year 2017 Local Estimated Receipts By Monthly Collections

	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	YTD
MV Excise	\$ 36,487	\$ 39,946	\$ 20,286	\$ 19,848	\$ 7,720	\$ 17,235	\$ 21,684	\$ 442,964	\$ 101,462	\$ 76,803	\$ 20,899	\$ 84,689	\$ 890,023
Other Excise	\$ 1,863	\$ 387	\$ 406,361	\$ 496	\$ 2,791	\$ 352,652	\$ 1,479	\$ 1,050	\$ 48,018	\$ 195	\$ 644	\$ 62,471	\$ 878,408
Penalties and Interest	\$ 23,594	\$ 14,955	\$ 22,040	\$ 16,004	\$ 17,015	\$ 14,325	\$ 36,799	\$ 30,298	\$ 25,097	\$ 14,434	\$ 24,643	\$ 33,634	\$ 272,838
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	\$ 832	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 14,536	\$ 832	\$ 16,201
Charges for Services-Trash	\$ 32,645	\$ 34,550	\$ 17,325	\$ 12,375	\$ 14,495	\$ 8,530	\$ 8,390	\$ 1,810	\$ 13,760	\$ 9,890	\$ 15,365	\$ 36,220	\$ 205,355
Fees	\$ 7,140	\$ 9,869	\$ 9,692	\$ 10,569	\$ 8,108	\$ 12,701	\$ 8,713	\$ 10,739	\$ 12,290	\$ 14,589	\$ 12,250	\$ 9,776	\$ 126,436
Rentals	\$ 9,175	\$ 12,475	\$ 3,500	\$ 2,500	\$ 256	\$ 2,750	\$ 1,750	\$ 250	\$ 5,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 5,750	\$ 9,151	\$ 54,557
Dept. Revenue-School	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Dept. Revenue-Library	\$ 1,467	\$ 1,652	\$ 1,379	\$ 422	\$ 1,327	\$ 762	\$ 449	\$ 665	\$ 614	\$ 778	\$ 347	\$ 1,362	\$ 11,223
Other Dept. Revenue	\$ 15,710	\$ 10,205	\$ 12,601	\$ 21,406	\$ 19,388	\$ 3,922	\$ 5,374	\$ 3,316	\$ 15,038	\$ 158,181	\$ 9,034	\$ (70,797)	\$ 203,377
Licenses and Permits	\$ 23,215	\$ 33,037	\$ 26,155	\$ 26,270	\$ 23,517	\$ 30,452	\$ 72,039	\$ 25,624	\$ 94,551	\$ 29,420	\$ 31,321	\$ 51,396	\$ 466,996
Fines and Forfeits	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,258	\$ 1,525	\$ 1,550	\$ 1,310	\$ 638	\$ 1,015	\$ 1,668	\$ 1,133	\$ 2,190	\$ 3,008	\$ 19,293
Investment Income	\$ 1,525	\$ 1,843	\$ 1,147	\$ 967	\$ 1,203	\$ 1,079	\$ 1,127	\$ 1,374	\$ 1,555	\$ 1,397	\$ 1,884	\$ 1,629	\$ 16,730
Other Miscellaneous-Recurring	\$ 307,449	\$ 219,668	\$ 118,738	\$ 5,369	\$ (1,348)	\$ (7,375)	\$ 2,355	\$ 51,432	\$ 20,510	\$ 7,937	\$ 101,917	\$ 115,453	\$ 942,106
Miscellaneous-Non Recurring	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total	\$ 461,102	\$ 378,587	\$ 644,482	\$ 117,751	\$ 96,022	\$ 438,343	\$ 160,796	\$ 570,536	\$ 340,064	\$ 316,256	\$ 240,780	\$ 338,823	\$ 4,103,542
Cummulative Monthly Totals	\$ 461,102	\$ 839,689	\$ 1,484,171	\$ 1,601,922	\$ 1,697,944	\$ 2,136,287	\$ 2,297,083	\$ 2,867,619	\$ 3,207,682	\$ 3,523,939	\$ 3,764,718	\$ 4,103,542	

Fiscal Year 2019



Budget Workshop Session



January 09, 2018



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- Very strong economy,
- Strong budgetary flexibility,
- Strong budgetary performance and stable and consistent revenue profile,
- Very strong liquidity,
- Strong management conditions with "good" financial management practices Assessment (FMA) methodology,
- Very strong debt and contingent liabilities, and
- Strong institutional framework.

Very strong economy

The town, with a population estimate of 4,740, is a well-known oceanfront vacation destination on the island of Martha's Vineyard in Dukes County. Nevertheless, the employment base is not concentrated. We consider Oak Bluffs' economy strong, with projected per capita effective buying income at 133% of the national level. Market value is \$532,159 per capita. The property tax base is diverse, with the 10 leading taxpayers accounting for just 2.5% of assessed value.

Summary:

Oak Bluffs, Massachusetts; General Obligation; Note

Credit Profile

US\$6.51 mil BANs ser 2104 due 12/01/2015	SP-1+	New
Oak Bluffs BANs ser 2104 due 12/01/2015	SP-1+	Affirmed

Rationale

Standard & Poor's Ratings Services assigned its 'SP-1+' short-term rating to Oak Bluffs, Mass.' series 2014 general obligation (GO) bond anticipation notes (BANs), maturing on Sept. 10, 2015. Standard & Poor's also affirmed its 'AA+'

Recap of Progress to Date 2011- 2018 Results of Operations

General Fund Balance

July 1, 2011	(\$434,533.28)
July 1, 2012	(\$115,854.43)
July 1, 2013	\$1,555,593
July 1, 2014	\$1,091,714
July 1, 2015	\$1,188,156
July 1, 2016	\$2,225,979
July 1, 2017	\$1,592,594

Free Cash Certification

- Free Cash

July 1, 2011	(\$ 888,046.31)
July 1, 2012	(\$ 600,087.00)
July 1, 2013	\$ 961,542
July 1, 2014	\$ 453,796
July 1, 2015	\$ 347,790
July 1, 2016	\$1,511,000
July 1, 2017	\$1,109,397

Fiscal Year 2019 Budget Overview

- While Progress has been made, challenges exist that are ever-present threats to stability and require constant attention
- Proposition 2 ½ limits, Flawed State revenue sharing formula and stable non-property tax revenues all limit the growth in annual revenues
- Regional education spending and formula can be very volatile from year to year
- Health insurances and Labor costs continue to climb.

Fiscal Year 2019 Budget Overview

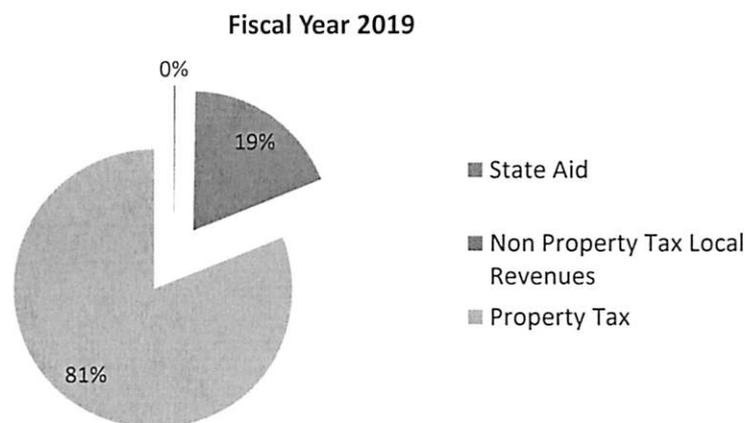
Fiscal Year 2019 Projected Budget Increases

• Cost of Living – Town	\$ 147,112
• Health Insurance	\$ 346,480
• MV Regional High School	\$ 467,566
• Oak Bluffs School	\$ 302,432
• Retirement	\$ 52,093
Total	\$1,315,683

Fiscal Year 2019 Budget Overview

- Total Recommended Budget of \$30,659,266, up 4.5% from last year
- Increase in Education and Overhead items of \$1.3 million compares with \$800,000 in total new revenues, creating \$500,000 shortfall
- Departmental Expenses cut where possible to lower shortfall. Many requests not met.
- Proposed Proposition 2 ½ override to address \$500,000 shortfall in FY 19 and reserve \$250,000 for increases in FY 20

Composition of Revenues



FY 2019 Override Impact

- Estimated Total Shortfall \$500,000
- Total Town Valuation \$3,038,298,360
- Current Tax Rate \$7.83/\$1,000
- Impact on the Tax Rate \$0.164

- Impact on Tax Bill for a
home valued at \$535,600 \$87.88
(FY 18 Median Value in OB)

FY 2019 Budget Initiatives

- Oak Bluffs School:
Third year of above avg. growth for increased classroom support to deal with growth. Up 4.27%, 13.5% over 3 years
- High School:
7.3% increase translates to 10.1% for Oak Bluffs due to enrollment shift with zero new students for our Town
- Town COLA is 2% with no steps; Police get similar amount with 1% and some steps. Up \$147,112
- Health Insurance – Rates under study minimum 12% increase for next year.

FY 2019 Budget Initiatives

- Retirement Assessment up 5% for \$52,093
- Center for Living up \$25,009- Adult Day Care
- Building Maintenance up \$25,000 for privatized cleaning services
- Fire Department up \$35,000 to establish a Night Duty Officer stipend for on-call activity
- Wage and Classification Plan up \$20,000 for implementation seed money



NOTICE

Martha's Vineyard Regional High School

School Committee Meeting

Thursday, January 25, 2018

4:00 PM

Culinary Arts Dining Room

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Regional Agreement
- III. Topics not reasonably anticipated by the Chair
- IV. Adjournment



October 4, 2017

MV Land Bank
167 Main St.
PO Box 2057
Edgartown MA 02539
Attn: James Lengyel –Executive Director

Dear Mr. Lengyel:

A municipal lien certificate was generated for Map 41 Parcel 2 on March 16, 2005 for a conveyance of land from Down Island Golf to the MV Land Bank.

Four parcels in tax lien are linked to Map 41 Parcel 2 due to a combining of lots done in 2007 by the Assessor. Acreage on this parcel increased from 82.25 to approximately 190 acres in 2007. Although the Land Bank is tax exempt from the sale date in 2005, the prior tax assessments linked to the new parcel must be paid by the current owner according to Massachusetts General Laws.

The enclosed tax statements represent unpaid taxes from various parcels which were combined into a new parcel in 2007.

If a payment was made to the town for back taxes on the following parcels please forward your payment reference. If you have questions regarding the original assessments to the parcels and the combination thereof, please contact the Principal Assessor David Bailey at 693-3554 x104.

Feel to contact me if you have any questions regarding payment of the enclosed statements for unpaid taxes past due.

Respectfully,

Cheryll A. Sashin, CMMC
Collector of Taxes

CC: Mass DOR

Reynolds Rappaport & Kaplan, LLP

R. Whritenour, Town Administrator

Atty. James Coppola

David Bailey, Assessor

Sharon Jackson, Treasurer

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PARCEL: 0050-0038

LOCATION:

CURRENT OWNER:
MBT REALTY TRUST
P O BOX 2547
OAK BLUFFS MA 02557

CURRENT STATUS:
SQ FT: 0
LAND VALUATION: 4,798,300
BUILDING VALUATION: 0
EXEMPTIONS: 0
TAXABLE VALUATION : 4,798,300
INTEREST PER DIEM 18.97

LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

DEED DATE:

INTEREST DATE: 10/31/2017

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132,146

YEAR	TYPE	BILL	BILLED	JE	INT DUE	TOTAL DUE
2001	RE-O	2				
3	RETAX		2,962.56	2,962.56	6,949.73	9,912.29
4	RETAX		2,962.56	2,962.56	6,848.60	9,811.16
			5,925.12	5,925.12	13,798.33	19,723.45
2000	RE-O	3				
3	RETAX		2,742.69	2,742.69	6,661.18	9,403.87
4	RETAX		2,742.68	2,742.68	6,661.15	9,403.83
			5,485.37	5,485.37	13,322.33	18,807.70
1999	RE-O	3				
3	RETAX		2,048.48	2,048.48	5,379.79	7,428.27
4	RETAX		2,048.48	2,048.48	5,206.15	7,254.63
			4,096.96	4,096.96	10,585.94	14,682.90
1998	RE-O	3				
3	RETAX		2,190.83	2,190.83	6,060.35	8,251.18
4	RETAX		2,190.83	2,190.83	5,985.56	8,176.39
			4,381.66	4,381.66	12,045.91	16,427.57
1997	RE-O	5				
3	RETAX		2,135.28	2,135.28	6,205.62	8,340.90
4	RETAX		2,135.28	2,135.28	6,132.73	8,268.01
			4,270.56	4,270.56	12,338.35	16,608.91
1996	RE-O	4				
3	RETAX		2,123.13	2,123.13	6,468.36	8,591.49
4	RETAX		2,123.13	2,123.13	6,395.07	8,518.20
			4,246.26	4,246.26	12,863.43	17,109.69

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YEAR	TYPE	BILL	BILLED	PRIN DUE	INT DUE	TOTAL DUE
INST	CHARGE					
1995	RE-O	4				
3	RETAX		2,057.16	2,057.16	6,555.38	8,612.54
4	RETAX		2,057.16	2,057.16	6,485.16	8,542.32
			4,114.32	4,114.32	13,040.54	17,154.86
1994	RE-O	6				
4	RETAX		3,447.70	3,447.70	11,352.80	14,800.50
			3,447.70	3,447.70	11,352.80	14,800.50
1993	RE-O	5				
2	RETAX		3,406.03	3,406.03	11,698.96	15,104.99
			3,406.03	3,406.03	11,698.96	15,104.99
1992	RE-O	1000005				
1	RETAX		3,590.83	3,590.83	13,092.60	16,683.43
			3,590.83	3,590.83	13,092.60	16,683.43
1991	RE-O	1000005				
1	RETAX		3,336.06	3,336.06	12,630.73	15,966.79
			3,336.06	3,336.06	12,630.73	15,966.79
1990	RE-O	1000005				
1	RETAX		3,143.78	3,143.78	12,342.86	15,486.64
			3,143.78	3,143.78	12,342.86	15,486.64
GRAND TOTALS			49,444.65	49,444.65	149,112.78	198,557.43

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PARCEL: 0041-0010

LOCATION: PADDOCK RD

CURRENT OWNER:
FARLAP DEVELOPMENT CORP
2 COWDRAY PARK DR
GREENWICH CT 06831

CURRENT STATUS:
ACRES: 2.690
LAND VALUATION: 60,800
BUILDING VALUATION: 0
EXEMPTIONS: 0
TAXABLE VALUATION : 60,800
INTEREST PER DIEM 8.97

LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

DEED DATE: 10/06/2006 BOOK/PAGE: 1097/602 INTEREST DATE: 10/31/2017

YEAR	TYPE	BILL	BILLED	PRIN DUE	INT DUE	TOTAL DUE
INST	CHARGE					
1994	RE-O	4				
4	RETAX		5,000.75	5,000.75	16,466.78	21,467.53
			5,000.75	5,000.75	16,466.78	21,467.53
1993	RE-O	3				
2	RETAX		4,940.32	4,940.32	16,968.91	21,909.23
			4,940.32	4,940.32	16,968.91	21,909.23
1992	RE-O	1000003				
1	RETAX		4,803.21	4,803.21	17,513.09	22,316.30
			4,803.21	4,803.21	17,513.09	22,316.30
1991	RE-O	1000003				
1	RETAX		4,462.42	4,462.42	16,895.26	21,357.68
			4,462.42	4,462.42	16,895.26	21,357.68
1990	RE-O	1000003				
1	RETAX		4,205.22	4,205.22	16,510.20	20,715.42
			4,205.22	4,205.22	16,510.20	20,715.42
GRAND TOTALS			23,411.92	23,411.92	84,354.24	107,766.16

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PARCEL: 0043-0054

LOCATION: COUNTY RD

CURRENT OWNER:
KUPERSMITH COREY
15 VALLEY DR SUITE 300
GREENWICH CT 06831

CURRENT STATUS:
ACRES: 9.360
LAND VALUATION: 393,300
BUILDING VALUATION: 0
EXEMPTIONS: 0
TAXABLE VALUATION : 393,300
INTEREST PER DIEM 17.73

LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

DEED DATE: 07/25/2000 BOOK/PAGE: 805/08

INTEREST DATE: 10/31/2017

YEAR	TYPE	BILL	BILLED	PRIN DUE	INT DUE	TOTAL DUE
INST	CHARGE					
2001	LIEN	34				
1	RETAX TT		4,175.36	4,175.36	8,968.52	13,143.88
	DEMAND TT		5.00	5.00	10.74	15.74
	INT TO TKG		2,013.05	2,013.05	4,323.96	6,337.01
			6,193.41	6,193.41	13,303.22	19,496.63
			6,193.41	6,193.41	13,303.22	19,496.63
2000	LIEN	29				
1	RETAX TT		3,865.47	3,865.47	8,416.42	12,281.89
	DEMAND TT		5.00	5.00	10.89	15.89
	INTTTK TT		2,254.88	2,254.88	4,909.63	7,164.51
			6,125.35	6,125.35	13,336.94	19,462.29
			6,125.35	6,125.35	13,336.94	19,462.29
1999	LIEN	26				
1	RETAX TT		3,646.92	3,646.92	10,124.34	13,771.26
	DEMAND TT		5.00	5.00	13.88	18.88
	INTTTK TT		767.27	767.27	2,130.04	2,897.31
			4,419.19	4,419.19	12,268.26	16,687.45
			4,419.19	4,419.19	12,268.26	16,687.45
1998	LIEN	26				
1	RETAX TT		4,086.36	4,086.36	12,196.94	16,283.30
	DEMAND TT		5.00	5.00	14.92	19.92
	INTTTK TT		701.70	701.70	2,094.43	2,796.13
			4,793.06	4,793.06	14,306.29	19,099.35

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YEAR	TYPE	BILL	BILLED	PRIN DUE	INT DUE	TOTAL DUE
INST	CHARGE					
			4,793.06	4,793.06	14,306.29	19,099.35
1997	LIEN	31				
1	RETAX TT		3,982.74	3,982.74	12,538.87	16,521.61
	DEMAND TT		5.00	5.00	15.74	20.74
	INTTTK TT		675.57	675.57	2,126.90	2,802.47
			4,663.31	4,663.31	14,681.51	19,344.82
			4,663.31	4,663.31	14,681.51	19,344.82
1996	LIEN	28				
1	RETAX TT		3,960.07	3,960.07	12,979.60	16,939.67
	DEMAND TT		5.00	5.00	16.39	21.39
	INTTTK TT		776.90	776.90	2,546.38	3,323.28
			4,741.97	4,741.97	15,542.37	20,284.34
			4,741.97	4,741.97	15,542.37	20,284.34
1995	LIEN	25				
1	RETAX TT		3,872.58	3,872.58	12,692.84	16,565.42
	DEMAND TT		5.00	5.00	16.39	21.39
	INTTTK TT		1,283.31	1,283.31	4,206.20	5,489.51
			5,160.89	5,160.89	16,915.43	22,076.32
			5,160.89	5,160.89	16,915.43	22,076.32
1994	LIEN	28				
1	RETAX TT		3,245.12	3,245.12	11,094.32	14,339.44
	DEMAND TT		5.00	5.00	17.09	22.09
	INTTTK TT		1,127.70	1,127.70	3,855.35	4,983.05
	AD PREPARA		2.00	2.00	6.84	8.84
	NEWS AD		8.68	8.68	29.67	38.35
	POST FEE		2.00	2.00	6.84	8.84
	RECORDING		10.00	10.00	34.19	44.19
	RECORD PRP		5.00	5.00	17.09	22.09
			4,405.50	4,405.50	15,061.39	19,466.89
			4,405.50	4,405.50	15,061.39	19,466.89

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YEAR TYPE INST CHARGE	BILL	BILLED	PRIN DUE	INT DUE	TOTAL DUE
GRAND TOTALS		40,502.68	40,502.68	115,415.41	155,918.09

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TOWN OF OAK BLUFFS
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PARCEL: 0043-0053

LOCATION: COUNTY RD

CURRENT OWNER:
TOWN OF OAK BLUFFS
PO BOX 1327
OAK BLUFFS MA 02557

CURRENT STATUS:
ACRES: 22.407
LAND VALUATION: 981,500
BUILDING VALUATION: 0
EXEMPTIONS: 0
TAXABLE VALUATION : 981,500
INTEREST PER DIEM 8.21

LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

DEED DATE:		BOOK/PAGE:		INTEREST DATE: 10/31/2017		
YEAR	TYPE	BILL	BILLED	PRIN DUE	INT DUE	TOTAL DUE
INST	CHARGE					
2001	LIEN	33				
1	RETAX TT		1,937.92	1,937.92	4,162.58	6,100.50
	DEMAND TT		5.00	5.00	10.74	15.74
	INT TO TKG		934.32	934.32	2,006.89	2,941.21
			2,877.24	2,877.24	6,180.21	9,057.45
			2,877.24	2,877.24	6,180.21	9,057.45
2000	LIEN	31				
1	RETAX TT		1,794.09	1,794.09	3,906.33	5,700.42
	DEMAND TT		5.00	5.00	10.89	15.89
	INTTTK TT		1,046.56	1,046.56	2,278.71	3,325.27
			2,845.65	2,845.65	6,195.93	9,041.58
			2,845.65	2,845.65	6,195.93	9,041.58
1999	LIEN	19				
1	RETAX TT		1,692.65	1,692.65	4,699.02	6,391.67
	DEMAND TT		5.00	5.00	13.88	18.88
	INTTTK TT		354.71	354.71	984.72	1,339.43
			2,052.36	2,052.36	5,697.62	7,749.98
			2,052.36	2,052.36	5,697.62	7,749.98
1998	LIEN	18				
1	RETAX TT		1,880.38	1,880.38	5,612.55	7,492.93
	DEMAND TT		5.00	5.00	14.92	19.92
	INTTTK TT		322.90	322.90	963.79	1,286.69
			2,208.28	2,208.28	6,591.26	8,799.54

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YEAR	TYPE	BILL	BILLED	PRIN DUE	INT DUE	TOTAL DUE
INST	CHARGE					
			2,208.28	2,208.28	6,591.26	8,799.54
1997	LIEN	22				
1	RETAX TT		1,832.70	1,832.70	5,769.89	7,602.59
	DEMAND TT		5.00	5.00	15.74	20.74
	INTTTK TT		310.87	310.87	978.71	1,289.58
			2,148.57	2,148.57	6,764.34	8,912.91
			2,148.57	2,148.57	6,764.34	8,912.91
1996	LIEN	20				
1	RETAX TT		1,822.27	1,822.27	5,972.70	7,794.97
	DEMAND TT		5.00	5.00	16.39	21.39
	INTTTK TT		358.18	358.18	1,173.98	1,532.16
			2,185.45	2,185.45	7,163.07	9,348.52
			2,185.45	2,185.45	7,163.07	9,348.52
1995	LIEN	18				
1	RETAX TT		1,801.20	1,801.20	5,903.65	7,704.85
	DEMAND TT		5.00	5.00	16.39	21.39
	INTTTK TT		596.88	596.88	1,956.34	2,553.22
			2,403.08	2,403.08	7,876.38	10,279.46
			2,403.08	2,403.08	7,876.38	10,279.46
1994	LIEN	23				
1	RETAX TT		1,509.36	1,509.36	5,160.15	6,669.51
	DEMAND TT		5.00	5.00	17.09	22.09
	INTTTK TT		524.51	524.51	1,793.18	2,317.69
	AD PREPARA		2.00	2.00	6.84	8.84
	NEWS AD		8.68	8.68	29.67	38.35
	POST FEE		2.00	2.00	6.84	8.84
	RECORD PRP		5.00	5.00	17.09	22.09
	RECORDING		10.00	10.00	34.19	44.19
			2,066.55	2,066.55	7,065.05	9,131.60
			2,066.55	2,066.55	7,065.05	9,131.60

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YEAR TYPE INST CHARGE	BILL	BILLED	PRIN DUE	INT DUE	TOTAL DUE
GRAND TOTALS		18,787.18	18,787.18	53,533.86	72,321.04



Dear Town Administrator:

Please review material provided to prepare your town to respond to the upcoming regional hearing on Eversource's five year Vegetation Management Plan (VMP) 2018.

This packet provides arguments why Eversource should not use toxic herbicides along Rights- of-Way (ROW) power lines on Cape Cod and Martha's Vineyard. Given Cape Cod's unique glacial hydrology, the VMP by Eversource is too generic and does not adequately protect our groundwater. 11.00 CMR 333 says there is a statewide uniform regulatory process but is not compatible with Cape Cod's hydrology. We live on sand that permeates very rapidly. The sand, silt and clay between the surface and our water moves at much faster hydration rates than elsewhere. Attached maps show ROW power lines, as well as water lenses we rely on for drinkable water. Please get more specific maps of your town's public and private wells from your respective conservation commissions to illustrate in more detail where wells are located along ROW in your town.

The future of the health of our water depends on how towns proceed forward. No one company uses more toxic herbicides on Cape Cod than Eversource. It is common sense that less used the better for the longevity of our natural resources. Thousands of gallons of herbicides are used yearly by Eversource to maintain vegetation to keep our electrical lines safe. The goal is to lessen the amounts of herbicides used, considering we live above the water we drink. This packet gives you the ability to work with Eversource as well as the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources (MDAR) on the matter. MDAR oversees Eversource's maintenance plans. There is a Yearly Operational Plan (YOP) that comes out after the VMP and needs to be within the guidelines of the VMP but is more specific, listing towns applied and which herbicides used that year.

Just remember, the EPA defines a sole source aquifer (SSA) as one where the aquifer supplies at least 50 percent of the drinking water for its service area. There are no reasonably available alternative drinking water sources should the aquifer become contaminated. In 1982, Cape Cod was designated by the EPA as an SSA and we are over 90% dependent.

Considering there are other ways to maintain vegetation overgrowth along power lines in your town that are less toxic, in an attached document we offer some strong arguments why Eversource does not need to apply more herbicides to your land. Please take the information attached and consult with your town counsel how your town will respond to this critical issue when the VMP comes out:

1 - Town to be prepared to testify at the regional hearing of Eversource's VMP (Vegetation Management Plan) for 2018 to mitigate the use of toxic herbicides on Cape Cod. The VMP 2018 should be out any day now.

P.O. Box 17, North Eastham, Ma 02651

774.353.6511 * www.POCCACapeCod.org * poccapcod@gmail.com

2 - When the VMP 2018 is made public, have your town Water Department submit a written testimony with your town letterhead to: MDAR (Mass Department of Agricultural Resources), 251 Causeway Street, Suite 500, Boston, MA 02114. Submit within the 45 day comment period allowed, after the VMP 2018 comes out. In your testimony, point out specific facts of your town's hydrology through maps of Rights-of-ways, where your town private and public wells are, ground-water flow and depths to water level flow with maps. According to a recent Division of Administrative Law of Appeals (DALA) ruling, your water department may be able to demonstrate being an aggrieved party when toxic herbicides are applied by Eversource, through compromise of (its) regulatory authority (town of Brewster et al v. Department of Agricultural Resources: MS-17-447 and 456).

3 - Consider approaching neighboring towns who share the same watershed/lens to unite on this important matter that affects us all.

Eversource has completed the first 5 year VMP plan that concluded this fall, 2017. Now is a critical time in stopping toxic herbicide use as a way of maintenance by Eversource for the next 5 years. It is critical for towns to get involved or another 5 years will go by.

It is up to us to protect the land we all love and the natural resources upon it we rely on.

Thank you for taking the next step to work with your town water department on this important matter. The POCCA team is available for meetings to share what we've learned over the years to address this issue. The future of our water depends on this. Time is of the essence since the next VMP 2018 will be coming out any day. We may not be able to solve the prevention of all herbicide use, but we can solve this part of herbicides potentially getting into our fresh and salt waters. See attached document for a list of alternative solutions as well.

Respectfully, the POCCA team:

Laura Kelley, Eastham

Steve Leibowitz, Brewster

Brian O'Malley, MD, Provincetown

Todd Kelley, Chatham

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Due to the unique hydrology of Cape Cod and Martha's Vineyard,
Eversource should not apply herbicides along ROW for vegetation management

We request a unique vegetation management plan designed for Cape Cod and MV without the use of herbicides ~

Below are reasons or arguments listing why toxic herbicide use this way should be stopped:

Argument #1:

The unique hydrology of Cape Cod and Martha's Vineyard presents a number of features which directly affect ground-water flow, and which support a contention that the standards embodied in 333 CMR are not adequate for the prevailing conditions on this peninsula.

The Cape was formed from two glacial moraines, the Buzzards Bay, and the Sandwich on the western Cape, and their outwash plains which form most of the mid, south and eastern Cape. These soils consists of unconsolidated material, ranging from coarse gravel to sand and silt, and are characterized by high values for hydraulic conductivity. Water moves quickly through them. Best estimates, from Guswa and LeBlanc 1985, suggest lateral conductivity rates of 200 ft/day in fine sand, and 300 ft/day in coarser sand and gravel. Vertical conductivity is estimated to be about 10% of horizontal, on the order of 20-30 ft/day. The organic content here is very low.

Importantly, the Cape is an EPA-designated sole source aquifer. That is, nearly all of our fresh water comes from the ground beneath us. Five distinct lenses of fresh water are recognized for drinkable water; these have relatively stable boundaries. Depth from the land surface to fresh groundwater is less than 50 feet for most of the Cape, with a maximum of about 80 feet at the crest of the Sandwich moraine, and values under 20 feet east of the mid-Cape. Thus, a critical, single-source aquifer underlies all of Cape Cod, covered by a shallow layer of mostly highly-permeable sandy soil, with low retention rates that markedly limit biodegradation of any contaminants.

We argue that these region-specific conditions call for additional layers of protection for our groundwater. The application of toxic materials to the ground surface will result in percolation into the soil, and into its shallow freshwater lenses, over short time-frames.

[Digital Models of Ground-Water Flow in the Cape Cod Aquifer System, Massachusetts; United States Geological Survey, Water-Supply Paper 2209; Guswa, John H and LeBlanc, Dennis R; 1985]

[Cape Cod Glacial Aquifer Massachusetts; Margaret Martin; GO571; Hydrogeology, Spring 2008]

<https://www3.epa.gov/region1/eco/drinkwater/solecape.html>

Argument #2:

Glyphosate, the active ingredient in RoundUp herbicide, is a biocide that interferes with cellular metabolism, and a toxin. It is one of the five herbicides Eversource uses on Cape Cod and Martha's Vineyard. Its use would otherwise not need be restricted by precautions and regulations. Its toxicity is of concern around the world, and it has been banned in many jurisdictions, including the Netherlands, France, Belgium, Russia, Malta, Sri Lanka, Mexico, Argentina and Columbia. Brazil is moving toward a ban. By a split vote this month, November 2017, Europe did not enact a ban on glyphosate, but the decision was very controversial (and may lead to the fall of the governing coalition in Germany.) The US State Department aggressively promotes its use worldwide.

The World Health Organization's International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) recognizes glyphosate as a cause of cancer, especially non-Hodgkin's lymphoma in humans, and others in lab animals. It is recognized as a probable cause of acute renal failure, which is epidemic in a number of tropical-latitude agricultural societies. The state of California lists glyphosate as a cancer-causing agent on labels of the product.

<https://www.nature.com/news/widely-used-herbicide-linked-to-cancer-1.17181>

<https://toxics.usgs.gov/highlights/glyphosate02.html>

Argument #3:

Emerging Contaminants

For many years, fire-suppressing foams containing Perfluoroalkylated compounds were used at the Barnstable Airport and Fire Training Academy. These were federally approved chemicals, used in many other applications. More recent investigations have revealed previously unknown and significant health risks attributed to exposure to these compounds. In response, the EPA set new permissible limits for drinking water. Well fields down-gradient from the airport and FTA were found to have higher-than-permitted concentrations of several of these compounds. An expensive remediation effort, with pumping and filtering of the water, is underway, and will last for years. Barnstable County will be liable for at least 3-4 million dollars of this cleanup.

Given the known current scientific concerns about the herbicides used on the rights-of-way, prudence would dictate that their use be curtailed now. The extent of contamination of our aquifer would make cleanup efforts unaffordable for every Town and the County.

<http://www.barnstablepatriot.com/news/20170629/barnstable-county-town-settle-fire-training-academy-suit>

Example for #3: Banned DDT: President Kennedy from Cape Cod banned DDT in 1970. Today it still shows up in testing from Silent Spring, please visit their website for more information!

Argument 4:

The label is the law: See links listed showing the labels for each herbicide. Read the environmental hazards. Does this make you feel comfortable as a town leader allowing it in your town when there are alternative ways to maintain vegetation overgrowth along ROW's? In Eversource's VMP, it states they have a goal of "reducing the risk of unreasonable adverse effects to the health and well being of humans, animals and the environment." Using herbicides contradicts this statement. Here is the label of each one of the herbicides used: Glyphosate, Ammonium Fosamine, Triclopyr, Metsulfuron Methyl, Imazapyr. Google the labels of each of these and please read Environmental Hazards.

<https://www.tisbury.ma.gov/node/1/files>

Argument 5:

There are numerous violations by Eversource contractors. Strict regulations exist for their applicators to follow. There are instances of complaints filed against Eversource for violating application standards in the YOP and no record of them being held accountable for these. For example this fall, a resident documented spraying in the rain in Chatham, applications at 18MPH winds and higher gusts. Here are some references to violations:

<http://nebula.wsimg.com/b7f44ffb0e6a130e367275ac1437c71b?AccessKeyId=053931DA38466C31083D&disposition=0&alloworigin=1>

Argument 6:

Toxic plume in Eastham: It was discovered in 2012 that the Eastham dump had percolated enough toxins through sandy soils to contaminate wells, forcing the town to pay for bottled water for the neighborhoods affected. Whether water is drawn from private or public wells, it comes from the same source.

<http://www.capecodtimes.com/news/20170914/eastham-water-pollution-lawsuit-settled>

Argument #7:

Vegetation on ROW:

YOP 1. Introduction:

Second paragraph.

“Eversource must keep these ROWs free from hazards and encroachments. In this effort, the vegetation on the ROW corridors must be maintained at an early stage of plant succession (herbaceous plants and shrubs).

Third paragraph: This program supports a healthier more diverse habitat for wildlife that depends upon early successional landscapes.”

Response: It is agreed that a “healthier more diverse habitat for wildlife depends upon early, successional landscapes,” so why allow the use of toxic herbicides along these unique landscapes?

YOP IV. Identification of Target Vegetation for Herbicide Applications:

Third paragraph: “In fact, ROW’s are one of the primary early successional plant communities remaining in New England. As a result, many plant and animal species use ROWs as their homes, feeding grounds or nurseries. Certain plant species, therefore, are generally encouraged on the ROW through the use of an Integrative Vegetation Management (IVM) program.”

Response: This is a fact. ROW’s do create critical edge habitat (transition from forested upland to open field) that provides for a diverse canopy of wildlife. This includes deer, coyote and fox that thrive on the edge habitat, to specific birds nesting in low vegetation along the ROW’s, as well as, raptors (hawks and owls) waiting in the tree line. These are among the last areas of potential Southern New England sandplain grasslands that support native grasses, smaller prey wildlife and endangered wildflowers such as New England Blazing Star (found this summer in the ROW within Nickerson State Park). Pollinators are a critical part of this wildlife canopy. The existing VMP approach is to apply indiscriminate broad-spectrum toxic herbicides and potentially poison them. How does this method promote a healthy and sustainable wildlife corridor?

Fifth paragraph.

“Eversource intends to control noxious plant species including invasive, poisonous plants and vines at their facilities. Invasive plant species have become an increasing concern throughout Massachusetts in areas that include ROW corridors

where they can spread rapidly and move into the adjacent landscape Eversource plans to use herbicides to spot treat poisonous plants at sites under its ROWs identified as having a high risk of posing a health hazard. Noxious vegetation, likewise, poses a risk to the safety and health of all individuals working on or traversing a ROW and it can impede a rapid response in an emergency.”

Response: Eversource’s definition of noxious and poisonous plants is not clear or specific, but it is the nature of invasive plants to get their foothold in disturbed areas. If management policy is to continue to disturb the area, what else will grow but the invasive plants that are first to sprout? Where natural native plant communities persist, there is a minimum of invasive plants present. Encouraging native groundcovers and grasses along ROW is most ideal creating a sustainable situation. Selective mechanical methods allow for native communities to grow and reduce the need for vegetation management over time.

<http://www.mass.gov/eea/docs/agr/pesticides/rightofway/yop/eversource-energy-yop-2017-cape-cod-and-islands.pdf>

Argument 8:

The Assembly of Delegates of Cape Cod approved a resolution in Spring 2016 supporting the call by every Cape town to stop the use of herbicides on ROW’s.

<https://3r9gki35veds49kv7zzguner-wpengine.netdna-ssl.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/02/5-18-16-UNAPPROVED-Journal-1.pdf> (see page 8).

Argument 9:

Senate Bill S.409: “An act relative to vegetation management”: Presented by Senator Julian Cyr, Cape and Islands, Rep. Sarah K. Peake, 4th Barnstable, Senator Michael J. Barrett, Senator James B. Eldridge, Middlesex and Worcester and Rep. Carmine L. Gentile, 13th Middlesex.

Senator Julian Cyr wrote a bill to give towns the right to negotiate with Eversource for alternative methods of handling vegetation. The bill is currently in the Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture. Oral testimony was given and written testimony is being accepted.

<https://malegislature.gov/Bills/190/S409>

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Vegetation Management methods along ROW power lines without the use of herbicides 12 - 2017

Eversource chooses to use toxic herbicides to maintain vegetation along rights-of-way (ROW) power lines throughout Cape Cod and Martha's Vineyard. The Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources (MDAR) allows herbicide use because the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) approved them. Eversource is not mandated to use herbicides, yet they choose to because the state allows them.

We seek an alternative solution that all of Cape Cod's 15 towns and all of Martha's Vineyard's 6 towns can use instead of herbicides.

The use of herbicides to maintain vegetation over growth along ROW is unnecessary. There are other ways that are successful and that have less potential of harming natural resources, animals or people over time. Considering we live above a sole-source aquifer we should have a vegetation plan without anything that is toxic. Also please note the depth to groundwater from ROW power lines throughout most of Cape Cod is from 10 to 40 feet and as you know we have sand as soil that everything permeates faster than we realize.

Currently Eversource hires or contracts out existing landscape companies to spray herbicides. They do a foliar application targeting leaves of unwanted plants, as well as, a woody application targeting thicker cambiums in trees with a different mixture of herbicides. Eversource oversees their work making sure they don't apply within any water zones or within certain distances to private or public wells. Each applicator targets with herbicides particular plants one at a time.

Below are alternatives to herbicide use:

1 - The best case would be to create a sustainable corridor along ROW by removing unwanted vegetation that is a threat to our power source and installing native ground cover plants that grow less than 10 feet in height. Adding wanted plant communities is the actual action of giving back to the land to encourage the desired effect. The new plantings need to work by enhancing the native plant communities already established and have some aftercare strategy that ensures new plantings get established.

2 - The next major thought to remember is when removing, only remove the unwanted vegetation, leaving what naturally grows that is less than 10 feet, there are a few ways to go about this:

A - Hand pruning - cut down by hand with pruners and loppers what may harm electric wires in time. This is the best way to maintain vegetation because it is thorough. As current applicators spray one plant at a time, it is possible to cut each plant instead.

B - "Weed heaters" - this type of hand held propane tool will heat plants down to the ground. The advantage of this method is that plant ash becomes food for remaining vegetation. It is an easy, cost effective solution one plant at a time. In nature selective burning rejuvenates areas becoming beneficial nutrition to the area. Google weed heaters to learn more.

3 - Ways that will take down all vegetation that are less harmful than herbicides over time:

A - Mowing - this is the way ROW power lines were maintained prior to herbicide use. Granted it is messy, disturbing to animals, cuts back more than necessary, it still doesn't have the potential to harm any of our natural resources here. Costs are for gas and equipment.

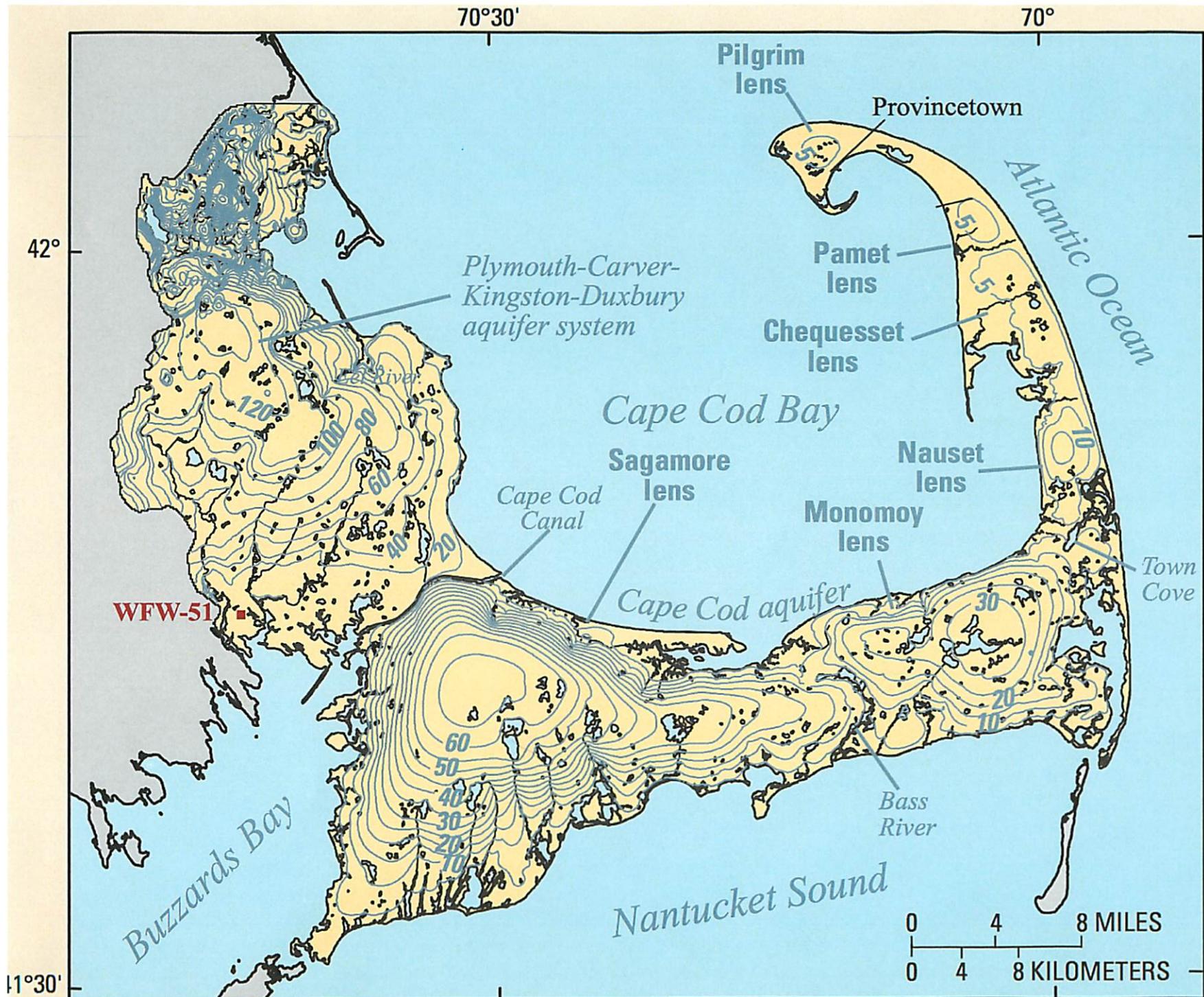
B - Goats - a great way to maintain vegetation and they will eat poison ivy too. There is a goat farm in Barnstable with 20 goats who need to be fed, they are aware of ROW corridors and are willing to help if allowed. The only drawback is they will eat everything, good vegetation as well but they don't need gas and they leave fertilizer.

We recommend ONE solution that is best for Cape Cod and Martha's Vineyard's 21 towns, that will simplify things. We also believe towns should be able to maintain their own ROW if they choose to and Eversource can oversee their work just as they do currently with their hired landscapers. If it becomes about money then Eversource needs to prove what it costs them currently per town. A few years ago Mashpee requested they maintain their own ROW at their own cost and Eversource said no.

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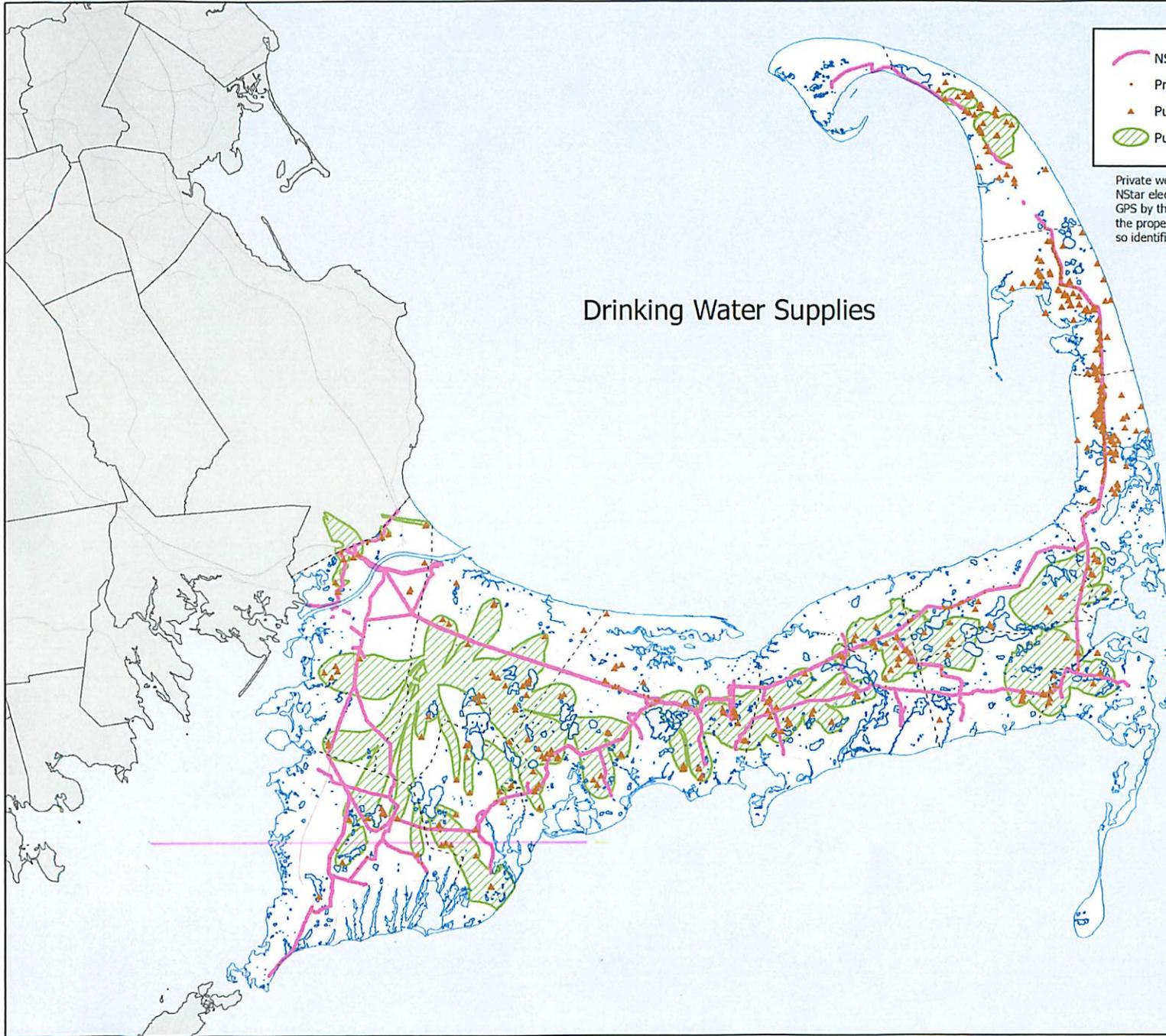


Base from U.S. Geological Survey and Massachusetts Geographic Information System data sources, Massachusetts State Plane Coordinate System, Mainland Zone

Drinking Water Supplies

-  NStar ROW 2010 (now Eversource)
-  Private Wells in the vicinity of NStar ROW
-  Public Water Supply Well
-  Public Well Zone II (107.2 miles of ROW)

Private wells include only the private wells in the vicinity of NStar electric transmission right of way were located using GPS by the Cape Cod Commission staff. Furthermore, only the property owners who gave permission to the CCC were so identified. October 2009 through January 2011.



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Cape Cod Water Resources

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Public Water Supply Wells and Zone II's; DEP/MassGIS 2017.
NStar Right of Way (now Eversource); based on poles from orthophotos 2009.
Time of Travel to Public Wells; USGS 2011.
Private Wells in the Vicinity of NStar ROW; CCC 2011.



Massachusetts Municipal Association

39th Annual Meeting & Trade Show

Program of Events

Events take place at the Hynes Convention Center and Sheraton Boston Hotel as noted. Descriptions of many of the events listed here can be found in the MMA Annual Meeting & Trade Show Program Book and the Annual Meeting and Trade Show Conference App on your mobile device.

Friday, January 19, 2018

7:30 a.m.-5 p.m.	Conference Registration	Hynes	Hall C foyer, 2nd floor
8-9 a.m.	First-Time Attendee Orientation	Hynes	Room 210
9:30-11 a.m.	Opening Session: Special Guest Speaker — Gov. Charlie Baker Keynote Speaker — David Breashears (p. 27)	Hynes	Ballroom B, 3rd floor
11 a.m.-5 p.m.	Municipal Trade Show	Hynes	Hall C & Auditorium
11 a.m.-5 p.m.	Wellness Activities (p. 32)	Hynes	Auditorium
11 a.m.-3 p.m.	Trade Show Concessions Open	Hynes	Auditorium
Noon-1:30 p.m.	WEMO Luncheon (pre-registration required) Speaker — Andrea Cabral (p. 28)	Hynes	Ballroom C, 3rd floor
2-3:30 p.m.	CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS – Friday, First Session (pp. 42-45) 1. Best Practices for Veterans' Services Programs 2. Dealing With the Spillover Effects of the Opioid Epidemic 3. Developments and Initiatives in Municipal Finance 4. Inspire Engagement With a Citizens Academy 5. Labor Law Update: Recent Cases and Agency Decisions 6. Leading Locally on Economic Development 7. Marijuana Law: The Way Forward for Municipalities 8. Strategies for Managing Health Care Costs 9. Using Municipal Cooperation to Improve Services and Achieve Savings 10. Weathering Climate Change Through Preparation	Hynes Hynes Hynes Hynes Hynes Hynes Hynes Hynes Hynes Hynes	Room 204 Room 206 Room 210 Room 205 Room 200 Room 203 Room 208 Room 201 Room 202 Room 209
3:45-5 p.m.	CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS – Friday, Second Session (pp. 45-47) 1. A Practical Approach to Mitigating Cybersecurity Risks 2. Addressing Off-Duty Misconduct in the Social Media Age 3. Combatting Climate Change With Clean Energy 4. Hiring and Training a Modern Police Force 5. Not Just for Accountants: Know Your Chart of Accounts 6. Recruiting a Town Manager in Times of Change 7. Strong Families Make Strong Communities 8. Successful and Effective Land Use and Zoning Policies	Hynes Hynes Hynes Hynes Hynes Hynes Hynes Hynes	Room 202 Room 203 Room 206 Room 200 Room 208 Room 201 Room 204 Room 210
6-7 p.m.	Opening Reception	Sheraton	Constitution Ballroom, 2nd floor
7-9 p.m.	Banquet Dinner (pre-registration required) Speaker — Dennis Lehane (p. 29)	Sheraton	Grand Ballroom, 2nd floor

Saturday, January 20, 2018

7:30-8:30 a.m.	Member Associations' Breakfast	Hynes	Ballroom B, 3rd floor
8 a.m.-3 p.m.	Conference Registration	Hynes	Hall C foyer, 2nd floor
10 a.m.-2 p.m.	Municipal Trade Show	Hynes	Hall C & Auditorium
10 a.m.-2 p.m.	Wellness Activities (p. 32)	Hynes	Auditorium
10 a.m.-2 p.m.	Trade Show Concessions Open	Hynes	Auditorium
10 a.m.-2 p.m.	Learning Lab Sessions (p. 50) 1. 10:30 a.m. "I Pay Your Salary:" Responding to Difficult Situations 2. 11:10 a.m. Women and Minorities in Public Works 3. 11:50 a.m. Taming the OPEB Beast: Latest Trends in Investing, Managing and Funding Retiree Health Care 4. 12:30 p.m. Electric Vehicle Charging Solutions for Municipalities 5. 1:10 p.m. Taxes: A Softer Sell	Hynes Hynes Hynes	Auditorium, Aisle 200
8:30-10 a.m.	BUSINESS MEETINGS FOR MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS Massachusetts Selectmen's Association (p. 52)	Hynes	Ballroom C, 3rd floor
8:30-10 a.m.	Massachusetts Municipal Councillors' Association	Hynes	Room 306, 3rd floor
8:30-10 a.m.	Massachusetts Municipal Management Association	Hynes	Room 304, 3rd floor
8:30-10 a.m.	Massachusetts Mayors' Association	Hynes	Room 300, 3rd floor
10:15-11:45 a.m.	MMA Annual Business Meeting (p. 40)	Hynes	Ballroom A, 3rd floor
11:45-noon	MMA Board of Directors Meeting: Election of Officers	Hynes	Ballroom A, 3rd floor
Noon-1:30 p.m.	MIIA Business Meeting/Luncheon (by reservation only)	Hynes	Ballroom B, 3rd floor

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Saturday, January 20, 2018 (continued)

2-3:30 p.m.	CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS – Saturday Session (pp. 47-49) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Boost Your Downtown With Better Parking Management 2. Do's and Don'ts of Municipal Social Media Policies 3. Employment Liability Best Practices 4. GFOA Award-Winning Budget Presentations and Best Practices 5. Leading the Way to a Thriving Workplace 6. Municipal Law Update 7. New Public Works Project Strategies 8. Your Role in Making Your Community Healthier 	Hynes Hynes Hynes Hynes Hynes Hynes Hynes Hynes	Room 201 Room 202 Room 203 Room 209 Room 208 Room 200 Room 206 Room 204
3:45-5:15 p.m.	Closing Session: Speaker — E.J. Dionne (p. 30)	Hynes	Ballroom A, 3rd floor
6-7:15 p.m.	President's Reception/Presentation of Innovation, Municipal Website and Town Report Awards (pp. 54-56)	Sheraton	Constitution Ballroom, 2nd floor
7:15-9:15 p.m.	Annual Banquet (pre-registration required) Entertainment — Beatlejuice (p. 31)	Sheraton	Grand Ballroom, 2nd floor

