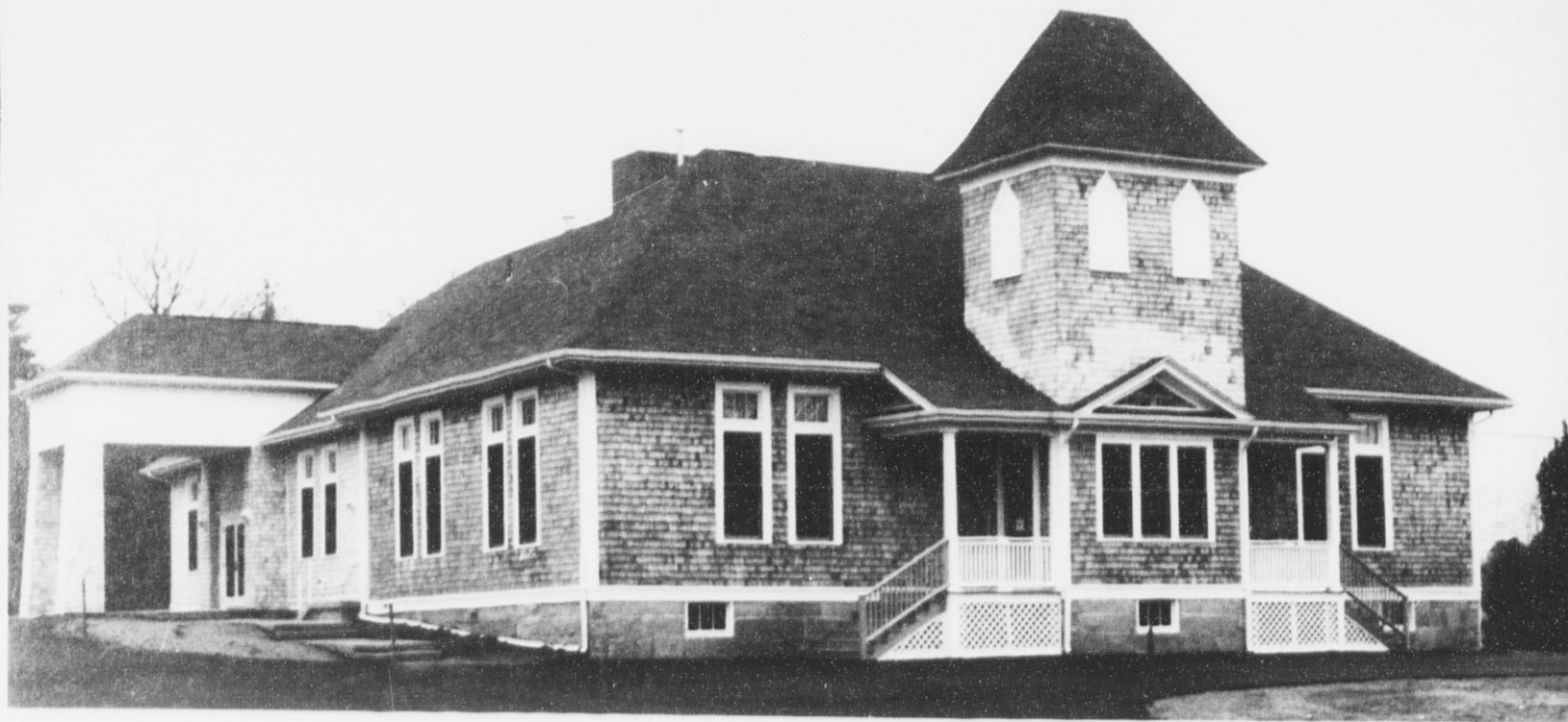


1996

1996 TOWN OF WESTPORT ANNUAL REPORT 1996

# 1996 WESTPORT ANNUAL TOWN REPORT

## Westport, Massachusetts



WESTPORT SENIOR CENTER  
HAZEL TRIPP BUILDING

ON THE COVER: WESTPORT SENIOR CENTER

Photograph Compliments of Denise Donatelli

**A LONG-AWAITED DREAM COMES TRUE!!!**

*The Westport Senior Center located at 75 Reed Road which now houses the Council on Aging Offices and the Senior Social Day Care Center is finally a reality. Renovations to the 105-year-old Head School and an addition to the structure were made possible through a Small Cities Grant and a generous gift from former school teacher Hazel Tripp. The Senior Center was dedicated December 7, 1996, and the Board of Selectmen named it the **THE HAZEL TRIPP BUILDING**. This very attractive, functional structure also contains a kitchen and cafeteria, a library/lounge area, a small conference room, and a 68 by 34 foot room for various activities. We wish to thank all those involved in making this project possible (too numerous to mention). An historic structure put to good use while being preserved.*

**TOWN OF WESTPORT  
ANNUAL REPORTS**

**1996**



**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
&  
OTHER BOARDS OF OFFICERS**

Including a Statement of the  
Receipts and Expenditures  
for the Fiscal Year Ending

June 30, 1996

## DEDICATION

THIS TOWN REPORT IS DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY OF



**ALTHEA M. MANCHESTER**

Assistant Town Clerk-Town Clerk (1978-1993)- Justice of the Peace



**FRANK DEANDRADE**

Selectman 1959 - 1962



**GEORGE T. LEACH, JR.**

Selectman 1981 - 1991/1993 - 1996

## IN MEMORIAM

TO THE FOLLOWING PERSONS WHO SERVED THE TOWN OF WESTPORT AND  
PASSED AWAY DURING THE YEAR 1996

**DENNIS AMARAL**

Highway Department - Truck Driver/Labor (Retired)

**EVELYN DEANDRADE**

School Bus & Council on Aging Van Driver (Retired)

**FRANK DEANDRADE**

SELECTMAN 1959 - 1962

**YVONNE RITA FORTIER**

Council on Aging Elder Vistor

**JOHN KUBISKI**

School Teacher (Retired)

**MANUEL LEWIS**

School Bus Driver & Custodian (Retired)

**THOMAS J. NATALY**

Part-time Town Hall Custodian (Retired)

**LIONELLE RAVANELLE**

Town Hall/Police Station Maintenance Supervisor (Retired)

**FRANCISCO R. SOUZA, JR.**

School Teacher & Soccer Coach (Retired)

**ROBERT F. SYKES, JR.**

Harbormaster - 1978 - 1987

**JOSEPH WILLETTE**

Former Reserve Police Officer

**CATHERINE WILLIAMS**

School Teacher (Retired)

## **A TRIBUTE**

TO THE FOLLOWING TOWN OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES WHO HAVE  
DEDICATED TEN OR MORE YEARS OF FAITHFUL AND LOYAL SERVICE

### **CYNTHIA A. DUBOIS**

Planning Board Principal Clerk  
1973 - 1996  
(Resigned)

### **GEORGE LEWIS**

Highway Department - Working Foreman  
1970 to 1996  
(Retired)

### **CHARLES A. PIERCE**

Westport Police Department  
Reserve Police Officer 1965  
Regular Police Officer 1967  
Police Sergeant 1984  
Chief of Police 1996  
(Retired)

### **JUDITH A. TRIPP**

Nursing Department - Senior Clerk  
1981 - 1996

### **BARBARA A. WOOD**

Nursing Department - Principal Clerk  
1978 - 1996

=====

**SPECIAL NOTE:** We would like to especially thank all past employees of the Nursing Department (Administrators, Nurses, Home Health Aides and Clerks). The Westport Home Health Agency merged this year with the Visiting Nurse Association of Southeastern Massachusetts, Inc. On behalf of our Town residents, we wish to express our appreciation for a job well done.

## **SPECIAL RECOGNITION**

TO FORMER TOWN OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES WHO SERVED  
THE TOWN FOR AT LEAST THREE YEARS

**CAROL AGUIAR**

Town Beach Committee - Precinct B

**CHRISTOPHER BRANCO**

Firefighter/EMT

**ROBERT J. CHANDANAIS**

Board of Health Member

**CLARK CHASE III**

Soil Board/Conservation Commission

**PAULINE CHOUINARD**

Nursing Department - Home Health Aide

**NANCY R. FENN**

Council on Aging Elder Visitor

**TIMOTHY M. FORD**

Council on Aging Member

**PETER G. FRADLEY**

Personnel Board Member

**CHARLES A. GOLDBERG**

Soil Board/Conservation Commission

**LISA ANNE GRILLO**

Town Beach Committee - Precinct C

**PAUL IZYK**

Community Center Coordinator

**MARION MACDONALD**

Nursing Department - Home Health Aide

**MARILYN MANCHESTER**

Nursing Department - Home Health Aide

**MARGARET OLIVEIRA**

Staff Nurse - Alternate Administrator

**STEVEN J. OUELLETTE**

Recreation Commission

**PATRICIA SIEMINSKI**

Nursing Administrator/Supervisor

## ABOUT WESTPORT

### SETTLED:

1670 - Incorporated July 2, 1787  
200 years old in 1987

### COUNTY:

Bristol

### POPULATION:

1950 - 4,987  
1960 - 7,185  
1970 - 9,313  
1980 - 13,604  
1990 - 13,241  
1996 - 12,978

### AREA:

61 Square Miles - 33,900 acres (Road Mileage - approximately  
140 miles of accepted street, not including Routes 6, 88 & 177)

### HIGHEST ELEVATION ABOVE SEA LEVEL:

240 Feet

### TAX RATE:

1995 - 1996	\$ 9.05
1994 - 1995	\$ 8.88
1993 - 1994	\$ 8.61
1992 - 1993	\$ 8.38

### FORM OF GOVERNMENT:

Open Town Meeting - Annual Meeting 1st Tuesday in April  
Board Of Selectmen/Administrative Assistant

### ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION:

2nd Monday in March

### HOSPITALS NEARBY:

Charlton Memorial & St. Anne's in Fall River  
St. Luke's in New Bedford

### HUMAN SERVICES:

Council on Aging  
Veterans Services

**HEALTH:**

Part-Time Community Nurse

**PUBLIC SAFETY:**

Full-Time Fire Department with two fire stations

Trained EMT's provide emergency & ambulance service  
Full-Time Police Department

**UTILITIES:**

Electrical service provided by Eastern Edison Company &  
Commonwealth Electric Company  
Natural gas service provided by Fall River Gas Company  
Phone service provided by NYNEX

**SCHOOLS:**

Public:

Elementary - Alice A. Macomber & Westport Elementary School  
Westport Middle School  
Westport High School  
Diman Regional Vocational Technical High School  
Bristol County Agricultural High School

Private:

Several private schools, nursery schools & day care centers

**CHURCHES:**

Three Catholic; two Congregational; one Methodist;  
one Quaker, Calvary Bible; one Chapel (seasonal)

**RECREATION:**

State Reservation - Horseneck Beach; thirty-five miles of  
shoreline and ponds provide for boating; sailing; fishing and  
other water related sports; hunting; wide variety of seasonal  
programs and events under the jurisdiction of the Community  
Center Committee

**POST OFFICES:**

Main Office - 649 State Road Route 6), 02790  
Central Village Station - 10 Adamsville Road, 02790  
Noquochoke Station - Old County Road, 02790  
Westport Point - Main Road, 02791

## THE PEOPLE WHO REPRESENT YOU

### GOVERNOR

His Excellency, William F. Weld (R)  
Room 360, State House  
Boston, MA 02133

### SENATORS IN CONGRESS

The Honorable Edward M. Kennedy (D)  
U.S. Senate, Russell Office Building, Rm.315  
Washington, D.C. 20510 or  
John F. Kennedy Federal Building, Rm.2400-A  
Boston, MA 02203

The Honorable John Kerry (D)  
U.S. Senate, Russell Office Building, Rm.358  
Washington, D.C. 20510 or  
One Bowdoin Square, Tenth Floor  
Boston, MA 02214

### REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS 3RD DISTRICT

The Honorable James McGovern (D)  
512 Cannon Building, Washington, D.C. 20515  
or 218 So. Main Street, Suite 204  
Fall River, MA 02721

### SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT 2ND BRISTOL DISTRICT

The Honorable Thomas C. Norton (D)  
Room 312D, State House, Boston, MA 02133  
or 427 Reading Street, Fall River, MA 02720

### REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT 8TH BRISTOL DISTRICT

The Honorable Michael Rodrigues (D)  
Room 146, State House, Boston, MA 02133  
or 151 State Road, Westport, MA 02790

### BRISTOL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

P.O. Box 208  
Taunton, MA 02780

Maria F. Lopes, Chairman  
J. Mark Treadup  
Arthur R. Machado  
Marc J. Santos, Esq., Clerk of the Board  
(508) 824-9681

## TOWN OFFICERS - 1996

### SELECTMEN

Marjorie A. Holden  
David P. Dionne  
Steven H. Tripp

### TERM EXPIRES

1997  
1998  
1999

### TOWN CLERK

Marlene M. Samson

1999

### MODERATOR

Brad C. Brightman

1998

### TREASURER

George E. Foster

1999

### COLLECTOR OF TAXES

Pauline M. Raposa

1999

### ASSESSORS

Charles Barboza, Jr.  
Stephen J. Medeiros  
John J. McDermott

1997  
1998  
1999

### BOARD OF HEALTH

John J. Colletti  
David P. Cabral  
Wayne H. Turner

1997  
1998  
1999

### SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Laurie J. Andrews  
Deana Chase  
Joan M. Tripp  
Robert S. Wicks  
Dennis L. Pucello

1997  
1997  
1998  
1998  
1999

### REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Thomas J. McGarr

1999

### HIGHWAY SURVEYOR

Paul T. Pereira

1999

**FISH COMMISSIONERS**

James S. Manchester, Jr.	1997
Daniel P. Sullivan	1998
Russell T. Hart	1999

**TERM EXPIRES****CONSTABLES**

Eric S. Martins	1999
William A. Pariseau	1999

**LIBRARY TRUSTEES**

Margaret M. Panos	1997
Mary L. Medeiros	1997
Francis C. Kirkaldy	1998
Annamarie K. Towne	1998
Ruth S. Manchester	1999
Rhoda W. Sheehan	1999

**LANDING COMMISSIONERS**

Ann Baker	1997
Carl Tripp	1997
Kenneth A. Manchester	1997
Christopher R. Gillespie	1997

**HOUSING AUTHORITY**

Kevin Hill	1999
John Marques	1998
George Yeomans	2000
Richard Vohnoutka	2001
Patricia Pariseau (State Appointed)	

**PLANNING BOARD**

Timothy H. Gillespie	1997
William H. Russell	1998
John S. Penney, Jr.	1999
Steven H. Tripp (Resigned 7/5/96)	2000
John Montano	2001
David Wallace (appointed 9/9/96)	1997

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
OF TRUST FUNDS**

Lori Ann Ethier	1997
Roberta V. Costa	1998
Stafford Sheehan	1999

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

### VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS ..... (As of October 1996) 90  
MARRIAGES ..... 66  
DEATH ..... 113  
POPULATION ..... 13,252  
NUMBER OF VOTERS ..... 8,968

### SPECIAL NOTICE

The Town Clerk has been advised through the Department of Vital Statistics not to publish births and deaths in the Annual Town Report, thus the reason for said records not appearing in this report.

### MARRIAGES

Registered in Westport 1996

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME OF BRIDE &amp; GROOM</u>	<u>RESIDENCE</u>
JANUARY 13	Shawn P. Fay Beth-Ann Kut	Taunton, MA Westport, MA
FEBRUARY 10	Edward J. Pires, Jr. Karen J. Cormier	Westport, MA Westport, MA
14	George N. Hancock, Jr. Donna M. Pavao	Westport, MA Westport, MA
16	Arthur L. Costa Karen F. Quinn	Fall River, MA Westport, MA
MARCH 29	George E. Foster Susan J. Porter	Westport, MA Westport, MA

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME OF BRIDE &amp; GROOM</u>	<u>RESIDENCE</u>
APRIL		
12	Scott Costa Kristen M. Lee	Westport, MA Lakeville, MA
13	Paul J. Oliveira Christine A. Lapriore	New Bedford, MA Westport, MA
MAY		
4	Jeffrey A. Koohy Nancy E. Andrade	Fall River, MA Fall River, MA
4	Alfred L. Manchester, Jr. Ana P. Costa	Westport, MA Fall River, MA
11	Thomas Perreira Kolleen Foley	Westport, MA Westport, MA
11	Thomas W. Baldwin Victoria A. Reynolds	Westport, MA Westport, MA
19	Robert J. Tripp Jennifer Roias	Westport, MA Fall River, MA
19	Robert Nye Betty L. Shaughnessy	Westport, MA Westport, MA
JUNE		
1	Francis Goulart Denise Fontaine	Taunton, MA Westport, MA
2	Brian D. Guimond Denise Fontaine	Westport, MA Fall River, MA
8	Clay K. Deree Jeanne N. Garnett	New Bedford, MA Westport, MA
15	Bryant V. Davignon Susan E. Spirlet	Westport, MA Westport, MA
15	Christopher J. Rachel Brenda Braga	Westport, MA No. Dartmouth, MA
21	Jason M. Cabral Cheryl L. Tetrault	Westport, MA Westport, MA
22	David C. Putvin Meredith A. Magill	Westport, MA Westport, MA
22	Mark A. Shields Debra L. Norman	No. Dartmouth, MA No. Dartmouth, MA

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME OF BRIDE &amp; GROOM</u>	<u>RESIDENCE</u>
JUNE		
29	Timothy M. Stanzione Lisa M. Gallant	Bristol, RI Bristol, RI
JULY		
12	Joseph M. Kaegael Bridget M. Pichette	Westport, MA Westport, MA
12	David J. Brodie Judith McDonald	Westport, MA Westport, MA
15	Paul J. Burke Lisa A. Ryan	Westport, MA Westport, MA
19	Brian M. Casey Renita A. Fernandes	Westport, MA Westport, MA
20	Kevin D. Simons Denise Hoesterey	Westport, MA Westport, MA
20	Harris Metcalf Mary K. Edmonson	Vero Beach, FL Vero Beach, FL
27	Stanley J. Kokoszka Muriel T. Robbins	Westport, MA Westport, MA
27	Scott M. Aguiar Brenda J. Peixoto	Fall River, MA Fall River, MA
AUGUST		
3	Adam R. Stegeman Shannon W. Hanover	Middletown, DE Middletown, DE
4	Dennis R. Morin Robin R. Notarangelo	Westport, MA Westport, MA
10	Wayne H. Manchester Doreen A. Duquette	Westport, MA Westport, MA
10	Ronald S. Breault Melissa A. Furtado	Kissimmee, FL Kissimmee, FL
10	Brendan C. McNally Jennifer Jones Rashleigh	Westport, MA Westport, MA
17	Manuel A. Pacheco Ana M. Bernardo	Westport, MA Westport, MA
17	Jonathan H. Potter, Jr. Robin Ann Erickson	Westport, MA Westport, MA
17	Holger Jordan Karen A. Sheehan	Westport, MA Westport, MA

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME OF BRIDE &amp; GROOM</u>	<u>RESIDENCE</u>
AUGUST		
18	Gregory Thomas Franchetti Joyce A. Simmons	Westport, MA Westport, MA
23	John R. Vandal Elizabeth A. Dupre	Fall River, MA Fall River, MA
24	Richard Cranston Paul Carrie Teresa Drake	New York, NY New York, NY
31	Michael D. Riley Catherien M. Ferry	Westport, MA Westport, MA
SEPTEMBER		
7	Robert E. Dupont Paula A. Dutra	Westport, MA Fall River, MA
7	Joshua Perry Davis Kirsten Joy Messer	Portsmouth, RI Portsmouth, RI
7	William James Vacanti, Jr. Michelle Fernandes	Tiverton, RI Westport, MA
21	Richard Ferreira Sandi M. Lopes	Fall River, MA Fall River, MA
OCTOBER		
4	Gary J. Michael Jeanne T. Carigg	Fall River, MA W. Roxbury, MA
4	Jordan J. Costa Lori Durette	Westport, MA Westport, MA
5	Joseph Gonsalves III Jessica J. Adams	Westport, MA Westport, MA
5	Paul C. Levesque Debra L. Dias	Westport, MA Westport, MA
5	Matthew R. Bryce Kelly A. Lord	Taunton, MA Westport, MA
11	Alfred Semenac Cheryl A. Andrade	Westport, MA Westport, MA
11	Kevin J. Melanson Pamela A. Parent	Westport, MA Westport, MA
12	Daniel S. Maltais Peggy A. Burke	Westport, MA Westport, MA

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME OF BRIDE &amp; GROOM</u>	<u>RESIDENCE</u>
OCTOBER		
12	Jeffrey J. Breton Doreen Knowles-Pearce	Westport, MA Westport, MA
12	Dennis F. Ford Betsy S. Tiedemann	Westport, MA Westport, MA
19	Gregory P. Camara Jody Lynn Barboza	Fall River, MA Westport, MA
19	Michael R. Hadley Caroline S. Dewey	Tiverton, RI Tiverton, RI
25	Shawn C. Ainsworth Janine M. Pappas	Fall River, MA Fall River, MA
26	John S. Peixoto Lisa A. Carvalho	East Providence, RI East Providence, RI
NOVEMBER		
2	Gregory P. Medeiros Michelle L. Carreiro	Westport, MA Westport, MA
9	James B. Sheerin Colleen A. Sullivan	Lakeville, MA Westport, MA
28	Mark W. Zimmer Doreen A. O'Malley	Narragansett, RI Narragansett, RI
DECEMBER		
6	Heath A. Soares Keri A. Arruda	Westport, MA Westport, MA
21	John P. MacKinnon Patricia K. Connelly	Adamsville, RI Adamsville, RI
22	Oscar M. Sylvia, Jr. Edythe B. Arrington	Westport, MA Westport, MA

## LICENSES ISSUED BY THE TOWN CLERK 1996

<u>Dog Licenses</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Individual	1031
Kennel	24
Amount Paid to Treasurer	\$ 4,743.00

<u>Hunting &amp; Fishing Licenses</u>	
Massachusetts Waterfowl Stamps	372
Archery Stamps	84
Primitive Firearms Stamps	53
Amount Paid to Treasurer	33
	\$10,250.25

<u>Beach Stickers</u>	
Amount Paid to Treasurer	\$20,980.00

### AUCTIONEERS LICENSES 1996

FEE \$20.00

(License Expires One Year from Date of Issue)

Richard J. Conti	ISSUED
34 Franklin Street, Attleboro	04/29/96
 Bradford Sherman	 08/26/96
2009 Main Road, Westport	

### GASOLINE REGISTRATION RENEWALS

FEE \$5.00

(Due: On or before April 30th)      ISSUED 24

### JUNK COLLECTORS LICENSES 1996

FEE \$15.00

(License Expires May 1, 1997)

	ISSUED
William White	03/18/96
Edward Pereira	03/20/96
Joseph Bothelo	04/05/96
Ellen Drapeau	04/19/96
Anthony Fragoza	04/30/96
Robert Desmarais	05/02/96
Mid City Scrap Iron	05/13/96
Roger Chandanaïs	06/19/96

### RAFFLE-BAZAAR PERMITS 1996

FEE \$10.00

(License Expires One Year from Date of Issue)

	ISSUED
St. George School Bingo	01/05/96
Massachusetts Easter Seal Society	01/11/96
Jeff's Companion Animal Shelter	01/11/96
Southeastern Massachusetts Bowling Assoc.	01/22/96
Maple Leaf Sports Inc.	03/05/96
St. John the Baptist Church	03/07/96
Diabetes Association of Greater Fall River	04/03/96
Westport Music Boosters Association	04/12/96
Westport River Watershed Alliance, Inc.	05/20/96
Westport Yacht Club, Inc.	06/14/96
WHS Athletic Hall of Fame	06/21/96
East Bay RSVP	09/20/96
Westport Federation of Teachers	10/03/96
Westport Harvest Festival	10/18/96
People Inc.	11/13/96

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

The Board of Selectmen is pleased to submit this annual report for 1996.

We first wish to recognize the passing of our friend and colleague, George Leach who was a Selectman from 1981 to 1991, and from 1993 to 1996. George was dedicated to the Town of Westport and although poor of health, he attended Selectmen's meetings up until ten days before his death.

At the Town Election in April Mr. Steven Tripp was elected to the Board of Selectmen. We welcome Steve and look forward to working with him in the years ahead.

1996 was an exciting year and one in which we saw a great many accomplishments. Steps have been taken to make significant improvements in Town services and toward addressing the challenges the Town faces.

### Finance

Westport continues to do its best to deal with the constraints of Proposition 2½. While the Town had a comparatively good year on the revenue side and \$200,000 was put in the Stabilization Fund there were no capital improvements paid from the operating budget and no wage and salary increases for municipal employees. The Selectmen's office did continue with a capital improvement effort and placed several questions on the Town ballot for one year increases to the Town's levy limit for certain capital items. One of these questions, for a fire pumper truck, was successful and will fund a much needed piece of equipment for our Fire Department. This type of funding, through a question on the Town ballot allowing us to exceed our levy limit, may be the only way to fund large capital expenses as the operating budget has not shown the capacity to do so.

### Personnel

The Town's collective bargaining agreements with the Police, Fire, Highway and Clerical units expired on June 30, 1996. The Selectmen have begun negotiations on successor agreements and we are confident that agreements will be reached that will be beneficial to our employees and will also be within funding constraints.

The Selectmen's office has also been working with the Personnel Board to update the Town's Wage and Classification Plan. This document establishes the classification of various Town positions and sets the wage and salary levels for those positions based on data gathered from other, comparable, communities. Job descriptions will be updated and the Town's Personnel By-Laws will be reviewed and, if necessary, updated. This project received funding at the 1996 Annual Town Meeting and the Selectmen have contracted with the MMA Consulting Group to conduct the study. The MMA Consulting Group has extensive municipal experience and we are sure that project, which is necessary for an efficient personnel system, will be successfully completed before the 1997 Annual Town Meeting.

The Selectmen began the recruitment process for a new Police Chief. Chief Charles Pierce retired after years of dedicated Town service and we want to wish him the best in all of his future endeavors. To fill this extremely important position the Selectmen decided to conduct an extensive search and to recruit from outside the Town. A screening committee consisting of three police chiefs, Mr. Tripp and the Administrative Assistant will be responsible for the initial review and the interviews and the forwarding of the finalists to the full Board of Selectmen for the final interviews. We intend to go about this process in a very careful and deliberate manner as befits the importance of the position.

With the moving of various Town departments to the Earle School (Town Hall Annex) and the further utilization of that building, the Earle School Committee was disbanded. We want to thank all the members of that committee for their work in helping to preserve and reuse an important and historical Town building.

### Grants

This has been a particularly successful area for the Selectmen's office this year with several grants being awarded and/or completed. We received \$3,328 from the State for the removal of underground tanks. State law requires that all underground tanks be removed by 1998 and we used this grant to remove two gas tanks behind the Police garage. We want to thank Charlene Wood and Deputy Fire Chief Stephen Motta for their efforts on this. The Selectmen were awarded a grant from the Executive Office of Communities and Development to do Consensus Building/Conflict Resolution training with the Finance Committee and the School Committee. The Local Partnership Program grant was brought to a successful conclusion with a report that will assist the Town in facing the pressures of development along Routes 6 and 177. We continued our administration of the Title V Septic System Program grant and were awarded another grant to assist a local farmer remediate runoff which had been going into the Westport River. Another application was submitted to the Small Cities Program for \$400,000 to continue a housing rehabilitation program. These funds would have assisted low and moderate income residents in upgrading their homes. Program guidelines prevented an otherwise excellent application from being funded and we will continue our appeals to the State to change these guidelines and help Westport's eligibility for funds. Finally, 1996 saw the completion of two major projects that were a long time in coming. The first was the elevator addition to the Town Hall which was funded through a \$100,000 Small Cities grant and Town funds. This addition helps make the Town Hall handicapped accessible and enables us to fully utilize the building. The second project was the completion of the Town's Senior Center. Funded by a \$500,000 Small Cities grant from the Department of Housing and Community Development (formerly EOCD) and a trust left to the Town by Hazel Tripp, this project called for the renovation of the Head School, 75 Reed Road, as well as the building of an addition. It was dedicated on December 7, 1996 and has been very well received as a beautiful and functional facility in which to house our much needed senior programming. We know that the Council on Aging will now put this building to full use.

### Health and Property Insurance

Through the Town's participation in the Southeastern Massachusetts Health Group (SMHG) we have been able to offer high quality health insurance to our employees at reasonable cost. A reduction in rates went into effect January 1, 1996 and another reduction will go into effect January 1, 1997. This not only saves employees and the Town money, but as these reductions are for an 18 month term they help stabilize our budget picture. Health fairs for Town employees as well as increased benefits are in the planning stages.

Three years ago the Selectmen's office put the Town's property, liability and workers compensation insurance out to bid and the result was substantial savings each successive year. We have now begun the process of rebidding these insurances again. The market remains competitive and every effort will be made to maintain coverage levels at a cost savings.

### Special Projects

The Selectmen's office completed many "special" projects over the course of the year including: a) managing a household hazardous waste day; b) administering funds for the prevention of domestic/sexual abuse; c) continued our recycling effort which resulted in Westport being awarded for having the best municipal recycling program statewide; d) completing the reconstruction of a handicapped accessible bathroom in the Town Hall and beginning the reconstruction of handicapped accessible bathrooms in the Town Hall Annex; e)

conducted a Town auction of surplus property, f) used the forces of the County Sheriff's pre-release program to paint the outside of the Town Hall and to help clean up the Town Landfill. This office also began preparations to manage the construction of a water line from the intersection of Route 6 and Sanford Road, easterly on Route 6 to Greenwood Terrace, the Town's housing for the elderly, and up to Davis Road to serve residents with polluted wells. This project will be funded by a combination of State funds secured by our legislators, and Massachusetts Highway Department funds. Our schedule calls for this project to be completed at the end of September, 1997.

We want to thank all Town departments as well as all appointed and elected officials for their cooperation in making this a most productive year. We also want to recognize the staff in the Selectmen's office, Administrative Assistant Robert T. Reed, Secretaries Charlene R. Wood and Denise Bouchard and Grant Administrator Marilyn Whalley and assistant Alyer Breau, without whose dedicated service the above accomplishments would not have been possible.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie A. Holden  
David P. Dionne  
Steven H. Tripp  
Board of Selectmen



Presentation of citation to Kerry Millikin "Bronze Medalist" in the Equestrian Competition at the 1996 Summer Olympics in Atlanta. L-R Selectman David Dionne, Millicent Tuckerman, Susan Tuckerman Costello, Chairman Marjorie Holden, Kerry Millikin and Selectman Steven Tripp.

## APPOINTMENTS 1996

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Robert T. Reed	Administrative Assistant	6/30/97
Charlene R. Wood	Secretary to the Board of Selectmen	
Robert T. Reed	Parking Clerk	6/30/97
Denise Bouchard	Confidential Clerk to the Board of Selectmen	
George C. Decas	Town Counsel	At Will
Atty. Walter Smith	Special Counsel	6/30/97
Atty. Philip Beauregard	Special Counsel	
Katherine Benoit	Town Accountant	6/30/97
David D. Wallace	Planning Board	3/10/97
Glen Ballou	Maintenance Supervisor - Town Hall, Annex, Police Dept.	
Michael Bates	Assistant Part-Time Custodian	
Michael C. McCarthy	Civil Defense Director	6/30/97
Paul Ledoux	Deputy Civil Defense Director	6/30/97
Leonard Moniz	Civil Defense Radio Equipment Operator	6/30/97
Charles Gasper	Civil Defense Radio Equipment Operator	6/30/97
Michael Altshuler	Civil Defense Radio Equipment Operator	6/30/97
Charlene R. Wood	Civil Defense Secretary	6/30/97
William Preston Henderson	Civil Defense - Public Relations	6/30/97
Michael C. McCarthy	Energy Coordinator	6/30/97
Elaine Rioux	Dog Officer	4/30/97
Brian Rioux	Assistant Dog Officer	4/30/97
Ronald E. Costa	Veterans Service Agent	4/30/97
Ronald E. Costa	Graves Registration Officer	4/30/97
Ronald E. Costa	Citizens for Citizens Representative	6/30/97
Albert A. Palmer	Special Deputy Shellfish Warden	6/30/97
Richard B. Earle	Harbormaster	6/30/97
Jonathan Paull	Assistant Harbormaster	6/30/97
Roger Reed	Assistant Harbormaster	6/30/97
Gary A. Tripp	Assistant Harbormaster	6/30/97
John R. Bevis	Assistant Harbormaster	6/30/97
James Perry	Assistant Harbormaster	6/30/97
John A. Taylor, Jr.	Assistant Wharfinger	6/30/97
Robert Maltais	Inspector of Buildings	6/30/99
Lynwood Comstock	Assistant Inspector of Buildings	6/30/97
Ernest Vohnoutka	Wire Inspector	6/30/97
William Plamondon	Assistant Wire Inspector	6/30/97
Dane R. Winship	Assistant Wire Inspector	6/30/97
Robert Labonte	Plumbing Inspector (by Building Inspector)	6/30/97
Robert Labonte	Gas Inspector (by Building Inspector)	6/30/97
Roger Olivier	Assistant Plumbing Inspector (by Building Inspector)	6/30/97
Roger Olivier	Assistant Gas Inspector (by Building Inspector)	6/30/97
Paul Audet	Sealer of Weights & Measures	6/30/99
John Ciccotelli	Environmental Certifying Officer	6/30/97

## MISCELLANEOUS POSITIONS AND/OR OFFICIALS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>
Robert T. Reed	Chief Procurement Officer
Robert T. Reed	Affirmative Action Officer
Charlene R. Wood	National Organization on Disability Representative
Denise Bouchard	Americans with Disabilities Act Coordinator
Doris Silvia	Municipal Census Supervisor
William D. Tripp	Municipal Coordinator of the "Right to Know" Law
Stephen A. Motta	Acting Coordinator of the "Right to Know" Law
John Ciccotelli	Hazardous Waste Coordinator
Gary Sherman	Oil Spill Coordinator
Marjorie A. Holden	Mooring Assignment Committee
George Foster	Custodian of Tax Title Properties
John Ciccotelli	Environmental Certifying Office
John Andrade	E-911 Coordinator
David P. Dionne	Railroad Commissioner
John Ciccotelli	Drinking Water Supply Facilities Licensed Grade VS Operator

## ARTS COUNCIL

Wendy Goldberg	6/30/98	Susan Branco	6/30/98
Nancy Rodrigues	6/30/97	Janice Miller	6/30/98
Geraldine Milham	6/30/97	Barbara B. Wicks	6/30/97
Mary Ellen Guptill	6/30/98	Elaine Stevens	6/30/98
Sarah Jackson	6/30/98	Elizabeth Thurber	6/30/99

## BEACH COMMITTEE (3 YEAR TERM)

James A. Burns	Precinct A	6/30/99
(Vacancy)	Precinct B	6/30/98
(Vacancy)	Precinct C	6/30/99
Arthur G. Caesar	Precinct D	6/30/97
Pauline Laursen	Precinct E	6/30/97

## BIKE PATH COMMITTEE

David Dionne	6/30/97	Robert Caron	6/30/97
Debra Ciccotelli	6/30/97	Clayton Dennis	6/30/97
Natale Lapriere	6/30/97	Normand Ouellette	6/30/97
Robert Piper	6/30/97	Carol Russell	6/30/97
Richard Sobel	6/30/97	Marilyn Whalley	6/30/97
John Mooney	6/30/97	Patricia Mooney	6/30/97
Robert Ouellette	6/30/97 (Resigned)		

### BOARD OF APPEALS

#### 5 Year Terms - Regulars

Joseph L. Keith III, Clerk	6/30/2000
Clayton Harrison, Vice-Chmn.	6/30/99
Raymond Medeiros, Chairman	6/30/98
Gerald Coutinho	6/30/97
Kendal Tripp	6/30/96

#### 1 Year Term - Alternates

Eliot C. Holden	6/30/96
Thomas Costello	6/30/96

### BOARD OF SURVEY (1 YEAR TERM)

David Bernier (by Inspector of Buildings)  
Fire Chief William D. Tripp 6/30/97  
Fred Hanack 6/30/97

### BUZZARDS BAY ACTION COMMITTEE (1 YEAR TERM)

John Ciccotelli 6/30/97  
Steven H. Tripp (Alternate) 6/30/97

### CABLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (1 YEAR TERM)

Paul Izyk	6/30/97	Robert Rayno	6/30/97
Edwin Horky	6/30/97	Paul Bernier	6/30/97
Edward A. Martins	6/30/97	Robert Perry	6/30/97
Paul Ciccotelli	6/30/97	William Shea	6/30/97

### CITIZENS PROGRAM REVIEW COMMITTEE (1 YEAR TERM)

Glenna Lawrence	6/30/97	Jennifer Letourneau	6/30/97
Mary Ellen Gomes	6/30/97	Janice Trepanier	6/30/97
Lois Spirlet	6/30/97		

### COMMUNITY CENTER COMMITTEE (1 YEAR TERM)

Ronald J. Assad	6/30/97	J. Duncan Albert	6/30/97
Paul Izyk	6/30/97	Lorna Frederick	6/30/97
Michele Armour	6/30/97	Delores Rego (Honorary)	6/30/97

### CONSTABLES (1 YEAR TERM)

Daniel Sullivan	6/30/97	Thomas Peters	6/30/97
Joseph Migliori	6/30/97	William Neugent	6/30/97

COUNCIL ON AGING (3 YEAR TERM)

Reverend Robert Lawrence	6/30/98	Donald A. Maynard	6/30/98
Margo Boote	6/30/97	Irene Pacheco	6/30/97
Lois E. Spirlet	6/30/99	Joanne Devlin	6/30/99
Cynthia Reynolds	6/30/99		

EDUCATIONAL FUND COMMITTEE (2 YEAR TERM)

Marjorie A. Holden	6/30/97	Veronica Beaulieu	6/30/97
Laurie Andrews	6/30/97	Margot desJardins	6/30/97
George Foster	6/30/97		

WESTPORT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE GREATER FALL RIVER EMERGENCY  
MEDICAL SERVICES COORDINATING COMMITTEE, REGION 7 (1 YEAR TERM)

Arthur Briggs 6/30/97

LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE (1 YEAR TERM)

Paul Pereira	6/30/97	Michael C. McCarthy	6/30/97
Richard Earle	6/30/97	William D. Tripp	6/30/97
Thomas Porter	6/30/97	Charles A. Pierce	6/30/97
Stephen Pettey	6/30/97	Steven Tripp	6/30/97

FAIR HOUSING/HOUSING PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE (1 YEAR TERM)

Michael Alexander	6/30/96	Sara Lou Motta	6/30/96
Douglas Baer	6/30/96	John Montano	6/30/96
Anthony Melli	6/30/96	William Greeley	6/30/96
Ruth Heath	6/30/96	Katharine Preston	6/30/96
John Jennings	6/30/96	Shirley Lakin	6/30/96

(3) FENCE VIEWERS (3 YEAR TERM)

Paige Gibbs	6/30/98
Armand Goyette	6/30/98
Francois Napert III	6/30/98

HARBOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE (1 YEAR TERM)

John Azevedo	6/30/97	Robert Reynolds	6/30/97
Edward B. Carey	6/30/97	Brenda Figueiredo	6/30/97
Harold F. Trapp, Jr.	6/30/97		

### HISTORICAL COMMISSION (3 YEAR TERM)

#### Regular

Geraldine Millham  
Lincoln Tripp  
Barbara Koenitzer  
William Underwood, Jr.  
Christopher Wise  
Jacqueline Hill  
Virginia Edgcomb

6/30/98  
6/30/98  
6/30/97  
6/30/97  
6/30/99  
6/30/99  
6/30/99

#### Alternates

Eleanor Jerome  
Richard Wertz  
Charles Nelson, Jr.  
Barbara Wood  
Leonard Silvia  
Suzanne Lentini

6/30/98  
6/30/99  
6/30/97  
6/30/97  
6/30/99  
6/30/99

Eleanor S. Tripp (Honorary)

### LOCAL PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE (1 YEAR TERM)

Robert Reed  
Chris Lafrance  
Paul Hebert  
Robert Russell  
David Martin  
James Long  
Steven Tripp

6/30/96  
6/30/96  
6/30/96  
6/30/96  
6/30/96  
6/30/96  
6/30/96

Robert Chandanais  
Patricia Sieminski  
Carlos Costa  
Robert Wicks  
Michael Rodrigues  
John Penney

6/30/97  
6/30/97  
6/30/97  
6/30/97  
6/30/97  
6/30/97

### PERSONNEL BOARD (3 YEAR TERM)

Ann Chandanais  
James W. Coyne, Jr.  
Richard Vohnoutka

6/30/97  
6/30/99  
6/30/99

Richard E. Huczek  
Marlene Pelletier

6/30/99  
6/30/99

### POLICE DEPARTMENT

#### Chief of Police

Charles A. Pierce

#### Lieutenants

William C. White

Joseph E. Carvalho

#### Sergeants

Pauline Q. Field  
Paul E. Holden

John Gifford  
Stephen D. Kovar, Jr.

### Regular Police Officers

John J. Bell	Michael D. O'Connor
Douglas Britland	Michael S. Perry
John P. Couto	Thomas Plourde
Reginald Deschenes	Richard Rodrigues
Gary M. Foley	Donald J. Frederick
Mario Lewis, Chief of Detectives	Keith Pelletier
Michael R. Roussel, Detective	Jeffrey Majewski
Marshall Ronco, Detective	David Morrisette
David Simcoe	
Stephen D. Kovar, Jr. (Range & Firearms Officer)	
Donald J. Frederick (Assistant Range & Firearms Officer)	
Michael R. Roussel (Special Agent in Charge of Kegs)	

### Secretary /Dispatcher

Nancy Braga

### E-911 Dispatchers

Susan Amann	Marianna Butler
Darrin Blais	Michael Silvia

### Reserve Police Officers

Raymond Araujo	Keith J. Novo
Scott Arrington	Douglas Orr
David Arruda	Steven Ouellette
David Bellavance	Jason Perry
Darrin M. Blais	Fernando Pontes
Gary L. Cambra	Mark Rosinha
Antonio Cestodio	Michael Silvia
Mario DaCunha	Brian Souza
Richard Greaves	Daniel R. Sullivan
Nia Ketchen	Robert Thatcher
Francois A. Napert III	Justin Tripp
Kimberley Neronha	Andrew Wheaton
Raymond Benoit (Special F.R. Rod & Gun Club)	

### PUBLIC WEIGHER (1 YEAR TERM)

Raymond Giasson	at 548 State Road	6/30/97
Herman Gitlin	at 548 State Road	6/30/97
Louis Gitlin	at 548 State Road	6/30/97
Mark Gitlin	at 548 State Road	6/30/97
Jeffrey Clarke	at 536 Old County Road	6/30/97
Jason Dessert	at 536 Old County Road	6/30/97

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS (3 YEAR TERM)

Democrats

Marlene Samson 4/1/99  
Robert St. Amour 4/1/97

Republican

Jean Louis Clapin 4/1/98  
Geraldine Craveiro 4/1/99

RIVER DREDGING COMMITTEE (1 YEAR TERM)

Marjorie Holden	6/30/97	Claude Ledoux	6/30/97
Richard Earle	6/30/97	James Robeson	6/30/97
Richard Hart	6/30/97	Gary Sherman	6/30/97
Russell T. Hart	6/30/97	Alexander Smith	6/30/97

SAFETY REGULATION BOARD (1 YEAR TERM)

(Art. 30 - Section 1, 1978)

Steven H. Tripp, Selectmen's Representative 6/30/97  
Paul Pereira, Highway Surveyor 6/30/97  
Paige Gibbs, Fence Viewer 6/30/97

SHELLFISH WARDEN/WHARFINGER (3 YEAR TERM)

Gary Sherman 6/30/98

DEPUTY SHELLFISH WARDEN (3 YEAR TERM)

Edmie P. Bibeau	6/30/97	Robert W. Pierce	6/30/97
John Doherty	6/30/97	Mike Andrade	6/30/97
Edward T. Earle	6/30/97	Henry Vaillancourt	6/30/98
Daniel P. Sullivan	6/30/97		

SHELLFISH ADVISORY COMMITTEE (1 YEAR TERM)

Kenneth Manchester	6/30/97	Edward A. Martins	6/30/97
Richard Hart	6/30/97	Alexander Smith	6/30/97
George Smith	6/30/97		

### SOIL CONSERVATION BOARD/CONSERVATION COMMISSION (3 YEAR TERM)

Donald Bernier	6/30/97	Claude Ledoux	6/30/97
Elliot LaMontagne	6/30/98	Richard Lambert	6/30/97
John Reynolds	6/30/99	Thomas Porter (Replaced)	6/30/98
Thomas Perkins	6/30/99	Christopher Capone, Agent	
Gregg N. Garnett	6/30/98		

### SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL COMMITTEE

David Cabral	Board of Health Representative
Todd Cormier	At-Large Member
David Dionne	Selectmen's Representative
Timothy Gillespie	Planning Board Representative
Charles Goldberg	Alternate Member
Richard Lambert	Conservation Commission Representative
Anne Barnes	Alternate Member
Paul Pereira	Highway Surveyor
Veronica Beaulieu	Finance Committee Representative
Rhoda Sheehan	Alternate Member

### SRPEDD & SRTA (1 YEAR TERM)

David Dionne	Selectmen's Representative
Jack Penney	Planning Board Representative SRPEDD
Steven Tripp	SRTA - Selectmen's Representative
Mary Ellen Gomes	SRTA - Selectmen's Designee
Jack Penney	Joint Transportation Planning Group
Paul Pereira (Alternate)	Joint Transportation Planning Group
Carlos Costa	Small Town Economic Development Committee

### TOWN BEACH LIFEGUARDS

Summer 1996

Gustin N. Cariglia	Head Lifeguard
Timothy J. McDonough	Part-Time Lifeguard
Debbie Dionne	Full-Time Lifeguard
Brian R. Murphy	Full-Time Lifeguard
Amy Costa	Full-Time Lifeguard

### TOWN BUILDING COMMITTEE (1 YEAR TERM)

Roger Olivier	6/30/97	William Gifford	6/30/97
William J. Underwood, Jr.	6/30/97	Richard Vohnoutka	6/30/97
William E. Lawton	6/30/97		

WAGE & CLASSIFICATION STUDY COMMITTEE (1 YEAR TERM)

James Coyne	6/30/97	Richard Huczek	6/30/97
Robert Reed	6/30/97	Angelina Souza	6/30/97
Theresa Vaillancourt	6/30/97	Carol Borden	6/30/97

WATERLINE CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE (1 YEAR TERM)

Robert LaBonte	6/30/97	Robert Reed	6/30/97
Paul Pereira	6/30/97	Joseph Rego	6/30/97
William Underwood	6/30/97	David Wallace	6/30/97
Marilyn Whalley	6/30/97		

WESTPORT CITIZENS BETTERMENT COMMITTEE (1 YEAR TERM)

Shirley Desrosiers	6/30/2000	Charlene R. Wood	6/30/97
Walter Craveiro	6/30/97	Lena Napert	6/30/97
Marguerite Plamondon	6/30/97		

WESTPORT POINT MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

John Coury	6/30/97	Gerald Coutinho	6/30/97
Thomas McGarr	6/30/97	John McDermott	6/30/97
Theodore Moore	6/30/97	Carlton Macomber	6/30/97
Jack Reynolds	6/30/97	Gary Sherman (Advisory)	6/30/97

BONDS

Town Treasurer	\$150,000.00
Tax Collector	\$150,000.00
Town Clerk	\$ 15,000.00

TRAILER PERMITS

Issued 96 (\$24.00 ea.)

SUNDAY LICENSES

Issued 26 (\$5.00 ea.)

Sales of Frozen Desserts, Ice Cream Mix  
Confectionery Soda Water or Fruit on the Lord's Day

COMMON VICTUALLERS LICENSES

Issued 38 (\$15.00 ea.)

TOTAL COLLECTED

(Fees & Miscellaneous)  
\$33,808.45

## 1996 MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSES

### CLASS I

Big Boar Harley-Davidson, Inc.  
Coach Light RV Restoration

1030 State Road  
131 Old Bedford Road

### CLASS II

A. J. Turner  
A. J. Turner Inc. Annex  
Amaral Bus/Truck Sales & Service  
Art Caesar, The Car Man  
Auto Mart  
Automotive Services, Inc.  
Beaulieu's Garage  
A. G. Bettencourt, Inc.  
Brookside Motors  
Carabello Auto Sales & Repair  
The Car Store  
Carvalho's Bargain Motors  
C & H Auto Sales  
Consumer's Auto Sales  
Dan's Auto Sales  
DC Auto Sales  
Deke's Auto Sales  
Den-Rod Motors  
Drift Road Auto Sales  
Ferreira's Auto Body & Sales  
Frank E. Brayton Jr. Auto Sales & Service  
Glenwood Motors, Inc.  
G. Souza's Hillside Motors  
Hart Auto Sales  
Hebco, Inc.  
Highland Auto & Truck Sales  
High Tech Auto Sales & Service  
Goldstein's Farm Equipment  
Hometown Motors  
Jack & Paul's Used Cars  
J.B.S. Auto Corporation  
Jim's Used cars  
J & J Used Auto Sales & Service, Inc.  
John Soares Village Garage, Inc.  
J.R.'s Precision Auto Sales  
Katie's Auto & Truck Sales  
Langton's Quality Cars  
Leclairs Auto Sales  
Bass Inc. d/b/a Mike's Toyota  
Negotiable Car Store  
Nu-Way Auto

1052 State Road  
914 State Road  
1090 State Road  
1016A State Road  
851B State Road  
337 American Legion Highway  
497 Sanford Road  
821 Main Road  
415 Main Road  
851A State Road  
237 State Road  
935 State Road  
660A Main Road  
10 Sanford Road  
559 State Road  
575 State Road  
128 Old Bedford Road  
23 Barbara Street  
541 Drift Road  
91 Forge Road  
626 Adamsville Road  
10 Glenwood Avenue  
1175 State Road  
431A Main Road  
795 American Legion Highway  
560 Highland Avenue  
956 State Road  
287 Gifford Road  
620 Sanford Road  
758 State Road  
505 State Road  
280 State Road  
972 State Road  
660 Main Road  
729 State Road  
449 American Legion Highway  
1018 State Road  
702 State Road  
983 State Road  
833 State Road  
837 State Road

Old Town Auto Sales  
 Patriot Auto Center Inc.  
 Paul's Auto Sales  
 Pine Hill Auto Service  
 Pondview Auto Sales  
 Quality Auto Sales  
 Rick's Used Cars  
 Roland's Auto Sales  
 R & R Auto Body & Sales  
 Sanford Auto Sales  
 Souza's Garage  
 State Road Auto Sales, Inc.  
 State Road Motors, Inc.  
 Steve's Auto Center  
 Thad's Auto Sales  
 Union Avenue Auto Sales  
 Val's Auto Sales  
 Westport Auto & RV Center

683A American Legion Highway  
 337 American Legion Highway  
 685 Main Road  
 929 Pine Hill Road  
 25 Borden Street  
 835 State Road  
 312 American Legion Highway  
 585 State Road  
 800A American Legion Highway  
 735 State Road  
 308 Sanford Road  
 327 State Road  
 712 State Road  
 1016B State Road  
 37 Charlotte White Road  
 8 Union Avenue  
 757 State Road  
 1058 State Road

### CLASS III

Lantic Salvage  
 Mid-City Scrap Iron, Inc.  
 Richie's Auto Parts  
 Robert J. Desmarais  
 Thad's Auto Salvage, Inc.  
 Westport Auto Salvage

58 Charlotte White Road  
 548 State Road  
 851I State Road  
 560 Highland Avenue  
 37 Charlotte White Road  
 443 American Legion Highway

### CLASS IV

#### GARAGE & SERVICE STATION REPAIR LICENSES

Adamsville Garage  
 A. J. Turner Inc. Annex  
 Amaral Bus/Truck Sales & Service  
 Arell's Tune Up & Trouble Shooting  
 Auto Affair  
 Auto Mart  
 Automotive Services, Inc.  
 The Auto Salon  
 Beaulieu's Garage  
 Big Boar Harley-Davidson, Inc.  
 Bothelo's Garage  
 Carabello Auto Sales & Repair  
 Carvalho's Bargain Motors  
 C & D Automotive Repair  
 Circle ("M") Truck & Auto Repair  
 Coach Light RV Restoration  
 Consumer's Auto Sales  
 Deke's Auto Sales  
 Distinctive Auto Body & Refinishing  
 Double L'L Auto Waxing

626 Adamsville Road  
 914 State Road  
 1090 State Road  
 615 State Road  
 800B American Legion Highway  
 851B State Road  
 337 American Legion Highway  
 1018 State Road  
 497 Sanford Road  
 1030 State Road  
 154 Old Pine Hill Road  
 851A State Road  
 935 State Road  
 276A State Road  
 683A American Legion Highway  
 131 Old Bedford Road  
 10 Sanford Road  
 128 Old Bedford Road  
 12 Union Avenue  
 10 Glenwood Avenue

Eddy's Repair Shop  
 Ferreira's Auto Body & Sales  
 Four Square Garage  
 Hart Auto Body  
 Hart Auto Body Annex  
 Head Small Engine Repair  
 High Tech Auto Sales & Service  
 Jack & Paul's Used cars  
 J.B.S. Auto Corporation  
 J & J Used Car Sales & Service  
 Joal's Garage  
 John Mooney's Auto Service  
 John Soares Village Garage, Inc.  
 J.R.'s Precision Auto Sales  
 J's Repair Garage  
 Leona K. Martin  
 Martin's Repair Shop  
 Mendes Auto Repair  
 Negotiable Car Store  
 Norwest Automotive, Inc.  
 Nu-Way Auto Repair  
 Paul's Auto & Boat Repair  
 Pine Hill Auto Repair Inc.  
 Pondview Auto Sales  
 Richie's Auto Repair  
 Rick's Auto Service  
 R & R Auto Body & Sales  
 Sanford Auto Sales  
 State Road Auto Sales, Inc.  
 Steve's Auto Center  
 Street Cars Ltd.  
 Thad's Auto Salvage & Service  
 Westport Auto Clinic  
 Westport Citgo  
 Westport Tire Center  
 Wilfrid's Garage, Inc.

25 Elmwood Avenue  
 91 Forge Road  
 618 Sanford Road  
 51 Cross Road  
 431 Main Road  
 493 Old County Road  
 956 State Road  
 758 State Road  
 509 State Road  
 972 State Road  
 500 Adamsville Road  
 541 Drift Road  
 660 Main Road  
 729 State Road  
 140 Old Bedford Road  
 955 American Legion Highway  
 112 Sanford Road  
 130 Plymouth Boulevard  
 833 State Road  
 175 State Road  
 837A State Road  
 685 Main Road  
 929 Pine Hill Road  
 25 Borden Street  
 851F & G State Road  
 1134 American Legion Highway  
 800A American Legion Highway  
 735 State Road  
 327 State Road  
 1016B State Road  
 1018 State Road  
 37 Charlotte White Road  
 422 Sanford Road  
 162 State Road  
 718 State Road  
 427 Main Road

## 1996 LIQUOR LICENSES

### PACKAGE GOODS STORE ALL ALCOHOLIC

Briere's, Inc.	233 Sanford Road
Clement's Package Store, Inc.	655 State Road
Albert E. Lees, Inc. d/b/a Lees Supermarket	796-800 Main Road
State Road Package Store	787 State Road
Watuppa Package Store, Inc.	151 State Road
Westport Market, Inc.	291 American Legion Highway

### PACKAGE GOODS STORE WINES AND MALT

J. Inc. d/b/a Westport Mini Mart	1239-1241 State Road
Olde Westport Trading Post	1031R Main Road
Westport Point Market, Inc.	1968 Main Road

### RESTAURANT - ALL ALCOHOLIC

TM, Inc. d/b/a The Beachcomber	138 East Beach Road
Ellie's Place	1403 Main Road
Fred and Ann's Restaurant, Inc.	977 Main Road
P. & G. Bowling W., Inc. d/b/a Holiday Lanes	236 State Road
Kate Cory's Inc. d/b/a Kate Cory's Restaurant	438 Main Road
Kori, Inc. d/b/a Alhambras	829 American Legion Highway
Windward Food Service Corp. d/b/a	
Moby Dick Wharf Restaurant	1 Bridge Road
Oasis Club, Inc.	549 American Legion Highway
House of Chu, Inc. d/b/a Oriental Pearl	576 State Road
Westport Club, Inc.	904 Main Road
Lafrance Brothers, Inc. d/b/a White's Restaurant	66 State Road

### RESTAURANT - WINES AND MALT

Bayside Restaurant	1253 Horseneck Road
Kozy Nook	655 State Road
Spooners	140 Charlotte White Road
Westport Country Kitchen, Inc.	778 Main Road

RESTAURANT (COMMERCIAL CLUB)  
ALL ALCOHOLIC

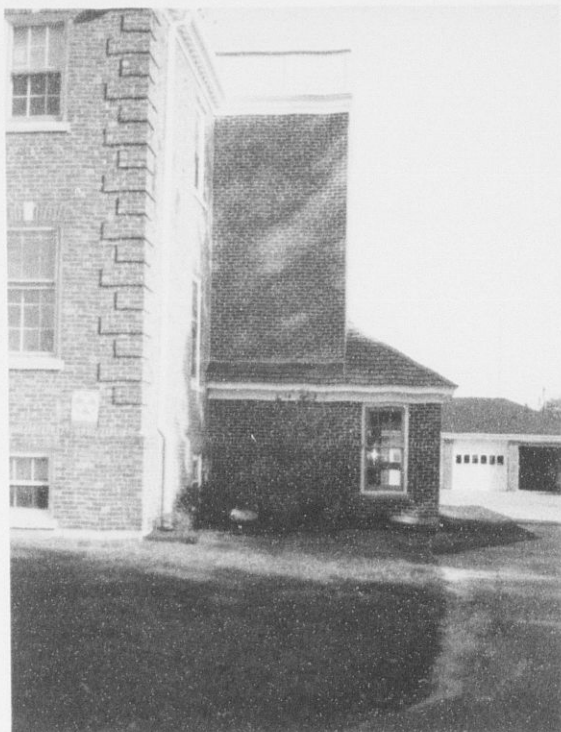
Holy Ghost Club, Inc.  
W.A. & R. Ouellette Post #8502

171 Sodom Road  
843 State Road

SEASONAL MISCELLANEOUS

Accaxet Club, Inc.  
Accaxet Club, Inc. d/b/a The Pro Shop  
Harry's Country Store, Inc.  
Jerome's Moby Dick, Inc. d/b/a Striper's  
Village Pizza

152 Howland Road  
152 Howland Road  
646 American Legion Highway  
9 Bridge Road  
760 Main Road



Front view of the new Town Hall elevator

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
TOWN OF WESTPORT  
WARRANT FOR STATE PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY**

BRISTOL, SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Westport: GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town who are qualified to vote in Elections and Town Affairs, to assemble at the respective polling places, namely:

PRECINCT A	American Legion Hall	489 Sanford Road
PRECINCT B	Town Hall Annex	856 Main Road (rear)
PRECINCT C	Alice A. Macomber School	154 Gifford Road
PRECINCT D	Fire Station	85 Briggs Road
PRECINCT E	Westport High School	19 Main Road

on Tuesday, the fifth day of March, 1996 from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. for the following purpose:

To cast their votes to the Primary Officers for the election of candidates of political parties for the following office:

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said meeting.

Presidential Preference

District Members of State Committee (one man and one woman) for each Political Party for the First Bristol Senatorial District: 30 Members of the Democratic Town Committee; 35 Members of the Republican Town Committee; and Members of the Libertarian Town Committee.

Given under our hands this 5th day of February 1996.

George T. Leach, Jr., Chairman  
Marjorie A. Holden  
David P. Dionne  
WESTPORT BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Marlene Samson  
Town Clerk  
Westport, MA 02790  
February 21, 1996

I this 21st day of February, 1996 posted 5 true attested copies of the forgoing warrant in the following named places:

Briggs Road Fire Station  
State Road Package Store  
Town Hall

Central Village Fire Station  
Briere's Inc. a.k.a. Country Liquor & Variety

Daniel P. Sullivan  
Constable of Westport

## PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY

Westport, Mass. 02790

March 5, 1996

Agreeable to the foregoing warrant the voters of the Town of Westport assembled at the polling places in their respective voting precincts on the above date. Ballots were given in for the following persons, assorted, counted and public declaration made thereof in open meeting, the total result from the five precincts, as certified by the precinct officers being as follows:

### DEMOCRATIC

#### Presidential Preference

Bill Clinton had four hundred sixty	460
Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr. had twenty-six	26
No Preference, forty-eight	48
Robert Dole (write-in) had one	1
John F. Lentini (write-in) had one	1
Blanks, thirty	30

#### State Committee Man

Ronald Cabral (write-in) had three	3
Robert Chandanais (write-in) had three	3
Craig Gould (write-in) had one	1
Americo Ramos (write-in) had one	1
Blanks, five hundred fifty-eight	558

#### State Committee Woman

Ava Assad had one hundred ninety-two	192
Ida Cabral had two hundred sixty-four	264
Blanks, one hundred ten	110

#### Town Committee

Group, one hundred sixty-eight	168
Joseph A. Campbell had two hundred twenty-nine	229
Muriel St. Amour had two hundred fifty-two	252
Arthur J. Messier had two hundred twenty-four	224
Robert Chandanais had two hundred eighty-four	284
Antone Rodrigues had two hundred fifty-six	256
Robert St. Amour had two hundred sixty-eight	268
Margaret McCarter had two hundred twenty-one	221
Richard P. Vohnoutka had two hundred fifteen	215
Donald R. Bernier had two hundred forty-four	244
Emil A. Fuller had two hundred seven	207

Thelma A. Sullivan had two hundred eighty-nine	289
Barbara A. Lambert had two hundred sixty-six	266
Marilyn Rodrigues had two hundred fifty-one	251
Eva Habib had two hundred twenty-four	224
Marlene Pelletier had two hundred forty	240
Paula L. Smith had two hundred thirty	230
Rhoda W. Sheehan had two hundred fifty-nine	259
George E. Foster had two hundred fifty	250
James W. Coyne, Jr. had three hundred three	303
William A. Baraby had two hundred eighty-seven	287
Alice J. Sikora had two hundred eleven	211
Alberta M. Lavoie had two hundred nineteen	219
Debra L. Ciccotelli had two hundred twenty-six	226
Thomas Cayer had one hundred ninety-six	196
Michael Rodrigues had three hundred twelve	312
Ann Chandanais had two hundred sixty-two	262
Helen Beaulieu had two hundred thirty-one	231
Rosella S. Howe had two hundred twenty-four	224
Hartley E. Howe had two hundred twenty-one	221
Edmund Medeiros had two hundred thirty-eight	238
Craig Gould (write-in) had one	1
Blanks, nine thousand six hundred sixty-seven	9667

## REPUBLICAN

### Presidential Preference

Richard G. Lugar had six	6
Morry Taylor had two	2
Phil Gramm had two	2
Patrick J. Buchanan had one hundred sixteen	116
Bob Dole had two hundred eighty-nine	289
Steve Forbes had sixty-three	63
Lamar Alexander had twenty-three	23
Alan Keyes had five	5
Robert K. Dornan had zero	0
No Preference, eight	8
Blanks, thirteen	13

### State Committee Man

Christopher Borden, Jr. had one hundred sixty-seven	167
Thomas F. Costello had two hundred seventy-six	276
Blanks, eighty-four	84

### State Committee Woman

Brenda J. Chabot had one hundred forty-two	142
Susan T. Costello had two hundred ninety-six	296
Blanks, eighty-nine	89

### Town Committee

Group, one hundred eighty-five	185
John F. Poulton had two hundred thirty	230
Normand E. Ouellette had two hundred thirty-three	233
Jean-Louis Clapin had two hundred nineteen	219

Thomas Costello had two hundred fifty-seven	257
Geraldine Craveiro had two hundred nineteen	219
Walter L. Craveiro had two hundred eleven	211
Brad C. Brightman had two hundred eighty-six	286
Anna M. Higginson had two hundred twenty-five	225
Martha J. Brightman had two hundred forty-six	246
George Michaels had two hundred ten	210
Alice Manchester had two hundred ninety-five	295
Clifford A. Brightman had two hundred fifty-five	255
Pauline L. Clapin had two hundred twenty	220
Susan T. Costello had two hundred forty-seven	247
Milicent E. Tuckerman had two hundred forty-one	241
Carlton A. Lees had three hundred five	305
Marjorie A. Holden had two hundred eighty-four	284
Althea M. Manchester had three hundred fifty	350
Nancy M. Dawson had two hundred twenty-seven	227
Joyce P. Sheridan had two hundred thirteen	213
David J. Sheridan had two hundred nine	209
Kimberly A. Poulton had two hundred fourteen	214
Richard P. Desjardins had three hundred thirteen	313
Sarah Desjardins had two hundred sixty-five	265
Albert E. Lees, Jr. had three hundred twenty-two	322
George T. Leach, Jr. had two hundred seventy-two	272
Deborah Kubik had two hundred fifty-five	255
Muriel M. Peters had two hundred nineteen	219
Thomas M. Peters had two hundred twenty-nine	229
Prudence B. Brightman had two hundred thirty	230
Russell T. Hart had three hundred two	302
Mildred Borden had two hundred forty-four	244
Ann M. Brown had two hundred twenty-nine	229
Fred T. Webb, Jr. had two hundred seventy-four	274
Viola Webb had two hundred fifty-seven	257
Blanks, nine thousand six hundred thirty-eight	9638

#### LIBERTARIAN

##### Presidential Preference

Harry Browne had one	1
Rick Tompkins had zero	0
Irwin Schiff had zero	0
No Preference, zero	0
Blanks, zero	0

##### State Committee Man

(No Candidate)

##### State Committee Woman

(No Candidate)

Town Committee  
(No Candidates)

A true record,

Attest: Marlene M. Samson  
Town Clerk

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
TOWN OF WESTPORT  
WARRANT FOR STATE PRIMARY**

BRISTOL, SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Westport: GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town who are qualified to vote in Elections and Town Affairs, to assemble at the respective polling places, namely:

PRECINCT A	American Legion Hall	489 Sanford Road
PRECINCT B	Town Hall Annex	856 Main Road (rear)
PRECINCT C	Alice A. Macomber School	154 Gifford Road
PRECINCT D	Fire Station	85 Briggs Road
PRECINCT E	Westport High School	19 Main Road

on Tuesday, the nineteenth day of March, 1996 from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. for the following purpose:

To cast their votes in the State Primaries for candidates of political parties for the following office: State Representative in the General Court - Eighth Bristol District

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this 5th day of February 1996.

George T. Leach, Jr., Chairman  
Marjorie A. Holden  
David P. Dionne  
WESTPORT BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Marlene Samson  
Town Clerk  
Westport, MA 02790  
February 21, 1996

I this 21st day of February, 1996 posted 5 true attested copies of the forgoing warrant in the following named places:

Briggs Road Fire Station  
State Road Package Store  
Town Hall  
Central Village Fire Station  
Briere's Inc. a.k.a. Country Liquor & Variety

Daniel P. Sullivan  
Constable of Westport

### SPECIAL PRIMARY

Westport, Mass. 02790

March 19, 1996

Agreeable to the foregoing warrant the voters of the Town of Westport assembled at the polling places in their respective voting precincts on the above date. Ballots were given in for the following persons, assorted, counted and public declaration made thereof in open meeting, the total result from the five precincts, as certified by the precinct officers being as follows:

#### DEMOCRATIC

##### State Representative in the General Court

David J. Dennis had thirty-five	35
David P. Dionne had eight hundred fifty-seven	857
Raymond E. Hague had forty-six	46
Robert Maynard had thirty-seven	37
John C. O'Neil had two hundred thirty-one	231
Frank L. Ray III had eighty-nine	89
Michael J. Rodrigues had eight hundred eighty-eight	888
Mark A. Shea had forty-seven	47
Charles E. Silvia had twenty-two	22
Blanks, eighty-eight	88

#### REPUBLICAN

##### State Representative in the General Court

Thomas F. Costello had one hundred three	103
Richard P. Desjardins had two hundred twenty-seven	227
Blanks, thirty-one	31

A true record,

Attest: Marlene M. Samson  
Town Clerk

April 1, 1996

On a petition received from David P. Dionne and certified by the Board of Registrar of Voters of the Town of Westport, a recount was held on Monday April 1, 1996 of the votes cast at the March 19, 1996 Special State Representative Election for the 8th Bristol District. The following is the result of said recount.

State Representative - Democrat

David J. Dennis had thirty-six	36
David P. Dionne had eight hundred sixty-five	865
Raymond E. Hague had forty-six	46
Robert Maynard had thirty-eight	38
John C. O'Neil had two hundred thirty-one	231
Frank L. Ray had ninety	90
Michael J. Rodrigues had nine hundred twelve	912
Mark A. Shea had forty-six	46
Charles E. Silvia had twenty-two	22
Blanks, fifty-six	56

A true record,

Attest: Marlene M. Samson  
Town Clerk

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
TOWN OF WESTPORT  
WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION**

BRISTOL, SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Westport: GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town who are qualified to vote in Elections and Town Affairs, to assemble at the respective polling places, namely:

PRECINCT A	American Legion Hall	489 Sanford Road
PRECINCT B	Town Hall Annex	856 Main Road (rear)
PRECINCT C	Alice A. Macomber School	154 Gifford Road
PRECINCT D	Fire Station	85 Briggs Road
PRECINCT E	Westport High School	19 Main Road

On Monday, the eighth day of April next, it being the second Monday of the month, at ten o'clock in the forenoon then and there to choose the following Offices, viz: One Selectman, One Town Clerk, One Treasurer, One Collector of Taxes, One Assessor, One Board of Health Member, One School Committee Member, One Regional School Committee Member, One Highway Surveyor, One Fish Commissioner, Two Constables, Two Trustees of the Free Public Library, One Commissioner of Trust Funds all for a term of Three Years; One

Planning Board Member and One Housing Authority Member each for Five years; Four Landing Commissioners for One-year terms and One Trustee of the Free Public Library for a One-year unexpired term.

The polls will be open for balloting for the officers, or any questions contained on the official ballot at 10:00 a.m. and shall be closed at 8:00 p.m.

#### Question 1

Shall the Town of Westport be allowed to assess an additional \$210,000 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of funding a fire pumper truck for the Fire Department for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1996?

#### Question 2

Shall the Town of Westport be allowed to assess an additional \$202,000 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of funding a front-end loader, pick-up truck with plow, and dump truck with plow for the Highway Department for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1996?

#### Question 3

Shall the Town of Westport be allowed to assess an additional \$200,000 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of funding replacement doors and windows, repair roof, chimney repointing and replace carpeting for the School Department for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1996?

#### Question 4

Shall the Town of Westport be allowed to assess an additional \$185,000 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of funding repairs to the Town Hall and Town Hall Annex including the installation of a handicapped bathroom and septic system, replacement of underground tanks at the Town Hall and replacement of the roof, gutters and windows at the Town Hall Annex for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1996?

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting five or more attested copies thereof in as many public places within said Town at least seven days before the time of said meeting.

Hereof and fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands at Westport this 4th day of March in the year one thousand nine hundred and ninety-six.

George T. Leach, Jr.  
Marjorie A. Holden  
David P. Dionne  
WESTPORT BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Marlene Samson  
Town Clerk  
Westport, MA 02790  
March 13, 1996

I, this 13th day of March, 1996, posted 5 true attested copies of the foregoing warrant in the following named places:

Briggs Road Fire Station

State Road Package Store  
Town Hall  
Central Village Fire Station  
Briere's Inc. d/b/a. Country Liquor & Variety

Daniel Sullivan  
Constable of Westport

## ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION

Westport, Mass. 02790

April 8, 1996

Agreeable to the foregoing warrant the voters of the Town assembled at the polling places in their respective voting precincts on the above date. Ballots were given in for the following persons, assorted, counted and public declaration made thereof in open meeting, the total result of the balloting from the five precincts as certified by the Precinct Officers, being as follows:

### Selectmen - three years

Bret A. Beaulieu had five hundred eighty-four	584
Timothy M. Ford had four hundred twelve	412
Steven H. Tripp had one thousand three hundred seventy-two	1372
Blanks, one hundred sixty-eight	168

### Town Clerk - three years

Marlene M. Samson had one thousand nine hundred two	1902
Blanks, six hundred thirty-four	614

### Treasurer - three years

George E. Foster had one thousand seven hundred sixty-five	1765
Blanks, seven hundred seventy-one	771

### Collector of Taxes - three years

Pauline M. Raposa had one thousand nine hundred twenty-two	1922
Blanks, six hundred fourteen	614

### Assessor - three years

John J. McDermott had one thousand eight hundred seven	1807
Blanks, seven hundred twenty-nine	729

### Board of Health - three years

Robert J. Chandanais had one thousand one hundred twenty-six	1126
Wayne H. Turner had one thousand two hundred ninety	1290
Blanks, one hundred twenty	120

#### School Committee - three years

Marilyn J. Pease had one thousand sixty-nine	1069
Dennis Pucello had one thousand two hundred five	1205
Blanks, two hundred sixty-two	262

#### Regional School Committee - three years

Thomas J. McGarr had one thousand two hundred forty	1240
Lee Desrosiers had four hundred ninety-nine	499
Robert A. Dumais had four hundred thirty-eight	438
Blanks, three hundred fifty-nine	359

#### Highway Surveyor - three years

Paul T. Pereira had one thousand nine hundred sixteen	1916
Blanks, six hundred twenty	620

#### Fish Commissioner - three years

Russell T. Hart had one thousand nine hundred twenty-five	1925
Blanks, six hundred eleven	611

#### Constable - three years

William A. Pariseau had one thousand six hundred seventeen	1617
Eric S. Martins had eight hundred twenty-two	822
George W. Morse had five hundred twenty-two	522
Dan Sullivan had one	1
Blanks, two thousand one hundred ten	2110

#### Trustees of Free Public Library - three years

Ruth S. Manchester had one thousand four hundred seventy-one	1471
Rhoda W. Sheehan had one thousand sixty-three	1063
Sallie A. Lawrence had eight hundred seventeen	817
Blanks, one thousand seven hundred twenty-one	1721

#### Landing Commissioners - one year

Anne W. Baker had one thousand two hundred forty-three	1243
Carl Tripp had one thousand three hundred eighty-six	1386
Christopher R. Gillespie had one thousand one hundred seventy-two	1172
Kenneth A. Manchester had one thousand two hundred eighty-three	1283
Blanks, five thousand sixty	5060

#### Housing Authority - five years

Donald A. Maynard (write-in) had one hundred nineteen	119
Richard Vohnoutka (write-in) had one hundred fifty-three	153
Gil Bliss (write-in) had one	1
Blanks, two thousand two hundred sixty-three	2263

#### Planning Board - five years

John Montano had one thousand four hundred seventy-eight	1478
Blanks, one thousand fifty-eight	1058

Commissioners of Trust Funds - three years

Stafford Sheehan had one thousand five hundred fifty-three	1553
Blanks, one thousand three	1003

Trustee of Free Public Library - one year unexpired term

Margaret M. Panos had one thousand five hundred fifty-six	1556
Blanks, nine hundred eighty	980

Question 1.

Yes, one thousand five hundred thirty-seven	1537
No, eight hundred fifty-five	855
Blanks, one hundred forty-four	144

Question 2.

Yes, one thousand fifty two	1052
No, one thousand two hundred fifty nine	1259
Blanks, two hundred twenty-five	225

Question 3

Yes, nine hundred twenty-four	924
No, one thousand three hundred seventy-nine	1379
Blanks, two hundred thirty-three	233

Question 4

Yes, one thousand one hundred twenty-four	1124
No, one thousand one hundred eighty-nine	1189
Blanks, two hundred twenty-three	223

A true record,

Attest: Marlene M. Samson  
Town Clerk

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
TOWN OF WESTPORT  
WARRANT FOR STATE SPECIAL ELECTION**

BRISTOL, SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Westport: GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town who are qualified to vote in Elections and Town Affairs, to assemble at the respective polling places, namely:

PRECINCT A American Legion Hall

489 Sanford Road

PRECINCT B	Town Hall Annex	856 Main Road (rear)
PRECINCT C	Alice A. Macomber School	154 Gifford Road
PRECINCT D	Fire Station	85 Briggs Road
PRECINCT E	Westport High School	19 Main Road

on Tuesday, the sixteenth day of April, 1996 from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. for the following purpose:

To cast their votes in the Special Election for candidates for the following office: State Representative in the General Court - Eighth Bristol District

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said meeting

Given under our hands this 5th day of February 1996

George T. Leach, Jr., Chairman  
 Marjorie A. Holden  
 David P. Dionne  
 WESTPORT BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Marlene Samson  
 Town Clerk  
 Westport, MA 02790  
 February 21, 1996

I this 21st day of February, 1996 posted 5 true attested copies of the forgoing warrant in the following named places:

Briggs Road Fire Station  
 State Road Package Store  
 Town Hall  
 Central Village Fire Station  
 Briere's Inc. a.k.a. Country Liquor & Variety

Daniel P. Sullivan  
 Constable of Westport

### SPECIAL PRIMARY

Westport, Mass. 02790

April 16, 1996

Agreeable to the foregoing warrant the voters of the Town of Westport assembled at the polling places in their respective voting precincts on the above date. Ballots were given in for the following persons, assorted, counted and public declaration made thereof in open meeting, the total result from the five precincts, as certified by the precinct officers being as follows:

State Representative in General Court

Richard P. Desjardins had eight hundred sixty-two  
Michael J. Rodrigues had one thousand six hundred fifty-eight  
Blanks, twenty-seven

862  
1658  
27

A true record,

Attest: Marlene M. Samson  
Town Clerk

**THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
TOWN OF WESTPORT  
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT  
MAY 21, 1996**

BRISTOL, SS

To either of the constables of the Town of Westport in said County: GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Westport qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs, to assemble at the Westport High School on Tuesday, May 21, 1996 at 7:30 p.m., and then and there to act on the following articles, viz:

Agreeable to the warrant calling said meeting, the voters of the Town of Westport assembled at the Westport High School on the above date. The meeting was called to order at 7:36 p.m. by Moderator Brad C. Brightman, who appointed Bret Beaulieu and Christine Ash to act as Tellers and they were duly sworn before the Town Clerk. Beth Hayes acted as timekeeper for the meeting in accordance with a By-Law adopted under Article 45 of the Annual Town Meeting of 1963.

A salute to the Flag was held followed by a Trumpet Duet of our National Anthem performed by two members of the Westport High School Marching Band, John Boutin grade 10 and Benjamin Paille grade 9.

A moment of silence was observed for George T. Leach, Jr. and Frank DeAndrade former members of the Board of Selectmen and for all Town Officials who have gone before us.

VOTED: (Unanimously) to dispense with the reading of the warrant.

Article 1

To see if the Town will vote to transfer to reduce taxation certain sums of money from various articles approved by Town Meeting, when there is a balance remaining that is no longer required to accomplish the purpose for which the articles were originally passed, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

VOTED: (Unanimously) to Pass Over Article 1.

## Article 2

To see if the Town will vote to fix the salary and compensation of all elected Town Officers, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

	FINANCE COMMITTEE
	BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MODERATOR	\$ 483
SELECTMEN - Chairman	4,586
Board Members (2) - \$4434	8,866
TOWN CLERK	34,827
ASSESSORS - Board Members (3) - \$4,239	12,717
BOARD OF HEALTH - Members (3) - \$1,805.33	5,416
HIGHWAY SURVEYOR	41,395
TAX COLLECTOR	34,827
TREASURER	34,827
TOTAL	\$177,947

VOTED: (Unanimously)

## Article 3

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds such sums of money considered necessary to defray the Town's expenses for a twelve month period beginning July 1, 1996 and appropriate the same to several departments and/or take any other action relative thereto.

	FINANCE COMMITTEE
	BOARD OF SELECTMEN
ACCOUNTANT	
Personal Services	48,600
Expenses	<u>3,100</u>
Total	51,700
	Unanimous
APPEALS	
Personal Services	2,080
Expenses	<u>3,045</u>
Total	5,125
	Unanimous
ASSESSORS	
Personal Services	98,469
Expenses	<u>4,200</u>
Total	102,669
	Unanimous
BOARD OF HEALTH	
Personal Services	129,054
Expenses	<u>15,479</u>
Total	144,533
	Unanimous
BUILDING INSPECTORS	
Personal Services	49,189
Expenses	<u>4,900</u>
Total	54,089
	Unanimous

CEMETERY		
Personal Services	56,452	
Expenses	<u>6,043</u>	
Total	62,495	Unanimous
CIVIL DEFENSE		
Personal Services	530	
Expenses	<u>1,803</u>	
Total	2,360	Unanimous
COLLECTOR OF TAXES		
Personal Services	77,037	
Expenses	14,345	
Tax Takings	<u>1,000</u>	
Total	92,382	Unanimous
CONSERVATION COMMISSION		
Personal Services	39,932	
Expenses	<u>4,850</u>	
Total	44,782	Unanimous
COUNCIL ON AGING		
Personal Services	60,879	
Expenses	<u>16,956</u>	
Total	77,835	Unanimous
DATA PROCESSING		
Personal Services	0	
Expenses	<u>31,880</u>	
Total	31,880	Unanimous
DOG OFFICER		
Personal Services	8,596	
Expenses	<u>7,660</u>	
Total	16,256	Unanimous
ELECTION & REGISTRATION		
Personal Services	34,893	
Expenses	<u>18,068</u>	
Total	52,961	Unanimous
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS		
Health	850,000	
Life	6,000	
FICA/Medicare	50,000	
Unemployment	40,000	
Worker's Comp.	<u>70,000</u>	
Total	1,016,000	Unanimous
FINANCE COMMITTEE		
Personal Services	0	
Expenses	<u>2,450</u>	
Total	4,000	Unanimous

RESERVE FUND	100,000	Unanimous
FIRE		
Personal Services	857,573	
Expenses	<u>103,600</u>	
Total	961,173	Unanimous
GAS INSPECTORS		
Personal Services	4,550	
Expenses	<u>700</u>	
Total	5,250	Unanimous
HARBOR ENTERPRISE	59,616	Unanimous
HIGHWAY		
Personal Services	399,648	
Expenses	<u>189,330</u>	
Total	588,978	Unanimous
HIGHWAY/SNOW & ICE REMOVAL		
Personal Services	24,000	
Expenses	<u>20,000</u>	
Total	44,000	Unanimous
HISTORICAL COMMITTEE		
Expenses	310	Unanimous
LANDFILL		
Personal Services	79,770	
Expenses	<u>53,262</u>	
Total	133,032	Unanimous
LEGAL		
Expenses	<u>65,000</u>	
Total	60,000	Unanimous
LIBRARY		
Personal Services	101,925	
Expenses	<u>47,285</u>	
Total	149,210	Unanimous
MODERATOR		
Personal Services	483	
Expenses	<u>150</u>	
Total	633	Unanimous
NURSING, BOARD OF HEALTH		
Personal Services	242,372	
Expenses	<u>15,559</u>	
Total	257,931	Unanimous

PARKING TICKETS			
Expenses	3,880		Unanimous
PERSONNEL BOARD			
Expenses	500		Unanimous
PLANNING BOARD			
Personal Services	9,002		
Expenses	<u>3,150</u>		
Total	12,152		Unanimous
PLUMBING INSPECTORS			
Personal Services	7,100		
Expenses	<u>1,075</u>		
Total	8,175		Unanimous
POLICE			
Personal Services	1,069,783		
Expenses	<u>133,108</u>		
Total	1,202,891		Unanimous
PROPERTY INSURANCE			
Expenses	92,000		Unanimous
RECYCLING			
Expenses	4,850		Unanimous
REGIONAL SCHOOLS			
Diman	47,117		
Bristol Aggie	<u>12,420</u>		
Total	59,537		Unanimous
RETIREMENT			
Expenses	601,511		Unanimous
SEALER OF WEIGHTS & MEASURES			
Personal Services	1,127		
Expenses	<u>500</u>		
Total	1,627		Unanimous
SELECTMEN			
Personal Services	112,012		Carried \$4,300 Available Funds
Expenses	<u>10,710</u>		
Total	122,722		Carried
SHELLFISH/WHARFINGER			
Personal Services	38,158		
Expenses	<u>15,758</u>		
Total	53,916		Unanimous
STREET LIGHTING			
Expenses	17,460		Unanimous

TOWN BEACH		
Personal Services	15,747	
Expenses	<u>1,400</u>	
Total	17,147	Unanimous
TOWN CLERK		
Personal Services	43,105	
Expenses	<u>1,330</u>	
Total	44,435	Unanimous
TOWN FARM		
Expenses	3,000	Unanimous
TOWN HALL/ANNEX		
Personal Services	31,029	
Expenses	<u>55,000</u>	
Total	86,029	Unanimous
TOWN REPORTS		
Expenses	4,850	Unanimous
TREASURER		
Personal Services	72,214	
Expenses	<u>43,950</u>	
Total	116,164	Unanimous
UNCLASSIFIED		
Expenses	21,307	Unanimous
WATER ENTERPRISE		
Expenses	8,504	Unanimous
WIRE INSPECTOR		
Personal Services	20,100	
Expenses	<u>2,900</u>	
Total	23,000	Unanimous
VETERAN GRAVES		
Personal Services	571	
Expenses	<u>1,353</u>	
Total	1,924	Unanimous
VETERAN SERVICE		
Personal Services	20,949	
Expenses	77,297	
Out of State Travel	<u>160</u>	
Total	98,406	Unanimous
SCHOOL DEPARTMENT		
Salaries & Expenses	8,469,310	Carried
Transportation	<u>806,547</u>	
	9,275,857	Unanimous

INTEREST		
Long Term	69,569	Unanimous
Short Term	22,500	Unanimous
DEBT RETIREMENT		
School	225,000	Unanimous
TOTAL		
EXPENDITURES	\$16,323,113	

VOTED: (Unanimously)

Taxation	15,953,675
Free Cash	218,905
Waterway	22,000
Perpetual Care	20,000
Wetlands	14,000
Water Receipts	8,504
Harbor Receipts	<u>86,029</u>
TOTAL	\$16,323,113

#### Article 4

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds such sums of money necessary for the purpose of paying outstanding bills from prior fiscal years, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

#### BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Carlton A. Lees (Town Counsel Services April/May, 1995)	\$6,709.50
VOTED: Yes 213 No 13 Carried	
St. Anne's Hospital (BOH-Rabies Vaccine 1/30/95)	677.95
VOTED: Unanimously	
Bristol County Print Shop (BOH-Landfill Coupon Books)	750.00
VOTED: Unanimously	
Charlton Memorial Hospital	135.00
VOTE: Unanimously	
Mauk, Boucher & Heureux, Inc.	<u>334.00</u>
VOTED: Unanimously	\$8,606.45

VOTED: (Unanimously) \$8,606.45 Free Cash

## Article 5

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds a sum of \$210,000 for the purpose of purchasing a fire pumper for the Fire Department, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

FIRE CHIEF  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

VOTED: (Unanimously) \$210,000 from Taxation.

VOTED: (Unanimously) to recess the Annual Town Meeting at 8:51 p.m. and to go on to the Special Town Meeting.

## **SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT TOWN OF WESTPORT MAY 21, 1996**

BRISTOL, SS.

To either of the constables of the Town of Westport in said County:

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Westport qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs, to assemble at the Westport High School on Tuesday, May 21, 1995 at 8:30 p.m., and then and there to act on the following articles, viz:

VOTED: (Unanimously) to dispense with the reading of the warrant.

## Article 1

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds and/or transfer from various line items within the current appropriations such sums of money necessary to supplement the budgets of various departments for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1995, and/or to take any other action relative thereto.

### VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS

FROM	TO	AMOUNT
Assessors Personal Services	Assessors Expenses	\$ 1,453.63
Free Cash	Police Department Overtime	4,000.00
Highway Department Personal Services	Highway Department Expenses	40,000.00
Free Cash	Fire Department Personal Serv.	16,000.00
Free Cash	Fire Department Expenses	5,000.00
Board of Health Personal Services	Board of Health Expenses	800.00
Tax Collector Expenses	Tax Collector Personal Services	300.00
Free Cash	BOH-Nursing Personal Services	1,700.00
Free Cash	Highway Storm & Ice	53,809.00
Employee Benefits	School Department	13,865.00

VOTED: (Unanimously)

Article 2

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money to construct a handicapped accessible bathroom in the town hall and to complete construction of a new Town Hall septic system, and/or take any other action relative thereto

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

VOTED: (Carried) \$30,000 from Free Cash.

Article 3

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money to remove the 14,000 gallon underground storage tanks at the Police station garage, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

VOTED: (Unanimously) \$6,800 from Free Cash.

Article 4

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available Conservation Commission special filing fee account a sum of money to supplement the Conservation Commission for fiscal year beginning July 1, 1995 and/or take any other action relative thereto.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

VOTED: (Unanimously) to passover Article 4

VOTED: (Unanimously) to adjourn the Special Town Meeting at 9:09 p.m. and reconvene the Annual Town Meeting.

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting five or more copies in as many places within said Town at least fourteen days before the time of said meeting. Hereof and fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting.

Given under our hands at Westport this sixth day of May in the year one thousand nine hundred and ninety-six.

David P. Dionne  
George T. Leach, Jr.  
Marjorie A. Holden  
WESTPORT BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Marlene Samson  
Town Clerk  
Westport, MA 02790  
May 6, 1996

I this 6th day of May, 1996 posted 5 true attested copies of the forgoing warrant in the following named places:

Briggs Road Fire Station  
State Road Package Store  
Town Hall  
Central Village Fire Station

Briere's Inc. a.k.a. Country Liquor & Variety

Thomas Peters  
Constable of Westport

Article 6

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen to borrow from time to time in anticipation of revenue of the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1996 in accordance with the provisions of the General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4, and to issue a note or notes, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes therefore, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with the General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

VOTED: (Unanimously)

Article 7

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from other available funds and/or borrow a sum of money to be used in conjunction with, and/or in addition to any funds allocated by the Commonwealth and/or County for the construction, reconstruction, and/or improvements of Town roads, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

HIGHWAY SURVEYOR  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

VOTED: (Unanimously)

Article 8

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds and/or transfer from within existing appropriations a sum of money to be used for the repair, resurfacing, reconstruction, drainage, and maintenance of Town roads, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

HIGHWAY SURVEYOR  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

VOTED: (Unanimously) \$125,00 from Free Cash.

Article 9

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the purpose of maintaining during the ensuing year the mosquito control work as estimated and certified by the State Reclamation Board in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 112 of the Acts of 1931 and/or to take any other action relative thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

VOTED: \$1 from Free Cash.

Yes: 159    No: 48    Carried

Article 10

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds, a sum of \$2,000 for legal fees and expenses for Appellate Tax Board hearings and/or take any other action relative thereto.

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

VOTED: (Unanimously) \$2,000 from Free Cash.

#### Article 11

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds the sum of \$2,000.00 to provide annual maintenance as agreed under the Critical Area Treatment Plan of Horseneck Point Recreation Conservation Area, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

VOTED: (Unanimously) \$2,000 from Free Cash.

#### Article 12

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds a sum of \$20,000 for participation in the cost of purchasing development rights in accordance with the Agricultural Preservation Act, Chapter 780 of the Acts of 1977, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

VOTED: (Unanimously) \$20,000 from Free Cash.

#### Article 13

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds the sum of \$12,000 for the purpose of conducting one or more Household Hazardous Waste Collection events for residents of Westport and properly disposing of the hazardous materials, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

VOTED: (Unanimously) \$12,000 from Free Cash.

#### Article 14

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds the sum of money to install handicap bathrooms in the Westport Community Center/Town Hall Annex and/or take any other action relative thereto.

COMMUNITY CENTER COMMITTEE

VOTED: (Unanimously) \$20,000 from Free Cash.

#### Article 15

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds the sum of \$3,000 to offset the cost of controlling the Rabies epizootic in Westport. Expenditure of such funds may only be made and authorized by the Board of Health and/or take any other action relative thereto.

BOARD OF HEALTH

VOTED: (Unanimously) to pass over Article 15.

#### Article 16

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Landfill Closure Account and/or appropriate and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the purpose of starting up the operation of the Town's Solid Waste Transfer Station/Recycling Center for the continued operation and maintenance of said Solid Waste Transfer Station/Recycling Center, which may be expended without further appropriation by the Board of Health and/or take any other action relative thereto.

BOARD OF HEALTH

VOTED: (Unanimously) to pass over Article 16.

#### Article 17

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into an agreement with Eleanor S. Tripp of Westport, MA, for the settlement of any and all claims by Tripp against the Town of Westport and, pursuant to said settlement agreement, to authorize the Town to acquire a perpetual easement over a portion of land of said Eleanor S. Tripp located in the Town of Westport, and to do all things necessary to carry out such settlement agreement, and further, to transfer a sum of money from the Landfill Closure Account and to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds (including without limitation from the Landfill Closure Account) a sum of money for settlement of such claims and for such land acquisition and/or take any other action relative thereto

BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
BOARD OF HEALTH

VOTED: (Unanimously) \$25,000  
(\$12,500 from Free Cash)  
(\$12,500 from Landfill Closure Account)

#### Article 18

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Landfill Closure Account a sum of money for the purpose of hiring heavy equipment to maintain the Landfill and perform any necessary remediation work in connection therewith, and/or take any other action relative thereto

BOARD OF HEALTH

VOTED: To Amend Article 18 by striking out the following words: "maintain the Landfill and". Carried.

VOTED: (Unanimously) as amended with \$30,000 from Landfill Closure Account.

A motion to advance Articles 28, 29 and 30 was lost. Yes: 73 No: 68

VOTED: (Unanimously) to adjourn the Annual Town Meeting at 10:22 p.m. until May 22, 1996 at 7:30 p.m.

There were 268 registered voters and 9 press and officials in attendance

A true record,

Attest: Marlene M. Samson  
Town Clerk

### **MAY 22, 1996**

The adjourned Annual Town Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Moderator Brad Brightman who appointed Bret Bealieu and Christine Ash to act as tellers and they were duly sworn by the Town Clerk. Beth Hayes acted as timekeeper for the meeting.

#### Article 19

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$9,000 to be used by the Police Department to provide for additional patrols

for the town's beaches, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

BEACH COMMITTEE  
CHIEF OF POLICE  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

VOTED: (Unanimously) \$9,000 from Free Cash.

#### Article 20

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 from taxation or available funds in the treasury for use in the Shellfish Department's Shellfish Propagation Program, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

SHELLFISH CONSTABLE  
SHELLFISH ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

VOTED: (Unanimously to pass over Article 20.

#### Article 21

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds the sum of Two Thousand (\$2,000) Dollars to be placed in a fund established pursuant to M. G. L. Chapter 44 Section 53C for the purpose of paying police officers for off-duty detail work, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

VOTED: (Unanimously) \$2,000 from Free Cash.

#### Article 22

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money to update the current Pay & Classification Plan and/or take any other action relative thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

VOTED: (Unanimously) \$15,000 from Free Cash

#### Article 23

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds the sum of \$2,000 to contract for counseling, medical, and legal advocacy, and educational programs to the community in relation to the issue of sexual assault and abuse, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

VOTED: \$2,000 from Free Cash. Carried

#### Article 24

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Conservation Commission Special Filing Fee Account a sum of money to Conservation Commission Expenses for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 1996 and/or take any other action relative thereto.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

VOTED: (Unanimously) to amend Article 24 to add after the word "expenses", the following: "relating to Administration of Notice of Intent".

VOTED: (Unanimously) \$3,000 from Wetlands Fund.

Article 25

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds a sum of \$600.00 to maintain Latessa Square and/or take any other action relative thereto.

BY PETITION  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

VOTED: (Unanimously) \$600 from Free Cash.

Article 26

To see if the Town will approve a merger, consolidation, reorganization, or other inclusion of Westport Home Health Agency in or with any corporation, association, or other entity now in existence or to be organized, for the purposes presently served by the Westport Home Health Agency and other organizations providing nursing and/or health care services, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

BOARD OF HEALTH

VOTED: Carried

Article 27

To see if the Town will vote to establish and reauthorize pursuant to the provisions of M.G. L. Chapter 44 Section 53E-1/2 for Fiscal Year 1997, a revolving fund for the Nursing Department into which will be paid all receipts from contracted medical social work, home health aide, and physical, speech, occupational, and IV therapy services; from which costs not to exceed the sum of \$50,000.00 for these same services may be expended without further appropriation by the Nursing Administrator, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

NURSING ADMINISTRATOR

VOTED: (Unanimously)

Article 28

To see if the Town will vote to establish and reauthorize pursuant to the provisions of G. L. Chapter 44 Section 53E-1/2 for Fiscal Year 1997, a revolving fund for the Council on Aging into which will be paid all receipts from health care promotion, recreational and social programs for seniors, except for receipts from the social day care program, from which costs not to exceed the sum of \$10,000.00 for these same services may be expended without further appropriation by the Council on Aging and Board of Selectmen, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

COUNCIL ON AGING  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

VOTED: (Unanimously)

Article 29

To see if the Town will vote to establish and reauthorize pursuant to the provisions of G. L. Chapter 44 Section 53E-1/2 for Fiscal Year 1997, a revolving fund for the Council on Aging into which will be paid all receipts from the social day care program, from which costs not to exceed the sum of \$10,000.00 for these same services may be expended without further appropriation by the Council on Aging and Board of Selectmen, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

COUNCIL ON AGING  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

VOTED: (Unanimously)

### Article 30

To see if the Town will vote to establish and reauthorize pursuant to the provisions of G. L. Chapter 44 Section 53E-1/2 for Fiscal Year 1997, a revolving fund for the Council on Aging into which will be paid all receipts from income-generating activities, except receipts from health care promotion, recreational and social programs and the social day care program which are the source of receipts for other revolving funds, to support the Westport Senior Center from which costs not to exceed the sum of \$20,000 for building operating/maintenance expenses, excluding salaries and wages of all full-time and part-time employees who are employed at said Senior Center, may be expended without further appropriation by the Council on Aging and Board of Selectmen, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

COUNCIL ON AGING  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

VOTED (Unanimously)

### Article 31

To see if the town vote to authorize an Enterprise Fund pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53F 1/2 and to establish a separate account classified as an Enterprise Fund for operation by the Board of Health of the Town's solid waste disposal facilities including the solid waste transfer station and recycling facility commencing in Fiscal Year 1998 with all receipts, revenues and funds from all activities of the solid waste disposal enterprise to be deposited in such account, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

BOARD OF HEALTH

VOTED Yes 108 No 35 Carried

### Article 32

To see if the Town will vote to establish and reauthorize pursuant to the provisions of G. L. Chapter 44 Section 53E-1/2 for Fiscal Year 1997, a revolving fund for the Westport Fire Department into which will be paid all receipts from Ambulance Fees, from which costs not to exceed \$80,000 for the purchase of an ambulance, ambulance equipment and/or supplies may be expended without further appropriation by the Fire Department, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

FIRE CHIEF

VOTED (Unanimously)

### Article 33

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Personnel By-Law by adding under Schedule A - Nursing Department

Position	Group	Hours	Pay Basis	Type
Clerk	2	-20	Hourly	PT

and insert therein:

Position	Group	Hours	Pay Basis	Type
Senior Clerk	2	-20	Hourly	PT

and if necessary, to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money therefor, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

COUNCIL ON AGING

VOTED (Unanimously)

#### Article 34

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Personnel By-Law by adding under Schedule A - Board of Selectmen/Inspectors:

Position	Group	Hours	Pay Basis	Type
Principal Clerk	2	35	Hourly	FT

and inserting in Schedule A - Building Department:

Position	Group	Hours	Pay Basis	Type
Principal Clerk	2	35	Hourly	FT

and if necessary, to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money therefor, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

VOTED: (Unanimously)

#### Article 35

To see if the Town will vote to make the following changes in the Personnel By-Law:

##### SECTION 6. FRINGE BENEFITS AND WORKING CONDITIONS

A 3. Holidays - after "shall receive the following holidays." add "The Day after Thanksgiving"

A 5. Sick Leave - in the second paragraph after "...on the employee's part." add "of an employee who has at least ten (10) years continuous service with the town".

A 7. Bereavement Leave - after "employee's aunt or uncle"...add "sister-in-law, brother-in-law, niece or nephew".

A 12. Longevity Pay - omit present schedule and insert:

Effective July 1, 1995

10 years.....	\$200.00
15 years.....	\$300.00
20 years.....	\$400.00
25 years.....	\$500.00

and/or take any other action relative thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
PERSONNEL BOARD

VOTED: Yes: 112 No: 26 Carried

#### Article 36

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town By-Laws by deleting Article XXXVIII, Sections 3801 and 3803 and inserting a new Article XXXVIII, Sections 3801 and 3803 as follows:

3801. No new individual sewage system shall be constructed or located within one hundred (100) feet of any

wetland as defined by 310 CMR 15.00, (Title 5-so-called) as amended, and/or M.G.L. Chapter 131, Section 40 (Wetlands Protection Act, so-called) and any regulations promulgated pursuant thereto, of 310 CMR 10.00 and/or 33 USC 1341, Section 404 (Federal Clean Water Act, so-called). A variance may be granted by the Board of Health, any by the Conservation Commission, subject to a hydrogeological study.

3803. Discharge to Wetlands: No sanitary sewage or grey water, no matter how treated, shall be discharged into a wetland.

and/or take any other action relative thereto

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

VOTED: To table Article 36. Yes: 122 No: 16 Carried

#### Article 37

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article XLI, (Grant or Renewal of License/Permit for Non-Payment of Taxes/Fees) Section 4101. of the Town By-Laws by adding the words "officer, department" after the word "Board" in the fourth sentence and/or take any other action relative thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

NOTE: This article is to correct our town by-law relative to M.G.L. Chapter 40, Section 57 accepted by the Town 4/14/87. Two words (officer, department) were eliminated when the article was originally acted upon. As the by-law reads now, it is unclear whether any official other than a "board" would be authorized to institute the provisions of this by-law.

VOTED: (Unanimously)

#### Article 38

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town By-Law, Article XIX POLICE REGULATIONS by adding a new Section 1907. as follows:

Before undertaking any work, including but not limited to construction, repair, maintenance or reconstruction work in, within or affecting a public way, the person responsible for such work or in charge of those performing such work, shall review such work with the Chief of Police, or his designee, to determine whether or not such work will result in the disruption of the normal flow of traffic or cause to exist a safety hazard to pedestrian or vehicular traffic. If the Chief of Police, or his designee, determines that such work will result in the disruption of normal flow of traffic or cause to exist a safety hazard to pedestrian or vehicular traffic, the person responsible for the work or the person in charge of those performing the work shall observe the safety precautions ordered by the Chief or his designee, including the placement of a Police Officer under existing regulations governing private paid Police details, to direct traffic and/or minimize the vehicle safety hazards connected with such work.

No work shall be commenced in, within or affecting the public way until the requirements of this section have been complied with. The Town of Westport is exempt from the requirements of this section. Violations of this section shall be subject to a fine not to exceed \$200.00 per violation.

and/or take any other action relative thereto.

CHIEF OF POLICE

Motion to amend Article 38 by deleting "The Town of Westport is exempt from the requirements of this section." was lost.

VOTED: Yes 89 No 53 Carried

#### Article 39

To see if the Town will vote to correct the TABLE OF USE REGULATIONS by amending ARTICLE 4 - USE REGULATIONS - TABLE OF USE REGULATIONS as shown on Pages 35 of the 1992 Zoning By-Laws by deleting as follows on Page 35

#### TABLE OF USE REGULATIONS

Y = Allowed By Right

N = Prohibited

SPBA = Special Permit

##### Board Of Appeals

Uses	Residential	Business	Unrestricted
CLUB, PROFIT (see section 4 0 2 C)	SPBA	Y	Y

and inserting as follows:

#### TABLE OF USE REGULATIONS

Y = Allowed By Right

N = Prohibited

SPBA = Special Permit

##### Board Of Appeals

Uses	Residential	Business	Unrestricted
CLUB, PROFIT (see section 4 0 2 C)	N	SPBA	Y

and/or take any other action relative thereto.

#### BOARD OF APPEALS

VOTED: (Unanimously)

#### Article 40

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Westport Zoning By-Law ARTICLE 6 0 FLOOD PLAIN DISTRICTS, Section 6 0 1 by deleting the words "March 18, 1985" and inserting therein the words "July 15, 1992" and/or take any other action relative thereto.

#### BOARD OF SELECTMEN

VOTED: To postpone Article 40 to a time certain, that being May 23, 1996 at 7:30 p.m. Carried

VOTED: (Unanimously) to adjourn the Annual Town Meeting at 10:56 p.m. until May 23, 1996 at 7:30 p.m.

There were 183 registered voters and 4 press and officials in attendance.

A true record,

Attest: Marlene M. Samson  
Town Clerk

### MAY 23, 1996

The adjourned Annual Town Meeting was called to order at 7:32 p.m. by Moderator Brad Brightman who appointed Bret Beaulieu and Christine Ash to act as tellers and they were duly sworn by the Town Clerk. Beth Hayes acted as timekeeper for the meeting.

#### Article 40

To see if the Town will vote amend the Westport Zoning By-Law ARTICLE 6.0 FLOOD PLAIN DISTRICTS, Section 6.0.1 by deleting the words "March 18, 1985" and inserting therein the words "July 15, 1992" and/or take any other action relative thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

VOTED: (Unanimously)

#### Article 41

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Westport Zoning By-Law Article 6.0 FLOOD PLAIN DISTRICTS, Section 6.0.3 by adding a new paragraph as follows:

The Floodplain District is established as an overlay district to all other districts. All development in the district, including structural and non-structural activities, whether permitted by right or by special permit must be in compliance with Chapter 131, Section 40 of the Massachusetts General Laws and with the following:

- Section of the Massachusetts State Building Code which addresses floodplain and coastal high hazard areas (currently 780 CMR 2102.0, "Flood Resistant Construction");
- Wetlands Protection Regulations, Department of Environmental Protection (DEP)(currently 310 CMR 10.00);
- Inland Wetlands Restriction, DEP (currently 302 CMR 6.00);
- Coastal Wetlands Restriction, DEP (currently CMR 4.00);
- Minimum Requirements for the Subsurface Disposal of Sanitary Sewage, DEP (currently 310 CMR 15, Title 5);
- Any variances from the provisions and requirements of the above referenced state regulations may only be granted in accordance with the required variance procedures of these state regulations.

and/or take any other action relative thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

VOTED: The provisions of Article 41 were lost Yes: 73 No: 44

#### Article 42

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Westport Zoning Bylaw as follows, or take any other action relative thereto.

1. Amend Article 7.0 by changing the second sentence by inserting the word "contiguous" so that the sentence will read as follows: "At least 30,000 square feet of that area must be contiguous upland."
2. Amend Article 7.2 by changing the final sentence by inserting the word "contiguous" so that the sentence will read as follows: "A lot to contain a dwelling for occupancy by more than one family must contain not less than 30,000 square feet of contiguous upland, plus 10,000 additional contiguous square feet of upland for each family in excess of one."
3. Amend Article 7.4 by changing the second sentence by inserting the word "contiguous" so that the sentence will read as follows: "At least 30,000 square feet of that area must be contiguous upland."

PLANNING BOARD

Motion to postpone Article 42 indefinitely was lost

VOTED: The provisions of Article 42 were lost Yes: 73 No: 66

#### Article 43

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Westport Zoning Bylaw Article 7 Intensity Regulations as follows, or take any other action relative thereto.

1. Amend Article 7.0 by deleting the last sentence and replacing it with the following: "The provisions of Article 7.0 Intensity Regulations pertaining to frontage and/or area requirements shall not apply to a lot for single family residential use which at the time of its creation complied with existing intensity regulations, but not less than 20,000 square feet of area and 100 feet of frontage, and was recorded in the Registry of Deeds before the date of the zoning change and was held in separate ownership from any adjoining land."
2. Delete Article 7.5 in its entirety

PLANNING BOARD  
INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS

VOTED: (Unanimously) to Pass Over Article 43.

#### Article 44

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Westport Zoning Bylaw as follows, or take any other action relative thereto.

1. Amend Article 7 (Intensity Regulations) by adding the following to section 7.0:
  - 7.0.1 Whenever any two points on lot lines shall be less than fifty (50) feet apart, measured in a straight line, except where the distance between such points, measured along the perimeter of the lot, is less than one hundred and fifty (150) feet, then no part of the smaller portion of the lot which is bounded by such straight line and such lot lines shall

be considered in computing area, frontage, setback or other dimensional requirements of the Zoning Bylaw.

#### PLANNING BOARD

VOTED: To amend Article 44, section 7.0.1., fifty (50') feet to twenty (20') feet and one hundred fifty (150') feet to sixty (60') feet. Carried

VOTED: The provisions of Article 44 were lost. Yes: 84 No: 48

#### Article 45

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Westport Zoning Bylaw as follows, or take any other action relative thereto

1. Amend Article 1.1 DEFINITIONS by adding a definition of "Flexible Residential Development", to read as follows:  
  
"T Flexible Residential Development - An alternative form of land development involving the division of a parcel into building lots, using flexible intensity regulations, as provided at Section 7.7 of this By-law."
2. Amend Article 4 - USE REGULATIONS - TABLE OF USE REGULATIONS by deleting the first line and substituting the following:  
  
"Y = Allowed by right N = Prohibited SPBA = Special Permit Board of Appeals SPPB = Special Permit Planning Board"
3. Amend Article 4 - USE REGULATIONS - TABLE OF USE REGULATIONS by inserting the following line after "Flea Market":  
  
"Flexible Residential Development SPPB SPPB SPPB"
4. Insert a new Article 2.6, to read as follows:  
  
"2.6 Planning Board  
  
"Where the Planning Board is designated by this By-law as the Special Permit Granting Authority, the Board shall follow all procedures and requirements outlined in this By-law, including Article 2.5, for the Board of Appeals."
5. Amend Article 4.0.1 Residence/Agriculture Districts by adding a new subsection E, to read as follows:  
  
"E Uses which may be permitted by the Planning Board, as special permit granting authority, in accordance with the regulations appearing in Article 2.4.2.1 and Article 2.6.  
  
"1. Flexible Residential Development as provided at Article 7.7".
6. Amend Article 4.0.2 Business District by adding a new subsection D, to read as follows:  
  
"D Uses which may be permitted by the Planning Board in accordance with the regulations appearing in Article 2.4.2.1 of this By-law.  
  
"1 Flexible Residential Development as provided at Article 7.7".

7. Insert the following in Article 7 below "(Formerly Section V)":

"Note: For Flexible Residential Development, provisions of Articles 7.0, 7.2 through 7.5 are superseded by those of Article 7.7."

8. Insert a new Article 7.7 to read as follows:

"7.7 FLEXIBLE RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT

"7.7.1 Purpose.

"The purpose of Flexible Residential Development provisions is to allow greater flexibility in residential development in order to gain:

- "A. Location of development on sites best suited for development, and protection of land not suited for development, reflecting such considerations as:

permanent preservation of open space for agriculture, conservation, and recreation, especially in large contiguous areas within the site;

protection of water bodies, streams, wetlands, wildlife habitats, and other conservation resources;

protection of the character of the community through preserving open space within view from public roads, preservation of stone walls and other historic landscape features, preservation of scenic vistas, and through siting of dwellings at low-visibility locations;

protection of street appearance and capacity by avoiding development close to or egressing directly onto such streets;

- "B. Efficient patterns for construction and maintenance of public facilities and services such as streets and utilities;

- "C. Privacy for residents of individual lots; and

- "D. Minimization of avoidable development cost, such as through allowing efficient layout of streets and avoidance of building on portions of the site which would be costly to develop.

"7.7.2 Applicability.

"Flexible Residential Developments are allowed only if granted a special permit by the Planning Board in accordance with the following procedures and requirements.

"7.7.3 Procedures.

- "A. Applicants for Flexible Residential Development are encouraged to meet with the Planning Board for a pre-application conference to allow consideration of general approaches, increasing the likelihood of prompt approval of later plans.

"B. Applications for a special permit for Flexible Residential Development shall include the following. It is recommended that these materials be prepared by an interdisciplinary team including a Registered Land Surveyor, a Professional Engineer, and a registered Architect and/or Landscape Architect.

"1. A plan meeting the requirements for a preliminary subdivision plan under the Subdivision regulations of the Planning Board.

"2. A Flexible Plan including graphic, analytic, and narrative material as necessary to evaluate the plan relative to the purposes of Flexible Residential Development listed at Article 7.7.1, and demonstrating compliance with the standards of this By-law

#### 7.7.4 Dimensional Requirements

"Development within a Flexible Residential Development shall be subject to the following in lieu of the lot area, frontage and yard requirements of Articles 7.0 and 7.2 through 7.6 in Article 7 INTENSITY REGULATIONS.

"A. Basic Number of Lots.

"The basic number of building lots which may be created from any parcel shall be the number which reasonably could be expected to be built upon that parcel under a conventional subdivision plan, in consideration of how much of the land is actually buildable in compliance with all applicable development requirements of the Town and State, based upon review of a plan submitted by the applicant showing division in compliance with the dimensional standards of Articles 7.0 through 7.5.

"B. Lot Area.

"The minimum lot area shall be 30,000 square feet. No lot shall have less than 30,000 square feet of contiguous upland.

"C. Frontage

"The minimum frontage required for each lot shall be 20 (twenty) feet.

"D. Existing Street Protection.

"Lots having reduced area or frontage shall not have frontage on a street other than one created by the development involved, unless specifically authorized by the Planning Board where justified by unusual site circumstances.

"E. Building Setbacks.

"Setbacks shall be as required by Article 7.6.

#### "7.7.5 Open Space and Ways.

As part of the submission of a Flexible Residential Plan, the developer must state how he proposes to deal with any common land intended for the use of all residents of the development and all ways within the development. The developer must elect one of the following options:

1. Convey by deed to each lot owner the fee to the center of the way abutting said lot and further convey to each lot owner an undivided interest (in common with all other lot owners) in any common land designated on the development plan, which common interest shall be equal to the proportion that said lot bears to the total land of all lot owners.
2. Convey all ways and common land by deed to the Trustee(s) of a Trust that shall be obligated to maintain, repair and improve such ways and common land and to assess each such lot owner for such owner's proportionate share of the costs of such maintenance, repair and improvements. Such Trust shall be submitted to the Planning Board for its approval.

The election of either option 1 or 2 shall not deny the developer or any lot owner the right to petition the Town of Westport to accept the ways in said development as public ways. No owner shall have the right to petition the Probate Court to partition or sell any common land.

Option selected shall be recorded on the Definitive Plan and must be implemented before bond, surety or covenant covering improvements in the development may be released.

Evidence of compliance with this section shall consist of copies of deeds containing wording to implement one of the options for all lots sold up to the time of release of bond, surety or covenant is requested. Deeds for a minimum of 20% of all lots in the subdivision, but no less than two, must be submitted to satisfy this requirement.

When driveways are shared by more than one lot, suitable permanent easements must be included in the deed for the lot over which the driveway passes and this fact shall be included in the deeds of the other lots served by the driveway. Reference to these easements shall be shown on the Definitive Plan.

The term "common land", as used in this Flexible Residential Development by-law, refers to all remaining land shown on the development plan that does not include building lots or streets.

#### "7.7.6 Decision.

"The Planning Board shall approve the Flexible Residential Development or approve it with conditions provided that it meets all standards of the Zoning Bylaw, and reflects a good faith effort to satisfy the purposes of this Bylaw (Article 1.0) and of Flexible Residential Development (Article 7.7.1).

"7.7.7 Endorsement

"The plan creating the lots shall be endorsed by the Planning Board as 'Approved for Flexible Residential Development'. The plan shall also contain the following annotation:

"No further increase in the number of lots shall be allowed through subsequent land division"

PLANNING BOARD

VOTED: The provisions of Article 45 were lost. Yes: 72 No: 59

VOTED: (Unanimously) to adjourn the Annual Town Meeting until May 28, 1996 at 7:30 p.m.

Yes: 74 No: 39 Carried

There were 163 registered voters and 4 press and officials in attendance.

A true record,

Attest: Marlene M. Samson  
Town Clerk

**MAY 28, 1996**

The adjourned Annual Town Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Moderator Brad Brightman who appointed Bret Beaulieu and Christine Ash to act as tellers and they were duly sworn by the Town Clerk. Beth Hayes acted as timekeeper for the meeting.

**Article 46**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Westport Zoning By-Laws as follows:

1. Under Article 3, by deleting Section C (which reads "C. As Unrestricted: All remaining portions of the Town"); and by adding at the end of Section B the following paragraph: All portions of the Town previously described "Unrestricted" under Article 3 shall be included in the Business District, and shall be designated as such on the Zoning Map of the town;
2. Under Article 3, by amending Section "D" (describing the Flood Plain Zone) by deleting "D" and inserting in place thereof "C".
3. In Article 4, by deleting, under the "Table of Use Regulations" the columns entitled "Unrestricted", and by deleting, under Article 4.0.3, the Unrestricted District.

and/or take any other action relative thereto.

PLANNING BOARD

VOTED: The provisions of Article 46 were lost. Yes: 95 No: 54

**Article 47**

To see if the Town will vote to instruct its Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court for passage of the

following proposed Special Act

"Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 20A 1/2 of Chapter 90 of the General Laws, the Town of Westport is hereby authorized to increase the maximum limit for parking ticket fines to twenty-five dollars if paid within twenty-one days, to thirty dollars if paid thereafter, but before the parking clerk of said town reports to the Registrar of Motor Vehicles, and to forty-five dollars if paid thereafter." and/or take any other action relative thereto

PARKING CLERK

VOTED: (Unanimously)

#### Article 48

To see if the Town will vote to have a unified legal interpretation of the public records laws, open meeting laws, and conflict of interest statute applicable to all Town Boards and Officials by adopting the follow By-Law:

Every Town Board, Committee, Agency or Official seeking an opinion regarding the procedures, requirements, or provisions of the Public Records Statute, Open Meeting Statute or Conflict of Interest Statute shall seek and obtain such opinion from the Town Counsel. Any Board, Committee, Agency of [sic] Official which obtains an opinion from any person other than Town Counsel, shall forward such opinion to the Town Counsel for his/her review and opinion, which shall be the final legal position of the Town and/or take any other action relative thereto.

BY PETITION

VOTED: The provisions of Article 48 were lost.

#### Article 49

To see if the Town will vote to grant long-term employees due process procedures in event of non-reappointment, dismissal, or discharge by adopting the following Personnel By-Law:

Any employee holding a position which is subject to periodic appointments and/or any employee who holds a position under a permanent appointment, who has held continuous employment with the Town for five or more years, shall not be denied reappointment, dismissed or discharged unless for cause after written notice and specification of the charges, with an opportunity to be heard, an opportunity to confront accusers, and an impartial tribunal and/or take any other action relative thereto.

BY PETITION

The main motion of Article 49 was changed to read:

"Any non-school, non-union employee holding a position which is subject to periodic appointments and/or any employee who holds a position under a permanent appointment, who has held continuous employment with the Town for ten or more years, shall not be denied reappointment, dismissed or discharged unless for cause after written notice and specification of the reasons, with an opportunity to be heard."

VOTED: To amend Article 49 by striking after the word "Any", "non-school, non-union employee holding a position" and inserting "employee excluding school, union and legal counsel positions". Carried

VOTED: To amend Article 49 by adding after the word "Any", the word "paid".

Yes: 103 No: 7 Carried

VOTED: To amend Article 49 to read, "Any paid employee, excluding school, union and legal counsel positions which is subject to periodic appointments and/or any employee who holds a position under a permanent appointment, who has held continuous employment with the Town for ten or more years, shall not be denied

reappointment, dismissed or discharged unless for cause after written notice and specification of the reasons, with an opportunity to be heard." Carried

VOTED: The provisions of Article 49 were lost. Yes: 59 No: 82

#### Article 50

To see if the Town will vote to accept the layout of Fernmarsh Lane on file in the office of the Town Clerk, Westport, MA or take any other action relative thereto

BY PETITION

The main motion of Article 50 was changed to read:

I move that the Town vote to accept Fernmarsh Lane as a Town way as laid out by the Board of Selectmen and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by gift or eminent domain the fee in the way and all related easements in connection therewith as shown on the road layout plan on file with the Town Clerk entitled "Plan of Layout Fernmarsh Lane in Fernmarsh Village a Subdivision in Westport, MA" dated June 26, 1995 drawn by Gerald M. Fitzgerald and containing three sheets.

VOTED: Carried

#### Article 51

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article IV, paragraph 0401 of the By-Laws of the Town by striking the first sentence thereof, which currently reads:

"The Board of Selectmen shall have authority to prosecute, defend and compromise all litigation to which the Town is a party, and to appoint an attorney at law as Town Counsel"

and replace it with the following:

"The Board of Selectmen shall have the authority to prosecute and defend all litigation to which the Town is a party, and to compromise the same, provided that the Selectmen shall not incur on behalf of the Town any monetary obligation in connection with any such compromise, unless there is an appropriation made therefor by Town Meeting vote. The Selectmen shall have authority to appoint an attorney-at-law as Town Counsel". And/or take any other action relative thereto.

BY PETITION

VOTED: To postpone Article 51 indefinitely Yes: 75 No: 66 Carried

#### Article 52

To see if the Town will vote to establish a NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION

1. Natural Resources For the purposes of this article "natural resources" includes without limitation lakes, ponds, streams, athletic and playing fields, conservation lands, reservations, forest, watersheds, wetlands, wildlife, plantings, marshes, beaches, and other outstanding natural features.
2. Membership The Town shall have an elected Natural Resources Commission consisting of seven residents.
3. Term The term of office shall be three years.
4. General Duties The Commission shall:

- A. Have overall authority and responsibility with respect to:
    - (i). The use, acquisition, management, preservation and protection of conservation land and such other land as may be transferee [sic] to or a [sic] acquired by, the Commission,
    - (ii). insect pest and moth control, and
    - (iii). administration of the CONSERVATION FUND under Sections 5(51) and 8c of Chapter 40 of the General Laws.
  - B. Study and make recommendation regarding the use, maintenance, management, preservation, and protection of the natural resources of the Town which are under the jurisdiction of other boards.
  - C. The Commission shall cooperate [sic] "in partnership" with the NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE and participate in evaluating farmlands for the Agricultural Preservation Restriction Act.
  - D. Propose for acquisition by the Town those natural resources that the commission deems useful or important to the Town.
  - E. Commission to appoint an open space committee.
  - F. Commission to appoint a Conservation Agent; agent to serve as an Administrator in accordance with Personnel By-Law.
  - G. Carry out such other responsibilities as the Town may assign to it or as may be permitted by law.
5. Statutory Powers and Duties The Commission shall have all the powers and duties of conservation commissions, soil boards, tree wardens, moth superintendents, and superintendents of insect pest control under the General Laws, particularly under Section 8C of CHAPTERS 45, 87, and 132. The Commission shall have the power and authority to administer and enforce the provisions of the Wetlands Protection Act, Chapter 131, Section 40 of the General Laws. The Commission shall have the power and authority to administer the provisions Town Soil By-Law.
6. Plans The commission shall take into consideration all Town and regional plans affecting the natural resources of the Town.

BY PETITION

VOTED: To amend Article 52 by adding the following:

- 7. Petition General Court This Article is made subject to the passage/enactment of special legislation pursuant to Home Rule Provisions granting the town authority to implement the provisions hereof. Lost

VOTED: To postpone Article 52 indefinitely. Yes: 85 No: 56 Carried

### Article 53

To see if the Annual Town Meeting will vote to ask our Representative in the General Court to file legislation to increase the Board of Selectmen from three members to five members. The members of the Board of Selectmen

would be elected "at large." The first election following approval, one would be elected for three years, one would be elected for two years, and one would be elected for one year. Thereafter all terms of office would be for three years. And or take any other action thereto.

BY PETITION

VOTED: The provisions of Article 53 were lost.

#### Article 53

To see if the town will vote to accept the layout of Diane Way and Eddy Drive, or take any other action relative thereto.

BY PETITION

VOTED: To pass over Article 54. Carried

#### Article 55

To see if the Town will vote to accept the layout plan of Zulmiro Drive, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

PLANNING BOARD

The main motion of Article 55 was changed to read:

I move that the Town vote to accept Zulmiro Drive as a Town way as laid out by the Board of Selectmen and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by gift or eminent domain the fee in the way and all related easements in connection therewith as shown on the road layout plan on file with the Town Clerk plan entitled "Plan of Layout Zulmiro Drive in Westport, MA" dated November 13, 1995 and drawn by Gerald M. Fitzgerald; provided that the within acceptance of the way as a Town way shall be subject to satisfaction of the following conditions:

The following work shall be completed on or before July 1 1996, the work to be subject to the approval of the Planning Board:

1. Installation of 50 feet more or less of Cape Cod berm.
2. Repaving 4450 square feet more or less of roadway surface as specified.
3. Lower catch basin frame two inches.
4. Regrade, loam and seed approximately 4200 square feet more or less of sidewalk area.
5. Regrade with processed gravel 1400 square feet more or less as specified for driveway aprons.
6. Cracks in cracked roadway which is not to be repaved under Item 2 above shall be filled.

VOTED: Carried

#### Article 56

To see if the Town will vote to discontinue White Oak Run as a public way of the Town, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

VOTED: (Unanimously) to pass over Article 56.

Article 57

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money to the Stabilization Fund and/or take any other action relative thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
FINANCE COMMITTEE

VOTED: \$200,000 from Free Cash      Carried

VOTED: (Unanimously) to adjourn the Annual Town Meeting at 10:28 p.m.

There were 181 registered voters and 5 press and officials in attendance.

A true record,

Attest: Marlene M. Samson  
Town Clerk

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting five or more copies in as many places within said Town at least seven days before the time of said meeting.

Hereof and fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting.

Given under our hands at Westport this sixth day of May in the year one thousand nine hundred and ninety-six.

Marjorie A. Holden  
David P. Dionne  
Steven H. Tripp  
WESTPORT BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Marlene Samson  
Town Clerk  
Westport, MA 02790  
May 6, 1996

I this 6th of May, 1996 posted 5 true attest copies of the forgoing warrant in the following named places:

Brigg's Road Fire Station  
State Road Package Store  
Town Hall  
Central Village Fire Station  
Briere's Inc. a.k.a. Country Liquor & Variety

Thomas M. Peters  
Constable of Westport

55 Cornell Road  
Westport, MA 02790  
(508)636-6156

July 5, 1996

TO: Board of Selectmen  
816 Main Road  
Westport, MA 02790

Dear Chairman Holden,

This is to announce my resignation as a member of the Westport Planning Board. Now that we have made our annual appointments, I feel that this would be a good time to step aside and let someone from the community come forth and serve the remainder of my five year term.

As a member of the Board of Selectmen, I have chosen to become involved with three separate committees, which have added to my responsibilities as a Board member. To continue serving as an active Planning Board member has become very difficult.

It is with regret that I step down. I thank the voters of Westport for having given me the opportunity to serve the town in this capacity.

Sincerely,

Steven H. Tripp

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
TOWN OF WESTPORT  
WARRANT FOR STATE PRIMARY**

BRISTOL, SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Westport: GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town who are qualified to vote in Elections and Town Affairs, to assemble at the respective polling places, namely:

PRECINCT A	American Legion Hall	489 Sanford Road
PRECINCT B	Town Hall Annex	856 Main Road (rear)
PRECINCT C	Alice A. Macomber School	154 Gifford Road
PRECINCT D	Fire Station	85 Briggs Road
PRECINCT E	Westport High School	19 Main Road

on Tuesday, the seventeenth day of September, 1996 from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. for the following purpose:

To cast their votes in the Special Election for candidates for the following offices:

U.S. SENATOR.....	FOR THE COMMONWEALTH
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS.....	3RD MASS CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
COUNCILLOR.....	1ST COUNCILLOR DISTRICT
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT.....	1ST BRISTOL SENATORIAL DISTRICT
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT.....	8TH BRISTOL REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT
REGISTER OF PROBATE.....	BRISTOL COUNTY
COUNTY TREASURER.....	BRISTOL COUNTY
COUNTY COMMISSIONER.....	BRISTOL COUNTY

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this 19th day of August 1996

Marjorie A. Holden, Chairman  
David P. Dionne  
Steven H. Tripp  
WESTPORT BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Marlene Samson  
Town Clerk  
Westport, MA 02790  
August 20, 1996

I this 20th day of August, 1996 posted 5 true attested copies of the forgoing warrant in the following named places:

Briggs Road Fire Station  
State Road Package Store  
Town Hall  
Central Village Fire Station  
Briere's Inc. a.k.a. Country Liquor & Variety

Daniel P. Sullivan  
Constable of Westport

STATE PRIMARY  
Westport, Mass. 02790  
September 17, 1996

Agreeable to the foregoing warrant the voters of the Town of Westport assembled at the polling places in their respective voting precincts on the above date. Ballots were given in for the following persons, assorted, counted and public declaration made thereof in open meeting, the total result from the five precincts, as certified by the precinct officers being as follows:

## DEMOCRATIC

### Senator in Congress

John F. Kerry had one thousand five hundred twenty-six	1526
Blanks, six hundred fifty-nine	659

### Representative in Congress

James P. McGovern had one thousand forty-one	1041
Blanks, one thousand one hundred forty-four	1144

### Councillor

David F. Constantine had one thousand one hundred fifty-six	1156
Blanks, one thousand twenty-nine	1029

### Senator in General Court

Thomas C. Norton had one thousand six hundred twenty-five	1625
Blanks, five hundred sixty	560

### Representative in General Court

Michael J. Rodrigues had one thousand seven hundred four	1704
John C. O'Neil had four hundred eleven	411
Blanks, seventy	70

### Register of Probate

Robert E. Peck had one thousand two hundred seventy-eight	1278
Blanks, nine hundred seven	907

### County Treasurer

Patrick J. Foley had six hundred sixty-four	664
Leo O. Pelletier had six hundred fifty-seven	657
J. Mark Treadup had four hundred seven	407
George Foster (write-in) had one	1
Blanks, four hundred fifty-six	456

### County Commissioner

Arthur R. Machado had four hundred ninety-nine	499
James W. Coyne, Jr. had one thousand four hundred sixty-nine	1469
John R. DeSimas had one hundred twenty	120
Leonard Gonsalves had five hundred six	506
Robert M. Hunt had ninety-nine	99
Christopher T. Saunders had two hundred forty-eight	248
Joan A. Lopes (write-in) had one	1
Blanks, one thousand four hundred twenty-eight	1428

## REPUBLICAN

### Senator in Congress

William F. Weld had one hundred eighty-nine	189
Blanks, twenty-seven	27

### Representative in Congress

Peter Blute had one hundred seventy	170
Blanks, forty-six	46

Councillor

(no candidate)

Senator in General Court

(no candidate)

Representative in General Court

(no candidate)

Michael Rodrigues (write-in) had one

1

Register of Probate

(no candidate)

County Treasurer

(no candidate)

George Foster (write-in) had one

1

County Commissioner

(no candidate)

LIBERTARIAN

Senator in Congress

(no candidate)

Representative in Congress

(no candidate)

Councillor

(no candidate)

Senator in General Court

(no candidate)

Representative in General Court

(no candidate)

Register of Probate

(no candidate)

County Treasurer

(no candidate)

County Commissioner

(no candidate)

A true record,

Attest: Marlene M. Samson  
Town Clerk

September 23, 1996

On a petition received from John C. O'Neil and certified by the Board of Registrar of Voters of the Town of Westport, a recount of the votes cast at the September 17, 1996 State Primary Election for the 8th Bristol Representative District was scheduled for September 30, 1996 at 9:30 a.m.

On September 30, 1996 at 9:00 a.m., John C. O'Neil withdrew his petition for a recount of the votes cast at the September 17, 1996 State Primary Election for the 8th Bristol Representative District, therefore, the recount was canceled.

A true record,

Attest: Marlene M. Samson  
Town Clerk

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
TOWN OF WESTPORT  
WARRANT FOR STATE ELECTION**

BRISTOL, SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Westport: GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town who are qualified to vote in Elections and Town Affairs, to assemble at the respective polling places, namely:

PRECINCT A	American Legion Hall	489 Sanford Road
PRECINCT B	Town Hall Annex	856 Main Road (rear)
PRECINCT C	Alice A. Macomber School	154 Gifford Road
PRECINCT D	Fire Station	85 Briggs Road
PRECINCT E	Westport High School	19 Main Road

on Tuesday, the fifth day of November, 1996 from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. for the following purpose:

To cast their votes in the Special Election for candidates for the following offices:

ELECTORS OF PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT.....	FOR THE COMMONWEALTH
U.S. SENATOR.....	FOR THE COMMONWEALTH
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS.....	3RD MASS CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
COUNCILLOR.....	1ST COUNCILLOR DISTRICT
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT.....	1ST BRISTOL SENATORIAL DISTRICT
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT.....	8TH BRISTOL REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT
REGISTER OF PROBATE.....	BRISTOL COUNTY
COUNTY TREASURER.....	BRISTOL COUNTY
COUNTY COMMISSIONER.....	BRISTOL COUNTY

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said meeting

Question 1

Changing the Trapping and Hunting Laws

Given under our hands this 15th day of October 1996

Marjorie A. Holden, Chairman  
David P. Dionne  
Steven H. Tripp  
WESTPORT BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Marlene Samson  
Town Clerk  
Westport, MA 02790  
October 21, 1996

I this 21st day of October, 1996 posted 5 true attested copies of the forgoing warrant in the following named places:

Briggs Road Fire Station  
State Road Package Store  
Town Hall  
Central Village Fire Station  
Briere's Inc. a.k.a. Country Liquor & Variety

Daniel P. Sullivan  
Constable of Westport

STATE ELECTION

Westport, Mass. 02790  
November 5, 1996

Agreeable to the foregoing warrant the voters of the Town of Westport assembled at the polling places in their respective voting precincts on the above date. Ballots were given in for the following persons, assorted, counted and public declaration made thereof in open meeting, the total result from the five precincts, as certified by the precinct officers being as follows:

Electors of President and Vice-President

Browne & Jorgensen had thirty-nine	39
Clinton & Gore had three thousand nine hundred sixty-two	3962
Dole & Kemp had one thousand seven hundred thirty-six	1736
Hagelin & Tompkins had twelve	12
Moorehead & LaRiva had five	5
Perot & Choate had eight hundred seventy-one	871
Stephen E. Merrill (write-in) had two	2

Charles Collins (write-in) had one	1
Blanks, one hundred thirty-six	136

#### Senator in Congress

John F. Kerry had three thousand six hundred forty-nine	3649
William F. Weld had two thousand seven hundred four	2704
Susan C. Gallagher had one hundred ninety-one	191
Robert C. Stowe had twenty-six	26
Blanks, one hundred ninety-four	194

#### Representative in Congress

Peter Blute had two thousand seven hundred twenty-two	2722
James P. McGovern had three thousand six hundred forty-three	3643
Dale E. Friedgen had one hundred	100
Blanks, two hundred ninety-nine	299

#### Councillor

David F. Constantine had four thousand four hundred nine	4409
Donald Barnes (write-in) had one	1
Blanks, two thousand three hundred fifty-four	2354

#### Senator in General Court

Thomas C. Norton had five thousand seventy-six	5076
Blanks, one thousand six hundred eighty-eight	1688

#### Representative in General Court

Michael J. Rodrigues had five thousand three hundred thirteen	5313
David Dionne (write-in) had one	1
Blanks, one thousand four hundred fifty	1450

#### Register of Probate

Robert E. Peck had four thousand four hundred forty-seven	4447
Blanks, two thousand three hundred seventeen	2317

#### County Treasurer

Patrick H. Harrington had one thousand three hundred twenty-two	1322
J. Mark Treadup had one thousand three hundred ninety-three	1393
George E. Foster had three thousand two hundred eighty-seven	3287
Blanks seven hundred sixty-two	762

#### County Commissioner

Arthur R. Machado had three thousand five hundred thirty-seven	3537
Christopher T. Saunders had two thousand eight hundred forty-six	2846
Blanks, seven thousand one hundred forty-five	7145

#### Question 1

Yes, three thousand four hundred sixteen	3416
No, two thousand five hundred seventy-six	2576
Blanks, seven hundred seventy-two	772

A true record,

Attest: Marlene M. Samson  
Town Clerk

November 18, 1996

This is to certify the results of the overseas ballots cast in the Presidential Election held on November 5, 1996.

Electors of President & Vice President

Browne/Jorgensen had zero	0
Clinton/Gore had one	1
Dole/Kemp had zero	0
Hagelin/Tompkins had zero	0
Morrehead/LaRiva had zero	0
Perot/Choate had one	1
Blanks, one	1

Senator in Congress

John Kerry had three	3
William Weld had zero	0
Susan Gallagher had zero	0
Robert Stowe had zero	0
Blanks, zero	0

Representative in Congress

Peter Blute had zero	0
James McGovern had two	2
Dale Friedgen had zero	0
Blanks, one	1

Councillor

David Constantine had one	1
Blanks, two	2

Senator in General Court

Thomas Norton had one	1
Blanks, two	2

Representative in General Court

Michael Rodrigues had one	1
Blanks, two	2

Register of Probate

Robert Peck had one	1
Blanks, two	2

County Treasurer

Patrick Harrington had zero	0
J. Mark Treadup had two	2
George E. Foster had zero	0
Blanks, one	1

County Commissioner

Arthur Machado had zero

Christopher Saunders had two

Blanks, one

2

1

### Question 1

Yes, two

2

1

A true copy

Attest: Marlene M. Samson  
Town Clerk



Town Hall's annual "Door Decorating Contest" - Town Accountant's entry

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE WESTPORT ARTS COUNCIL

### Members

Mary Ellen Guptill, Chairman  
Susan Branco, Secretary  
Nancy Rodrigues, Treasurer  
Wendy Goldberg  
Sarah Jackson  
Elaine Stevens  
Elizabeth Thurber  
Barbara B. Wicks

### Term Expires

6/30/98  
6/30/98  
6/30/97  
6/30/98  
6/30/98  
6/30/98  
6/30/99  
6/30/97

### Resigned

Janice Miller  
Geraldine Millham

6/30/98  
6/30/97

The Westport Arts Council received two grants in 1996. From the Massachusetts Cultural Council, \$6,671 and from BayBank, Trustees of the Helen Ellis Charitable Trust, \$750. To administer these grants, ten meetings were held, including a community input meeting.

Once each year the cities and towns of Massachusetts receive funds from the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency. Each town's allotment is determined by using the State Local Aid formula. The purpose is to promote excellence, access, education and diversity in the arts, humanities and interpretive sciences to improve life in Massachusetts and contribute to the economic vitality in the communities. Each council regrants the money for projects which will benefit the community. Westport's portion was \$6,671 for 1996.

From the twenty-six proposals submitted to the Westport Arts Council by individual artists, cultural groups and educators, thirteen were granted funds: Jane Dufault for a musical with elementary school children; Carol Long for a photography exhibit; Carmen Maiocco for a local history project; the Northeast Chamber Ensemble for music in the schools; Paula Smith for a high school magazine and video about the '38 hurricane; Spinner Publications for its 5th volume on people and culture; the Westport Art Group for a juried show; the Council on Aging for music for the Senior Picnic; the 5th Grade's trip to Rhode Island School of Design Museum; the Library for a marionette show; the High School Drama Club for performance of one-act plays; the High School for a trip to the Museum of Fine Arts; and the Historical Society for an oral history workshop.

WAC also received a grant of \$750 by application to BayBank, Trustee of the Helen Ellis Charitable Trust. With this money, Council members researched, wrote and produced a brochure about Helen Ellis's life and work. She enjoyed a lifelong involvement in the arts as a sculptor, herself, and as a proponent of the arts in this community where she lived for more than fifty years.

WAC arranges small exhibits of the work of Westport artists, craftsmen, writers and collectors on a regular basis. There were nine during 1996 in the Helen Ellis Exhibition case at the Westport Free Public Library.

Projects for the 1997 State funding from MCC have already been received and voted upon by WAC. They await approval by MCC in early 1997.

Two members resigned this year. We wish to thank them for their work on the Council and especially appreciated their contributions to the Ellis brochure: Janice Miller for her drawings and Geraldine Millham for the overall design.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ellen Gupitill, Chairman



Evacuation Of East Beach for Hurricane Edouard.

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF APPEALS

The Board of Appeals is submitting its report for the year ending December 31, 1996. The organization of the Board remained the same as follows:

Raymond L. Medeiros - Chairman	Term expires 6/30/98
Clayton Harrison - Vice-Chairman	Term expires 6/30/99
Joseph L. Keith III - Clerk	Term expires 6/30/2000
Kendal D. Tripp	Term expires 6/30/2001
Gerald Coutinho	Term expires 6/30/97
Eliot C. Holden - Associate	Term expires 6/30/97
Thomas Costello - Associate	Term expires 6/30/97
Charlene R. Wood	Recording Clerk

During the course of the calendar year the Board conducted eleven hearings. One variance was granted for a trailer lot transfer at East Beach; one variance was granted with conditions; two variances were granted for single-family dwellings; one finding was made to allow an addition to an existing garage; one variance request was withdrawn without prejudice; one set-back variance was granted; one application for a set-back variance is pending and three variance requests were denied.

This year the Board of Appeals updated and revised its Rules and Regulations thanks to the efforts of Alternate Thomas Costello who spent many hours on the Board's behalf to update them. We expect to be working with the Planning Board and the proposed new committee to address the growth issues now facing the town.

Respectfully submitted,

Raymond L. Medeiros, Chairman



## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

The Board of Assessors respectfully submit the following report for the year ending December 31, 1996 with organization as follows:

Mr. John J. McDermott, Chairman  
Mr. Charles Barboza Jr.  
Mr. Stephen J. Medeiros

Mrs. Dolores A. Grillo, Assistant Assessor/Appraiser  
Ms. Sharon M. Potter, Principal Clerk  
Mrs. Sharon L. Marton, Senior Clerk  
Mrs. Carol F. Bird, Clerk

### Tax Rate Summary For Fiscal 1997

Our tax rate has not been determined as of January 1, 1997, due to pending certification approval of our valuations.

Under General Laws, Chapter 58, Section 10, we classify property reportable to the State as follows:

<u>Property Class</u>	<u># Of Parcels</u>
101-S Family	4,808
102-Condominiums	14
104-2 Family	270
105-3 Family	14
111-125 4-8 Units	26
012-043 Mixed Use R/C	17
130-132, 106 Vacant Land	1,390
Misc. Res.	135
300-393 Commercial	247
400-442 Industrial	20
600-606 Ch.61 Forest	17
700-717 Ch.61A Farm	243
800-811 Ch.61B Recreation	13
 Total Real Estate Fiscal 1997	 7,214
 Personal Property	 939
Public Utilities	10
 Total Personal Property	 949
 Numbers Of Transfers Of Property - 1996	 523

Motor Vehicle Excise Tax - 1996

Number of Vehicles Assessed \$25 per m	16 398
Excise Assessed	\$952 572 36
Value of Automobiles	43 353 500

Farm Animal Excise Tax

Number of Farms	29
Valuation of Animals & Machinery	1 279 710
Taxes Assessed \$5 per m	\$6 398 57

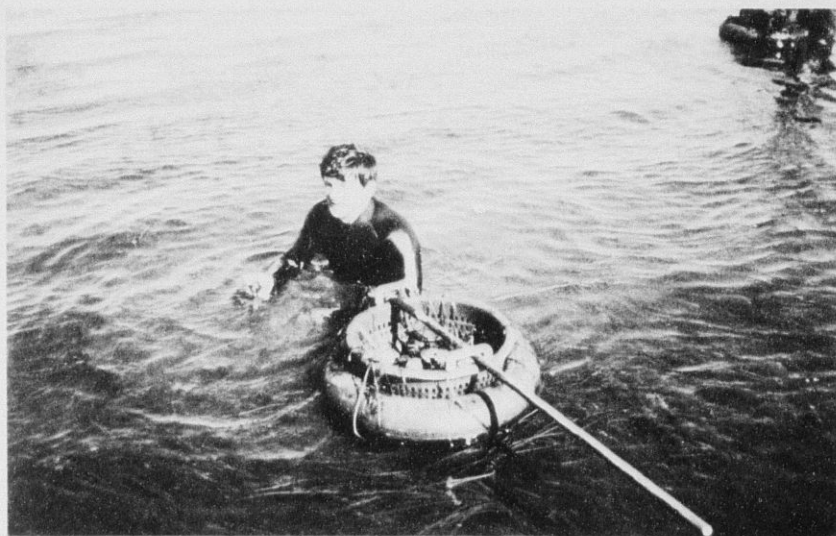
Boat Excise

Number of Boats	856
Valuation of Boats	4 696 800
Taxes Assessed \$10 per m	\$46 848 00

We wish to thank the various departments in the Town Hall for their continued cooperation during the year

Respectfully submitted

John J. McDermott  
Charles Barboza Jr  
Stephen J. Medeiros  
Board of Assessors



## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

The Board of Health respectively submits the following report for the year ending 1996:

At their organized meeting, the Board organized as follows:

Chairman.....	John J. Colletti, D.C.
Secretary.....	David P. Cabral
Member.....	Wayne H. Turner

Licensed Funeral Directors for the year were:

Jonathan H. Potter Jr.  
Harry L. Potter

The following appointments were made during the year:

John L. Ciccotelli, R.S.....	Director of Public Health/State Animal Inspector/Laboratory Director
Ralph Urban.....	Full-Time Board of Health Agent/State Animal Inspector
Charles P. Shurtleff.....	State Animal Inspector
James Sughrue.....	Part Time Agent
Kelly Silvia.....	Part-Time Agent
Sharon Dixon.....	Part-Time Agent
Claudia Gifford.....	Part-Time Agent
Lucy L. Lord.....	Prncipal Clerk-Full Time
Nazare Abreu.....	Senior Clerk-Full-Time
Nancy Paquet.....	Senior Clerk-Full-Time
Quentin D. Lord.....	Assistant Agent/Landfill Operator
Harold J. Sisson.....	Landfill Worker
Scott Wordell.....	Assistant Agent/Landfill Worker/Recycling Monitor
Dr. Stewart Kirkaldy.....	Medical Advisor
Marlene Samson.....	Burial Agent/Special Board of Health Agent
Dale Thomas.....	Special Agent of the Board of Health
June Johnson.....	Special Agent of the Board of Health
Arnold Tripp.....	Special Agent of the Board of Health
Patricia Sieminski.....	Administrative Assistant Supervisor of the Nursing Department
Peg Oliveira.....	Alternate Administrative Assistant Supervisor of the Nursing Department
Kathleen Burns, R.N.....	Public Health Nurse

The following diseases, classified as dangerous to public health, were reported to the state as follows:

34 Dog Bites, 7 Cat Bites, 2 Rabbit Bites, 1 Chipmunk Bite, 26 Chicken Pox, 3 Salmonella, 2 Hepatitis, 1 Meningococcal, 2 Tuberculosis, 1 E-Coli, 6 Lyme Disease, 1 Probable Lyme Disease, 1 Giardia Symptomatic, 1 Giardia Asymptomatic.

Licenses and permits issued during the year were as follows:

45 Oleo Permits, 47 Food Service Permits, 45 Temporary Food Service Permits, 12 Retail Food Service Permits, 47 Milk and Cream Permits, 0 Mobile Food Vendor Permits, 1 Pasteurization Permit, 3 Bakery Permits, 2 Ice Cream Manufacturer Permits

5 Campground Permits, 3 Massage Therapist Permit, 2 Tanning Permits, 375 Perc Applications, 3 Motel Permits, 85 Well Permits, 46 Installer's Permits, 40 Well Water Tests, 196 Plan Reviews, 191 Plan Submissions, 7 Plan Renewals, 3 Piggery Permits, 4 Sewage Removal Permits, 2 Semi-Public Pool Permits, 5 Stable Permits, 5 Removal of Garbage Permits, 19 Inground Pool Permits, 4 Removal of Sewage Permits, 117 Water Tables, 3 Above Ground Pool Permits, 11 Port-A-Jon Permits, 9 Plan Renewals, 1 Strata, 3 Extra Holes, 76 Photocopies, 10 Bottled Water Permits, 8 (1 to 4) Piggery Permits, 11 Tobacco Permits



John Ciccotelli, Director of Public Health, using the new leachate detector

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH NURSING DEPARTMENT

I hereby submit the report for the Nursing Department for the year 1996.

### Group of Professional Personnel:

Kathleen Burns R.N. .... Staff Nurse  
J.K.S. Kirkaldy, M.D. .... Medical Advisor

### Well Child Clinic Volunteers:

Ruth Howland  
Lois Simon  
Germaine Baker  
Doris Mello  
Carmen Maiocco (lead testing)

Nursing services rendered from January 1, 1996 through December 31, 1996

### Well Child Clinic:

Total exams .....	75
Children Under 1 yr .....	18
1-4 yrs .....41; 5+yrs .....	16
D.P.T. ....	30
M.M.R. ....	21
O.P.V. ....	27
H.I.B. ....	15
Tine Tests .....	16
Lead Tests .....	39
Hepatitis B .....	20
Mantoux Tests .....	16

### Office Visits:

Walk-in Clinic .....	330
Flu Shots .....	593
Mantoux Tests .....	325
Food Handler Permits .....	181
Pneumonia Shots .....	2

Communicable Disease Follow-up  
(New Cases This Year):

Hepatitis B.....	1
Hepatitis C.....	1
Salmonella.....	3
E Coli.....	2
Lyme Disease.....	9
TB Infection - No Disease.....	5
TB Infection.....	1

Adult Immunizations Given Out:

Oral Polio Vaccine.....	4
Measles, Mumps and Rubella.....	59
Tetanus and Diphtheria.....	60
D.P.T.....	1
Hepatitis B.....	1
Gamma Globulin.....	1

On October 1, 1996 the Nursing Department became a part-time position with one Board of Health Nurse. Services provided by the Board of Health Nurse included blood pressure clinics, well-child clinics, home visits for health promotion, Mantoux testing, food handler permits, adult immunizations and communicable disease follow-up. The goals of the Nursing Department are to educate the community regarding health care, to promote health conscious individuals and to work with community resources to attain these goals.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Burns R.N.

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BRISTOL COUNTY MOSQUITO CONTROL PROJECT

On June 30, 1996 the Bristol County Mosquito Control Project completed thirty-seven years of service to the cities and towns of Bristol County.

The mosquito control project works year-round in its efforts to reduce mosquito breeding sites and adult mosquito populations. The Project uses several different measures of control in its never ending fight against mosquitos.

Winter Pre-hatch - To treat breeding areas that are accessible only on the ice during the winter months.

Spring and Summer Larviciding - To reduce the emergence of adult mosquitos in areas where mosquito larvae is present.

Catch Basin Treatment - To stop mosquito emergence from rain-filled catch basins and storm drains.

Light Trapping Program - To monitor mosquito populations as to their type and number - a program necessary in encephalitis surveillance. Light trapping of mosquitos is also useful to determine what areas have high mosquito populations and should be sprayed.

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

It is the policy of the Bristol County Mosquito Control Project to use pesticides that are environmentally safe so that the safety of the people and environment are not jeopardized. We use as many of the biological insecticides as are practical with the environmental conditions present in the New England area. We are presently using three different formulations of B.T.I. in our larviciding program.

All of our spray equipment is calibrated periodically in order to insure that dosage rates remain at safe levels but are adequate to reduce mosquito populations. The operators of our spray equipment are state certified pesticide applicators that are required to attend classes on pesticide safety on a yearly basis.

The 1996 mosquito season got underway with the hatching of mosquito larvae in early March. Water levels were higher this spring than it had been in the past several years.

Our adulticiding program began in late May. The Project received many calls for spray due to the large number of mosquitos, with many residents complaining the mosquitos were so unbearable that any outdoor activities were impossible.

The weather pattern during the latter part of the season did not help the mosquito situation as tropical storms along with heavy rain caused coastal flooding and thus produced some of the largest saltmarsh mosquito populations ever. Our foggers were kept busy all season in order to reduce the mosquitos to tolerable levels.

Although the mosquito population was higher than in the past several years there were no EEE isolates found in the state of Massachusetts. Rhode Island, Connecticut and New York all had a number of EEE isolates with Rhode Island having the most. With Rhode Island bordering several towns in Bristol County, the Massachusetts Public Health Dept. and the Bristol County Mosquito Control kept a close watch in those areas.

Additional surveillance and testing for EEE virus was done to insure the safety of residents in Bristol County

The Project answered all requests for spraying along with our regular spraying of known infested areas for a total of 10,058.6 sprayed acres

During the fall and winter months a total of 3,440 feet of brush was cut and 1,000 feet of drainage ditch was reclaimed. Our crawler tractor also dug 50 feet of drainage ditch

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

Respectfully submitted,

Alan W. DeCastro, Superintendent



Hurricane Edouard and East Beach

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS

I hereby submit my report as Inspector of Buildings for the year ending December 31, 1996.

A total of 426 permits were processed and 398 were issued. Fifty-eight woodstove, fireplace and chimney permits were processed. The total valuation for all permits was \$15,308,100.

68	Single Family Dwellings.....	\$ 8,523,037
2	Accessory Apartments.....	30,9420
1	Duplex.....	196,020
19	Garages.....	530,960
80	Alterations and Additions.....	2,324,140
30	Commercial.....	1,352,190
8	Foundations.....	48,000
26	Pools..... Aboveground & Inground.....	145,200
39	Decks, Porches, Gazebos.....	260,815
36	Barns, Sheds, Workshops.....	336,765
3	Greenhouse/Sunrooms.....	40,228
11	Demolitions.....	N.V.
5	Renovate, Repair, Remodel.....	574,413
9	Tank Removals.....	N.V.
5	Church, Clubs, Municipal.....	562,185
3	Fire Damage (Rebuild).....	75,600
4	Handicap Renovations.....	9,890
3	Radio Towers.....	161,000
<u>58</u>	Woodstove, Chimney, Fireplaces.....	<u>137,237</u>
456		\$15,308,100

Yard Sale Permits.....	95 days
Fees to Treasurer.....	\$55,936

(Including Building Permits, Yard Sale Permits, Woodstove Booklets, Requested Inspections, Certification Inspections, Re-Inspections, Occupancy Permits, etc.)

Miles Traveled..... 8,710

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Maltais  
Inspector of Buildings

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE GAS INSPECTOR

The following is a summary of the inspections made by the Gas Inspector for the year ending December 31, 1996. Included are all residential, commercial, club and municipal permits.

Rough Inspections.....	95
Final Inspections.....	90
Conversion Burners.....	2
Ranges.....	13
Unit Heaters.....	2
Water Heaters.....	4
Gas Logs.....	1
Furnaces.....	5
Boilers.....	4
Dryers.....	2
Generators.....	4
Direct Vent Heaters.....	5
Consultations.....	2
Re-Inspections.....	16
Gas Fireplace.....	6
Meter Relocations.....	1
Piping.....	1
Pool Heater.....	1
Underground Service.....	3
Propane Service.....	1
Chimneys.....	1
Roof Unit.....	2
Building Department Request.....	3
 Total Inspections Made.....	 266
Total Permits Issued.....	174
 Fees to the Treasurer.....	 \$5,776
Miles Traveled.....	2,347

Respectfully submitted,

Robert LaBonte  
Gas Inspector

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PLUMBING INSPECTOR

The following is a summary of inspections made by the Plumbing Inspector for the year ending December 31, 1996. Included are all residential, commercial, club and municipal permits.

Rough Inspections.....	175
Final Inspections.....	160
Water Heaters.....	25
Re-Inspections.....	39
Consultation.....	5
Water Service.....	3
Water Meter.....	0
Boilers.....	8
Building Department.....	4
Kitchen Sink.....	6
Dishwasher.....	1
Water Filters.....	1
Sewer Line.....	1
Shower.....	2
Miscellaneous.....	1
 Total Inspections Made.....	 431
Total Permits Issued.....	222
 Fees Paid to Treasurer.....	 \$15,120
Miles Traveled.....	3,952

Respectfully submitted,

Robert LaBonte  
Plumbing Inspector

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE WIRE INSPECTOR

I hereby submit my report as Wire Inspector for the year ending December 31, 1996.

New Residences.....	79
Duplex.....	0
Alterations and Additions.....	52
New Services.....	25
Rewire and Repair.....	32
Barns, Garages, Sheds.....	16
Commercial.....	57
Alarms and Security Systems.....	38
Temporary Services.....	12
Upgrade, Relocate, Repair Services.....	71
Service Entry Cable, Meter Socket.....	37
Transformer Pad.....	0
Septic Pump.....	2
Water Pump.....	1
Hot Tub.....	0
Furnaces.....	9
Generators.....	2
Pools..... Inground..... 5 Aboveground.....	10
Municipal, Federal, State, Utilities, Churches.....	12
Pole Replacements.....	2
Miscellaneous.....	1

There were 463 permits issued and 88 annual inspections made of trailers and services located in the beach area.

Miles traveled by Inspectors.....	10,687
Fees paid to Treasurer (including reinspections)	\$ 22,103

Respectfully submitted,

Ernest Vohnoutka  
Inspector of Wire

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CEMETERY DEPARTMENT

### Reimbursements to the Town of Westport

68 Interments	\$ 21,900.00
1 Disinterment	550.00
21 Cremations	1,900.00
71 Foundations	4,496.95
65 Grass & Device	1,950.00
16 Saturday & Sunday Fees	2,500.00
Sale of Lots	10,700.00
Perpetual Care	<u>17,250.00</u>
	\$ 61,186.95

The Cemetery Department is responsible for 36 cemeteries under perpetual care. This year we completed the repair and painting of the fences at the Maple and Linden Grove Cemeteries. We also rebuilt and painted many of the gates on the outlying cemeteries. During the summer we replaced the doors and started painting our main garage at Beech Grove. Due to the increased sale of lots, we began clearing brush and cutting trees, and will continue through the winter. The area we're clearing will provide 6 new lots and roads when it is completed. Our goal for next year is to continue development of these lots with the help of the Highway Department. Again, thanks to all the people who appreciate and support our efforts.

Respectfully submitted,

Westell G. Norman

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COMMUNITY CENTER COMMITTEE

The Westport Community Center members are:

Duncan Albert

Ron Assad

Paul Izyk

Michele Armour

Lorna Fredericks

Delores Rego

The committee meets the first Tuesday of every month at the Town Hall Annex. The Community Center this year started off with a bang by introducing the Town to Alyn Carlson Webster and the Westport Theater Company. This group of people put on a play called "Shakespeare in the Meadow". It was held at the Westport Vineyards and the Community Center and approximately 1200 people attended the performances. This play put the Westport Community center on the map.

The Community Center is now housing girls and boys basketball leagues, volleyball, teen dances, men and women's basketball, the Westport Theater Company, Mother and Child support group, and children story time.

The Community Center received two grants, one for \$1000 from the Westport Arts Council and the other for \$500 from the Ronald Desrosiers Memorial Betterment Fund. A special thank you goes out to both organizations.

The Committee, this year, installed a new lighting and sound system with the help of a \$2500 matching grant provided by the Helen Ellis Trust Fund.

In closing, I would like to thank Diman Regional Vocational High School for the new bathrooms presently being installed in the Center. We would also like to thank the Town, the volunteers and local businesses for helping our dreams become a reality. To Judy Francouer, my hat is off to you for all your help.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorna Frederick, Coordinator

## **ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION/SOIL BOARD**

The Conservation Commission and Soil Board submits the following report for the 1996 calendar year.

The Commission's workload continued at a moderately high level to a high level during the year. Continuing budget restraints required considerable attendance to Commission matters by our Chairman, Donald Bernier and Vice-Chairman Claude Ledoux. We were fortunate to have the able assistance of our secretary, Mrs. Leone Farias, and our agent, Mr. Christopher Capone.

Under the leadership of Chairman Bernier, the Commission has tried to act in an attitude to encourage more citizens to respond to the agency. It is our goal to encourage more participation in preserving our wetlands. Our Vice-Chairman, Claude Ledoux, has accomplished the revising and updating of the Soil By-Laws and stockpiling and transfer stations in Town are now under the permitting of the Department.

We wish to thank Clark Chase for his able participation on the Commission. We also wish to thank Thomas Porter for his participation and wish him well with his health concerns. The Commission welcomes John Reynolds, Thomas Perkins and Gregg Garnett.

Our hearings are now held every other Tuesday, at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Annex Meeting Room at 856 Main Road.

Office hours are 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. in our office on the second floor of the Town Hall Annex building. Please keep in mind that the staff is there to serve the taxpayers of the Town of Westport and are more than pleased to answer any questions you may have no matter how trivial you think they are. We are here to serve, that's our motto.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald R. Bernier, Chairman  
Claude Ledoux, Vice-Chairman  
Richard Lambert  
Elliot LaMontagne  
John Reynolds  
Thomas Perkins  
Gregg Garnett

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE WESTPORT COUNCIL ON AGING

The Council on Aging respectfully submits this report for the year ending December 31, 1996.

<u>Council Members</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Joanne Devlin .....	June 30, 1999
Secretary, 7/12/96 to date	
Member, 6/30/96 to date	
Margo Boote .....	June 30, 1997
Liaison to Friends, 9/14/88 to date	
Member, 1/30/84 to date	
Robert P. Lawrence .....	June 30, 1998
Member, 6/30/95 to date	
Donald A. Maynard .....	June 30, 1998
Vice-Chairman, 7/12/96 to date	
Member, 6/30/95 to date	
Irene Pacheco .....	June 30, 1997
Member, 6/30/94 to date	
Cynthia Reynolds .....	June 30, 1999
Treasurer, 7/14/95 to date	
Member, 10/22/90 to date	
Lois E. Spirllet .....	June 30, 1999
Vice-Chairman, 7/12/96 to date	
Member, 8/16/93 to date	

### Staff

Director	-	Mary Ellen Gomes
Senior Clerk	-	Lorraine C. Roy
Elder Visitors	-	Gloria Chester
		Elsie De Menezes
		Rita Fortier (Deceased)
Companion	-	Alice Manchester (EOEA Grant)
Van Drivers	-	Bruce Belling
		Gladys Walsh
Senior Social Day		
Program Director	-	Beverly Roynestad
		(BESI Grant-Revolving Account)
Senior Aide	-	Richard Fragoza (BESI Funded)
Elder Service Corps		
Volunteer	-	Marion Lagasse (EOEA Stipend)
		Elinor Gay (EOEA Stipend)

The primary function of the seven member Council on Aging Board and Staff is to identify and meet the needs of Westport's elder population (2,730 residents aged 60 and over, who represent over 21% of the town's population) and to inform elders and the community of available services. One of the Council's primary interests is to serve elders who are poor, frail, and/or homebound. It works toward this goal by working with Bristol Elder Services, Inc., the Home Care Corporation and the Area Agency on Aging, and by providing four of its own part-

time outreach workers who visit approximately 100 homebound elders regularly. Three of the outreach workers are Elder Visitors, who check on the physical and emotional well-being of the homebound, and one is a Companion, who offers respite (up to three hours) to "round-the-clock" care givers of seriously frail elders. Last year, the Elder Visitors and Companion made approximately 4,000 visits to the homebound, bringing support and friendship while service as the Council's "eyes and ears" to recognize elders at risk. In addition, the Elder Service Corps Volunteers were, and continue to be available to accompany elders on the Council on Aging's mini-vans. In addition, they do the assessments for the "Meals-on-Wheels" program, work in the Social Day Program, and also assist in the COA office and at various COA activities.

The Council on Aging office is the entrance to a wide-ranging network of services for both information and referral. These services include: a senior social day program, SHINE (Serving Health Information Needs of Elders) clinics, the JOBS list (provides lists for employees and employers), fuel assistance information, income tax preparation assistance, holiday food baskets, identification cards, general counseling, crisis intervention, eight medical emergency alert units, podiatry clinics, volunteer grocery shopping program, and medical services provided by Southcoast Hospitals Group health van, a blood pressure clinic once a month, and an assortment of medical aides such as walkers.

In addition, the COA offers classes of various types including: low-impact aerobics, crafts, knitting, Tai Chi, quilting, and this year we have added a computer class which was held at Westport High School and co-sponsored by WESCOEF (Westport Community Education Foundation), the Westport School Department and the Council on Aging. It also sponsors an annual picnic, which was held again this year at St. George School, in September. Special guests included about 120 elders, Representative Michael Rodrigues, Senator Thomas Norton and Secretary of State William Gavin. Robert Reed, the Administrative Assistant, and Marjorie Holden, Chairman of Board of Selectmen also attended. The Council wishes to thank Mr. Al Lees for his generous contribution of food and supplies, and all the volunteers who helped to make the day a success.

### Clinics

In 1996, the Council on Aging sponsored five podiatry clinics, two legal clinics, and eleven SHINE clinics. Dr. Kenneth Brum of the Somerset-Swansea Medical Center, was the participating podiatrist. Bristol Elder Services, Inc. provided the legal counsel through the Senior Law Project. Mrs. Shirley Wordell of Westport provided health insurance counseling at the SHINE clinics. Ten income tax preparation clinics were held by Mrs. Candida Bishop.

### Food Distribution, Food Stamps

Throughout the year food items are provided to low-income people in the community. The SHINE counselors are available to assist people to sign up for food stamps during the SHINE clinics.

### "Friends Of The Westport Council On Aging, Inc."

The "Friends of the Westport Council on Aging, Inc." is a volunteer non-profit organization which gives fiscal support and publicizes the aims and activities of the Council on Aging. Joan Fradley is the current president of the "Friends". Several members of the "Friends" are a part of the Citizens Program Review Committee working with the Building Committee on the EOCD grant project for the Senior Center and Town Hall. The FWCOA produced the 1996 edition of the Westport Telephone Book. This telephone book provides a much needed service to the Town. The FWCOA donated \$30,000. for the Senior Center and \$6,000. for the Town's portion of the Mobility Grant which provided the 1996 handicapped-accessible mini-van. In addition, the FWCOA also provided many much needed items to furnish the Senior Center, such as tables and chairs, and

provided the extra funds necessary to complete the Social Day bathroom and the kitchen. The Council on Aging wishes to thank all of the members of the "Friends" for their support and hard work.

### Holiday Contributions

The COA worked with several individuals and organizations to deliver holiday food baskets to homebound elders and families at Easter, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. The Council would like to thank the following for working with us on this project: Patricia Sieminski (former Westport Home Health Agency), Ronald Costa (Veteran's Agent), Jean Prior and the congregation of St. John's Church, Westport Middle School students, Westport Elementary School students, and those generous individuals who gave food items or monetary gifts. The Council would also like to thank all the volunteers who helped pack and distribute the baskets. The Council on Aging will continue to distribute food baskets, as needed, throughout the year.

### Grants

The Council on Aging received five grants in 1996 including a Formula Grant of \$9,202. from the Executive Office of Elder Affairs, and a Service Incentive Grant of \$2,750. also from the Executive Office of Elder Affairs to provide a volunteer coordinator. Two grants from Bristol Elder Services, \$6,240. to continue our Senior Social Day Program, \$1,100 to provide a Cooking For One Can Be Fun class. We also received a \$8,245.91 grant from Southeastern Regional Transit Authority for operating costs for the mini-van.

### Medical Alert Units

The Council on Aging has seven Medical Alert Units available to low-income Westport elders in frail health. Six units are currently in use, but they remain the property of the Town. One unit is currently in need of verification.

### "EVERGREEN" Newsletter

Fourteen hundred (1,400) copies of the newsletter are distributed monthly to area locations. The Council wishes to thank the advertisers, whose support defrays the cost of publication, and the volunteers who assist with the distribution.

### Mini-Van

The Council on Aging completed the first full year of operation of the dial-a-ride mini-van service for Westport's elders and handicapped residents. Because we are a rural community with only limited public transportation, the van provides a very needed service. The mini-van provided 2,104 trips traveling 23,227 miles. Medical trips numbered 1,758 and 346 trips were non-medical. In April, a 1996 Dodge van was delivered to Westport through the Mobility Assistance Program, and a generous gift from the FWCOA. The 1996 van primarily is used for medical trips and the 1988 van is used for both medical trips and transporting the clients in the Social Day Program.

### Nutrition Program

Under Title III of the Older Americans Act, 11,186 meals were delivered to homebound elders in Westport and approximately 4,689 meals were served at Westport's congregate meal site at Greenwood Terrace. On December 1, 1996, the congregate meal site was moved to the Senior Center. In addition, the home-delivered meals are now delivered in bulk to the Westport Senior Center, where the site manager and volunteers package the meals for home delivery to approximately 45 homebound Westport elders.

### Westport Senior Social Day Program

The Westport Senior Social Day Program under the direction of Beverly Roynestad, is open Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. to provide a nurturing, structured environment for elders who require social support. Transportation may be provided by SRTA's Demand Response Program or the COA's mini-van, as available. An active recruitment program is underway and enrollment has increased. We would like to thank our Elder Service Corps Volunteers Marion Lagasse and Elinor Gay, our Senior Aide Richard Fragoza and all of the other wonderful volunteers who work along with Beverly to make the Social Day Program a warm and caring atmosphere. Since December 1, 1996, the Senior Social Day Program is now located in the Senior Center.

### Westport Senior Center

With much excitement and anticipation, on December 7, 1996 the Council on Aging held the grand opening of the Westport Senior Center. Over 200 people attended the grand opening. Special guests included Emmett Schmarow from the Executive Office of Elder Affairs, Representative Michael Rodrigues, Selectmen Marjorie Holden, David Dionne and Steven Tripp, Nancy Munson from Bristol Elder Services, and Richard Desjardins who was the attorney for Hazel Tripp.

On December 14, we held our first annual Christmas Party. The band and chorus from the Westport Middle School provided a wonderful concert for over 80 senior citizens. Everyone had a wonderful time and agreed that this should be an annual event.

We would like to thank the Westport Town Building Committee, the Citizens Program Review Committee, the Friends of the Westport Council on Aging, the Board of Selectmen, Marilyn Whalley (Grant Administrator) and Robert Reed (Administrative Assistant) for the hard work and dedication to this project that is so vital to the mission of providing services to the elders of Westport.

### In Summary

The total population in Westport was 12,978 in 1995, with 2,730 residents who were sixty or older. This represents 21% of the population. With increasing numbers of frail elders, the responsibility of assisting elders falls on everyone—families, friends, and neighbors. The Council on Aging will continue to be a resource for these elders and their care givers. We believe we are better able to do this with the Senior Center open, and the two vans on the road.

Respectfully submitted,

Lois E. Spirllet, Chairman

## **ANNUAL REPORT OF THE RONALD DESROSIER'S MEMORIAL FUND & WESTPORT CITIZENS BETTERMENT FUND & COMMITTEE**

The following is a report of the Westport Citizens Betterment Committee for the year ending December 31, 1996.

Members Walter Craveiro, Lena Napert, Maggie Plamondon and Charlene R. Wood were reappointed to the committee by the Board of Selectmen. All terms expire June 30, 1997 with the exception of Shirley Desrosiers whose term does not expire until the year 2000.

The Westport Harvest Festival fund-raising concession made little money due to the weather on Sunday, October 20th. The committee was saddened for the festival, the participants, volunteers, etc. who devoted so much time and effort. However, we were thankful we did not take a loss.

In the Fall of each year, the Trustees solicit proposals from Town agencies, citizens groups, non-profit organizations, and members of the general public for grant applications.

This year a \$500 grant was awarded to the Fire Department to purchase sophisticated camera equipment and \$500 to the Community Center Committee towards the cost of a handicapped walkway. The waste oil receptacle at the landfill is in existence today with the assistance of the \$1,000 grant from this committee to the Board of Health last year.

The Trustees volunteered to hold the Holiday Festival for the Town's children in December. We all had lots of fun. Everything, including the food, was free. Thanks to several local businesses, the food and decorations were donated. The Westport Citizens Betterment Committee donated food and drinks as well. We were somewhat disappointed with the low turnout of parents and children.

The Trustees of the Ronald Desrosiers Memorial Fund and the Westport Citizens Betterment Fund would like to remind the general public that contributions to either of these two funds would be greatly appreciated. Any person or organization wishing to donate to either of these funds may do so through the Board of Selectmen's office.

Town flags are available at the Town Clerk's office or Board of Selectmen's office for the price of \$65.00 for a 4' X 6' flag or \$60.00 for a 3' X 5' flag. Door banners are now available for \$60.00. These items make great gifts!

The principal balance in the Ronald Desrosiers Memorial Fund as of 12/31/96 was \$17,041.86. Our portion of the Westport Citizens Betterment Fund has a balance of \$1,706.41. A minimum balance will be kept in this fund for seed money for fund raisers and grants. The remainder of excess funds will be transferred to the principal balance of the Ronald Desrosiers Memorial Fund.

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley Desrosiers, Chairman

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

I hereby submit my report as Fire Chief for the year ending December 31, 1996.

### ORGANIZATION

#### Fire Chief

William D. Tripp

#### Deputy Fire Chief

Stephen A. Motta

#### Lieutenants

Raymond A. Benoit	Christopher L. Kirby
William G. Baraby	John W. Andrade

#### Firefighter/EMT's

Glenn A. Wood	Stephen A. Petty
Michael P. Silvia	James C. Thibault
Timothy A. Palmer	Kendall G. Nickelson
Douglas P. Orr	Allen N. Manley, Jr.
Brian D. Souza	Raymond E. Benoit
Alfred L. Manchester	Daniel F. Ledoux
Brian A. Beaulieu	Brian Legendre
Michael D. Medeiros	Christopher Branco (Until 6/30/96)

#### Call Firefighters

John W. Andrade, III	Scott Arrington
Daniel Baldwin	Paul Baraby
Greg Chaunt	Matthew Cowell
John Duclos	Derren Fortier
Robert Kirby	Glenn Mackillop
Roger Maynard	Keith Nickelson
Glenn Nunes	David Palmer
Jason Peixoto	Kenneth Reilly
Jeffrey Souza	Mark Texeira

#### Ambulance Billing Clerk

Theresa A. Vaillancourt

#### E-911 Coordinator

John W. Andrade

#### Drillmaster

Brian D. Souza

#### Fire Investigation Unit

Michael P. Silvia

Public Education Committee

Douglas P. Orr                      Brian D. Souza  
Brian A. Beaulieu                  Kenneth Reilly

EMS Coordinator

Glenn A. Wood

ALS Committee

Glenn A. Wood                      Douglas P. Orr  
Allen N. Manley, Jr.                Alfred L. Manchester  
   Brian R. Legendre

The Fire Department answered 1,449 calls for a total of 1,806 vehicle runs during 1996, classified as follows:

Buildings.....	17
Woods.....	2
Brush and Grass.....	12
Vehicles.....	29
Lost Person.....	2
Electrical.....	16
False Alarms.....	10
Needless Runs.....	18
Mutual Aid.....	6
Chimney.....	9
Assist Rescue.....	21
Cooking & Heating Appliances.....	12
Pump Cellar.....	20
Jaws-of-Life.....	13
Unclassified.....	10
Investigations.....	91
Dumpsters.....	1
Box Alarms.....	11
First Aid in Stations.....	2
Illegal Burning.....	41
Public Service.....	10
Faulty Alarms.....	25
Hazardous Materials.....	17
Tires.....	1
Emergency Ambulance.....	1,053
Fire Related Calls.....	396

The following is a summary of vehicle runs for the year:

Engine 1	92
Engine 3	44
Engine 4	74
Engine 6	89
Engine 7	135
Forestry 1	19
Tanker 1	76
Chief's Car	87
Deputy's Car	60
Rescue Boat	0
Personal Vehicles	9
Ambulance 1	445
Ambulance 2	676

Permits for the following were issued during the year:

Smoke Detectors	174
Oil Burners	46
Underground Tank Removal	23
Tank Trucks	4
Open Air Fire	2,554
Blasting	1
Underground Tank Registration	4
Black Powder	3
LPG Storage	6
Aboveground Storage of Flammables	1

Loss due to fire

Buildings	\$254,400.00
Vehicles	<u>106,900.00</u>
Total Loss	361,300.00

I would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank all of the officers and firefighters who have volunteered numerous hours serving in positions and on committees to provide better service to the Town of Westport. I would also like to thank all of the Town Departments and Boards that have assisted the Fire Department throughout the year. It is with pride that I have worked with these people knowing that everyone is willing to work together.

During 1996 the Westport Fire Department in conjunction with Radio Shack and ABC-6 participated in "Operation Firesafe". This program allows us to install smoke detectors at no charge to the elderly and/or needy in Town. In the three months we have been participating in this program, 35 smoke detectors were installed in Westport homes. We will continue to participate in this program until we are no longer able to obtain the smoke detectors at no cost to the Town.

Respectfully submitted,

William D. Tripp  
Fire Chief

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE FISH COMMISSIONERS

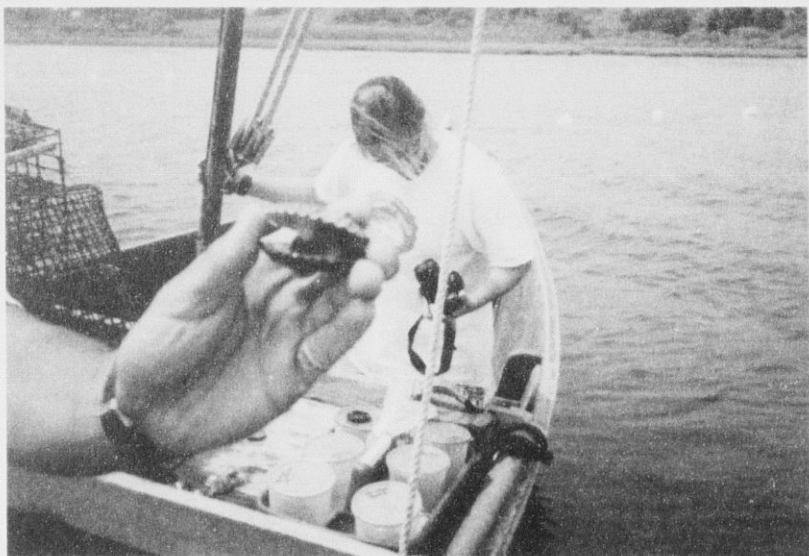
The 1996 activities of the Fish Commissioners were directed towards the following areas:

The Fish Commissioners are very pleased to report the successful "re-establishment" of the "Albert Rosinha Herring Run" at Adamsville Pond. During the spring spawning season, many alewives were observed utilizing the new fish ladder which was installed in 1995 through a grant awarded to the Fish Commissioners. We hope this restoration project will help restore the declining herring population in the Westport River. To this end, all fishing for herring at the Albert Rosinha Herring Run will be prohibited until further notice.

The Westport Fish Commissioners will continue to promote positive and progressive programs to benefit the Westport fishing community and invite any constructive input that will make our activity more meaningful.

Respectfully submitted,

Russell T. Hart  
Daniel Sullivan  
James Manchester  
Fish Commissioners



## **GREATER FALL RIVER VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT ANNUAL REPORT SUMMARY JULY 1, 1995 - JUNE 30, 1996**

### Introduction

With continuous pride in the accomplishments of Diman Regional Vocational Technical High School and Diman Regional School of Practical Nursing, I submit this annual report to the Greater Fall River Vocational School District Committee and the district communities of Fall River, Somerset, Swansea, and Westport.

Regional Vocational Technical High School continues to prepare students for higher education or technical training and to develop vocational skills for employment while growing in their positive attitudes with pride in their school and the community in which they live.

Diman has completed 28 years of providing quality academic and vocational technical education to the Greater Fall River Vocational School District. I am extremely proud of the accomplishments and educational achievements of our student body and I remain confident of parental satisfaction with the education and training programs of this school. On behalf of the students, faculty, staff, and administration, I extend a sincere "thanks" for the support of Diman Regional from the Greater Fall River Vocational School District Committee, governmental leaders, citizens, and parents of Fall River, Somerset, Swansea, and Westport.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Martins  
Superintendent-Director

### Summer Programs (1995)

Diman Regional Vocational Technical High School offered remedial make-up programs in English, Math, and Shop Theory as our continuing commitment to assist students experiencing difficulty. The Remedial Program was self-funded with an enrollment of 92 students.

Through grants from Bristol County Training Consortium two summer programs were able to be continued. A Building and Grounds program in which 11 students were enrolled provided training in building and grounds maintenance.

The second BCTC program was Street Cleaning/Vocational Exploratory where students cleaning city streets alternated between working throughout the city of Fall River and receiving vocational instruction here at Diman Regional by rotating through two shop programs. Seventy students participated in this program.

### Orientation Program

On August 29, 30, and 31, 1995 an orientation program was held in the school cafeteria for all new students.

A "Parent Night" was held on September 26, 1995, to familiarize parents of new students with school programs and the school's philosophy and policies.

### Admissions

For the school year 1995-96, there were 442 applications for grade nine. Three hundred twenty-three were enrolled as of October 1, 1995.

Diman Regional School of Practical Nursing enrolled 51 post-graduate students into the Licensed Practical Nursing Program.

The day enrollment for the 1994-95 school year as reported on the October 1, 1994, Department of Education Report, is as follows:

	Class	Grade	Males	Females	Total
	1996	12	175	56	231
	1997	11	197	80	277
	1998	10	208	96	304
	1999	9	220	103	323
HIGH SCHOOL TOTAL			800	335	1135
Post Graduate LPN Program			9	47	56
TOTAL ENROLLMENT			809	382	1191

### High School Enrollment By Community

City/Town	Class	Grade	Males	Females	Total
Fall River	1996	12	131	41	172
	1997	11	144	61	205
	1998	10	160	81	241
	1999	9	171	90	261

TOTALS			606	273	879
--------	--	--	-----	-----	-----

City/Town	Class	Grade	Males	Females	Total
Somerset	1996	12	9	3	12
	1997	11	17	6	23
	1998	10	14	2	16
	1999	9	13	4	17

TOTALS			53	15	68
--------	--	--	----	----	----

City/Town	Class	Grade	Males	Females	Total
Swansea	1996	12	22	4	26
	1997	11	22	9	31
	1998	10	18	9	27
	1999	9	24	5	29

TOTALS			86	27	113
--------	--	--	----	----	-----

City/Town	Class	Grade	Males	Females	Total
Westport	1996	12	12	8	20
	1997	11	14	4	18
	1998	10	16	4	20
	1999	9	12	4	16
TOTALS			54	20	74

City/Town	Class	Grade	Males	Females	Total
Dighton	1996	12	1	0	1

#### Post-Graduate License Practical Nurse Enrollment by Community

	Total
Fall River	15
Somerset	3
Swansea	3
Westport	0
Out-of-District	35
TOTALS	56

#### Career Day

The Guidance Department sponsored our eleventh College Career Day on November 15, 1995 with 23 colleges and technical schools represented

#### Scholarships and Awards

At Class Night, activities held for the Class of 1996, numerous scholarships and awards were given to the graduates.

#### Assessment Testing

In spring 1996, all sophomores were administered the Massachusetts Educational Assessment Tests in the major academic subject areas of reading, science, mathematics, social studies and writing. When compared with schools of similar demographics, Diman Regional students performed well.

#### Advisory Committees

School Improvement Council  
Governor's Alliance Against Drugs  
Comprehensive Health Committee

In 1995-96 Diman Regional received a Health Protection Grant in the amount of \$29,918, a Special Education Grant in the amount of \$13,000, and a Drug Free School Grant for \$4,572.

### Program Advisory Committees

During the October 1995 program advisory meeting, each individual program advisory committee reviewed the progress of work of the past year and initiated discussion on the integration of technology in each of our respective programs.

In February 1996 our advisory committees met for a second time to review the progress of faculty and administrative efforts since the October 1995 meeting and to make recommendations for continued program improvement.

### Academic Programs

1995-96 school year initiated the recommendations of the Curriculum Revision Committee. This first year of implemented changes included the following: teacher-centered to student-centered scheduling, homogeneous to heterogeneous classes, selectives offered to students, and new course sequences. The changes were successful and the full sequences of courses will continue over the next three years.

### Academic Advisory Committees

Academic Advisory Committees met on October 12 and February 15. Much discussion centered on the curriculum revisions which was determined to be a success.

### English Department

The department's faculty have been involved in various professional improvement activities with the emphasis on portfolio development.

With newly offered selectives in literature, meeting 5 periods a week, the expectation is that students will recognize the importance of good reading skills.

Through two new courses, journalism and creative writing, students contributed articles for four editions of the school newspaper under the direction of Mrs. Sayre. The broadcasting class also became actively involved in producing a recruitment video.

As in the past, the department continues to prepare students for VICA competition by having them develop their job skills demonstration.

### Mathematics Department

Major changes occurred as a result of the curriculum revision. For the first time, a sequence of courses will assure every student an opportunity to progress from a basic algebra to an advanced math course with expectations of success. The minimum achievement for all students has been set at algebra proficiency.

The math department has expanded its role in evaluating students' math competency. This will truly result in a much stronger math program for all students. In addition, the math department has incorporated computer literacy in their curriculum that assures every freshman exposure to the basics of computer knowledge.

### Science Department

Course offerings were expanded to include Marine Biology, Oceanography, Chemistry II, Environmental Science, and Science Projects.

Several members of the department are also in the process of examining the possibility of establishing an aquaculture program.

### Social Studies Department

The department implemented several changes, the most important being the expansion of U.S. History to two years. This effort gives all students a better understanding of their heritage and allows for more in-depth discussion on historical issues. The introduction of global studies gives every student an understanding of geography.

### Title One Reading Program

The Title One (Chapter One) reading program successfully remediated students in grades 9-12. Of the 198 students tested in September, the results indicated the following need for remediation.

	Grade 9 - 41
	10 - 36
	11 - 14
	12 - <u>6</u>
TOTAL	97

With grant funds of \$56,307, salary and benefits of one reading teacher were covered. Books, test material, supplies and workshops account for the balance of funds. Two reading teachers were also sent to a reading conference in Boston, MA.

### Special Education

The October 1, 1994 report demonstrates Diman's continued efforts to service the special needs population of the district.

- 1) Diman accepted 63 special needs students into the freshman class.
- 2) The total enrollment of special needs students at Diman is 199, which represents 19% of the total school population.
- 3) The distribution of special needs students throughout the various prototypes is as follows:

502.1	68
502.2	96
502.3	19
502.4	<u>16</u>
TOTAL	199

### Project Spotlight

Mrs. Elizabeth Jonsson supervised the following students at UMass Dartmouth for an enrichment

program:

#### SENIORS

Lance Cantelmo - Fall River  
Stephanie White - Westport  
Kylie Nitsche - Westport  
Jaime Santos - Fall River  
Andrew Mazzarella - Fall River  
Jennifer Deston - Somerset

#### SOPHOMORES

Carmen Cabral - Fall River  
Cynthia Cruz - Fall River

#### JUNIORS

Kelly Viveiros - Fall River  
Sherry Machado - Fall River  
Melinda Reis - Fall River  
Joshua Coroa - Swansea  
Taylor Martin - Westport  
Christine Ferreira - Fall River  
Angelina Castonguay - Somerset  
Gary Smeaton - Fall River  
Shannon Charron - Fall River  
Crystal Dutra - Fall River

### National Honor Society

The National Honor Society, supervised by Mrs. Margaret Hopkins, inducted 22 new members this year at a ceremony and reception held in the Diman Tea Room on March 27, 1996. Mr. Brian Bentley, Dean of Students, was the guest speaker and over 100 parents and friends were in attendance. President Kylie Nitsche was the Mistress of Ceremonies. Other second-year members who recited the membership qualities and participated in the candlelighting ceremony were: Jennifer Chace, Stephanie Cordeiro, Sandy Ponte and Wendy Maia. Membership pins and certificates were presented by Mr. George Letendre, Academic Coordinator, to the following new members:

Michelle Aguiar - Westport  
David Amaral - Fall River  
Paul Camara - Fall River  
Kevin Carpenter - Fall River  
Kurt Chouinard - Westport  
Christine Correia - Fall River  
Michael DeMello - Fall River  
Steven Dumont - Swansea  
Dennis Estacio - Fall River  
Gregory Feigo - Westport  
Joseph Galvao - Somerset

Daniel Freitas - Fall River  
Sherry Machado - Fall River  
Jamie Manuels - Fall River  
Jeffrey Medeiros - Westport  
Sandra Medeiros - Fall River  
Eric Miozza - Fall River  
Ruben Neves - Fall River  
Danielle Proulx - Fall River  
Luis Rebello - Fall River  
Adam Rodrigues - Fall River  
Scott Souza - Fall River

National Honor Society students ran a "Clothe-a-Child" program sponsored by the Salvation Army. Members were able to provide sponsors for a total of 25 children. Children were given coats or a new outfit. Honor Society students shopped, wrapped, and delivered the presents to the Salvation Army.

In the spring, Honor Society members participated in the Cancer Society's Daffodil Days program and were able to donate over \$600 to the Cancer Society.

The goal for next year is to provide further opportunities for the Honor Society to expand its efforts to benefit both the school and community.

### Key Club

The Key Club, under the direction of Suzanne Thibert worked closely with the Kiwanis Club of Fall River.

Diman Key Club donated twenty-five Christmas food baskets to needy families in our area. Baskets were delivered by Key Club and Kiwanis Club members.

Key Club members helped the Kiwanis Club in its Third Annual Bicycle Safety Field Day held at the Highland School in Fall River.

The Key Club donated 25 personal hygiene packages to the Rose Hawthorne Cancer Home in Fall River.

### Co-op Program

The 1995-96 Co-operative (Co-op) Education Program mandated under the "School to Work Opportunities Act in Massachusetts" offering skill training for Diman seniors in a real world work-based setting to help meet industry standards is an ongoing initiative.

Co-op is a structured work experience with a step-by-step training plan matching each student's skills and competencies to the needs of this past year's fifty-six participating employers.

A total of 108 seniors met the academic/technical eligibility requirements to participate on Co-op. During the summer of 1995, thirty-five juniors recommended by their instructors successfully participated on Co-op with companies such as Polaroid, Gillette, Horner Millwork and several smaller employers.

The Co-op program's success is due to a team effort by all staff preparing students for the real world of work.

### Summer Employment

Diman participated in Mayor Edward Lambert's Summer Job Creation Program, which was a success, recruiting businesses to identify private sector jobs for area youth. Jobs that required knowledge in a particular trade area were referred to Diman in order to identify a student with required basic skills.

### Partnerships

During the month of May 1996, the Placement office was asked to help the Northeast New England Director of National Alliance of Businesses and Industry to arrange a panel of business & industry representatives for the purpose of presenting employers' perspective on Workforce Development at a seminar held in Marlboro, MA for training providers from the six state region.

### Trades in High Demand

Diman's labor market which includes all of Southeastern Massachusetts was sluggish during this past year, however, when job developing in the Providence/Warwick, RI area, there was a high demand for trade areas being offered by Diman.

Carpenters, cooks, CAD Drafting with Release 12, printers with A.B.Dick, and machinists with CNC or tool and die were in high demand. Fabricators, welders, auto collision repair, and automotive technicians required specialized training on the job due to introduction of titanium metals, water-based paints and dealership specific advanced automotive technology. One of Fall River's major electrical supply distributors expanded in

the Taunton, Attleboro, and Warwick, RI area hiring several Class of '96 graduates.

Two local companies from Fall River and Seekonk are designing and building electronic motion control systems for various industries who have hired electronics graduates as a result of Co-op participation. These same graduates are working along with engineers performing wiring installation, functional testing, continuity testing using instruments, and performing various related duties.

### Tech Prep

During April 1996, a partnership was established between Diman, BCC and Molten Metals, a global company, to identify students in their junior/senior year who would like to pursue an engineering education.

### End-of-Year Placement

During June, July and August 1996, the Job Placement office continued to assist the graduates who were not on Co-op during the senior year and who are not in college or military bound.

Diman achieved an 86% placement rate with students working in their trade, going on to higher education, entering the military, or working outside of their trade. Fifty percent of the graduates were employment-placed outside the Greater Fall River area.

### Career Awareness Speaker Program

In continued partnership with the Moby Dick Council (BSA), "Learning for Life" Education Program, the Massachusetts Department of Employment and Training (STW) counselor coordinated the scheduling of volunteers from business and industry to speak about diversity in each student's vocational/technical program.

### Open House and Trade Fair

On March 9, 1996, business and industry representatives judged the work of our students during our annual trade fair. More than 2,500 visitors toured the school to view the projects designed, built and in some cases demonstrated by the students. These projects integrated technical, academic and vocational skills.

### Vocational Programs

The 1995-96 school year continued to be a most successful educational achievement year at Diman. Several shops have received new tools and equipment while curriculums continue to be updated or revised. Vocational education, apprenticeships, and cooperative training are programs that are expanding at Diman Regional. We are continuously reviewing and reworking vocational curriculum content so as to meet the ever-changing workforce needs of the communities we service while preparing students to be part of a global workforce.

### VICA (Vocational Industrial Clubs of America)

Diman's VICA organization began in September of 1995. The membership drive reached 137 students by the close of 1995.

In the District competition held at Tri-County Regional Vocational Technical High School, our students began to show their winning ways. Our students, numbering 49, walked away with a total of 25 medals, qualifying them for the Massachusetts Skills USA Championship.

As the Diman team is readied for the State contest, the Leadership students are added and makes up the final number which, together, total 54 students entering a total of 26 events at the Massachusetts Skills/Leadership USA Championships. Our team continued their impressive winning way, capturing a total of 35 medals and sending 19 students on to the National competition.

During the week of June 24 - 29, 1996, students and advisors embarked to Kansas City, Missouri, and joined Team Massachusetts as they strive for the "Gold", at the Skills USA Championships and Leadership Conference. The week was filled with team meetings, opening ceremonies, event briefings along with leadership skill contests.

Team Massachusetts had a most victorious year capturing 15 medals and numerous students finishing in the top 10 percent in the nation.

Diman students came home with silver medals in 'Sheet Metal', and 'Health Occupation Knowledge Bowl' - post-secondary. A bronze medal in 'Collision Repair Technology', the Opening and Closing team finished 5th while Job Skill Demonstration came in sixth. Our welding student finished in the top 15 nationwide.

### School of Practical Nursing

The Board of Registration in Nursing conducted a three-day site visit in March, granting the program continued full approval.

The first part-time evening program began in January of 94. The two-year program concluded in January of 96. Of the original 28 students who were enrolled, seventeen graduated.

Fall River	- 7
Somerset	- 2
Swansea	- 1
Out-of-District	- 14
TOTAL	17

The day, full-time program admitted 53 students; three additional students were readmissions.

Fall River	- 15
Somerset	- 3
Swansea	- 3
Westport	- 0
Out-of-District	- 35
TOTAL	56

The tuition rate was \$4,975. Of the original 56, forty-nine students graduated.

## Financial Aid

Pell Grants awarded	\$39,857
MASS State Scholarship	4,400
Rhode Island State Scholarship	<u>700</u>
TOTAL	\$44,957

Employment opportunities for the 1995 class remained bright with a documented 98% placement including those continuing their education. This class achieved a 98% State Board pass rate. Two students failed initially, with one passing on the second try and the other yet to reschedule testing.

## Athletics

The 1995-96 school year continued to be successful for Diman Regional and its student athletes. Our cross country team finished the season with a 13-0 record and the Mayflower League Championship for the second year. The baseball team finished the season in second place for two years in a row.

Outstanding Athlete of the Year - Chapin Borges, Westport

Most outstanding athletes awards are as follows:

Soccer - Paul Constantino, Fall River  
Boys' Cross Country - Arthur Braga, Fall River  
Girls' Cross Country - Lucrecia Borges, Fall River  
Golf - Brett Codega, Swansea  
Basketball - Michael Pessoa, Fall River  
Baseball - Class of '96 Senior Team Members  
Tennis - Jason Cordeiro, Fall River  
Winter Track - Joao Aguiar, Fall River  
Spring Track - Kevin Ouellette, Fall River  
Ice Hockey - Michael Bergeron, Fall River  
Cheerleading - Sandra DaSilva, Fall River

### Mayflower League All Stars

Cross Country (Girls) - Lucrecia Borges, Fall River  
Cross Country (Boys) - Christopher Hankins, Fall River  
Arthur Braga, Fall River  
Jason Dextraze, Fall River  
Soccer - Jason Cabral, Fall River  
Paul Constantino, Fall River  
Basketball - Joseph Rogers, Fall River  
Baseball - Raymond St. Pierre, Swansea  
Chapin Borges, Westport  
James Carreiro, Fall River  
Golf - Brett Codega, Swansea

### Student Government - Roger Dugal, Advisor

During the past academic year (1995-96), the student government at Diman was busy soliciting the concerns of the student body. The student senators of each shop were charged with the responsibility of reviewing and bringing forward those items of concern of their respective shops. There were very few concerns brought forward and, overall, it seems that the vast majority of students are pleased with the overall operation at Diman.

### Peer Leadership - Thomas Hopkins, Advisor

The peer leadership group included approximately twenty students this year.

Activities that were conducted included assisting with feeding the homeless on both Thanksgiving and Christmas. Both activities were conducted on students' personal, out-of-school time.

Peer leaders were also active with getting information out to their peers about what services the Charlton Memorial Health Van provided.

The peer leadership group finished the year with a roller skating gathering at the New Bedford roller rink.

### Yearbook: - Maureen Pacheco, Advisor

There were two hundred and twenty-nine seniors who received the 1996 ARTISAN. Senior dues of \$60.00 paid for the ARTISAN and includes the purchase of senior caps and gowns.

### Senior Class - Margaret A. Hopkins, Advisor

The Senior Prom Committee of the Class of 1996 consisted of a representative sampling of all shops. Many of the fundraising activities placed the emphasis on "fun".

The Senior Prom was held on Friday evening, June 7, 1996, at the Doubletree Islander at Goat Island in Newport. With an attendance of approximately 250, this was the largest Senior Prom Diman has ever had.

### Junior Class - Lorraine A. Caine, Advisor

The Junior Class activities consisted of two major fundraisers. A Christmas candy and items sale realized a profit of \$6800. An Easter candy sale realized a profit of \$4,000. The Junior Prom was held at the Newport Marriott on May 23, 1996. The Junior Class trip was a Bay Queen Cruise on June 24, 1996. Both events were a tremendous success.

### Sophomore Class - Susan Mullen, Advisor

The Sophomore Class, along with the Freshman Class, held an end-of-the-year dance at Pleasure Island in Swansea.

### Freshman Class - Elizabeth Jonsson

On Friday, February sixteenth, elections were held for class officers.

The April candy sale in the cafeteria helped to deter the cost of the freshman and sophomore dance/picnic held at Pleasure Island in June.

### Evening School

A total of 267 adults participated in our evening school for the 1995-1996 school year. The programs offered were Journeyman Electric Code, Journeyman Plumbing Code, Electrical Code Update, Fireman Second Class, Arc Welding, Basic Heating, Ventilation and Air-Conditioning, Advanced Heating, Ventilation and Air-Conditioning, Surfing the Internet, Building Maintenance, and Electronics.

Twenty-five students took the Fireman Second Class written state examinations sponsored by the State Department of Public Safety. This exam was given at Diman. To date 20 students have passed the state exam.

### Graduation

At our graduation ceremonies 219 diplomas were awarded to members of the Class of 1996. The Honorable Peter Blute, United States Congressman, was the keynote speaker.

### Grants

Diman applied for and received funding for various grants which totaled \$330,827.

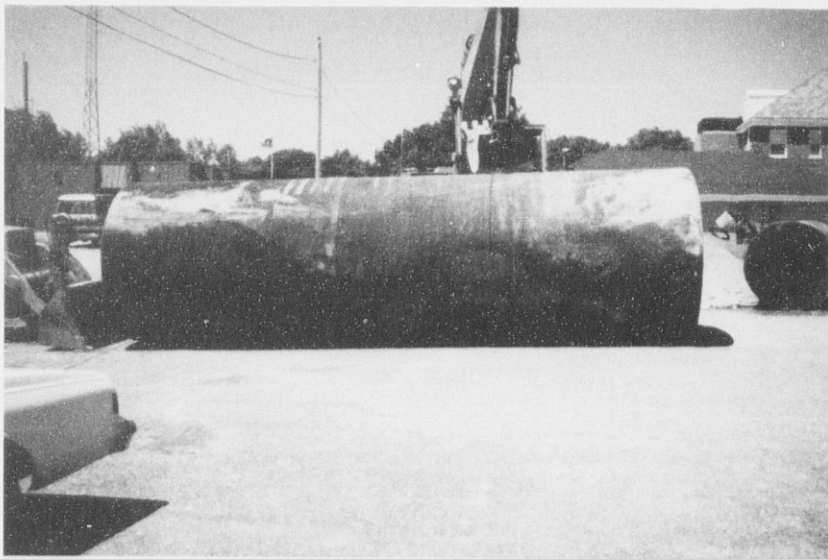
#### The Carl Perkins Grant (\$161,926) Funded:

1. Auto Mechanics: A brake lathe, two lifts, antifreeze recycling unit, A/C recycling unit and assorted tools were purchased to make program improvements.
2. Auto Body: A vacuum sanding system was purchased to control dust which will improve the finish work.
3. Building Maintenance: A drill sharpener was purchased to improve the program.
4. Graphic Arts: A platemaker was purchased to provide the necessary training which will enable our students to acquire the required skills.
5. Metal Fabrication and Welding: A complete exhaust system with make-up air was installed to ensure the proper air quality.
6. Machine Shop: Four 10" engine lathes were purchased to ensure continued quality work stations.

Diman also received grants for:

1. The Special Needs 94-142 Grant (\$70,350) enabled Diman to institute a shop-related tutorial program, purchase the services of two special needs teachers who were needed to provide direct student services, and purchase supplies to upgrade the program.
2. The Elementary and Secondary Education Act Grant (Chapter II - \$8,907) enabled Diman to purchase supplies and upgrade the computer system to improve the library facility.
3. The Drug Free School Grant (\$4,572) purchased supplies and provided presentations which educated the students about drugs and their effects.

4. The Health Protection Grant (\$29,918) provided Diman with a health coordinator, which improved the health behavior of our students.
5. The D. D. Eisenhower, Title II Grant (\$4,562) was utilized to provide training and workshops for our teachers.
6. With grant funds of \$47,090, the salary and benefits of one reading teacher was covered. In addition, books, test material, and supplies were purchased.
7. With the award of \$500, Mr. Edward Gillespie coordinated math and science data for the project. He also attended all required meetings and reported to his colleagues and administration the direction of the PALMS (Mathematics and Science Connections) grant program.
8. The Professional Development Grant (\$3,602) was utilized to develop performance standards for teachers and administrators.



Removal of underground storage tanks at the Police Station.

**GREATER FALL RIVER VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
FISCAL YEAR 1996  
BUDGET**

Foundation Revenue

Chapter 70 Foundation Aid	6,891,507
---------------------------	-----------

Local Receipts

Interest On Investments	30,000
Productivity	22,000
Rental Of Facilities	<u>1,200</u>
<b>Total Local Receipts</b>	<b>53,200</b>

Total Foundation Revenue	6,944,707
--------------------------	-----------

Foundation Operating Expenses

1000	School Committee	254,947
2000	Instruction	5,162,571
3000	Student Related Expenses	190,882
4000	Plant Operations/Maintenance	827,059
5000	Retirement & Insurance	1,294,065
7000	Fixed Assets	<u>270,061</u>
	<b>Total Operating Expenditures</b>	<b>7,896,225</b>

Foundation Community Assessments

Foundation Operating Expenses	7,896,225
Foundation Revenue	<u>6,944,707</u>

Foundation Community Assessments	951,518
----------------------------------	---------

Foundation Enrollment

	Students	Ratio
Fall River -	852	.7774
Somerset -	73	.0666
Swansea -	95	.0867
Westport -	<u>76</u>	<u>.0693</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,096</b>	<b>1.000</b>

Transportation

	Chapter 71 Transportation Aid	\$ 210,350
	Transportation Expenses	
3000	Student Related Expenses	300,500

Transportation Community Assessments

Transportation Expenses	300,500
Chapter 71 Transportation Aid	<u>210,350</u>
Regional Transportation Assessment	\$ 90,150

	<u>Ratio</u>	x	<u>Regional</u> <u>Assessment</u>	=	<u>Community</u> <u>Assessment</u>
FALL RIVER	(.7774)	x	\$ 90,150		\$ 70,083
SOMERSET	(.0666)	x	90,150		6,004
SWANSEA	(.0867)	x	90,150		7,816
WESTPORT	(.0693)	x	90,150		<u>6,247</u>
Regional Transportation Assessments					\$ 90,500

Community Assessments

	<u>Foundation</u>	<u>Transportation</u>	<u>Total</u>
FALL RIVER	\$ 677,404	\$ 70,083	\$ 747,487
SOMERSET	33,725	6,004	39,729
SWANSEA	186,081	7,816	193,897
WESTPORT	<u>54,308</u>	<u>6,247</u>	<u>60,555</u>
Total	\$ 951,518	\$ 90,150	\$1,041,668

## PERSONNEL BY DEPARTMENTS

### Administration

Dennis Abdow, Occupational Coordinator  
Brian Bentley, Dean of Students  
Dennis Duval, Director of Guidance  
Deborah Kenney, District Treasurer  
George Letendre, Academic/Post-Secondary Coordinator  
Joseph Martins, Superintendent-Director  
Michael Muscarella, Special Needs Coordinator  
Rogerio Ramos, Assistant Superintendent-Director/Principal

### Auto Body

Clifford Ashton  
Serafin Cabral  
Ronald Duclos  
Louis Tabicas

### Auto Mechanics

John Chicharro  
Stephen Cloutier  
Roland Levesque  
John Miranda  
Raymond Phenix

### Building Maintenance

Edmond Bichel  
Steven Camara  
Armand Larginha  
Theodore Lopes

### Culinary Arts

Paul Bertocini  
Jeffrey Coulombe  
Edward Kerr  
Roger Salpietro  
David Viveros

### Drafting

David Belliveau  
John Cantwell  
William Pavao  
Edward Skelly

### Machine Shop

Robert Avilla  
Martin Bernat  
Steven Blanchette

### Electricity

Armand Duquette  
Rene Martel  
Daniel Pacheco

### Electronics

Alvaro Depaco  
Ronald Guay  
Kenneth Rapoza

### Graphic Arts

Bernard Comueau  
Joseph Sousa  
Paul Viveiros

### Health Careers

Maureen Cain  
Patricia Daley  
Karen Oliveira  
Theresa Silvia  
Kathleen St. Martin

### House & Mill Carpentry

Gerald Barboza  
Robert Ciosek  
Stephen Marciszyn

Douglas Marsden  
Ronald Silvia

### HVAC

Edward Costa  
Frederick Brown

### Special Education

Susan DeJesus  
Donna Klamkin

Michael Oliveira  
Michael Valerio

General Shop

James Pereira

Metal Fabrication & Welding

Edward Carreiro  
Douglas Garcia  
Stephen Russell  
Richard Vickrey

Painting & Decorating

Jeanne Schwamb  
Joni Souza

Plumbing

George Flanagan  
Kenneth Pacheco  
Warren Rodgers

Practical Nurse

Stephen Alves  
Carol Legault  
Barbara Pitera  
Marguerite Sheahan  
Joan Waring

Guidance

Barbara Bernard  
Susan Dumais  
Abilio Fernandes  
Charles Howayek  
Frances Mitchell (Nurse)

Aides

Richard Cournoyer - Computer Lab  
Deborah Dore - Guidance  
Joy Frain - Nurse's Office  
M. Elizabeth Primo - Tea Room  
Donald Rogers - Housebuilding

Reading

Betty Ilowitz  
Elizabeth Jonsson

Cafeteria

Geraldine Arruda  
Janice Brown  
Rachel Cabral

Mendeth Lemont  
James Killavey  
John Pacheco  
Suzanne Thibert

Physical Education

Keith Allan  
James Ashley  
Michelle Letendre

English

Paul Brodeur  
Goretti Balch  
Lorraine Caine  
Margaret Hopkins  
Raymond Keough  
Maureen Morin  
Susan Sayre  
Edward Szynal

Mathematics

Edward Gillespie  
Peter Goj  
Charles McPhillips  
Susan Mullen  
Susan Oliveira  
Robert Oliveira

Science

Kevin Bimmler  
Leonard Freeman  
Thomas Hopkins  
Francis Kuthan  
Judith Michel  
John Maurer

Social Studies

Pamela Arruda  
Thomas Aubin  
Roger Dugal  
Albert Medeiros  
John Mullaly  
Michael Welch

Media Center

Katherine Caramos  
Georgene Drewniak

Permanent Substitutes

Thomas Caduto

Jeanne Martel  
Lucille Mendoza

Clerical

Amy Beth Arruda  
Judith Ayilla  
Rosemary Blanchette  
Mary Lacroix  
Kathleen Laprise  
Colette O'Halloran  
Jean Pappas  
Mariana Rodrigues  
Debbie Siveira  
Christine Silvia

Ronald Dufault  
David Gauvin  
Arthur Harrois  
David Kenney  
Joseph Pitera

Custodial

Fernando Andrade  
Clifford Ford (PT)  
Robert Grimes  
Michael Lacroix  
Henri Levesque  
John Pereira  
Thomas Ridge  
Donald Talgo  
Armand Watts

Support Staff

Henry Champagne, Job Placement Coordinator  
Glenn Benevides, Supervisor of Building and Grounds  
L. Gordon Pratt, Evening School Director  
Melissa Baron-Cyr, Health Protection Coordinator  
Edmund Silva, Central Receiving Coordinator  
Helen Whipple, Secretary to Superintendent Director and  
Regional School District Committee



Selectman George T. Leach, Jr. and T.J.

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE HARBORMASTER

The 1996 boating season was very busy and hectic with the Harbormaster Dept. Responding to over (100) Request for help using (2) vessels from March 1, 1996 thru November 30, 1996. Mobil boat pumpouts using (2) vessels exceeded (4,7000) gallons. The hurricane scare caused many people to pull there boats out the water early and the weather overall was not very good for the summer season.

The State Boat Ramp was busy through September 7th and then was closed for major overhaul. It is hoped that it will be reopen for the May 30th Memorial Day weekend. With engineering costs included this project could cost the state close to \$400,000.

Jet skiers were more numerous than ever and the harbor advisory committee is working on new regulations to govern their activity.

We were very lucky that the hurricanes just grazed us with a few boats flipped over and only minor damage.

Vandalism and theft on the river was below 1994 levels and for the most part things went pretty smoothly. Mooring and dock fees remained at \$1.25 per/foot. Fees for the State Boat Ramp were cut in half to \$12.50 for the season because of the renovation at that facility.

Revenues collected during the 1996 boating season were as follows:

Slip and mooring fees (approx 1200)	\$ 31,700.00
Daily mooring rentals	356.00
Seasonal mooring rentals	1,950.00
State Boat Ramp (daily gate)	4,711.00
State Boat Ramp (Town clerk seasonal)	<u>2,050.00</u>
Total	\$ 40,767.00

Boat excise taxes collected (to municipal waterways fund)	
and to general fund (approx.)	\$ 39,000.00

Total paid by boaters in 1996	\$ 79,767.00
-------------------------------	--------------

I would like to thank my dedicated assistants Roger Reed, Jonathon Paul, John Bevis, James Perry and Gary Tripp for a job well done in 1996. Special thanks go out to Kitty Benoit in Accounting, Sharon Potter, Delores Grillo, Sharon Martori and Carol Bird in the Assessors office and the people in the Treasurer's office, Tax Collector's office and Town Clerk's office, as these people are a great help to the Harbormaster Department.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Earle  
Harbormaster

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Major activities of the Westport Historical Commission during 1996 were as follows:

### Regular

Geraldine Millham	6/30/98
Lincoln Tripp	6/30/98
Barbara Koenitzer	6/30/97
William Underwood, Jr.	6/30/97
Christopher Wise	6/30/99
Jacqueline Hill	6/30/99
Virginia Edgcomb	6/30/99

### Alternates

Eleanor Jerome	6/30/98
Richard Wertz	6/30/99
Charles Nelson, Jr.	6/30/97
Barbara Wood	6/30/97
Leonard Silvia	6/30/99
Suzanne Lentini	6/30/99
Eleanor S. Tripp (Honorary)	

The Commission conducted 5 public hearings for projects in the Westport Point Historic District. These projects were all approved, including those for the Westport Mariners' and George Leach Memorials.

The Commission advised the Town regarding appropriate designs for the Hazel Tripp Senior Center and the handicapped access project at Town Hall.

Work on the restoration of the Point Cemetery gates is underway.

The oral history collection of tapes was transcribed and is being expanded.

The Commission revised and updated its architectural guidelines pamphlet (available at Town Hall) and published new editions of several local histories.

Respectfully submitted,

William J. Underwood, Chairman

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE WESTPORT HOUSING AUTHORITY

The Westport Housing Authority is a public agency operated by a Board of Commissioners composed of five members, four elected and the fifth appointed by the Governor through the Secretary of the Office of Communities and Development (EOCD) of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

### A Message From The Authority

The members of the Westport Housing Authority would like to commend its staff for an exemplary job in keeping Greenwood Terrace running smoothly. The complex is a fine addition to our community and serves a specific segment of the population. The age requirement has been lowered from 62 to 60 years of age. The handicap individuals can be of any age. On August 9, 1996, the Department of Housing and Community Development implemented 760 CMR 5.00 which removed the asset limit.

The Board of Commissioners hold their regular meetings on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

### Board Members

John Marques, Chairman  
Patricia Pariseau, Vice Chairman

George Yeomans, Treasurer  
Richard Vohnoutka  
Kevin Hill

### Staff

Sandra Keighley, Executive Director  
Helen Beaulieu, Administrative Assistant  
Gerard R Lebeau, Maintenance

### Eligibility Requirements

- 1 You must be 60 years or older and/or handicapped.
- 2 Your income cannot exceed \$25,400 for one person and \$29,050 for two persons.
- 3 There is no asset limit.

Greenwood terrace is a seven-building, 48-unit complex; each unit consists of two rooms and bath, one room is a bedroom and the other is a combination of kitchen/living room.

Respectfully submitted,

John Marques, Chairman  
WESTPORT HOUSING AUTHORITY

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE LANDING COMMISSION

### TREASURER

I hereby submit my annual report as Treasurer, December 31, 1996

Balance January 1, 1996	\$ 19,331.89
Received from Leases	2,400.00
Interest Received on Deposits	<u>909.80</u>
TOTAL	\$ 22,641.69
Expenditures 1996	1,946.58
Balance December 31, 1996	\$ 20,695.11

Respectfully submitted,

George E. Foster  
Treasurer

### LANDING COMMISSION

This year two new members, Chris Gillespie and Ken Manchester, were elected to the Board. They replaced George Hancock Jr. and Joe Bothelo, both who chose to not seek re-election. Joe has served many of the last twenty years as a commissioner. His dedication to the town is noted and appreciated. George had served on the Board for two years with the last year as Chairman. With his departure Carl Tripp was voted in as the new Chairman.

All landings continue to be maintained with extra attention to the Head Landing. Erosion from tides overflowing the wall continually create holes which need to be filled with crushed stone. New trash barrels have been placed at all regularly-used landings for public use.

In April a bit of fun and games at the Head was brought on by a duck derby, an event sponsored by the Apponequet High School as a fund raiser.

Also at the Head Landing, River Day festivities sponsored by the Westport River Watershed Alliance was held in June. This annual event continues to grow and be a celebrated day for the townspeople. On this day the Hix Bridge Landing is also utilized for the canoe race which begins there on the river and ends at the Head.

This year Boy Scout Nick Kiefer, in earning his Eagle Scout badge, chose to improve various town landings as his community project. At the Head, with the help of family and friends and Commissioners Anne Baker and Carl Tripp, there was a clean up both in and out of the river. To repair further damage caused by erosion, holes were filled with crushed stone donated by Westport Stone and Sand Co. and rosa ragosa plants donated by Sylvan Nursery were planted to help curb future erosion.

At the Adamsville Landing there was a extensive trash pick up since this landing in particular had years' worth of litter accumulation.

As the year ended, Nick was in the process of helping to design signs to be made by local sign maker John Fielding. These signs will be seen some time in the spring.

Respectfully submitted,

Carl Tripp, Chairman  
Anne Baker  
Chris Gillespie  
Kenneth Manchester  
Landing Commissioners



"River Day"

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE LEGAL DEPARTMENT

This is my first report as Town Counsel, since my appointment became effective July 1, 1995

By way of background, I have been annually appointed as Middleboro Town Counsel since 1967 and also represent the Marion Board of Assessors, the Wareham School Committee and the Onset Water Department. Since 1967 I have been an active member of the City Solicitors and Town Counsel Association of Massachusetts

The following is my report.

### Litigation from July 1, 1995 to the Present

Garant v. Westport Zoning Board of Appeals et als. This is an appeal from a decision of the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Gary Costa d/b/a v. Ken Sullivan v. Town of Westport. The Town is merely a stakeholder in this case. No financial impact is expected on the Town.

Herbert and Elaine Stevens v. Town of Westport. Legal action was filed and the case has been settled.

Vincent Pisacane and others v. Town of Westport and others. This matter is being handled by the Town's insurer.

The Town of Westport v. Jose Almeida and Anabel Almeida. The Town's court complaint alleges violations of the Wetlands Protection Act.

Town of Westport v. Nelson Lievesley. The Town's court complaint alleges violations of the Wetlands Protection Act.

Joseph P. Franco v. Town of Westport. This case, pending in Taunton Superior Court, seeks a court determination that Cahoon Lane is a "way" under the subdivision control laws.

Gilbert Picard v. Town of Westport. This case, pending in Bristol Superior Court, is being handled by the Town's insurance counsel.

Taradash v. Town of Westport et al. This litigation is being handled by the Town's insurer.

### Claims and Proceedings Not in Litigation

East Beach Appeal. DEP #92-008. This is a wetlands appeal from DEP's superseding order of conditions.

Town Landfill. This is a claim, by an abutter to the Town landfill, alleging contamination of private property. A tentative settlement has been reached.

Claim of Norman DeMello. He seeks damages for an alleged unlawful arrest.

Claim of Westport Police Department for damages to two police cruisers. The insurer originally rejected any payment. The matter was pursued with the insurer, which has now agreed to pay all damages.

#### Advice and Legal Documents

Numerous advisory opinions were rendered throughout the year to various Town officials and boards relating to a wide variety of issues and subjects. Frequent and on-going attention was given to reviewing and drafting numerous contract documents and agreements (including the construction contract for the Westport Senior Center). Proposed zoning changes were extensively reviewed. Town Meeting articles, in general, were reviewed. We prepared a checklist for road layout and taking procedures, to facilitate future takings. The road layout for Zulmiro Drive was done in accordance with the procedures recommended by the Law Department. Town Counsel has represented the Town at all Town meetings and has appeared before the Board of Selectmen from time to time, as needed. Meetings with Town Counsel have been held at the Town Hall for the purpose of giving legal advice to Town officials in person. The Law Department has had extensive dealings with the Board of Health, the Building Inspector, the Planning Board, the Board of Appeals, the Highway Surveyor, the School Department, the Tax Collector, the Town Clerk, the Treasurer and other Town agencies.

The transition resulting from my appointment as Town Counsel has been successfully completed. A good working relationship exists between the Law Department and the Board of Selectmen, the Administrative Assistant to the Selectmen and all other Town departments. The Law Department provides the services of three attorneys in the law firm of Decas, Murray & Decas, including myself as Town Counsel and Attorneys Daniel F. Murray and William C. Decas.

The law Department appreciates the opportunity to serve the Town of Westport.

Respectfully submitted,

George C. Decas  
Westport Town Counsel

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE WESTPORT FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Frances Kirkaldy  
Margaret Panos  
Rhoda Sheehan

Ruth Manchester  
Annamarie Towne  
Mary Medeiros

### Staff

Library Director  
Assistant Library Director  
Library Clerk  
Library Clerk  
Custodian

Anita Baron  
Susan Branco  
Gayle Boudria  
Jane Young  
Jeffrey Costa

There were no changes in either the Board of Trustees or the staff of the library during the past year.

We are extremely pleased to report that the town was able to fund the installation of new carpeting in the main body of the library. It was necessary to close the library to the public for a week during the installation and we are sorry for any inconvenience this may have caused our patrons. Every book had to be removed and stored and the shelves moved to one side before work could begin. And then the shelves had to be restocked. That this was accomplished in 5 days seems to us a minor miracle. Everyone is invited to come by and see how nice it looks--and while you're there, why not check out a book or two.

Once the carpet was in place the book shelves in the children's section were slightly rearranged to accommodate extra shelves to alleviate some serious overcrowding.

As usual, the children's programs were our most popular offering. Pre-school storytime for the 3 to 5 year olds was held throughout the year, with the July and August session being a special pajama storytime. Afterschool programs consisted of 7 sessions throughout the year for ages 6 to 12. The summer reading program was held in July and August for ages 3-12, which includes the already mentioned pajama storytime.

Very special events were held on Friday evening April 26th and Thursday morning July 26th. The April program, which was sponsored by the Friends of the Library, featured the children's author Janet Taylor Lisle who writes fantasy for children in grades 3 through 6. This was well-attended, with 91 children and 37 adults present.

In July, the program consisted of Dan Butterworth and his Marionettes, sponsored by the Westport Arts Council. This was extremely well-attended by 200 people of all ages.

The Friends of the Library sponsored two evening programs for adults. In September Susan Branco, our Assistant Library Director, presented slides taken during the time she lived and worked in Australia. And in November Carmen Maiocco spoke at the annual meeting sharing his first-hand knowledge on how to go about writing a book.

Respectfully submitted,  
Frances Kirkaldy, Chairman

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MODERATOR

I respectfully submit my 1996 Annual report as Moderator of the Town of Westport.

During the year, I presided at all Town Meetings, attended the Annual Meeting of the Massachusetts Moderators' Association, and made appointments and reappointments to the Finance Committee.

### Town Meetings

During the year, the Town held two Town Meetings, the Annual of May 21st and the Special of May 21st.

### Massachusetts Moderators' Association

Once again in November, I attended the annual meeting of the Association held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Natick, Massachusetts. Program highlights were the annual panel workshop style discussions on town meeting practice, a panel discussion on proposals to modify the town meeting process, followed by the annual business meeting.

### Finance Committee

During the year, I acted on the following, regarding the Finance Committee.

I reappointed for three years, term expires June 30, 1999, Mr. Joseph J. Ciosek of Christopher Circle, Mrs. Virginia I. Graham of Osborn Street and Mrs. Angelina Souza of Pine Hill Road.

## FINANCE COMMITTEE

AS OF  
DECEMBER 31, 1996

### MEMBERS

Veronica F. Beaulieu (Vice-Chairman)  
Richard E. Huczek  
Gary E. Mauk (Chairman)  
John J. Baughan  
George Costa  
Robert N. McCarthy  
Joseph J. Ciosek  
Virginia I. Graham  
Angelina Souza

### TERM EXPIRES

1997  
1997  
1997  
1998  
1998  
1998  
1999  
1999  
1999

Respectfully submitted,

Brad C. Brightman  
Moderator

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PERSONNEL BOARD

The Westport Personnel Board hereby submits its report for the year ending December 31, 1996.

During the course of the year the Board held regular meetings on the third Wednesday of the month.

Several job descriptions were reviewed, including an updated job description for the Police Chief.

In addition, the Board has been involved in the process of upgrading the Wage and Classification Plan for several Town employees. Board members will be trained to maintain the plan once it is completed by the consultant (MMA Consulting Group, Inc.).

Ann Chandanais served as Chairman and Richard Huczek was elected Vice-Chairman. Jim Coyne has been serving as Clerk. The Board has submitted an Annual Town Meeting article requesting approval of a part-time clerk.

Present Board members include Ann Chandanais, Richard Huczek (Finance Committee Representative), James W. Coyne, Marlene Pelletier and Richard Vohnoutka. The Board wishes to thank Peter Fradley who did not wish reappointment this year and Angie Souza of the Finance Committee who substituted for Dick Huczek when he was unable to attend meetings.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Chandanais, Chairman

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

The Westport Planning Board was organized for the 1996 year as follows:

Timothy Gillespie, Chairman	Term expires 1997
John S. Penney, Jr., Clerk	Term expires 1999
John Montano	Term expires 1996
William Russell	Term expires 1998
Steven Tripp	Term Expires 2000
David D. Wallace	*

\*David D. Wallace filled the vacancy created when Steven Tripp resigned and was elected Selectman in the Spring of 1996.

The Board meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at 7:00 p.m. in their new office in the Town Hall Annex, where we relocated in December of 1996.

During the past year, the Board held 26 meetings. The Board held 9 public hearings to consider the following: 2 to consider amendments to the zoning by-laws; 1 to consider amendments to the Zoning By-Laws; 1 to consider changes to the Rules and Regulations; and 7 to consider proposed subdivisions. Six of the proposed subdivisions were approved creating a total of 102 new lots, one subdivision proposing 4 new lots will be acted upon in 1997. In addition, one subdivision submitted in 1995 was approved in 1996 creating 15 new lots.

Two applications for preliminary subdivisions were received, one which proposed to create 5 new lots was disapproved and the other, creating 50 new lots, was approved and evolved into a definitive plan referenced above.

The Board received 27 plans for division of land where subdivision approval was not required. These plans created a total of 110 lots.

In addition to business as usual, the Planning Board has been busy trying to pursue strategies that will help manage the increasing development pressure on the Town.

We are continuing with the complete overhaul of our Rules and Regulations. Our expected completion date keeps being pushed further into the future due to new developments in Town strategies and new opportunities that suggest changes. Some changes have been adopted, but the complete package will not be done until after the Annual Town Meeting in 1997.

At the 1996 Annual Town Meeting, we presented a new version of the Flexible Residential Development zoning amendment, as well as articles to address minimum lot width, contiguous upland requirements and the elimination of the one remaining unrestricted zone in Town. All articles failed to gain a two thirds vote at a sparsely attended Town Meeting. This was discouraging to members of the Board, given the extensive hours spent in preparing these proposals.

The Planning Board and the Conservation Commission applied together for a grant from the Buzzards Bay Project to acquire GIS (Global Information Systems) mapping capability in Westport. We were awarded a total of \$18,000 to acquire hardware and software for this project as well as to hire a mapping consultant to digitize the Assessor's maps for the entire Town, complete with wetland overlays. The initial phase of the project

will be complete by the end of June, 1997. Having this mapping database available to us will be an invaluable tool in planning and managing the growth of the Town. The second phase of the project will involve training a GIS technician in the Town who can keep the maps updated. It is the Planning Board's hope that this new technology will lead to community mapping projects including kids from the Town's schools. Such projects will not only enhance the usefulness of the mapping system to the Town, but will also help instill a sense of ownership and investment in our young people.

Increased development pressure prompted the Planning Board to call a meeting of Town leaders to consider the formation of a special committee dedicated to addressing the immediate fiscal and civic impacts of large scale development. The Board of Selectmen formed a new committee, called the Strategic Growth Committee, made up of almost thirty Town leaders and members-at-large. This committee is exploring strategies to help the Town in coping with development and discovering ways to help preserve open space.

1996 was also the year that the Planning Board had to bid farewell to its Principal Clerk, Cynthia Dubois, who resigned due to her need to find full-time employment. Cindy had been with the Planning Board since March of 1973. Her knowledge of the job and the ease with which she conducted our business made it easy for the Planning Board members to attend to the business of the Board without having to worry about the details. Cindy has been and will continue to be missed by those who worked with her. She was much more than an employee of the Town. She was mother hen and chief administrator of the Planning Board for 23 years. We wish her luck and success with her future endeavors.

We were very fortunate to find a replacement for Cindy in the person of Cindy Keene. Cindy was selected from almost thirty applicants and she has shown skill and resourcefulness in filling a very difficult job with little help from the members of the Planning Board. It has been virtually a seamless transition, and after relocating to a real office in the Town Hall Annex, the Planning Board now runs with more efficiency than ever and we actually have real business hours. We're open three days a week and we even have a telephone. None of these luxuries were available to Cindy Dubois, who ran much of the Planning Board business from her home. We anticipate in the future increasing the clerk's hours to full-time and continuing the improvement of the way we do business.

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy Gillespie, Chairman  
WESTPORT PLANNING BOARD

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

I hereby submit the following as the report of the Westport Police Department for the year ending December 31, 1996.

### ORGANIZATION

#### Chief of Police

Charles A. Pierce

#### Lieutenants

William C. White  
Joseph E. Carvalho

#### Sergeants

John R. Gifford  
Stephen D. Kovar Jr.

Paul E. Holden  
Pauline Q. Field

#### Regular Police Officers

Mario J. Lewis, Chief Detective  
Michael R. Roussel, Detective  
Reginald Deschenes  
Michael S. Perry  
Michael D. O'Connor  
John J. Bell  
Marshall Ronco, Detective  
Donald J. Fredenck  
Gary M. Foley

David Simcoe  
David M. Morrisette  
Douglas J. Britland  
John P. Couto  
Thomas R. Plourde  
Richard Rodrigues  
Jeffrey F. Majewski  
Keith A. Pelletier

#### Reserve Police Officers

Mario DaCunha  
Steven J. Ouellette  
Raymond J. Araujo  
Douglas P. Orr  
Francois A. Napert III  
Brian D. Souza  
David B. Arruda  
Darrin M. Blais  
Andrew P. Wheaton

Robert J. Goulet (Resigned)  
Michael D. Silvia  
Keith J. Novo  
Gary L. Cambra  
Antonio J. Cestodio  
Fernando P. Pontes  
Mark C. Rosinha  
Daniel R. Sullivan

#### Reserve Trainees

Scott W. Arrington  
David E. Bellavance  
Richard M. Greaves  
Nia D. Ketchen

Kimberly J. Neronha  
Jason W. Perry (Resigned)  
Robert E. Thatcher  
Justin P. Tripp

#### E-911 Dispatchers

Susan Amann  
Darrin Blais

Marianna Butler  
Michael Silvia

#### Secretary/Dispatcher

Nancy Braga

Following is a summary of the number and nature of arrests and summons in 1996.

Motor Vehicle Offenses	Male	Female	Juvenile
Speeding	239	67	8
Racing	1	1	
Operating to Endanger	72	9	1
Operating Under Influence of Liquor	51	6	
Operating Under Influence of Controlled Substance		1	
Operating Without License	9		1
Operating After Suspension	37	6	
Operating With Revoked Registration	5	1	
Operating After Revocation	14		
Operating After Revocation Due to OUI	5		
Unregistered Motor Vehicle	24	4	
Uninsured Motor Vehicle	8	2	
Illegally Attaching Plates	3	2	
Operating Without License in Possession	7	3	
Operating Without Registration in Possession	1	2	
Defective Equipment	10	1	
No Valid Inspection Sticker	39	20	
Altered Inspection Sticker	1		
Unauthorized Use of Motor Vehicle	3		1
Reckless Operation	1		
Illegal Use of Breakdown Lane	4	1	
Failure to Keep in Marked Lanes	25	5	
Weaving Between Lanes	2		
Failure to Keep to Right	3		
Improper Passing	6	1	
Passing on Right	1		
Failure to Yield to Oncoming Vehicle	1		
Allowing Improper Person to Operate	1	2	
Allowing Operation of Unregistered Vehicle	1		
Towing Unregistered Vehicle	1		
Failure to Yield to Emergency Vehicle	1		
Failure to Yield to Right of Way	1		
Failure to Use Care in Turning	4		
Failure to Use Care in Start/Stop/Backing	6	1	1
Failure to Use Care in Passing	5		
Failure to Use Care Entering Intersection	3	1	
Illegal U-Turn	3		
Following Too Closely	1		1
Operating MV w/ Open Alcoholic Beverage Container	3		
Operating in Violation of License Restriction	1		
Loud/Harsh/Unnecessary Noise	16		1
Refusing to Stop for Police Officer	10		
Impeded Operation	1		
Operating Over Channelized Island	2		
Too Little Tire Tread	2		
Violation of DPW Rules and Regulations	1		
Failure to Use Proper Turn Signal	1	1	
Leave Accident Scene/ Property Damage	9	2	
Leave Accident Scene/ Personal Injury	1		

Motor Vehicle Offenses	Male	Female	Juvenile
Failure to Stop for Red Light	16	4	
Failure to Stop for Stop Sign	5	1	
Failure to Stop for School Bus	1		2
Failure to Report Change of Address	1		
Failure to Report Accident	2		
Fail Properly Display Registration Stickers	1		
Operating Recreational Vehicle on Public Way	3		1
Operating Unregistered Recreational Vehicle	3		1
Operating Recreational Vehicle to Endanger	1		
Operating Recreational Vehicle 11PM-6AM	1		
Refusing to Produce License and Registration	1		
Failure to Dim Headlights	1		
Operating w/ Tinted Windows	1	2	
Total Motor Vehicle Offenses	683	146	18

Criminal Offenses	Male	Female	Juvenile
Murder	1		
Threats to Murder	1		
Threats to do Bodily Harm	5	1	1
Assault	1		
Assault With Dangerous Weapon	6		2
Assault With Intent to Commit Rape	2		
Assault & Battery	20	1	6
Assault & Battery on Police Officer	5		
Assault & Battery With Dangerous Weapon	15	1	2
Assault & Battery to Collect Loan	1		
Domestic Assault & Battery	17	3	1
Violation of Family Protection Order	20	1	
Indecent Assault & Battery on Child Under 14	3		1
Indecent Assault & Battery on Child Over 14	2		1
Rape of a Child	2		
Armed Robbery While Masked	2		
Breaking & Entering Daytime	11		5
Breaking & Entering Daytime Intent Larceny	2		1
Breaking & Entering Nighttime	14	2	3
Breaking & Entering N/time Intent Misdemeanor	4		
Breaking & Entering into Motor Vehicle	1		
Burglary /Assault in Dwelling	5		
Possession of Burglariou Tools	5		1
Unlawful Possession of Dangerous Weapon	1		
Possession of Fireworks	1		
Larceny of Leased or Rented Property	18	11	
Attempted Larceny of Motor Vehicle	3		
Larceny of Motor Vehicle	2		
Larceny Less Than \$250	10		2
Larceny Over \$250 From Person	1		
Attempted Larceny Over \$250	1		
Larceny Over \$250	18	2	5
Larceny of From a Building	2		

Criminal Offenses	Male	Female	Juvenile
Unlawful Possession of Firearm/Ammunition	1		
Unlawful Possession of Mace w/o FID Card	2		
Receiving Stolen Property	5		1
Possession of Stolen Motor Vehicle	2		1
Larceny Less Than \$250 by Check	22	4	
Larceny Over \$250 by Check	4	2	
Uttering	26	7	
Forgery	3	1	
Unlawful Possession Class A Substance	3		
Unlawful Possession Class D Substance	22		2
Traffic in Class A Substance	3		
Traffic in Class B Substance	1		
Unlawful Possession Class D in School Zone	3		1
Unlawful Possession Class A Distribute School Zone	3		
Conspiracy to Violate Controlled Substance Act	4		1
Unlawful Possession Hypodermic Instrument	3		
Unlawful Poss Class B Substance w/Intent Distribute	5		
Unlawful Poss Class D Substance w/Intent Distribute	11		2
Minor in Possession of Liquor	17	2	5
Malicious/Wanton Injury to Personal Property	90	40	5
Malicious/Wanton Injury to Real Property	31	2	9
Willful Injury to Grass	2		
Trespassing	12		
Trespass by Motor Vehicle	1		
Disorderly Person	8	1	
Disturbing the Peace	5		
Resisting Arrest	3	1	
Interfering With Police Officer	7		
Giving False Name to Police Officer	7		
Threatening/Annoying Phone Calls	2		
CHINS (Delinquent Juvenile)			3
Contributing to the Delinquency of Minor	1		
False Report of Crime	1		
False Report of Fire	1		
By-Law Violation - Operating Bus W/O License	1		
Total Criminal Offenses	505	84	62
Protective Custody	25	2	0
Total Of All Arrests And Offenses	1213	232	80

Firearm Identification Cards Issued .....	134
License to Carry Firearms Issued .....	167
Summons Issued .....	273
Warrants Issued .....	30
Juvenile Summons Issued .....	11
209-A Orders Issued .....	43
Fatal Accidents .....	3

Drownings .....	0
Accidental Deaths .....	3
Suicides .....	0
Funerals Attended .....	8
Homicides .....	1
Auto Accidents Investigated .....	540
Injured in Auto Accidents .....	155
Buildings Found Open .....	1
911 Calls Received .....	1,646
Complaints Investigated .....	7,073
Response to Fire Calls .....	38
Response to Burglar Alarms .....	1,144
Assist Ambulance & Transports to Hospital .....	21
Stolen Motor Vehicles .....	16
Stolen Registration Plates .....	40
Motor Vehicles Recovered .....	16
Motor Vehicle Citations Issued (including warnings) .....	655
Value of Stolen Motor Vehicles Recovered .....	\$ 100,000.00
Value of Stolen Motor Vehicles .....	\$ 103,100.00
Restitution for Fraudulent Checks (handled w/ department) .....	\$ 2,839.26

During the year 1996, the Police Department turned over to the Town Treasurer, or were reimbursed, the following monies:

For Firearms Identification Cards Issued .....	\$ 322.00
For Licenses to Carry Firearms Issued .....	\$ 3,460.00
For Licenses to Sell Firearms/Ammunition/Gunsmith .....	\$ 23.00
For Entertainment and Amusement Licenses/All Alcoholic Licenses/Beer and Wine Permits .....	\$ 340.00
For Photostatic Copies of Police Reports .....	\$ 1,843.70
For 5% Administrative Service Charge .....	\$ 3,203.96
For Court Default Fees .....	\$ 800.00
For Fines and Restitution (2nd, 3rd District and Bristol County Juvenile Court) .....	\$ 133,487.00
For Parking Violations .....	\$ 16,945.00
Police Career Incentive (C.41, S.108L) .....	\$ 25,153.00
<b>Total Monies .....</b>	<b>\$ 152,038.31</b>

#### Miles Traveled By Cruisers In 1996

1995 Chev., 4 Dr. Sedan, Car #1 .....	20,450
1995 Chev., 4 Dr. Sedan, Car #2 .....	18,250
1992 Chev., 4 Dr. Sedan, Car #2 (Traded) .....	9,500
1993 Chev., 4 Dr. Sedan, Car #3 .....	21,160
1995 Chev., 4 Dr. Sedan, Car #4 .....	37,090
1995 Chev., 4 Dr. Sedan, Car #5 .....	45,190
1995 Chev., 4 Dr. Sedan, Car #6 .....	22,650

1996 Chev., 4 Dr. Sedan, Car #7 .....	34,150
1993 Chev., 4 Dr. Sedan, Car #7 (Traded).....	12,150
1993 Chev., 4 Dr. Sedan, Car #8 (Traded).....	10,550
1995 Chev., 4 Dr. Sedan, Car #9.....	34,650
1995 Chev., 4 Dr. Sedan, Car #10.....	40,550
1987 Dodge, Mini-van, DARE Van.....	450
1980 Harley Davidson Motorcycle.....	525
TOTAL MILES TRAVELED.....	307,315

The calendar year of 1996 proved to be a transitional period for the Police Department subsequent to the retirement in August of Chief Charles A. Pierce. Chief Pierce had worked for the Department in various capacities for 29+ years thus devoting a great deal of his personal and professional life to the Town of Westport and its citizens. While we are confident that he occasionally may miss his law enforcement career, we are equally sure that he is thoroughly enjoying his spare time playing golf and shellfishing on the river. We wish him many happy years of retirement! In the absence of Chief Pierce and during the consequent search for his replacement, I was appointed by the Board of Selectmen as the Officer-In-Charge of the Department. I remained in that capacity through the end of 1996, supervising during several unforeseen emergencies and maintaining the smooth daily operation of the department. Due to budget restraints, we have been unable to accomplish many of the goals we would like to carry out but have been fortunate enough to obtain a Federal block grant allowing for the purchase of a laser speed gun. A separate grant was also sought and obtained for the acquisition of computer equipment which should prove extremely useful in updating the Department's records and files. As a result of monies appropriated through the Beach Committee, police officers were routinely assigned to patrol the parking areas of the Town beaches. This effort proved successful by not only assuring parking space for our residents but also produced revenues through the ticketing of parking violators. As always, our success is contingent on the cooperation of many other organizations, Town departments and public officials. We thank all of them for their continued support.

Respectfully submitted,

Lieutenant William C. White  
Officer in Charge

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SEALER OF WEIGHTS & MEASURES

The following is my report for the Department of Weights and Measures for the year ending December 31, 1996.

Scales over 10,000 lbs. ....	3
5,000 to 10,000 lbs. ....	0
1,000 to 5,000 lbs. ....	1
100 to 1,000 lbs. ....	17
10 to 100 lbs. ....	50
0 to 10 lbs. ....	2
Gas and Diesel Pumps Sealed .....	60
Apothecary Weights Sealed .....	10

Total Fees Paid To Town Treasurer.....\$1,130.00

Respectfully submitted,

Paul C. Audet  
Sealer of Weights and Measures

### COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS TOWN OF WESTPORT DEPARTMENT OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Be it known to all concerned that in accordance with General Laws of Massachusetts, Chapter 98, Section 41, Public Notice is hereby given to all persons having usual places of business and using a weighing and/or measuring devices (for the purpose of buying and selling goods, wares of merchandise) that between January 1 and December 31, 1997 such devices must be checked and sealed at least once. Such inspection and sealing is controlled by the Board of Selectmen and done at the expense of the person owning or using the weighing or measuring device.

Paul C. Audet  
Sealer of Weights and Measures

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SHELLFISH DEPARTMENT

The following is the Shellfish Department's annual report for the year ending December 1996.

The year ending December 1996 in the Shellfish Department went extremely fast and was relatively successful with the limited funds and the many projects. The Quahog program was able to procure over 1,600,000 seed this year. This was because of a combination of the department's propagation line in the budget and the Shellfish Gift Fund, along with seed given to us from Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution and the Southeast Shellfish Association. The Town expanded its quahog program, by using half of the upweller system that the S.S.A. built at the town dock. Volunteer Diane Baraby, continually cleaned the 14 silos, until the animals were ready to be broadcast into the wild. This project was in addition to the off bottom tray system that we normally use. This is progress concerning the annual goal of 5,000,000 seed quahogs that the department is trying to achieve. The river system can accommodate these numbers easily, it is the acquisition that is difficult. This year again the department and the Shellfish Advisory Committee participated in the Harvest Festival. The proceeds went into the Shellfish Gift Fund, to purchase additional seed for the river. Our profit was low due to the inclement weather the first day and the rain out the second day. The steamer clams and quahogs on the half-shell were the usual hit. The damp and cold summer made it impossible to get fresh native corn as we had in the past so we will try again next year. My sincere thanks to everyone who helped us at this function.

The Scallop crop of '96 will be a memorable one for many, even though it was not that spectacular compared to the record crop in 1985. The price of shucked scallops (at \$9.00 a pound to the commercial fisherman or \$1.00 a pound in the shell) was a very good price. Some fishermen were selling their shell stock to the newly developed market through the Coastal Growers Co-op Association. The dollar amounts reflected from this shellfish specie are wholesale values to the 56 commercial fishermen and retail value to the 120 recreational or family permit holders, which totaled nearly \$250,000. The economical spin off from the resource to the area businesses also is very good for the town.

This scallop crop is a result of the previous summers dry weather and the availability of the spawning stocks. They may have been either natural or introduced through the Shellfish Departments Scallop exchange program, with other towns in the state. That year was the first year that the State Division of Marine Fisheries officially sanctioned these efforts. The scallop exchange program implemented last year will continue again next year. We contain these scallops up river with some of our natural stock to strengthen the gene pool as well as enhance the opportunity for a seed set to stay in the river.

The Water-Works Group, working through the town's propagation permit and under the Shellfish Department also had the Bay Scallop Restoration Project in progress again this year. Their efforts in this field are to be commended, there is a lot to be learned as well as taught for the many school children who have given numerous hours to this project. I hope the study continues with great enthusiasm and understanding of the river and the bay scallops.

The Department relayed oysters again through the Division of Marine Fisheries. They were moved from the closed area at Hix Bridge, to the open area at Gunning Island. We conducted two relays, one in the Spring, moving 500 bushels and one in the Fall, moving an additional 300 bushels. The project effort is to utilize a resource that would not otherwise be allowed. Once the State tests the oysters that were relocated into the clean waters, the public will be allowed to harvest them. The endeavor was possible with the help of my department staff and many volunteers. My projection is to move another amount in the spring, and have the State open the area in the fall of '97. Thanks to everyone who helped with this project.

One of the seminars that I attended this past year, was on exotic species, introduced as a result of ballast

water from ships, from around the world. One of the species is a crab that looks very similar to the green river crab but it has stripes on its legs. This animal called *Hemigrapsus sanguineus*, or Indo-Pacific shore crab, is being studied in the region by a U.M.D. Grad student, Maria-Elena Ledesma in Dr. Nancy O'Conner Marine Biology course. The biggest question I had was, will these be detrimental to the shellfish populations in the area if they diversify and push out other species? There is also a study through U.M.D. and Dr. Sandy Moss in the Marine Science Department, examining the movement of quahogs *mercenaria* in the substrate.

The Shellfish Department will be collecting plankton samples for the Division of Marine Fisheries in Westport. I will be looking for a particular specie of toxic plankton called *Alexandrium* sp. that is commonly called Red Tide. Fortunately Westport has not had any out breaks of this harmful plankton bloom. The State is giving all of the participants in this project a rather nice recording microscope. This will help to identify the plankton.

We were able to work on the required sanitary survey in the East and West branches with the area biologist Greg Sawyer. This survey looks for areas of potential pollution along the river that the Board of Health will follow up on to ensure the safety of the fishery to the public.

There were three oil spills in town this past year that the department responded to, and luckily there was no damage to the river's resources. I wish to thank all of the people who helped with the swift clean-up of these potentially damaging events.

Our department was able to progress into the computer world this year through the magic of the Town Accountant, Kitty Benoit. The 486 computer and printer are a welcome tool for the department's busy schedule. This is another example of departments working together to make town government work smoothly for the people of the town. Thanks also to the Police, Fire and Highway Departments for their help in so many ways again this year. Also a special thanks you, to Ab Palmer and my staff, Robert Pierce, Hank Vaillancourt, and Walter Quinn for their continuous efforts to make this department work as well as it does.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gary Sherman  
Shellfish Constable

The following is the Shellfish Departments Catch Report and statistics of revenue.

#### LICENSES AND PERMITS ISSUED

TYPE	NUMBER ISSUED	FEES COLLECTED
Commercial Scallop	56	\$ 5,600.00
Commercial Shellfish	61	4,575.00
Special Commercial Shellfish	2	30.00
Duplicate	5	10.00
Family Scallop	87	1,305.00
Family Shellfish	559	8,385.00
Non-resident Shellfish	48	3,600.00
Non-Resident Scallop	1	100.00
14 Day Permit	20	500.00
Senior Citizen Shellfish	118	885.00
Senior Citizen Scallop	32	0.00
Dredging	1	150.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>990</b>	<b>\$ 24,990.00</b>

#### ESTIMATED COMMERCIAL SHELLFISH CATCH

SPECIES	HARVEST IN BUSHELS	VALUE
Oyster	17	\$ 850.00
Mussel (Blue & Ribbed)	36	720.00
Quahog (Chowders)	1159	23,782.50
(Little Neck) (Cherrystone)	618	37,699.00
Scallop	3312	165,575.00
Soft-Shell Clams	476	30,080.00
Surf Clams	219	2,190.00
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>6654</b>	<b>\$ 330,957.00</b>

#### ESTIMATED RECREATIONAL SHELLFISH CATCH

SPECIES	HARVEST IN BUSHELS	VALUE
Oyster	7	\$ 560.00
Mussel (Blue & Ribbed)	21	1,286.25
Quahog (Chowders)	436	30,520.00
(Little Neck) (Cherrystone)	472	115,640.00
Scallop	121	84,700.00
Soft-Shell Clams	53	7,618.75
Surf Clams	12	252.00
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>1122</b>	<b>\$ 240,577.00</b>
STATE AID REIMBURSEMENT		\$ 00.00
SHELLFISH VIOLATIONS WRITTEN		\$ 200.00
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>		<b>\$ 616,724.50</b>

NOTE: Value of commercial landing based on retail prices.  
Value of recreational landing based on retail prices.

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

The Town of Westport continued its participation in the Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District during 1996. SRPEDD (pronounced sir-pid) is a locally governed regional agency serving twenty-seven cities and towns in Southeastern Massachusetts. We are funded by federal and state grants and local assessments. For 1996, the Town of Westport paid \$2,077.80 for our services, based on an assessment of 15¢ per capita.

During the past year, the Town of Westport was represented on the SRPEDD Commission by David Dionne and John Penney. The Joint Transportation Planning Group representatives were David Dionne, John Penney and Paul Pereira.

### **Some of SRPEDD'S MORE SIGNIFICANT ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN 1996 WERE:**

- \* Completion and certification of the annual Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) which set regional priorities for federal transportation funds. The TIP sets priorities for \$234 million in federal and state dollars for regional transportation projects over the next 3 years.
- \* SRPEDD completed a Handbook to assist proponents and local officials to develop and promote the aquaculture industry in Southeastern Massachusetts.
- \* SRPEDD worked with the region's cities and towns and the MBTA to assist in the development of plans for commuter rail service to Taunton, Fall River and New Bedford. SRPEDD is continuing to seek a regional consensus on alternative routes, and is assisting the MBTA to evaluate the Attleboro, Stoughton and Middleborough alternatives.
- \* Southeastern Massachusetts joined the Internet with the debut of SRPEDD's web site in August. The site contains data and information about every city and town in the region and can be reached at <http://www.srpedd.org>.
- \* SRPEDD approved \$1,583,559 in grants from our regional transportation allocation for five "enhancement" projects. Included were three bicycle paths (Fairhaven, New Bedford and Swansea), restoration of the ship Ernestina in New Bedford and a regional road runoff inventory project.
- \* A Regional Housing Needs Study was completed that includes: Needs Assessment; Handbook of Resources; Fiscal Impact Analysis; Opportunities for Regional Cooperation; and Survey of Conditions/Social Service Agencies.
- \* An Intermodal Transportation Report was prepared by SRPEDD for the New Bedford Area Chamber of Commerce that addresses and make recommendations for the linkage of the airport, seaport, rail, bus and highway modes of travel and freight transfer.
- \* The SRPEDD Commission approved a Regional Land Use Policy Plan and successfully applied for a grant implementation in 1997. The plan sets forth guidance for optimal use of our most precious resource - our land.
- \* The region's Overall Economic Development Program was completed and certified by the U.S. Economic

Development Administration, making the region eligible for federal economic development grants from EDA.

- \* SRPEDD conducts a district-wide traffic counting program and maintains a computer file of all available traffic count data throughout the region. SRPEDD undertook counts at 85 locations this year.
- \* SRPEDD also compiled computerized accident records for seven communities. This data is used to publish the region's 25 most dangerous intersections and road segments. This information helps with the redesign of the dangerous areas.
- \* SRPEDD worked with the two regional transit authorities, GATRA and SRTA, on issues such as route evaluation, marketing, service to elderly and handicapped persons and overall data compilation and analysis.
- \* SRPEDD continued its affiliation with the South Eastern Economic Development (SEED) Corporation, which makes loans to small businesses for expansion. In 1996 SEED made loans to 118 small businesses in the amount of \$12.6 million. These loans are projected to create 632 new jobs.
- \* SRPEDD operates the Southeastern Massachusetts Data Center, providing information to businesses, cities and towns and individuals.
- \* SRPEDD provided technical assistance to the town of Westport on aquaculture, sighting and legal issues.

SRPEDD also received in 1996 evaluations of **Outstanding** from two federal agencies for planning work done in the region: the Department of Transportation and the Economic Development Administration.

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

- \* Prepared Model Aquaculture Base
- \* Assistance with CZM - Shellfish Culture Grant
- \* Prepared Aquaculture Permit Regulations
- \* Information on Dead End Streets

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

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TOWN ACCOUNTANT

I hereby submit my annual report for the year ending June 30, 1996. Our records are available for review.

Respectfully submitted,

KATHERINE A BENOIT

### TOWN OF WESTPORT BALANCE SHEET

#### Assets

Cash	\$3,363,059.30	
Personal Property '95	275.28	
Personal Property '96	3,778.92	
Personal Property '97	101,151.40	
Real Estate Receivable '96	284,476.70	
Real Estate Receivable '97	5,055,560.36	
Allowance for Abatements '94		\$ 90,149.00
Allowance for Abatements '95		165,275.50
Allowance for Abatements '96		163,504.03
Tax Title Liens Receivable	269,426.21	
Deferred Property Tax Receivable	22,800.02	
Taxes in Litigation	13,389.64	
Conveyance Taxes Receivable	3,234.89	
Motor Vehicle '89	1,286.46	
Motor Vehicle '90	881.37	
Motor Vehicle '91	272.24	
Motor Vehicle '92	616.36	
Motor Vehicle '93	1,506.18	
Motor Vehicle '94	3,481.65	
Motor vehicle '95	12,849.23	
Motor Vehicle '96	86,606.72	
Boat Excise '93	74.32	
Boat Excise '94	173.00	
Boat Excise '95	171.00	
Boat Excise '96	3,674.64	
Farm Animal '95	249.50	
Ambulance Receivable	302,630.68	
Nursing Receivable	330,164.66	
Veterans Receivable	44,995.85	
Tax Foreclosure Receivable	15,266.44	

#### Liabilities & Fund Equity

Warrants Payable		590,058.28
Accrued Payrolls		205,211.62
Tailings & Unclaimed Items		8,628.18
Access/Sale of Low Value Land		11,505.84
Deferred Revenue-Real Estate Tax		4,921,108.53
Deferred Revenue-Personal Property Tax		105,205.60
Deferred Revenue-Taxes (141A)		22,800.02
Deferred Revenue-Tax Liens		269,426.19
Deferred Revenue-Tax Foreclosures	15,266.44	
Deferred Revenue-Deferred Taxes in Litigation		16,624.53

Deferred Revenue-Motor Vehicle Excise		107,500.21
Deferred Revenue-Boat Excise		4,092.96
Deferred Revenue-Farm Animal Excise		249.50
Deferred Revenue-Department Receivable		677,791.19
Fund Balance Reserved-Over/Under	7,404.00	
Fund Balance Reserved-Encumbrance		61,109.79
Fund Balance Reserved-Continued Appropriations		668,313.76
Fund Balance Reserved-Expenditures		629,613.00
Undesignated Fund Balance		1,196,022.85
=====		
FUND TOTALS	\$9,929,457.02	\$9,929,457.02

#### SCHOOL LUNCH

Cash	\$ 30,368.17	
Warrants Payable		13,285.03
Undesignated Fund Balance		17,083.14
=====		
FUND TOTALS	\$ 30,368.17	\$ 30,368.17

#### HIGHWAY FUND

Cash		\$ 165,834.45
Due From State	\$ 165,834.45	
=====		
FUND TOTALS	\$ 165,834.45	\$ 165,834.45

#### SCHOOL GRANTS

Cash	\$ 47,801.90	
Warrants Payable		\$ 26,635.88
Federal Grants:		
Chapter 2 Tech Update Project FY'96		683.68
Early Childhood FY'96		623.76
Evaluation/Therapy FY'96		8,826.13
Chapter 1 FY'96		6,155.14
Math/Science Teacher TRG FY'96	365.00	
Drug Free School FY'96		582.13
Learn and Serve FY'96		1,640.20
State Grants:		
Restruct/g2000		0.53
Capital Improvement		525.26
HP Building Healthy Community		56.34
Curriculum Study Group		3.14
Restructuring for Success		108.71
Time and Learning		54.70
IB/Advance Placement		5.13
MA Rehab.Committee		25.00
Cesame/Scallop		2,241.17
=====		
FUND TOTALS	\$ 48,166.90	\$ 48,166.90

#### TOWN GRANTS

Cash	\$ 329,659.36	
Warrants Payable		\$ 156,899.22
Massachusetts Small Cities Program		54,500.75
Hurricane Bob-FEMA		55,148.07
Library/Incentive		17,474.84
Arts Lottery		6,703.75
Septic System Repair		4,763.14

Library/Municipal Equalization		25,467.72
Library/Nonresident Circular		3,115.72
State Election Extended Hours		1,005.06
Police D.A.R.E.		1,975.00
Lab Equipment		1.94
Oil Containment		220.12
Clean Vessel Act		1,575.78
Healthy Changes/Nurses		291.06
Recycling/MMA		500.00
Recycling/Compost Bins		17.19

FUND TOTALS	\$ 329,659.36	\$ 329,659.36
-------------	---------------	---------------

#### RESERVED FOR APPROPRIATION

Cash	\$ 247,646.95	
Municipal Waterway Improvement		\$ 24,032.71
Sale of Cemetery Lots		28,235.00
Wetland Filing Fees		39,932.50
Landfill Closure		155,446.74

FUND TOTALS	\$ 247,646.95	\$ 247,646.95
-------------	---------------	---------------

#### SCHOOL REVOLVING

Cash	\$ 12,014.52	
Warrants Payable		\$ 1,879.27
Summer School Revolving		110.29
Athletic Revolving		1,563.47
Use of Property		---
Integrated PreSchool		8,461.49

FUND TOTALS	\$ 12,014.52	\$ 12,014.52
-------------	--------------	--------------

#### TOWN REVOLVING

Cash	\$ 121,626.73	
Warrants Payable		\$ 15,146.90
Nursing Home Care Gift		4,838.03
Senior Center Gift		20,000.00
COA Clinic Gift		2,366.91
Library Gift		755.01
Kid Care ID Program		33.33
Shellfish Propagation Gift		6,607.35
Senior Day Care Revolving		3,420.84
Ambulance Revolving		47,237.91
Recreation Commission Revolving		303.64
Nursing Revolving		17,349.35
Insurance Reimbursement		3,567.76

FUND TOTALS	\$ 121,626.73	\$ 121,626.73
-------------	---------------	---------------

#### CAPITAL PROJECTS

Cash	\$ 62,149.90	
Water Main-Town Share		\$ 62,149.90

FUND TOTALS	\$ 62,149.90	\$ 62,149.90
-------------	--------------	--------------

WATER ENTERPRISE

Cash	\$	1,465.11	
User Charges Receivable		2,697.36	
Deferred Revenue-User Charges			\$ 2,697.36
Retained Earnings			1,465.11
=====			
FUND TOTALS	\$	4,162.47	\$ 4,162.47

HARBOR ENTERPRISE

Cash	\$	30,691.84	
Wharfage Receivable		1,800.48	
Harbormaster Receivable		355.56	
Warrants Payable			\$ 3,255.68
Deferred Revenue-Wharfage			1,800.48
Deferred Revenue-Harbormaster			355.56
Fund Balance reserve/Capital Harbormaster			5,000.00
Undesignated Fund Balance			22,436.16
=====			
FUND TOTALS	\$	32,847.88	\$ 32,847.88

NON-EXPENDABLE TRUSTS

Restricted Savings	\$	568,022.05	
Reserved Fund Balances:			
Salisbury Memorial			\$ 52,966.53
William Hicks Library			500.00
Imogene Weeks Library			1,000.00
Perpetual Care			274,038.66
Ron Desrosiers Memorial			17,016.86
Mary Brown Library			5,000.00
Pelletier Public Library			2,500.00
H.Hoyt Library			10,000.00
Tripp Library			200,000.00
Tripp High School Library			5,000.00
=====			
FUND TOTALS	\$	568,022.05	\$ 568,022.05

EXPENDABLE TRUSTS

Cash	\$	724,251.54	
Warrants Payable			\$ 40,814.39
Law Enforcement			9,952.78
School Improvement			6,492.14
Salisbury Memorial			5,162.35
Ambulance			10,396.37
William Hicks Library			35.52
Imogene Weeks Library			26.01
Town Farm			34,384.89
Landing Commissioners			22,443.91
Bicentennial Playground			873.44
Conservation			10,479.10
Veterans Memorial			973.52
Perpetual Care			264,611.28
High School Library			182.77
Open Space			841.18
Westport Betterment/Fuel			1,872.24
Westport Betterment/Annex			563.50
Ronald Desrosiers Memorial			3,398.91
Mary Brown Library			793.95
Westport Betterment			1,171.89

Westport Betterment/Community Center	8,166.09
Westport Betterment/Playground	7,162.79
Pelletier Public Library	259.25
Westport Historical	3,244.82
Arts Lottery Trust	480.53
H.Hoyt Library	2,634.73
Tripp/Senior Center	199,815.36
Tripp/Library	55,607.32
Tripp/High School Library	1,923.56
Planning Board Review Fees	29,486.95

FUND TOTALS	\$ 724,251.54	\$ 724,251.54
-------------	---------------	---------------

#### OTHER TRUSTS

Cash	\$ 882,672.90	
Rehabilitation Trust		\$ 808.00
Stabilization Fund		70,058.30
Retirement Fund		811,806.60

FUND TOTALS	\$ 882,672.90	\$ 882,672.90
-------------	---------------	---------------

#### AGENCY FUND

Cash	\$ 33,233.25	
Warrants Payable		\$ 3,249.00
Police Extra Detail		60.20
School Extra Detail	---	
Insurance-NAA		5,190.60
Insurance-PPO		9,507.59
Insurance-Pilgrim		15,302.13
Insurance-Voluntary Life		448.56
Insurance-Life Insurance		28.22
Meals Tax		96.00
Sales Tax		51.45
Sporting Licenses	700.50	

FUND TOTALS	\$ 33,933.75	\$ 33,933.75
-------------	--------------	--------------

#### OUTSTANDING DEBT

School Construction Bond	\$1,300,000.00
School Lease/Purchase	71,154.54
School Lease/Purchase	62,075.06

# STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES FISCAL YEAR 1996

	AVAILABLE	EXPENDED	ENCUMBERED	RETURNED
<u>ACCOUNTANT</u>				
Salaries	48,600	47,045	0	1,555
Expenses	3,100	2,900	0	200
<u>APPEALS</u>				
Salaries	2,080	769	0	1,311
Expenses	3,045	993	0	2,052
<u>ASSESSORS</u>				
Salaries	96,745	96,745	0	303
Expenses	4,774	4,774	0	0
FY'91 Map Revision	2,500	0	2,500	0
FY'92 Revaluation	9,612	2,717	6,895	0
FY'96 Appellate Hearings	4,000	1,208	2,792	0
<u>BOARD OF HEALTH</u>				
Salaries	117,152	112,958	0	4,194
Expenses	12,093	10,200	0	1,893
FY'94 PT Health Agent	9,490	0	9,490	0
FY'96 Prior Year Bills	136	136	0	0
<u>BUILDING INSPECTORS</u>				
Salaries	47,066	46,996	0	80
Expenses	5,750	5,196	0	554
Prior Year Encumbered	1,245	1,245	0	0
<u>CEMETERY</u>				
Salaries	56,292	56,285	0	7
Expenses	6,043	5,632	411	0
FY'90 Prepare/Grave Sites	170	0	170	0
FY'95 Cemetery Upkeep	8,207	6,205	2,002	0
FY'96 Cemetery Upkeep	10,000	0	10,000	0
Prior Year Encumbered	14	12	0	2
<u>CIVIL DEFENSE</u>				
Salaries	530	530	0	0
Expenses	1,300	961	0	339
FY'93 C.D. Equipment	5,500	946	4,554	0
FY'96 C.D. Equipment	5,000	0	5,000	0
<u>COLLECTOR</u>				
Salaries	77,085	77,067	0	18
Expenses	14,361	14,311	0	50
Tax Takings	1,000	1,000	0	0
<u>CONSERVATION</u>				
Salaries	39,872	39,872	0	0
Expenses	4,460	3,700	754	6
FY'89 APR	15,000	0	15,000	0
FY'93 Critical Area	2,000	0	2,000	0
FY'94 Critical Area	2,000	0	2,000	0
FY'95 Critical Area	2,000	0	2,000	0
FY'96 Critical Area	2,000	0	2,000	0
FY'96 APR	10,000	0	10,000	0

	AVAILABLE	EXPENDED	ENCUMBERED	RETURNED
<u>COUNCIL ON AGING</u>				
Salaries	50,095	45,010	0	5,085
Expenses	8,073	2,040	0	6,033
<u>DATA PROCESSING</u>				
Salaries	0	0	0	0
Expenses	31,880	29,583	1,901	396
FY'89 Equipment Replacement	12,425	12,425	0	0
Prior Year Encumbered	4,585	4,585	0	0
<u>DOG OFFICER</u>				
Salaries	8,596	8,594	0	2
Expenses	7,660	7,630	0	30
Prior Year Encumbered	48	48	0	0
<u>ELECTION &amp; REGISTRATION</u>				
Salaries	37,513	36,666	0	847
Expenses	22,045	15,945	1,193	4,907
<u>EMPLOYEE BENEFITS</u>				
Health Insurance	850,000	817,375	0	32,625
Life Insurance	6,000	5,620	0	380
FICA/Medicare	50,000	68,774	0	-18,774
Unemployment	40,000	55,233	0	-15,233
Workers Compensation	56,135	48,139	0	7,996
Prior Year Encumbered	12,500	5,123	0	7,377
<u>FINANCE COMMITTEE</u>				
Salaries	450	0	0	450
Expenses	2,000	1,978	0	22
Reserve Fund Transfers	45,000	41,844	0	3,156
<u>FIRE DEPARTMENT</u>				
Salaries	848,956	834,880	0	14,076
Expenses	85,600	81,541	2,430	1,629
Prior Year Encumbered	7,776	7,655	0	121
FY'96 Prior Year Bills	509	509	0	0
<u>GAS INSPECTORS</u>				
Salaries	5,050	4,624	0	426
Expenses	700	558	0	142
Prior year Encumbered	100	100	0	0
<u>HIGHWAY</u>				
Salaries	359,648	359,538	0	110
Expenses	136,330	113,850	21,589	891
FY'94 Road Maintenance	3,194	3,194	0	0
FY'95 Road Maintenance	102,315	77,202	25,113	0
FY'96 Road Maintenance	125,000	0	125,000	0
Prior Year Encumbered	7	7	0	0
<u>HIGHWAY/SNOW &amp; ICE</u>				
Salaries	64,827	64,827	0	0
Expenses	116,880	116,880	0	0
<u>HISTORICAL COMMISSION</u>				
Expenses	310	310	0	0

	AVAILABLE	EXPENDED	ENCUMBERED	RETURNED
<u>LANDFILL</u>				
Salaries	75,045	75,045	0	0
Expenses	53,398	38,729	12,635	2,034
FY'93 Assessment/Closure	2,600	2,600	0	0
FY'95 Assessment/Closure	20,000	10,869	9,131	0
FY'96 Waste/Recycling Ctr	230,000	0	230,000	0
Prior Year Encumbered	773	0	0	773
<u>LANDING COMMISSION</u>				
FY'91 Country Cottage	12,760	0	12,760	0
<u>LEGAL</u>				
Expenses	61,151	61,151	0	0
<u>LIBRARY</u>				
Salaries	101,763	101,442	321	0
Expenses	29,510	29,510	0	0
Prior Year Encumbered	2,079	1,079	0	1,000
<u>MODERATOR</u>				
Salaries	483	483	0	0
Expenses	633	561	0	72
<u>NURSING</u>				
Salaries	228,668	228,668	0	0
Expenses	15,130	15,056	0	74
FY'96 MG Health Care Accr.	1,000	0	0	1,000
<u>PARKING TICKETS</u>				
Expenses	3,880	3,803	0	77
<u>PERSONNEL BOARD</u>				
Expenses	400	400	0	0
<u>PLANNING BOARD</u>				
Salaries	9,002	7,804	0	1,198
Expenses	2,810	2,806	0	4
<u>PLUMBING INSPECTOR</u>				
Salaries	7,206	7,191	0	179
Expenses	1,275	1,036	0	239
Prior Year Encumbered	400	400	0	0
<u>POLICE</u>				
Salaries	1,051,423	1,051,244	0	179
Expenses	145,824	145,643	100	81
FY'96 Prior Year Bills	59,576	59,575	0	1
<u>PROPERTY INSURANCE</u>				
Expenses	85,000	83,732	0	1,268
<u>RECYCLING</u>				
Expenses	4,850	677	331	3,842
FY'91 Recycling/Compost	2,370	0	2,370	0
<u>REGIONAL SCHOOLS</u>				
Diman Regional	60,555	60,554	0	1
Bristol Aggie	14,490	12,420	0	2,070

	AVAILABLE	EXPENDED	ENCUMBERED	RETURNED
<u>RETIREMENT</u>				
Expenses	601,151	601,151	0	0
<u>SCHOOL DEPARTMENT</u>				
Gen.Ed. Salaries	5,539,871	5,372,842	167,029	0
Gen.Ed. Expenses	971,039	966,561	4,478	0
Gen.Ed. Encumbered	109,181	107,345	0	1,836
Spec.Ed. Salaries	1,075,818	1,055,704	20,114	0
Spec.Ed. Expenses	367,453	347,103	20,350	0
Spec.Ed. Encumbered	2,203	1,058	0	1,145
Transportation Salaries	32,000	31,999	0	1
Transportation Gen. Ed.	535,250	520,375	0	14,875
Transportation Sp. Ed.	204,000	188,148	0	15,852
Summer Salaries	210,838	210,838	0	0
<u>SEALER OF WEIGHTS &amp; MEASURES</u>				
Salaries	1,127	1,127	0	0
Expenses	500	190	0	310
<u>SELECTMEN</u>				
Salaries	107,712	107,337	0	375
Expenses	5,710	5,693	16	1
Prior Year Encumbered	400	382	0	18
<u>SHELLFISH</u>				
Salaries	38,158	38,100	0	58
Expenses	10,218	10,207	0	11
Prior Year Encumbered	4,281	4,170	0	111
FY'84 Town Dock Repair	4,228	0	4,228	0
FY'96 Shellfish Outboard	3,350	3,350	0	0
<u>STREET LIGHTING</u>				
Expenses	17,460	16,527	0	933
<u>TOWN BEACH</u>				
Salaries	15,747	13,031	0	2,716
Expenses	1,400	1,134	0	266
<u>TOWN CLERK</u>				
Salaries	44,359	43,805	0	554
Expenses	1,676	1,650	0	26
<u>TOWN FARM</u>				
Expenses	2,900	265	2,635	0
Prior Year Encumbered	2,727	2,727	0	0
<u>TOWN HALL</u>				
Salaries	31,000	30,425	0	575
Expenses	34,500	34,067	43	390
FY'91 Repair Town Bldgs.	51,415	13,168	38,247	0
FY'92 Repair Town Bldgs.	36,359	0	36,359	0
FY'96 Handicap BR/Septic	30,000	0	30,000	0
FY'96 TH Elect Upgrade	13,000	0	13,000	0
<u>TOWN REPORTS</u>				
Expenses	4,850	3,186	0	1,664
<u>TREASURER</u>				
Salaries	72,078	70,864	0	1,214
Expenses	41,435	41,395	0	40

	AVAILABLE	EXPENDED	ENCUMBERED	RETURNED
Bank Service Charge	3,000	2,142	0	858
Prior Year Encumbered	164	164	0	0
<u>UNCLASSIFIED</u>				
Expenses	21,307	19,763	38	1,506
Prior Year Encumbered	38	38	0	0
<u>WIRE INSPECTORS</u>				
Salaries	21,352	18,548	0	2,804
Expenses	2,800	2,537	0	263
Prior Year Encumbered	300	300	0	0
<u>VETERANS GRAVES</u>				
Salaries	571	571	0	0
Expenses	2,603	2,374	0	229
<u>VETERANS SERVICES</u>				
Salaries	20,949	20,949	0	0
Expenses	6,047	6,043	0	4
Out of State Travel	160	160	0	0
Veterans Benefits	71,250	50,508	10,000	10,742
Prior Year Encumbered	6,066	953	0	5,113
<u>LONG TERM DEBT</u>				
Bond Principal	225,000	225,000	0	0
<u>LONG TERM INTEREST</u>				
Bond Interest	81,888	81,888	0	0
<u>SHORT TERM DEBT</u>				
Temporary Borrowing	22,500	0	0	22,500
<u>OTHER GOVERNMENT</u>				
FY'84 Print By-Laws	323	0	323	0
FY'94 Rep/Pro Water Equip.	1,418	0	1,418	0
FY'95 Assault/Abuse Prog.	2,000	2,000	0	0
FY'95 Environment Service	600	0	600	0
FY'96 Assault/Abuse Prog.	2,000	0	2,000	0
FY'96 Town Hall Annex Door	3,800	0	3,800	0
FY'96 Zulmiro Drive Plan	6,000	0	6,000	0
FY'96 Mosquito Control	1	0	0	1
FY'96 Rem Police Tanks	6,800	6,676	124	0
FY'79 Dredge Channel W.Riv.	5,000	0	5,000	0
FY'95 Handicap/Elderly Than	1,167	1,167	0	0
FY'96 Engineer/Design Rte.6	50,000	0	50,000	0
<u>STATE ASSESSMENTS</u>				
School Choice		9,908	0	0
Mosquito Control Project		34,132	0	0
Air Pollution Control		3,628	0	0
Trans. Authority GATRA		13,236	0	0
Energy Assessment		7,459	0	0
SRPEDD		2,078	0	0
<u>COUNTY ASSESSMENTS</u>				
County Tax		190,656	0	0
TOTALS	16,806,981	15,963,657	938,244	166,177

STATEMENT OF REVENUE  
BUDGET VS. ACTUAL FISCAL YEAR 1996

<u>Taxes &amp; Local Receipts</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Real Estate Taxes	10,068,604	9,832,244
Personal Property	197,000	200,538
Conveyance Taxes	0	10,850
Roll Back	0	2,964
Tax Liens Redeemed	0	79,341
Litigated Taxes Collected	0	2,219
Tax Foreclosures	0	25,719
Motor Vehicle Taxes	775,000	908,813
Boat Excise	15,000	19,421
Farm Animal	5,000	6,549
Forest Taxes	200	259
Rentals	19,000	19,300
Telephone Commission	100	74
Public Hearings	900	700
Liquor Licenses	15,000	16,875
Miscellaneous Licenses	-	170
Cable Commission	1,500	2,077
Entertainment	1,000	1,100
Auctioneers	-	60
Auto Repair	6,000	6,225
Common Victualer	500	630
Auto Licenses	6,250	6,550
State & Sunday Licenses	1,250	573
Trailer Permits	2,000	2,280
Yard Sales & Flea Markets	200	228
Miscellaneous Selectmen	200	-
Miscellaneous Assessors	100	-
Tax Title Release & Postage	250	788
Investment Earnings	94,200	176,290
Treasurer Miscellaneous Charges	300	285
Interest on Taxes/Excise	45,000	50,127
Demands On Taxes/Excise	20,000	20,500
Interest on Tax Liens	10,000	26,630
In Lieu of Taxes	5,700	5,848
Municipal Liens	5,000	14,050
Release Fees	2,500	3,665
Marking Fees	250	895
Tax Collector Miscellaneous Chgs.	1,300	836
Interest on Deposits	6,000	4,313
Data Processing Misc. Charges	400	140
Town Clerk Charges	1,500	1,354
Town Clerk Fees	7,000	11,083
Raffle, Junk, Peddler, Hawkers	300	400
Voter List	500	623
Conservation Miscellaneous Chgs.	-	6
Conservation Filing Fees	3,000	2,650
Conservation Soil Permits	500	2,000
Planning Board	3,000	8,555
Board of Appeals	2,000	2,600
Unclassified Miscellaneous	-	319
Workers Comp. Reimbursement	1,000	4,467
Sale of Town Property	500	28,592
Misc. General Gov't Revenue	700	6,923
Police Report Charges	1,500	1,965

Police Administrative Fee	-	4,306
Fire Arms & ID Cards	4,000	3,312
Court Fines	41,500	32,130
Registrar Fines	91,000	79,238
Parking Fines	12,000	23,714
Penalties	500	750
Fire Department Charges	2,100	3,001
Ambulance Charges	200,000	200,365
Building Permits	50,000	54,734
Gas Permits	5,500	7,142
Plumbing Permits	14,000	14,651
Sealer of Weights & Measures	1,500	1,045
Electrical Permits	20,000	21,770
Dog Reclamation Fee	-	35
Dog Licenses	4,500	4,555
Shellfish Licenses	20,000	18,183
School Miscellaneous Charges	-	8
Scrap Iron	-	1,060
Tires	-	827
Paper	-	255
Glass	-	378
Cemetery Interments	24,000	21,690
Cemetery Foundations	4,500	3,509
Saturday & Sunday Burials	2,500	2,550
Board of Health Permits	35,000	49,570
Landfill Day Passes	0	115
Landfill Stickers	0	5,110
Nursing Miscellaneous Charges	5,500	22,947
Patient Fees	10,000	18,701
Medicare Fees	175,000	247,555
Medicaid Fees	15,000	2,303
Library Charges	2,500	3,404
Beach Stickers	17,500	18,810
Historical Commission Hearings	100	120
<b>TOTAL LOCAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>12,085,204</b>	<b>12,389,606</b>

#### STATE AID

Hotel & Motel Taxes	19,800	67,092
Abatement to Veterans	5,532	5,532
Abatement to Surviving Spouse	525	525
Abatement to Blind	600	600
Abatement to Elderly	73,306	73,304
School Aid-Chapter 70	2,200,132	2,200,132
School Transportation	210,353	174,729
School Construction Project	0	0
Tuition for State Wards	62,370	53,111
Police Career Incentive	25,414	27,739
Veteran Benefits	39,561	41,051
Lottery	834,621	834,621
Highway Fund	177,243	177,243
State Owned Land	120,114	116,799
Medicaid Reimbursement	0	406
Civil Defense	0	7,748
Misc. State Reimbursements	0	83,899
<b>TOTAL STATE AID</b>	<b>3,769,571</b>	<b>3,869,485</b>

HARBOR ENTERPRISE  
STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

	AVAILABLE	EXPENDED	TO FUND BALANCE
<u>STATE BOAT RAMP</u>			
Salaries	4,900	4,889	10
Expenses	2,200	1,851	349
Indirect Costs		2,200	
<u>HARBORMASTER</u>			
Salaries	22,749	22,746	3
Expenses	9,580	9,378	202
Indirect Costs		16,645	
Capital	5,000	5,000	5,000
<u>WHARFINGER</u>			
Salaries	2,928	2,928	0
Expenses	7,059	4,904	2,155
Indirect Costs		3,450	
TOTALS	54,416	74,013	7,719

HARBOR ENTERPRISE  
STATEMENT OF REVENUES  
BUDGET VS ACTUAL

	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>
<u>STATE RAMP</u>	9,000	7,859
<u>HARBORMASTER</u>		
Moorings	3,000	2,559
Interest		144
Dock and Slip Fees	31,500	32,284
Mooring Rentals		495
<u>WHARFINGER</u>		
Wharfage	15,000	15,629
Interest		229
Service Charges		1,358
<u>WATERWAY REVENUE</u>		21,000
TOTALS	58,500	81,557

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TOWN BEACH

The Westport Town beaches were patrolled by four full-time lifeguards and one part-time lifeguard in 1996. Lifeguards are certified in Lifesaving, First Aid and CPR. They are responsible for patrolling Cherry & Webb Beach from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., seven days a week and East Beach on weekends. Other duties include cleaning both beaches, parking lots and the dunes.

The Fire and Highway Departments provided and maintained a four wheel drive vehicle in case of emergency and for clean-up. Two police radios allow us to communicate with the Police and Fire Departments and the Harbormaster. The Beach Department provided two port-o-johns. They are located in the Cherry & Webb Beach south parking lot and the East Beach parking lot. A dumpster is also provided at the end of Cherry & Webb Lane for beach trash. Thanks to the Selectmen, Highway, Police and Fire Departments and the Harbormaster for their cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

Gustin Cariglia  
Head Lifeguard

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TOWN FARM

1996 was a very good year for the Town Farm. We had another year with few emergency repairs. At the end of the year the north apartment became available for rent and we plan to use the remainder of FY'96's budget to bring this apartment up to the level of the south apartment. The land continues to be rented and maintained by two Westport farmers. In 1996 the Town Farm brought in over \$15,800 in rents to the general fund for the two apartments and land.

This winter we plan to take on the restoration of the west wall of the house and ell. Insulation, repaired sheathing, new flashing and shingles, fresh paint and a repaired bulkhead will complete this job.

The entire farm's budget of \$3000 is spent on maintenance and repairs. It is a self-sufficient project that provides housing, open space with ongoing agricultural use and potential recreational and educational use, and preserves a very unique 18th century farmstead.

Respectfully submitted,

Geraldine Millham

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TOWN TREASURER

I hereby submit my annual report as Treasurer June 30, 1996.

Cash balance June 30, 1995	\$ 5,704,580.01
Receipts July 1, 1995 - June 30, 1996	<u>19,173,844.45</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 24,878,424.46</b>
 Expenditures-Warrant July 1, 1995 - June 30, 1996	 <u>18,589,595.39</u>
Balance June 30, 1996	\$ 6,288,829.07
 Total Cash June 30, 1996	 <b>\$ 6,288,829.07</b>

You are hereby advised the following interest was earned for the Town of Westport through the cash management system and regular investments by the Town Treasurer of cash for the period July 1, 1995 through June 30, 1996.

Interest earned on Certificates of Deposit-Stabilization Fund	\$ 3,808.30
Income earned on Certificates of Deposit-Pension Reserve Fund:	
Special Fund for Retirement Purposes	
M.G.L. Chapter 40 Sec. 5D	46,746.77
Interest earned on Certificates of Deposit, Money Market and Savings-Revenue	177,656.47
 Total Income Earned July 1995 Through 1996	 <b>\$228,211.54</b>

Respectfully submitted,

George E. Foster  
Treasurer

### TOWN OF WESTPORT DEBTS ACCOUNT JUNE 30, 1996

Amount to be provided for the retirement of general long-term debt	\$ 1,300,000	
 School Renovation		<u>\$ 1,300,000</u>
	\$ 1,300,000	\$ 1,300,000

Schedule of Debt Interest Outstanding

June 30, 1996

Date of Issue	Purpose	Rate	Due Date	Interest	Principal
10/15/91	School Ren.	5.86%	11/15/96	37,906.25	225,000.00
			05/15/97	31,662.50	
			11/15/97	31,662.50	225,000.00
			05/15/98	25,250.00	
			11/15/98	25,250.00	225,000.00
			05/15/99	18,725.00	
			11/15/99	18,725.00	225,000.00
			05/15/00	12,087.50	
			11/15/00	12,087.50	225,000.00
			05/15/01	5,337.50	
			11/15/01	5,337.50	175,000.00
Total				\$224,031.25	\$1,300,000.00

TOWN OF WESTPORT BALANCE SHEET

TRUST & INVESTED ACCOUNTS

JUNE 30, 1996

Cash & Securities in Custody of Treasurer \$2,169,535.21

Fund Balances

Nonexpendable:

Hicks Library Principal	500.00
Interest	35.52
Imogene Weeks Library Principal	1,000.00
Interest	26.01
Salisbury Scholarship Fund Principal	52,966.53
Interest	5,162.35
Ronald Desrosiers Memorial Principal	17,016.86
Interest	3,385.59
Hazel Tripp Public Library Principal	200,000.00
Interest	55,607.29
Harry Hoyt	10,000.00
Interest	2,634.73
High School Library	5,000.00
Interest	2,106.33
Edythe M. Pelletier Library	2,500.00
Interest	259.25
Mary Brown Library	5,000.00
Interest	793.95

Cemeteries:

Point Cemetery Principal	8,232.00
Hicks Lot Principal	2,000.00
Private Cemetery Principal	6,907.00
Peleg Peckham Principal	6,430.00
Irene Poole Principal	2,190.00
Linden Grove Principal	16,715.00
Beech Grove Principal	215,602.00
Maple Grove Principal	70,527.66
Interest	<u>219,946.61</u>
Total Non-Expendables	912,544.68

Expendable:

Ambulance	10,396.37
Helen Ellis Trust (Arts Lottery)	480.53
Bicentennial Playground	879.98
Conservation Trust	10,479.10
Conservation-Open Space	841.18
Engineering/Planning Board	29,422.89
Historical Commission	3,244.82
Law Enforcement	9,952.78
Pension Trust Fund	837,719.60
Public Landing	22,070.04
Rehabilitation Fund	808.00
School Improvement Fund	6,492.14
Stabilization Fund	70,058.30
Town Farm	34,384.89
Veterans Memorial	973.52
Westport Citizen Betterment-Annex	574.56
Westport Citizen Betterment-Fuel Assistance	1,872.24
Westport Citizen Betterment	1,133.03
Hazel Tripp Senior Center	199,815.36
Community Center	8,211.64
Community Center Playground	<u>7,179.56</u>
Total Expendables	\$1,256,990.53

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE VETERANS AGENT

I herewith submit my report for 1996 as Director/Agent of Veterans Services.

Cases on hand December 31, 1996 .....	30
Cases on hand December 31, 1995 .....	33
Cases opened during 1996, State & Federal .....	19
Cases not approved in 1996, State & Federal .....	4
Cases closed during 1996, State & Federal .....	3
Cases pending end of 1996, State & Federal .....	5
Veterans Hospitalized in 1996 .....	92
Veterans/Dependents requiring services in 1996 .....	2,025
Veterans Population in Westport in 1996 .....	1,336

The amount of monies received by Veterans and/or dependents from compensation, pensions, education, vocational rehabilitation, insurances and indemnities resulting from claims filed through Veterans' Services and the Department of Veterans Affairs equal \$1,188,518.00.

The amount of monies received as reimbursement from the Office of the Commission of Veterans' Services and Benefits expended by the Town of Westport for the year 1995\* equals \$45,670.00.  
 \*(The state reimburses for the previous year 1995).

Thanks to our Veterans Organizations, the Council on Aging, and the Nursing Department, St. John the Baptist Church and Phyllis Anctil for their extra effort at Christmas. Special thanks to Mr. Lees, the students at the Westport Middle School and to the Lions. You all have made my job a little easier.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald E. Costa, Veterans' Agent  
 Director of Veterans' Services

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE VETERANS GRAVE REGISTRATION OFFICER

I herewith submit my report for 1995 as Veterans' Graves Registration Officer.

In Outlying Private Cemeteries.....	\$ 396.00
U.S. Flags, Large, Graves & POW/MIA & Grave Flag Holders.....	1,010.00
Transportation.....	188.00
Flowers, Veterans Day.....	50.00
Supplies, Office/Groundskeeping.....	102.00

On behalf of the Veterans' Graves and Memorial Department, I would like to thank our four Veterans' organizations - the V.F.W., V.V.A., D.A.V., and the American Legion and Auxiliaries. Without their support, many of my services would not be possible. Also, my grandchildren and the Cub Scouts that helped to decorate the graves with flags.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald E. Costa  
Veterans' Graves Registration  
and Memorial Officer

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE VETERANS' ORGANIZATIONS

I herewith submit my report as Service Officer for the Veterans' Organization located in the Town of Westport.

Through the combined efforts of the A.L. Post 145, D.A.V Chapter 118, and the V.V.A. Chapter 207 and their Auxiliaries the following improvements were made.

The stairs and porch were treated to prevent rot and to enhance the looks of the building. The V.V.A. has four, \$250 scholarships available through a grant by the State V.V.A. Organization. They will be available at the end of the school year.

The W.A. & R. Ouellette Post 8502 V.F.W. has finished with the outside renovations to their post. The building looks great and is an asset to the community. The children's activities continue to be a great success. Their efforts to contribute to the community continue, especially when it comes to the Rose Hawthorne Home. The V.F.W. and the American Legion Auxiliary were back at the Westport Harvest Festival. We had one good day but mother nature took over on the next. They will be back again in full strength in 1997.

In all, the year was a success to all the Veterans' organizations. To our veterans who are still with us and to those who have passed away this year as well as those who have gone on before, we salute you. This year we lost from each organization veterans who have contributed a lot to our community. We cannot name them for fear to miss someone, but their families know because they also contributed in their own way.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald E. Costa, Commander  
Disabled American Veterans Chapter 118

Andrew D. Barlow, Commander  
V.F.W. Post 8502

Arthur Proulx, President  
Vietnam Veterans Chapter 207

Normand Moreau, Commander  
American Legion Post 145

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE WHARFINGER

The following is the Wharfinger's annual report for the year ending 1996.

There are 32 commercial boats berthed at the Town Dock bringing in a revenue of \$15,574.00. Last year we started charging for electric use by the boat owners instead of upping the dock fees. Money collected from the electric charge is placed in the dock repair fund and totaled to date \$3199.50. The department is part of the enterprise fund and has a budget of \$14,987.00.

I wish to thank the Police and Highway Departments for their help on related matters at the Town Dock and also Hank Vaillancourt for his assistance with repairs.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Sherman  
Wharfinger



Jody Sexton and Charlie Gray scalloping

**WESTPORT COMMUNITY SCHOOLS  
WESTPORT, MASSACHUSETTS**

**1995-96 Annual Reports  
of  
All Schools & Departments**

**Presented to Westport School Committee  
September 1996**



# Westport Community Schools

## Office of the Superintendent

17 Main Road • Westport, Massachusetts 02790-4201 • TEL (508) 636-1137 • FAX (508) 636-1146

September 30, 1996

Dear School Committee & Community Members:

Student achievement continued to improve in the 1995-1996 school year. Our standardized test scores showed an increase in the number of students performing at or above grade level and our SAT scores topped a five year average. The Westport community can take pride in the progress of Westport students in achieving our high performance expectations. We plan to continue that trend.

The funding of Westport's schools remained stable and the 1995-96 budget reflected a two percent increase over the previous year. We used the increased resources to

- enhance our competitiveness in attracting qualified, expert teachers;
- provide more technology to students and staff to increase student achievement, and;
- maintain the integrity of our physical plants.

In 1995-96, we strengthened our K-8 instructional program with the publication of Westport's first K-8 written *Scope & Sequence* of academic skills. The School Committee also endorsed the High School's participation in the *International Baccalaureate* diploma program and the reorganization of our High School courses into four *Career Academies*.

The School Department continued to achieve the goals published in our *Strategic Plan* five years ago. The School Committee accepted the final strategic plan report in September. To prepare for future planning, we commissioned a study of school success indicators. The Center for Policy Analysis at the University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth published Westport Schools' *Community Report Card* in the fall. We will use the *Community Report Card* to set new goals for the Westport schools in the next ten years. A copy of the report is available to all residents by contacting the Superintendent's office.

The annual reports of each school and department that follow show our commitment to the Westport community to provide quality school programs and services to Westport students. Our thanks go to the staff and parents of the Westport schools who helped us to improve our performance in 1996. We look forward to the community's continued support as we raise the student achievement bar a little higher each year.

Respectfully submitted,

Margot desJardins  
Superintendent of Schools

*"Our mission is to be a community of successful, lifelong learners."*

## Westport School Committee

Member	Residence	Term Expires
Deana Chase, Chair	937 Main Road	1997
Robert Wicks, Vice Chair	1785 Main Road	1998
Joan Tripp,	18 Windrush Lane	1998
Laurie Andrews	404 American Legion Hwy.	1997
Dennis L. Pucello	12 Steven Street	1999

Regular School Committee meetings are usually held on the second and fourth Monday of every month and are open to the public. The School Administration Offices are open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday throughout the school year and 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. during school vacations.

### Admission to the Schools

Initial admission of kindergarten and grade one children is based solely on chronological age. Children who will become five years of age on or before October 1 are eligible for kindergarten in September of that school year. Children who will become six years of age before January 1 are eligible for grade one in September of that school year.

The following records should be presented at the time of registration: (1) valid birth certificate (original or abstract with seal). (2) Updated record of immunization including: DPT (diphtheria, whooping cough, tetanus), polio, MMR (measles, mumps, rubella). A second dose of measles vaccine will be required for entry into kindergarten and a most recent record of lead testing. (3) Before the child is allowed to enter, a report of a physical examination dated within six months of entry, signed by a physician must be presented.

### Alice A. Macomber Primary School: Paula Sullivan, Principal

The goals of the Macomber School parallel national, state and system standards. Our program offers an appropriately structured and supportive learning environment for young children of all abilities. Our dedicated and caring staff work as a team to provide a safe environment and a rich curriculum whereby all children are encouraged to grow socially, emotionally, cognitively, and creatively. For many of the children, the Alice A. Macomber School is their first interaction with a formal educational system. They experience a sound base essential for lifelong learning, a strong sense of self-esteem and continued excitement and curiosity about school.

### School Program

The Alice A. Macomber School housed 343 students as of June 24, 1996. Students range in age from 3-7 years. We provided half-day Kindergarten classes and six Grade One classes. Kindergarten classes ranged in size from 20 to 26; this represented an increase in enrollment. The Grade One class size averaged 25 students. Overall enrollment figures indicated a steady trend upward over the year.

The Macomber School also offers four half-day Pre-school programs for three and four year old students with Special Needs and an equal number of peers. A great deal of time and effort is expended on screenings, meetings, and outreach to insure that our youngest students succeed in school. The Early Childhood Team members include Brenda Stone, Linda Isaksen, and Donna Edwards

### Parents and Community

We believe that our parents are a key to the success of the child's overall development. Ongoing communication with parents is encouraged through newsletters, surveys, checklists, phone conversations, parent conferences, team meetings, a school based parent center,

workshops, and an open door policy. Many of the programs initiated over the year would not have been possible without the dedicated group of volunteers ever visible throughout the school.

The Macomber School also connects to the parents and the community through an established School Council. This is a group that works in an advisory capacity to the principal. During this past year the council members addressed information and research in the areas of budget, curriculum scope and sequence, class size, parental involvement, bus safety and discipline, student handbooks, the pre-school accreditation process, extra curricular activities, and improvement to the physical plant through alternative funding and budget resources.

Parents worked with the Helen Ellis Grant Foundation to offer students an "After School Art's Program." This year's offerings at the Macomber included classes on computer technology, creative collage and fitness fun. Several classroom teachers also received enrichment grants totaling more than \$1000 through funds raised by the WES/MAC PTO. They received classroom materials and supplies for their projects that included; overnight book bags, wooden blocks, alphabet sounds/teaching tubs, frog and caterpillar science kits, puppets, and living story books. Our business partnerships with Lees Supermarket and Costa's Farm allowed us to carry out many interesting and engaging projects as extensions to the curriculum. Our participation with The Bank of Boston's Education Fund Project allowed us to receive three new sets of world maps for the classrooms. Several new outdoor spaces were created through donations from patrons, parents and local business partners.

#### **Curriculum & Instruction**

During this past year the staff, council and administration worked together to publish the scope and sequence for each major instructional subject. Teams worked together to research reading, math and handwriting programs that would expand or improve on current programs. Each decision about the curriculum was made in light of what we know to be developmentally appropriate.

#### **Success Indicators**

Each year a series of success indicators are identified including results of the Reading Recovery success rates, developmental spelling assessments, ITBS scores for grade one, attendance, and retention figures.

The Reading Recovery Program results were once again very positive and sixteen of the seventeen students successfully completed the program. The spelling scores of the Macomber Grade One students were assessed quarterly and indicated steady gains over each quarter. Vocabulary, Listening, Language and Mathematics subtests of the Iowa Test of Basic Skills (ITBS) were given to the first grade students in April 1996. Compared with the national distribution of student scores, the typical student at Macomber School scored the same as or higher than the national average on all of the subtests administered. The percentage of students at-or-above-grade-level for Reading - 91%, Math - 80%, Language - 88%, with an 82% overall grade average.

Student attendance records indicated little or no change from the previous year. Fourteen students had perfect attendance for the year.

#### **Facilities**

Renovations and improvements were made to both the inside and outside of the building. Through a program of regular and thorough maintenance, the Macomber School is in excellent condition. Security remains a priority at the school and we continue to upgrade and evaluate the system on an ongoing basis.

### Closing Statement

The goal of the early childhood team at the Macomber School is to provide the right climate for children to begin their journey of lifelong learning through the use of developmentally appropriate curriculum and learning experiences.

All of the Macomber team members would like to thank those many caring individuals who helped us provide this quality educational setting for our youngest citizens. The children at the Macomber are provided an optimal environment for learning.

### Westport Elementary School: John L. DeFusco, Principal

In 1995-1996, we continued to focus on student achievement. We believe that all children can learn and we act on this belief throughout the year. The results show that we succeeded.

### Student Achievement

Using national norms, the IOWA Test of Basic Skills results in grades 3-4-5 were well above average in 1995-96. We achieved the following percentage of students achieving at-or-above-grade- level in Reading and Math.

Grade 3 - 96%	Grade 4 - 94%	Grade 5 - 91%
The overall school average of 94% of students performing at-or-above-grade- level has steadily increased over the past three years:		
1993 - 1994 -	Students at/above grade level =	90%
1994 - 1995 -	Students at/above grade level =	92%
1995 - 1996 -	Students at/above grade level =	94%

We are extremely pleased to note this continuous improvement and we will continue to strive for a 100% achievement rate.

### Curriculum

This past year, we finalized a written academic scope and sequence. The formal, written curriculum will bring consistency to our basic instructional program. We previewed a number of Language Arts programs and selected an exciting new basal series formally adopted for use next year. The new Macmillan/McGraw Hill Language Arts Series incorporates reading, phonics, writing and spelling along with computer software for drill and practice. We continued to utilize a basic skills mathematics series: The Mathematics Experience. We did increase our use of math manipulatives at all grade levels with the emphasis on computation and problem solving. Science continues to thrive through the use of BSCS - Science for Life and Learning series and field studies. Hands on experiments and demonstrations enabled students to work cooperatively and to problem solve.

### Parents and Community Partners

Our Parent-Teacher organization, WES/MAC PTO, continued to play a significant role in our school. Meetings were held monthly and various committees were organized in the areas of parent volunteers, fund raising, school programs and guest speakers. "Room Parents" also assisted with our phone tree and chaperone responsibilities. Community resources such as the Westport River Watershed Alliance, Com Electric, Project D.A.R.E. and the Westport Firemen's Program enhanced our social studies program which is built around traditional themes of history, geography, and civics.

Our School Council also played an important role in the school decision-making process. School policies as well as budget considerations were reviewed throughout the year. Members of our Council included: Edward Sayers, Co-Chair, Cynthia Zembo, Sherry Muse, Patricia Deane, Beverly Bond, Joan Travers, Leona Andrade and Betsy Acheson.

### **Closing Statement**

I would like to thank the Westport School Committee, Superintendent Margot desJardins, our WES staff, parents and students for making the 1995-96 school year one of significant achievement.

### **Westport Middle School: John L. Mello, Principal**

The 1995-1996 school year has been exciting, challenging, productive and rewarding for the students and faculty of the Westport Middle School. We continue to use student achievement, parent support, and effective instruction to provide the framework for school success.

### **School Program**

There was no significant change in the student population of the Westport Middle School during the 1995-1996 school year. The average class size continued to be twenty four students with an enrollment of: 130 in grade 6, 161 in grade 7 and 144 in grade 8 for a total enrollment of 435 students. Despite the typical medical problems such as flu, chicken pox, measles, etc., we achieved an overall daily attendance of 95.08 which is an improvement over the previous year.

### **Curriculum**

The addition of a Media Specialist was a giant step forward to achieving a state-of-the-art Media Center at the Westport Middle School. Productive changes that have already taken place include the addition of a mini computer lab which provides access to America-On-Line and the Internet. The Media Center also provides support in all curriculum areas through our print collection and on-line services.

During the 1995-96 year we refined our curriculum by completing a written academic scope and sequence in all subject areas. Our goal is to increase student achievement by better alignment and sequencing of academic skills and content.

We continue to integrate academic goals with community applications through applied learning opportunities. The following projects gave our students a chance to learn by "doing."

- Red House Theater...*Rip Van Winkle* production
- Scallop Restoration Project
- Grade 6 River Study
- Westport Environmental Patrol....environmental issues

The meaningful relationship established between students in our Alternative Classroom and members of the Senior Social Day Care Center has continued to flourish. Plans are underway to have our students transported weekly to the new Senior Center site in order to continue this positive relationship. Weekly visits which sometimes include special meals prepared by students continue to provide a positive interaction between the students and senior citizens.

### **Instruction**

The Iowa Test of Basic Skills was given in the spring of 1996. Test results for 1996 showed the following percentages of students achieving a composite score at-or-above-grade-level in Reading and Mathematics:

Grade	% at-or-above-grade-level	School Average
6	87	
7	90	
8	89	Overall 89%

### **After School Activities**

Students were able to participate in an exciting after school program during the 1995-1996 school year. Sixty to eighty students participated on an average in seventeen activities. The following activities were offered after school during the 1995-1996 school year

Baseball	Model Making
Boys and Girls Basketball	National Junior Honor Society
Chess Club	Science Club
Collector's Club	Soccer
Computer Club	Softball
Drama Club	Student Council
Field Hockey	Volleyball
Geography Club	Yearbook
Math Club	

### **Parents and Community**

Our parent group, the Westport Middle School Association, had a very successful school year. The group provided funding for mini grants that were used by teachers for enrichment activities and also sponsored "Physics is Fun." This assembly was truly enjoyed by the students. A much needed trophy case was purchased and for the first time, the academic and athletic awards won by our students are proudly displayed for all to view. Funding for refreshments following the Grade 8 Promotion was also provided by the parent group. We wish to thank Janice Read, Linda Maiocco, Rosemary Melli, Ann Gould, and Andrea Houghton for their outstanding contributions as members of the Westport Middle School Association's executive board. Many thanks go out to Dorothy Ryan on her success in publishing "Apparently", the parent-to-parent newsletter.

The Westport Middle School Council worked throughout the year to develop the 1996-1997 school improvement plan and to improve school climate. We thank Barbara Mitchell, Co-chair, Daryl Breda, Sue Slattery, Bonny Gifford, Carol Michael, Patricia Morse, Eileen Kenny and Arthur Schene for their efforts.

### **Financial/Physical Resources**

We continued to pay close attention to improving the learning climate at Westport Middle School. Ongoing painting, carpet replacement, and front office renovations have created a warmer and more supportive school environment.

### **Closing Statement**

The staff members of the Westport Middle School, supported by our parents, continue to provide a school setting where students can be successful learners. The residents of the Town of Westport can be very proud of the positive gains in student achievement that have been made at the Westport Middle School during this past year.

### **Westport High School: Michael Cosgriff, Principal**

The Westport High School students, faculty, and staff have had an outstanding year. Throughout the year the school worked to further develop the Academy Model, worked on developing curriculum to meet the standards of the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks, and worked to increase expectations for student achievement in all disciplines. Additionally, we expanded and improved extra-curricular programs offered to students to appeal to a broader section of the student population.

The 1995-1996 school year saw many successes for WHS students. The objective indicators of student achievement showed significant increases over the past years' performances, graduating seniors gained entrance to a number of highly regarded colleges and universities, and the WHS athletic program had a very successful year with an expanded program.

## School Program

### Student Achievement - Graduating Class of 1996

At the June 16, 1996 graduation ceremony, 106 seniors received their diplomas. Members of the graduating class received substantial scholarship and financial aid awards which were announced at the Honors Awards Night on June 11, 1996. Scholarships were awarded to Westport students by community organizations, local businesses, and local citizens. Local scholarships combined to support Westport students with over \$24,000 of financial aid.

Graduating seniors had a variety of plans for the post-secondary years. Seventy three percent (73%) of the graduates will be pursuing additional education at community colleges, universities, and trade/technical schools. Forty-three seniors (41%) will be attending public/private four-year colleges and universities while twenty-nine (27%) are planning to attend community colleges. Five seniors (5%) will be attending trade/technical schools. Of those not continuing to a post-secondary program, six graduates (6%) have enlisted in the military while twenty-three graduates (22%), will be transitioning directly to the world of work. Of particular note is the number of graduating seniors attending major universities. Those schools include Boston University, Brigham Young University, McGill University (Canada), Northeastern University, Wellesley College, Wheaton College, University of Michigan, University of Massachusetts-Dartmouth, and Bridgewater State College.

### Student Achievement - General

In the spring of 1996, students in the ninth and tenth grades were given the Iowa Test of Academic Proficiency (ITAP). Students were administered the three subtests of: Reading Comprehension, Mathematics, and Written Expression. Both ninth and tenth grade classes showed significant increases in the number of students testing "At-or-Above-Grade-Level". The results of the spring test are as follows:

<u>Reading Comprehension:</u>	<u>Mathematics</u>	<u>Written Expression</u>
Grade 9 - 93%	Grade 9 - 93%	Grade 9 - 95%
Grade 10 - 91%	Grade 10 - 93%	Grade 10 - 81%

### Curriculum

During the 1995-1996 academic year, the faculty and staff worked to develop course outlines for new courses. Developing written outlines assures students of a continuity of instruction from one course to another.

A substantial change was made in the daily / annual schedule. Westport High School implemented a "block-type" schedule in which students took four courses that met daily for 87 minutes for 90 days. This provided substantial additional time for instruction. Additional benefits were demonstrated through the ability of the guidance department to reschedule students at the semester to repeat a failed course to accelerate a student's passage through the academic curriculum.

The 1995-1996 school year marked Westport High School's beginning of the process of adopting and implementing the International Baccalaureate curriculum. During the year, faculty and staff visited three **IB** schools and arrangements were made for the training of an initial nine **IB** teachers. These teachers also designed the appropriate course sequence for students desiring to pursue an **IB** diploma.

**Business/Computers:** The 1995-1996 school year began with substantial additions to the course offerings available to students in the areas of Business and Computer education. New courses introduced were Introduction to Oracle, Excel, and Advanced Word-processing. Advanced Word-processing was accepted for articulation at BCC.

**Mathematics:** During the 1995-1996 school year, the Mathematics department added Business Mathematics to the curriculum designed to articulate directly with BCC's Business and Computer Science program.

The Mathematics department was also extremely active in redesigning the college preparatory sequence. During 1995-1996, the department continued the implementation of an Integrated Math I - II - III sequence of courses. This 3-year sequence of courses integrates the course content traditionally taught in the 4-year sequence; Algebra I - Geometry - Algebra II - PreCalculus. It succeeds in condensing the content by including in a spiraled sequence topics from Algebra, Geometry, and Precalculus, and by eliminating much the redundant review inherent in the traditional sequence. Additionally, due to student interest, ninth grade students taking Honors Algebra I during the first semester continued on to take Honors Geometry during the second semester. This access to more accelerated courses was made possible because of the implementation of the "block" schedule.

**Science:** The Science department was particularly active during the 1995-1996 school year. The department moved forward in the implementation of a new 9th grade course in Integrated Science. This course teaches students the major concepts of Earth, Life, and Physical science through a thematic approach. Central to this course is a partnership with the Westport River Watershed Alliance that was supported by a grant from Northeastern University. This partnership engaged students in doing actual hands-on research through environmental assays and water quality assays on the Snell Creek watershed. The "block" schedule allowed the teacher the opportunity to take classes into the field to perform their experiments without taking time away from the student's other classes.

**Social Studies:** During the 1995-1996 school year the Social Studies department implemented the recommendations of the Accreditation Report by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges by combining the 2-year US History course into a 1-year US History course with the addition of a 12th grade Government and Economics course. The department members have rewritten the course outlines to reflect this recommendation. Additionally, the Western Civilization course was eliminated and a comprehensive World History course was implemented that meets the recommendations of the NEASC Accreditation Report. The course offering sequence for incoming ninth grade students will consist of World History, US History or Advanced Placement US History, and Government and Economics.

**English:** The 1995-1996 school year was an active year for the English department. During this time the department worked on developing written course outlines and revising the reading lists for each course. In addition, a strong English grammar component was added to each course outline. Obsolete and out-of-date materials were removed from the department bookroom and new reading selections were ordered.

**Visual and Performing Arts:** The 1995-1996 school year saw many changes in the Visual & Performing Arts department. Some of the biggest changes were felt in the area of Instrumental music. With the implementation of the block schedule, instrumental music classes met for 87 continuous minutes daily. This led to a substantial increase in their achievement at competitive performances. The Marching Band achieved a solid first place finish in their division at the statewide championship competition.

The 1995-1996 school year also saw the addition of a vocal music program. Though currently instructed outside of school hours, the chorus was well attended and they demonstrated substantial achievement at both local and regional competitions.

Additional changes in the Visual and Performing Arts program included increased course offerings in Photography, Television Production, and Yearbook Design and the production of a Video Yearbook. During 1995-1996 the students involved in the Video Production program

produced a mini-documentary that won the 11 state Northeast Region competition sponsored and judged by Cable News Network (CNN). During the spring semester, an articulation agreement for the Advanced Television Production class with New England Technical College in Warwick, Rhode Island was finalized. This allows students to receive both high school and college credit for this WHS course.

#### **Parents and Community**

During the 1995-1996 school year there were four active parent groups at Westport High School:

- Westport High School Parent-Teachers Organization
- School Council
- Music Booster's Association
- Athletic Booster's Organization

The WHS-PTO served as an information forum for parents, teachers, and interested community members. Monthly meetings were held. Topics included "meet the new faculty members", discussions of the block schedule, information/discussion of the International Baccalaureate curriculum, and the redesign of the Student Handbook. The meetings were open to all interested community members and regular reminders were sent to all parents of WHS students.

The WHS School Council averaged two meetings per month. The School Council consisted of Dr. Henry Vaillancourt - Community Representative, Michael Cosgriff - Principal, Ms. Anne Marie Gazdik / Parent, Ms. Emily Edwards / Parent, Ms. Veronica Beaulieu / Community Representative, Ms. Lynn Ouellette / Teacher, Ms. Edith LaBran / Teacher, Ms. Rachel Maltais / Student, Ms. Jessica Benetti / Student. During the year the WHS School Council put together recommendations to: (1) change the courses required for graduation for incoming 9th grade students, (2) implement the International Baccalaureate curriculum, (3) investigate and implement a School-to-Career curriculum, and (4) develop long-range staffing goals.

The WHS Music Boosters Association was extremely active in supporting Instrumental Music activities at WHS. The Music Boosters ran frequent fund-raisers and had monthly recycling drives to raise the funds necessary to allow the Marching and Concert Bands to successfully compete in regional and State competitions. During the year, the Music Boosters held two award nights where students were given awards for their musical merit, their participation, and finally scholarships to continue their studies in music beyond WHS.

The WHS Athletic Boosters Association met regularly to support the extra-curricular inter-scholastic athletic program at WHS. During the year, the Athletic Boosters ran a multitude of fundraising events, ran the concession stands at home basketball games, and made substantial contributions to both the athletic teams and the school's physical plant. In addition, the Athletic Boosters held half-time shows at the Winter Homecoming game, the annual Senior Parent's Night Basketball Games, and the Senior Parents Baseball and Softball games. Finally, as a crowning event to an outstanding year for WHS athletic teams, the WHS Athletic Boosters donated a substantial number of scholarships for WHS athletes.

#### **Financial and Physical Resources**

The 1995-1996 budget saw significant increases in the resources directed to students including the funds necessary to install the IBM-compatible Pentium computer laboratory, upgraded materials in the science laboratories, increases in the number of student stations in the MIDI (Computer Music) laboratory, and the purchase of additional equipment necessary to support increased enrollment in the Television Production courses.

#### **Physical Resources**

The facility continues to improve in both appearance and function. The 1995-96 modifications made by the Maintenance Department included the installation of a silent running filtration

system in the industrial arts area, plastering of the wall between the cafeteria and the auditorium, and wiring in an additional computer room.

The WHS custodial staff made further improvements including painting the upstairs central hallway and student lockers, repair and replacement of damaged floor tiles, the painting of 13 classrooms, the painting of the Guidance offices and Nursing Station, renewal of the gym floor, painting of the weight training / aerobics area, and the upgrading of the boy's locker room including repair and replacement of broken lockers.

#### **Closing Statement**

The staff at Westport High School is proud of the achievements of our students. We will continue to set high performance expectations and to provide Westport students with a quality academic and extra-curricular school program.

### **Pupil Personnel Services: Dr. Virginia A. King**

Changes in the delivery of services to students reflect the need for schools to proactively create environments that support differences and respond to the rapidly changing contexts in which schools operate. This is consistent with the initiatives at the state and national levels. Pupil services must enhance the quality of the educational experience for all Westport students.

#### **Guidance and Counseling Services**

Guidance services for Westport students are provided by guidance counselors assigned to each school. These staff members were highly effective in providing a coordinated approach to evaluation, testing, and specialized counseling services. The implementation of the developmental guidance program to reach all Westport students through large and small group classroom based activities has been very successful. Counselors at all levels effectively organized the building level administration of the Iowa Tests in grades 1-10. In each of the schools, counselors assumed responsibility for scheduling the testing sessions, the coordination of materials before and after testing sessions, and the dissemination of results to students and parents. In March, students in Grades 4, 8, and 10 also participated in mandated state testing with the MEAP (Massachusetts Educational Assessment Program). Those test results are expected to be released in November, 1996. Systemwide, 1995-96 saw improvement in standardized test results over test performances in previous years, indicating that the changes implemented in both curriculum and instructional practices are beginning to show visible positive results.

#### **Health and Medical Services**

The Westport Community Schools employed full-time Registered Nurses at each of the four schools and a part-time School Physician, Dennis Callen, MD of Westport Family Medicine to provide for the medical needs of students and staff members during school hours. The school nurses work with teachers and provide advice about positive health practices leading to disease prevention and promoting good health and wellness. They also provided annual vision and hearing tests and height and weight screening for each student, as well as postural screening and immunization updates for students at designated grade levels. Increasing numbers of physically challenged and medically fragile children now attend the Westport schools instead of separate institutional programs, and require a variety of comprehensive nursing services to support and maintain their continued attendance at school.

#### **Health Education**

During the 1995-96 school year, the Health Protection Grant of approximately \$47,000, continued to provide a number exciting health-related initiatives in the Westport schools. The Westport Health and Human Services Advisory Council, along with Systemwide Health Coordinator, Constance Strauss, and High School Health Educator and Grant Coordinator, Kenneth Glew, continued their involvement in planning and implementing programs to provide

student training in peer mediation and conflict resolution. In addition, special classroom programs were offered in violence prevention, and a variety of other current health topics. Westport's commitment to the concept of a K-12 comprehensive health education and human services program was enhanced by the development of a revised scope and sequence for health and physical education designed to create resilient students.

### **Special Education**

In the past year, Westport's schools have again dramatically reduced the number of students identified as special education students. The systemwide implementation of an organized pre-referral process has helped to accomplish this by providing modifications and accommodation plans designed to promote the success of students at all ability levels. A significant drop in the number of identified special education students was noted. At the beginning of FY 96, 319 students were listed on the active Special Education Register, and the Special Education roster ended the year listing 249 students.

The spring, 1996 headcount of 249 includes 216 students attending the Westport community Schools, 14 students in outside placements funded by the town, and 19 SPED students who attend parochial or private schools at their parents' expense. The townwide SPED count of 249 equaled 11% of the 2275 school-aged population. The Westport Community Schools SPED count equaled 12% of the total enrollment of 1820. Our percentage rates were considerably below the reported Massachusetts Statewide Special Education Rate of approximately 17%. It should also be noted that both the state and federal departments of education have stated that in any school system, approximately 1% of the population is likely to need highly specialized outside placements. For FY 96 in Westport, there were only 14 students, representing 0.6% of the school-aged population of 2275, placed in town funded outside placements.

### **Closing Statement**

With movement toward the long term goal of helping all students to succeed in school, the lines of distinction between regular and special education students are beginning to blur and disappear. Empowering strong school building leaders with the freedom to plan and build coordinated programs designed to meet the needs of any and all students at risk, has made assistance and resources formerly available to only special education students accessible to any student who needs them. This more inclusive system will serve all students more efficiently than the formerly fragmented system of separate services.

### **Office of Community Resources: Dr. Lana Paolillo**

The Office of Community Resources was initiated in October 1993. Its purpose is to move forward the mission of the Strategic Plan: to create a community of successful lifelong learners. To accomplish this mission, community support must be forthcoming. Partnerships and programs that utilize the community as a learning resource, and which meet the needs of the community need to be created and implemented. This is a process. It will take time.

The 1995-96 goals fall into two main categories: Partnerships & Programs and Public Awareness and Participation. Obviously the first area influences the second.

#### **Objectives:**

- Develop partnerships leading to programs utilizing local resources as curriculum resources in order to use the community as a learning laboratory.
- Develop and coordinate programs that provide students with the opportunities, time and resources to meet or exceed expectations.
- Provide the community with information on the schools.
- Pursue alternative sources of funding for new and existing programs.

### Partnerships and Program Development

Our work with The Water Works Group and the Westport River Watershed Alliance continues. The projects we have developed partner teachers, students and community providing rigorous academics as well as a service to the community. The Scallop Project and the Adopt-A-Watershed project served as career awareness and career exploration activities for students. These middle and high school science and math projects have received local, state and national recognition. The Bay Scallop Project expanded to incorporate the vegetation along the river with particular emphasis on those endangered species of plants. The teachers worked with a recent UMD graduate who is an associate with the Water Works Group, and with the director of the Watershed Alliance. The projects have served as a building block for the development of the Academy for Environmental Studies at the High School. The Adopt-A-Watershed project was funded by a grant from the Center for the Enhancement of Science and Mathematics Education at Northeastern University.

A sixth grade component, "An Introduction to the River Restoration Project; The Bay Scallop unfolded this year. The sixth grade partnered with an environmental biology professor from BCC, a resident of Westport. This project acquaints students with the watershed and river and the characteristics of both in geography, flora and fauna.

The number of teachers and students participating in applied learning projects this year more than quadrupled from last year. The majority of the twenty-two projects had a viable community service component. Each of these projects had at least one community partner with several projects having more than one partner. All community partners spent time in the classroom with the students and teachers as well as in the field. Our efforts in this area have been recognized by the state as well as our local community.

Our elementary science specialist and a science teacher from the middle and high schools have received training in The Globe Project. This international environmental monitoring project partners students in Westport with students, teachers and scientists throughout the world in gathering and analyzing data on environments worldwide. Students enter data from their local school site on soil conditions, weather, tree cover etc. into a data base and retrieve data stored in the data base to make comparisons, observations, and predictions on the state of the environment locally and globally. We are extremely pleased that we were selected to participate in 1996.

Our partnerships with post-secondary institutions continue to expand. Superintendent desJardins recently signed a partnership agreement with the New England Institute of Technology which will allow our Communication Arts graduates to enter New England Tech as second semester freshmen. Westport High School will provide selected twelfth grade students with the first semester New England Tech curriculum. Successful students will be guaranteed acceptance at New England Tech and will save approximately \$4,000.00, the per semester cost at New England Tech. Bristol Community College and Westport High School recently signed an articulation agreement in the area of environmental technology. Successful high school graduates will be accepted into a two-year program at BCC, with guaranteed job placement for successful graduates at Molten Metals a high-tech environmental technology company in Fall River.

Our extended school year opportunities for students included a six-week summer semester for students grades 6-12; a three-week math computer camp for students grades 3-8; and a five week reading camp for students K-2. We also provided extended year opportunities during the winter and spring vacations by offering a math computer camp for students grades 2-8. The participation rate for these camps so overwhelmed us that we had to add a third section to the winter camp. The Department of Education provided funding for the camp.

### **Public Awareness and Participation**

Television coverage, via local cable, has been expanded. The community may tune in and see the school system in action. We are broadcasting dates of meetings and events, videos of some of our applied learning projects and other educational videos.

The Center for Policy Analysis at the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth completed our comprehensive 1996 report "*The Community Report Card*."

Approximately 200 parents and teachers attended the Applied Learning Showcase and Volunteer Reception this year, a tremendous increase from last year. Twenty-two projects from students in grades K-12 were on display. Volunteers were recognized by each of the schools.

Two informational newsletters were published and distributed throughout the community.

### **Financial and Physical Resources**

Competitive grant efforts resulted in approximately \$90,000 for the district from various sources of funding including the Department of Education and private sources such as CESAME. These grants supported such activities as:

- School vacation computer camps;
- Summer reading programs;
- Applied learning projects connected to the community;
- Middle School Science Bay Scallop Project;
- High School Science Adopt-A-Watershed Project; and
- High Schools That Work and the International Baccalaureate Projects.

The community was truly a resource to the schools during 1996 as shown by the number of programs which went beyond the school house walls, "into the field." We will continue to develop such programs to bring increased relevance and usefulness to the school curriculum.

### **Information Services: Ms. Susan Amato**

The Westport Community Schools responded to the challenge of preparing students for the 21st century by creating an Education Technology and Information Services Department. Many exciting opportunities supported student learning during the 1995-1996 school year made possible by the appointment of a district coordinator for education technology curriculum development and resource management.

### **School Program**

Currently all students in grades K - 9 receive instruction in the use of the computer as a tool for learning and communicating. At the high school, a variety of course electives allow students to apply these skills to collaborative, problem solving situations. Additionally, students at all levels have access to technology-assisted research tools in the media centers, three of which are connected to the Internet. Our Media Centers grew through grants which gave us our state-of-the-art hardware and the donation of 100 free hours per month of on-line time by *The Standard Times*.

### **Parents and Community**

Parents and community members support the Information Services department of the Westport Community Schools:

- The process of preparing a Five-Year Technology Plan involved a large group of stakeholders including staff, parents, business leaders and community members. The School Committee approved the first draft of that document;

- WESCOEF offered a variety of adult classes in the schools' computer labs. The classes were well-attended by teachers, parents, business people and senior citizens;
- At the completion of the D.A.R.E. program, sponsored by the Westport Police Department, students presented a computer generated slide show demonstrating their learning;
- Third graders used computers to create calendars for Senior Citizens; and
- The first edition of *Tech Times*, a technology newsletter distributed to the staff, students of the Westport Community Schools was published, providing tips on purchasing computers and software reviews of some outstanding programs.

Janice Silvia, a parent volunteer, designed an inventory database of all district hardware and software and created a related maintenance/repair form.

### Curriculum and Instruction

Surveys to assess current levels of technology integration highlighted the need to increase student access to computers, to align curriculum with state standards, improve network connectivity, and provide more staff training. These needs are reflected in the goals and initiatives of the 1996 five year technology plan and in the K-8 *Scope and Sequence for Information Services*. This document, outlines performance standards in the areas of computer literacy, research skills, and media skills.

In 1995-96, we offered two 10 hour after-school staff training courses in *Windows*, *Microsoft Word* and *Excel* at every school. Seventy-five percent of the staff participated and many took advantage of additional Internet training classes. By May, demand for on-line computer access in the media centers far surpassed the number of available connected stations.

Many new technology related programs were initiated during the 1995 - 1996 school year. Macomber students used computers to "publish" their work. Elementary School students used the computer labs to do research reports. This emphasis on research tools has led to increased scores on the reference section of the Iowa Test of Basic Skills. At the Middle School, sixth graders developed keyboarding skills and many students can now "touch type." At the High School, courses in *Introduction to Oracle*, *Adobe PhotoShop*, *Adobe Premier*, and *Macro Media Director* were offered.

Computer clubs, sponsored in part by the Helen Ellis After-School Arts Program, provided opportunities for students in grades K - 12 to mix artistic creativity, personal interests and career goals with technology. The second and third grade club entered their final project in the Boston Computer Society's annual CompuFest contest and our High School team came in fourth place in a technology competition at Brown University.

### Facilities

We purchased a new Pentium lab for the High School's business department. Each school media center received two Pentium multimedia computers with a printer. A new research mini-lab was set up at the Middle School Media Center and at the Elementary School. Every school now has at least one computer lab and at least four PC computers in the media center. Classroom computers are still limited to older Apple hardware with the exception of some science rooms at the Middle and High Schools. The sixth grade reading classrooms at the Middle School also received two computers each for word processing.

### Summary Statement

The students of Westport have been given a solid head start to a technologically oriented future. I thank all of those who have worked to make this possible: the Technology Planning Team, WESCOEF, *The Standard Times*, the Westport Arts Lottery Council, Janice Silvia, and the many other volunteers who helped in the labs and on committees, the School Committee and the staff

and students of the Westport Community Schools. The 1996 -1997 school year is the first in a five-year plan entitled *Connecting the Learning Community*. Our goal for expanded connectivity will assure students, staff and the community at large greater access to each other and to the world of tomorrow through technology.

### **Financial & Physical Resources: Mr. Edward J. Ritter**

The Business Office provides school district services for Transportation, Food Service, School System Accounting, Custodial and Maintenance Services, and Human Resource Services. In 1996 we achieved our goal to improve the learning environment by providing well managed, efficient, and effective district services.

#### **Transportation: Mrs. Paula Gendreau**

In 1996, Laidlaw Transit, Inc. provided student transportation under contract at a daily cost of \$149.95 per bus. We continued our two-tier, thirty-two route system utilizing sixteen school buses. Our video surveillance program and bus safety programs reduced student bus suspensions by one-third from the previous year.

The 1996 safety program included a bus safety poster contest at the Elementary and Macomber schools. Bus drivers also conducted monthly safety drills with their respective riders. A safety training film was produced through High School Communication and Music classes as well as our Police Department, Laidlaw, and students. This video will be used at the Middle and Elementary Schools to further improve bus safety.

Special Needs transportation services were provided by Enos Bus Company for the third consecutive year. An average of 45 students were transported daily.

A total of \$551,250 was budgeted for Regular Education transportation services and \$552,374 was expended. Additionally, \$220,000 was budgeted for Special Needs transportation and \$188,148. was expended. The remaining balance of \$30,727 was returned to the Town's general fund.

#### **Food Service Operations**

The Food Service operation is a self-sustaining program which is financed by federal/state subsidy and by local food sales. Participation remains in the upper seventieth percentile system wide. It is expertly managed by Paula Gendreau, Student Services Coordinator. The goal of the Food Service Program to assure that all foods are consistent with Recommended Dietary allowances and Dietary Guidelines for Americans. Emphasis on reducing fat, sodium and cholesterol in both the daily meal as well as the a la carte offerings reflects positive program improvements. The price of a full lunch including 8 ounces of milk remained at \$1.25 in 1995/96.

In 1996, the Food Service Program capital expenditures included replacement of cafeteria carpeting and freezer repair at the Middle School. Staff training on OSHA standards emphasized cafeteria sanitation and safety.

### **1996 Transportation Financial Report**

	Budgeted	Expended	Balance
Regular Education Transportation	\$551,250	\$552,374	(\$1,124)
Special Needs Transportation	\$220,000	\$188,148	\$30,727

### 1996 Food Service Financial Report

Beginning Balance 7/1/95 \$92,132

#### Receipts

State Reimbursement	\$10,689
Federal Reimbursement	\$91,237
Sales	\$263,412
Other Receipts	\$4,637

**Total** \$462,107

#### Expenses

Salaries	\$209,451
Supplies & Materials	\$155,539
Capital Expenditures	\$55,900
Other	\$23,645

**Total** \$444,535

**Ending Balance 6/30/96** \$17,572

#### Maintenance & Facilities: Mr. Michael Duarte

We take pride in our sound maintenance of facilities program and again this year, in addition to our routine maintenance, we have made several interior and exterior improvements:

##### Alice Macomber Primary School:

- replaced siding maintenance-free vinyl building trim
- gutters replaced
- refurbished school office area
- increased safety and efficiency of school access

##### Westport Elementary School:

- added extensive interior painting
- added interior classroom access doors

##### Westport Middle School:

- redesigned office reception area to meet ADA standards
- improved boiler room lighting
- replaced ceilings and partitions in student restrooms

##### Westport High School:

- installed gymnasium bleacher safety rails

#### Routine Maintenance

In FY 96, available resources were directed away from outside contracted services to in-house positions. All electrical work was completed by the Maintenance Technician who holds a valid Massachusetts Electrician's License. The time frame for the completion of maintenance requests has improved resulting in both repairs and upgrades.

### Financial Report

The School Committee operated from the following Budget Assumptions and Priorities for fiscal 1996:

**Budget Assumptions:**

1. The minimum requirement under Education Reform, calculated primarily on the basis of the Town's municipal growth factor, does not allow for sufficient increase to offset the rate of inflation and increases in costs for goods and services.
2. Negotiations with the Westport Federation of Teachers for FY 97 are not concluded.
3. Increases for wages for support staff must be included in the FY 97 budget as agreed.
4. Scheduled retirements may provide opportunities to reorganize at certain grade levels to improve service delivery and/or effect cost savings.
5. Unemployment costs have increased substantially in FY 96.
6. Federal grant funds have been reduced and salaries previously offset by the grant funds must either be eliminated or subsumed by the annual appropriation.
7. Additional state funds from Municipal Medicaid and state ward accounts are not earmarked for school use.
8. Utilities have been level funded for three consecutive years.
9. Additional funds are not available to invest in full day kindergarten programs, additional pre-school programs, or to reduce class size in grades K-8 to a figure below 24 students in all classes.

**Budget Priorities:**

1. The Media & Information Center budgets are the heart of each school's information system and will require access to telecommunications services and wide area networks.
2. The implementation of the Academy Plan and the International Baccalaureate Program at Westport High School will require investment in the physical plant as well as costs for program and course development.
3. We must continue to maintain a high standard for physical learning environments at all school sites.
4. Community outreach is an important aspect of school district planning and requires financial support.
5. We must continue to develop new programs and extended school services for students.
6. Applied learning opportunities must be funded to increase student achievement.

**Public and Private Grant Funds**

The School Department received the following grant funds which were used to develop and support new and existing programs:

Evaluation & Therapy-SPED 94-142	\$122,945
SPED Early Childhood	13,905
Title VI Chapter 2	7,700
Eisenhower Math/Science	4,869
Title I/Chapter I	104,515
Drug Free School	7,415
CSL Learn & Serve	15,880
Rest for Success - High Schools That Work	25,000
Curriculum Study Group	5,616
G2000 Rest for Success - WMS	5,000
Time & Learning	9,300
Health Grant	47,537
International Baccalaureate/Advance Placement	7,804

**Total**

**\$377,486**

### The School Committee Budget

The Foundation Budget for each community is based on fiscal capacity, using both property values and income data. Westport is "high" in property value and "low to middle" in income. The law provides for a minimum amount of spending and does not prohibit exceeding that amount.

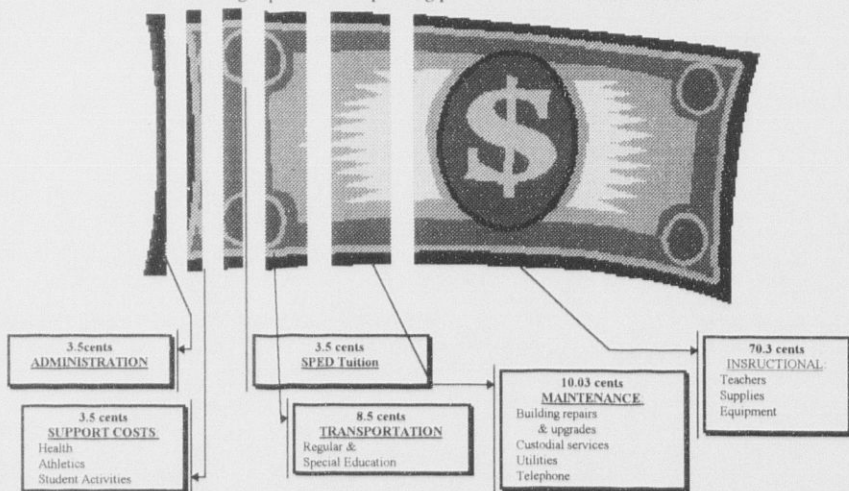
Westport ranked as one of the lowest property tax communities in the State. Table 1 indicates that between fiscal 1992 and 1996 the Town's contribution in new dollars to the schools actually decreased. The Town and School Committee received increases in the State Funding between 1992 and 1996. Under the Educational Reform Act, the state increased its Chapter 70 Aid to the Westport School Department by over \$500,000. Therefore, while total dollars to the schools have increased, the local Town's share of school funding in FY 96 was less than the FY 92 figure.

Table 1 Revenue Summary

Sources of Revenues	FY92	FY93	FY94	FY95	FY96
Local Funding	7,614,208	7,379,868	7,507,396	7,628,344	7,594,481
Chapter 70 State Funding	1,667,977	1,667,977	1,998,011	2,071,867	2,200,132
Other State Funding	360,927	578,603	227,365	265,570	272,723
<b>TOTAL FUNDING</b>	<b>9,643,112</b>	<b>9,626,448</b>	<b>9,732,772</b>	<b>9,965,781</b>	<b>10,067,336</b>

### Westport Community Schools Educational Dollar

The following represents the spending portions of each educational dollar :



## SCHOOL STAFF

### Junior/Senior Management Team

Margot desJardins, C.A.G.S.	Superintendent of Schools
Edward J. Ritter, M.A.	Director of Financial & Physical Resources
Virginia A. King, Ed.D	Director of Pupil Personnel Services
Michael A. Cosgriff, M.A.	Principal, Westport High School
John L. Mello, C.A.G.S.	Principal, Westport Middle School
John DeFusco, M.Ed.	Principal, Westport Elementary School
Paula Sullivan, C.A.G.S.	Principal, Alice A. Macomber Primary School
Lana Paolillo, Ph.D.	Grants Management Director
Paula Gendreau, B.S.	Student Services Coordinator
Michael Duarte	Head of Maintenance & Facilities
Paul Ciccotelli, B.S.	Instructional Technology Director
Susan Amato, M.Ed.	Education Technology Director
Richard Hamel	Supervisor of Custodians
Mary Currie	School Committee Secretary

### Administrative and Executive Services Staff

Lucille Bouchard	Administrative Executive Secretary to Superintendent
Deborah Dziedzic	Administrative Executive Secretary - High School
Delores Robertson	Administrative Executive Secretary - Middle School
Madeleine Leite	Administrative Executive Secretary - Elementary School
Joan Fuller	Administrative Executive Secretary - Macomber School
Beverly Medeiros	Human Resources Assistant
Doris Michaud	Administrative Secretary for Business
Kimberley Ouellette	Administrative Secretary for Maintenance & Facilities
Melissa Sousa	Accountant
Carol Peixe	Student Activities Director - High School
Richard Vohnoutka	Maintenance & Facilities Technician
David DeVeau	Computer Maintenance Technician

### School Physician

Dr. Dennis R. Callen	Westport Family Medicine Center
----------------------	---------------------------------

### 1995-1996 Faculty with Appointment and/or Resignation Dates

#### High School

Robert B. Wood - Vice Principal M.Ed	Bridgewater State College 1974 Cambridge College 1992	A-August 1994
David Allen, B.S., M.F.A.	Univ. of Maine 1970 SMU 1991	A-January 1975
Irene Barros, B.A.	Salve Regina College 1969	A-August 1986
Joan Blake M.A.T.	Boston College 1975 Lesley College 1978	A-September 1992
Michelle Brunault, B.S.	Bridgewater State College 1993	A-August 1994
Pauline Camara, B.S.	University of Mass 1987	A-August 1994

Gustin N. Cariglia, M.Ed.	Cambridge College 1991	A-July 1984
Joan Carpenter, B.S.	Western Kentucky Univ. 1967	A-September 1967
Rosemarie Choquette, M.Ed.	Bridgewater State College 1973	A-September 1970
Stephen Cook, M.Ed.	Bridgewater 1976	A-August 1993
Michael Davis, B.A.	Lyndon State College 1986	A-November 1994
Jane Dybowski, B.S.	Bridgewater State College 1976	A-August 1980
Calvin Ellinwood, B.S.	Bryant College 1972	A-February 1975
Scott Frost, B.A.	Berklee College of Music 1985	A-September 1989
Deborah Forman, B.A.	RISD 1992	A-August 1996
Anthony Fusco, B.A.	Providence College 1991	A-August 1996
Kenneth Glew M.Ed.	URI 1976	A-August 1994 Not Reappointed
Lori Grace, B.S.	Univ. of Maryland 1993	A-August 1996
Jennifer Joseph B.A.	Utica Col. Of Syracuse Univ. 1995	A-August 1996
Patricia Kehoe, M.Ed	SMU 1975	A-August 1976
Paul M. Leite B.S.	Bradford Durfee Col. of Tech. 1963	A-September 1965 R-September 1996
Glenn Lincoln, M.Ed.	Bridgewater State College 1973-78	A-May 1973
Mary Anne McQuillan, M.Ed.	SMU 1989 Boston University 1970	A-September 1971
Debra Mello, B.S.	Bridgewater State College 1994	A-August 1995
Janice Migneault, M.A.T.	Barrington College 1968	A-August 1972
Chester Millett M.Ed.	Framingham State College 1982 Bridgewater State College Cambridge College 1990	A-June 1987
John Moniz M.A.	Bridgewater State College 1972-1980	A-August 1972
Lynette Ouellette, B.A.	Annhurst College 1961	A-July 1984
Caroline Pavao, B.A.	SMU 1983	A-August 1995
Deborah Perry, M.A.	UMD 1996	A-1996

Harry Proudfoot, M.Ed.	Univ. of Mass. 1975	A-June 1985
Robert Rayno B.S.	Mass. College of Art 1960	A-September 1962 R-June 1996
Dianne Rezendes M.Ed.	SMU 1975 Cambridge College 1991	A-January 1977
Michael Roy, B.S.	SMU 1975	A-August 1970
Tracey Saltus, B.A.	U. Mass. Amherst	A-August 1996
Antonio Sardinha, Jr., B.S.	Bradford Durfee Col. of Tech. 1962	A-November 1962
Mary E. Silva, M.Ed.	Salve Regina College 1962 Bridgewater State College 1964 Univ. of Lisbon 1967	A-September 1962
Gail Silvia, B.A.	SMU 1976 Bridgewater State College	A-June 1977
Paula Smith, B.S.	Castleton State Vermont 1970 State Univ. of N.Y. 1971 Assumption College 1981	A-June 1973
Joel Sullivan M.Ed.	Fitchburg State College 1983 R.I. College 1983	A-August 1974
<b>Middle School</b>		
David A. Geraghty, Vice Principal M.Ed.	Rhode Island College 1986	A-September 1995
Janice Baker, B.S.	SMU 1974	A-September 1992
Michael Borges, B.A.	Bridgewater State College 1973	A-August 1974
Catherine Brown M.Ed.	Seton Hill College 1971 Bridgewater State College 1991	A-August 1995
Karen Cosgriff, M.A.	CA State Univ. Stanislaus 1994	A-August 1994
Nancy DeFaria M.Ed.	Barrington College 1968 Cambridge College 1992	A-March 1970
Ann Marie Dostou M.Ed.	SMU 1977 Cambridge College 1991	A-September 1977
Jean Flynn, B.F.A.	SMU 1974	A-May 1975
John Furtado, B.M.	U. Mass Lowell 1992	A-October 1992
Frances Gilchrist M.Ed.	Bridgewater State College 1973 Cambridge College 1991	A-August 1987
Bonny Gifford, M.Ed.	Bridgewater 1994	A-February 1993

Emery Gomes, M.Ed.	Suffolk Univ. 1980	A-September 1971
Stephen Gomes, M.Ed.	Suffolk University 1980	A-July 1971
Susan Griffin, M.Ed.	Simmons College 1994	A-August 1994
Tami Holden, M. Ed.	Eastern Nazarene College 1996	A-August 1996
Peter Holt, M.Ed.	Cambridge College 1991	A-September 1984
Deborah Janik, M.Ed.	R.I. College 1988	A-August 1988
Deborah Johansen, B.S.	University of R.I. 1978	A-January 1985
Joann Lambert, M.Ed.	SMU 1977	A-January 1978
Jodi Mazzarella, B.A.	UMD 1993	A-August 1995
Paul Menzies, B.A.	SMU 1983	A-August 1994
Carol Michael, M.Ed.	R.I. College 1978	A-August 1974
Geraldine Mullaly, B.S.	Bridgewater State College 1971	A-June 1971
James O'Hara, B.A.	Framingham State College 1977	A-September 1984
Andre Provost, B.A.	Bridgewater State College 1969	A-June 1976
Joseph Reddington, B.S.	University of Mass. 1986	A-June 1987
Jeanne Rivard B.S. Cr.J., M.Ed.	Salve Regina College 1981 R.I. College 1988	A-April 1985
Evelyn Rivet M.Ed.	Northeastern University 1982 Providence College 1993	A-September 1992
Constance Strauss, M.Ed.	Bridgewater State College 1982	A-August 1987
David Sullivan, M.Ed.	Bridgewater State College 1977	A-February 1977
Nancy Tripp, M.Ed.	Lesley College 1993	A-August 1993
William J. West Jr., M.Ed.	Providence College 1973	A-August 1995
Ina York, M.Ed.	University of Iowa 1988	A-October 1993 Not Reappointed
<b>Westport Elementary School (Grades 2-5)</b>		
Joanne Allen, B.S.	Bridgewater State College 1964	A-July 1972
Helene Auger, M.Ed.	Bridgewater State College 1970	A-April 1970
Roxanne Bennet, C.A.G.S.	Univ. Northern Iowa 1984	A-August 1996
Beverly Bond, B.S.	Bridgewater State College 1964	A-March 1964

Gerald Boucher B.S.	Southeastern Mass. Tec. Inst. 1964	A-September 1967 R-June 1996
Sandra Boudakian, B.S.	Bridgewater State College 1966	A-March 1966
Linda Brown, B.S.	Bridgewater State College 1967	A-May 1967
Christine Carlile M.Ed.	Keene State College 1979 R.I. College 1988	A-July 1985
Ann Clark, M. Ed.	Bridgewater State College 1976	A-August 1991
Muriel Croft M.Ed.	SMU 1970 Fitchburg State College 1992	A-November 1984
Regina Damm M.Ed.	Bridgewater State College 1963	A-May 1963 R-June 1996
Patricia Deane, M.Ed.	Bridgewater State College 1973	A-June 1973
Linda Desmarais, B.S.	Hiram College 1969	A-June 1969
Lauren Driscoll, B.S.	Fitchburg State College 1987	A-September 1987
Carol Duby, M.Ed.	R.I. School of Design 1959 College of William and Mary 1964	A-July 1986
Pamela Dumas, B.S.	Boston University 1965	A-September 1980
Linda Eastwood, M.Ed.	SMU 1975 Cambridge College 1991	A-February 1978
Mary Elizabeth France, M.Ed.	Cardinal Cushing College 1971	A-November 1971
Sandra Hague M.Ed.	SMU 1972 Cambridge College 1991	A-May 1972
Sally Harrington, B.A.	University of Missouri 1966	A-January 1985
Catherine Ibbotson, B.A.	SMU 1972	A-August 1972
Jean Lafleur, B.A.	University of MA 1971	A-January 1972
Joan Manchester, B.S.	Bryant College 1971	A-November 1970 R-June 1996
Tracie Mello, B.S.	Salve Regina Univ. 1996	A-August 1996
Nancy Mercier, M.Ed.	Northeastern Univ. 1976	A-August 1987
Laurel O'Brien, B.S.	R.I. College 1994	A-August 1996
Elizabeth O'Hara M.Ed.	R.I. College 1981 Cambridge College 1991	A-January 1983

Pamela Peckham-Chace, B.A.	SMU 1973	A-September 1975
Brenda Peixe, B.S.	Bridgewater State College 1973	A-August 1974
Sandra Porter, B.A.	Barrington College 1963	A-September 1969
Gerald Rivard M.Ed.	Providence College 1972	A-January 1975
Catherine Shockro M.Ed.	Stonehill College 1982 Bridgewater State College 1978	A-July 1982
Christine Staskiewicz M.Ed.	Annhurst College 1977 Providence College 1986	A-July 1986
John Sullivan M.Ed.	North Adams State College 1968 1970-73	A-May 1972
Karen Tremblay, B.S.	Rhode Island College 1991	A-August 1996
Cynthia Thomas C.A.G.S.	Bridgewater State College 1970 Bridgewater State College 1977, 1990	A-March 1970
Joan Travers, B.S., B.A.	SMU 1974	A-September 1964
Bruce Vincellet M.Ed.	No. Adams State College 1971 Bridgewater State College 1981	A-May 1971
Ruth Young C.A.G.S.	Northeastern Univ. 1970-72 Harvard University 1982	A-October 1982 R-August 1996

**Alice A. Macomber Primary School (PreK-Grade 1)**

Ingeborg DeFusco, B.S.	Bridgewater State College 1973	A-September 1976
Diane Finucci, M.Ed.	Bridgewater State College 1968	A-May 1968
Jane Dufault, M.Ed.	Lowell University 1975	A-December 1977
Donna Edwards, B.S.	Wheelock College 1981	A-August 1993
Madeleine Gonsalves M.Ed.	Boston College 1967 Cambridge College 1991	A-September 1971
Gladys Kirby, B.A.	University of Mass. 1966	A-March 1970
Constance Larkin, B.S.	Bridgewater State College 1970	A-May 1970
Joanne Morris, B.S.	Bridgewater State College 1963	A-August 1993
Janet Pelletier, B.S.	Bridgewater State College 1974	A-August 1986
Maureen Pride, M.Ed.	Cambridge College 1991	A-September 1968
Nancy Raczka, M.Ed.	Fitchburg College 1991	A-September 1968

Renee Teotonio, M.Ed

Kathleen Thibault, B.S.

#### **High School**

Edith LaBran, M.Ed.

Anthony Melli, M.S.

#### **Middle School**

Mariette Paine, Ph.D

Daniel Thomas, Ph.D

#### **Elementary School**

Elizabeth A. Bacchiocchi, M. Ed.

#### **Macomber Primary School**

Brenda Stone, Ph.D

#### **Special Services**

##### **Government Projects**

##### **Chapter I**

Melissa Gell

M.Ed.

Teacher

Colleen E. DeNardo

B.A.

Reading Recovery

#### **Speech & Language Therapist**

Kathleen Duffy, M.S.

Linda Isaksen, B.A.

Carol Stewart, M.S.

#### **Language Intervention Tutor**

Christine Ash, B.A.

#### **Psychologist**

Sharon Horton

C.A.G.S.

Fitchburg State College 1982

Bridgewater State College 1977

#### **Guidance Services**

State College 1983, 1978

Long Island University 1969, 1972

Bridgewater State College 1962-  
1973, 1984 - Univ. of MA 1990

State College 1964

Boston University 1977

Bridgewater State College 1981, 1987

SMU 1978

R.I. College 1987

University Rhode Island 1992

#### **District Services**

Bridgewater State College 1975

Bridgewater State College 1981

SMU 1984

Bridgewater State College 1976

Bridgewater State College 1985

Bridgewater State College 1982

University of Vermont 1974

Goucher College 1968

Northeastern Univ. 1974

R.I. College 1977

A-August 1988.

A-January 1978

A-November 1987

A-July 1972

A-March 1966

A-September 1995

A-October 19

A-August 1994

A-August 1988

A-September 1976

A-August 1984

A-August 1994

A-October 1990

A-August 1992

A-March 1986

Not reappointed

**Occupational Therapist**

Renee Jones, M.O.T

Boston University 1976

A-September 1993

**Support Staff****Administration Office & District Services**

Blanche Adams	Pupil Personnel Services Assistant
Luella Kirby	Payroll Assistant
Sheila Kenyon	Student Services Bookkeeper (P/T)
Ernest Caroselli	Custodian/Courier
Bradley Freitas	Maintenance & Facilities Helper

**Westport High School**

Kathleen Mendes, R.N.	School Nurse	Joyce Araujo	Food Service
Carol Sunderland	Media Paraprofessional	Veronica Kirby	Food Service
Constance Trepanier	Student Services Clerk	Priscilla Materia	Food Service
Judith McNeil	Pupil Personnel Services Clerk	Diane Pacheco	Food Service
Joanne Camara	Guidance Teaching Assistant	Rose Sutcliffe, Mgr.	Food Service
Mark Thibodeau	Custodial Service		
John Walsh	Custodial Service		
David Libera	Custodial Service		
Robert Saunders	Custodial Service		

**Westport Middle School**

Karen Long, R.N.	School Nurse	June DeAndrade	Food Service
Sharon Wypych	Teaching Assistant	Lucia Ferreira	Food Service
Leslie Vasconcellos	Teaching Assistant	Beverly Graves	Food Service
Leona Andrade	Media Teaching Assistant	Rose Rebello	Food Service
Mary Trepanier	Clerk/Receptionist	Nancy Medeiros, Mgr.	Food Service
Margaret Amaral	Pupil Personnel Services Clerk	Elaine Marshall	Paraprofess.
Dennis Auclair	Custodial Service	Richard Mello	Custodial Service
Patricia Morse	Media Paraprofessional	Richard Bates	Custodial Service
Robert Mongeon	Campus Supervisor	James Pacheco	Custodial Service

**Westport Elementary School**

Cynthia Azevedo, R.N.	School Nurse	Claire Gagne, Mgr.	Food Service
Linda Maiocco	Clerk/Receptionist	Janice Carvalho	Food Service
June Mitchell	Media Teaching Assistant	Joan Gagne	Food Service
Joan Wood	Teaching Assistant	Nancy Raposa	Food Service
Judy Oliveira	Pupil Personnel Services Clerk	Janice Benoit	Food Service
Agatha Beaulieu	Media Paraprofessional	Jeanne Gizzi	Guid. T.A.
Norman Thibodeau	Custodial Service		
Richard Landry	Custodial Service		
Robert Kirby	Custodial Service		

**Macomber Primary School**

Maureen Conboy, R.N.	School Nurse		
Cheryl Estrella	Kindergarten Teaching Assistant		
Theresa Lawrence	Early Elementary Developmental Teaching Assistant		
Diane Silva	Preschool Paraprofessional		
Natalia Silva	Pupil Personnel Services Clerk/Receptionist		
Melissa Parker	Education Technology/Media Teaching Assistant		
Elizabeth Carvalho, Manager	Food Service		
Robert Samson	Custodial Service		
William Long	Custodial Service		

### Enrollment as of October 1, 1996

#### Alice A. Macomber Primary School

Grade	Early Education Development Program	7
	Preschool	47
	Kindergarten	110
	1	<u>149</u>
	Total	313

#### Westport Elementary School

Grade	2	150
	3	139
	4	146
	5	<u>147</u>
	Total	582

#### Westport Middle School

Grade	6	155
	7	141
	8	<u>153</u>
	Total	449

#### Westport High School

Grade	9	148
	10	141
	11	105
	12	<u>92</u>
	Total	486
	Grand Total	1830

### 1995-96 School Attending Children

Grade	Westport Community	Other Public: Bristol, Diman	SPED Tuitioned Placements	Private or Parochial	Total
Pre-K	46				46
K	136			25	161
Ungraded	7		7	6	20
Grade 1	139			19	158
<b>Macomber</b>	<b>328</b>				
Grade 2	140			17	157
Grade 3	141			18	159
Grade 4	153			29	182

Grade 5	148			22	170
<b>Elementary</b>	<b>582</b>				
Grade 6	134		1	26	161
Grade 7	164		1	18	183
Grade 8	145			23	168
<b>Middle</b>	<b>443</b>				
Grade 9	138	22	1	36	197
Grade 10	120	26	3	32	181
Grade 11	108	21		38	167
Grade 12	122	22	1	37	182
<b>High</b>	<b>488</b>				
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1841</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>346</b>	<b>2292</b>

This spreadsheet shows that: 85% of students attend schools paid through taxes.  
15% of students attend private schools paid by parents.

**Westport High School  
GRADUATION EXERCISES  
Harold S. Wood Auditorium  
June 16, 1996**

**Program**

Processional- "Pomp and Circumstance"	Elgar W.H.S. Band - Scott Frost, Director
Pledge of Allegiance	
Principal's Welcome	Michael Cosgriff, Principal
Welcome	Danielle Farland, Salutatorian
Speakers	Mr. Carlton Bolton President of the W.H.S. Class of 1946
I Remember	Jessica Benetti, Class President 92-95 Kimberly Pacheco, Class Vice-President, 93-94, 95-96 Megan Erickson, Class Treasurer 93-96 Holly Montigny, Class President 95-96
Valedictorian	Laura Margarida
Certification of Class	Michael Cosgriff, Principal

**MARSHALLS**

Jennifer Botelho	Michaela Gazdik
Jill Marie Alberto	<b>Class of 1996</b> Aaron Altshuler

Joshua A. Amaral  
 Rebecca Cynthia Anderson\*  
 Dennis C. Arruda  
 Lucy M. Arruda  
 Brad J. Arsenaault  
 Shad Avila  
 Melissa Marie Baraby  
 Jessica Erin Benetti\*  
 Valerie Benfeito  
 Cara E. Boga  
 Jessica M. Boga  
 Harmony Bortmess  
 Jason R. Botelho  
 Linda Botelho  
 Jonathan J. Bourgeois  
 Beth Boutin  
 Jamie Boutin  
 Richard John Branco  
 Debra Cabral\*  
 Eric J. Cabral  
 Angie Camara  
 Carrie Carney  
 Kelly Lynn Carvalho  
 Robert James Carvalho  
 Jason Charest  
 Derek A. Chaves  
 Meaghan-Lynn Ciappenelli\*  
 Erin Beth Connors  
 Keith Correia  
 Carrie Ann Costa\*  
 Kevin S. Costa  
 Loriann Costa  
 Nicole Couto  
 Catherine Elizabeth Crapo  
 Meredith Jane Croft\*  
 Michael P. Doherty\*  
 Joshua L. Dubreuil  
 Fay Josephine Dufort\*  
 Lauren Lucille Dufort\*  
 Megan Elizabeth Erickson  
 Danielle Angela Farland\*  
 Michelle Rose Feigo  
 Alison Ferreira  
 Stephanie Ann Ferreira\*  
 Heather A. Frederick  
 Heather K. Gardner  
 Andrea Lee Gendreau  
 Naomi Christine Guimond\*  
 Liliana Hanayo Ibara\*  
 Ricardo Inacio  
 Robert A. Jalbert  
 Judy A. Keindra  
 Gregory Robert LaBonte  
 Heather Rae Leach\*  
 Kurt Leeds Jr.  
 Adam P. Lescarbeau

David L. Lima  
 Kevin Lima  
 Steven T. Long  
 Crystal Joy Lord\*  
 Vanessa Lord\*  
 Jonathan A. Lovell  
 Melissa Ann Maltais  
 Laura Ann Margarida\*  
 Erica Martins\*  
 Justin Maucione\*  
 Almerinda Medeiros  
 Michelle Marie Medeiros  
 Sofia Anna Millham\*  
 Carla Patricia Miranda  
 Jason A. Moniz  
 Lisa L. Monteiro\*  
 Holly Montigny  
 Jennifer Lynn Moreira  
 Mathew Olkovikas\*  
 Kimberly Pacheco  
 Marc W. Pacheco  
 Rebecca Leigh Pacheco  
 Antone Pereira  
 Pedro C. Pereira  
 Scott Bradford Perkins  
 Melissa E. Perrotty\*  
 Michael G. Pichette  
 Jennifer Lynn Pineau\*  
 Brian Proulx  
 Kevin J. Raposo  
 Shawn P. Rayno  
 Martin R. Riley  
 Amy Rousseau  
 Christine J. Scurio  
 Erin Jaye Senay\*  
 Kathie Siliiva  
 Wendy Ann Soares  
 Dianne Sousa  
 Katherine Elizabeth Sousa\*  
 Dawn Marie Souza\*  
 Nicholas J. Trahan  
 Jason L. Tripp\*  
 Esther van Puffelen  
 Martin B. Vieira\*  
 Melissa M. Vieira  
 Anthony Ward  
 Loren Weakley  
 Cameron Tyler Webster  
 Christie Lee White  
 David L. White  
 Jodi Lee White  
 Christopher S. Wood

\* National Honor Society Members

## 1996 Academic Awards

Principal's/Outstanding Citizen Award  
Connecticut College Book Award  
Harvard Book Award  
Harvard Prize Book Award  
N.E. Institute of Technology Book Award

The 21st Century Book Award  
UMASS Dartmouth Book Award  
Wellesley Book Award  
Presidential Academic Fitness Awards  
Outstanding Academic Achievement

Outstanding Educational Improvement

Citizenship

Art  
Band  
Business Technology  
Communications  
Journalism  
English  
French  
Portuguese  
Spanish  
Industrial Arts  
Math  
Outstanding Motivation & Effort  
Physical Education/Health  
Science  
Social Studies  
Theater Arts

Jessica Benetti, Martin Vieira  
Andrew Melli  
Michaela Gazdik  
Jennifer Botelho  
Jonathan Bourgeois, Jason Charest,  
David Lima  
Jonathan Lovel  
Nicole Brodeur  
Sarah Mitchell

Jessica Benetti, Valerie Benfeito,  
Carrie Costa, Fay Dufort, Lauren Dufort,  
Danielle Farland, Heather Leach, Crystal  
Lord, Laura Margarida, Mathew Olkovikas,  
Jennifer Pineau  
Meredith Croft, Stephanie Ferreira, Vanessa  
Lord, Melissa Maltais, Lisa Monteiro, Melissa  
Perrotty, Katherine Sousa, Erin Senay,  
Jason Tripp, Martin Vieira  
Jessica Benetti, Debra Cabral, Carrie Costa,  
Meredith Croft, Fay Dufort, Lauren Dufort,  
Mathew Olkovikas, Heather Leach, Vanessa  
Lord, Melissa Maltais, Laura Margrida, Erica  
Martins, Lisa Monteiro, Holly Montigny,  
Melissa Perrotty, Jennifer Pineau, Erin  
Senay, Jason Tripp, Martin Vieira, Anthony  
Ward  
Jamie Boutin, Brian Proulx  
Jason Tripp  
Naomi Guirmond  
Antone Pereira  
Melissa Perrotty  
Laura Margarida  
Laura Margarida  
Erica Martins  
Esther van Puffelen  
Antone Pereira  
Danielle Farland  
Antone Pereira  
Adam Lescarbeau  
Fay Dufort  
Jessica Benetti  
Erin Connors

## Community Awards

Air Force Math/Science Award  
US Air force Certificate of Enlistment  
American Legion Award  
Daughters of the American Revolution  
Good Citizen:  
Massachusetts Assembly Citations  
Top 10 Students (in order of class rank)

Laura Margrida  
David White  
Laura Margarida, Mathew Olkovikas  
  
Jessica Benetti  
  
Laura Margarida, Danielle Farland, Carrie  
Costa, Jennifer Pineau, Fay Dufort, Jessica

Massachusetts Elks  
Teenager of the Month:

Teenager of the Year:  
Naval Leadership Awards

Lt. JG John Patrick Connors Award for Leadership  
The Captain Thomas Jerome Hudner, Jr. Award  
The Captain George Levick Street III  
Award for Leadership

Benetti, Crystal Lord, Lauren Dufort, Valerie  
Benfeito, Meredith Croft

Laura Margarida, Jason Tripp, Jessica  
Benetti, Adam Lescarbeau, Melissa Perrotty,  
Mathew Olkovikas, Valerie Benfeito, Joshua  
Dubreuil, Holly Montigny, Robert Carvalho,  
Lauren Dufort, Jason Charest, Debra Cabral,  
Anthony Ward  
Heather Leach, Martin Vieira - \$200 each

Mathew Olkovikas  
Erica Martins

Melissa Perrotty

### Scholarships

AFSCME  
American Legion Scholarship  
Athletic Boosters Scholarship

Blue Heron Classic Scholarship in  
Memory of Kenneth Candeias

Continuing Scholarship  
Stephen B. Borden Memorial  
Scholarship

Chronicle Scholarship for Journalism  
Head of Westport Fire Association  
John Hickey Memorial Scholarship  
Michel A. Jusseaume, D.D.S.  
Health Science

Normand W. & Martha C. Kirby Scholarship  
L'Association Francophone de Fall River  
Potter Funeral Service Award  
Clyde T. & Yvonne Salisbury Memorial Schol.

\$125 Kathie Silvia  
\$150 each Loren Weakley, Erin Connors  
\$225 each Shad Avila, Robert Carvalho, Danielle  
Farland, Heather Leach, Melissa Maltais,  
Erin Senay, Marty Vieira  
\$125 each Erin Connors, Megan Erickson, Stephanie  
Ferreira, Adam Lescarbeau  
\$75 each Joshua Dubreuil, Melissa Perrotty, Mike  
Pichette, Kathie Silvia, Katherine Souza,  
Tony Ward

\$250 each Rebecca Anderson, Laura Margarida,  
Melissa Perrotty  
Michael Candeias

\$1000 Melissa Maltais  
\$300 Melissa Perrotty  
\$250 each Melissa Maltais, Martin Vieira  
\$150 each Melissa Maltais, Mathew Olkovikas

\$500 Stephanie Ferreira  
\$400 Debra Cabral  
\$150 Jason Tripp  
\$500 Kelly Carvalho  
\$300 each Michelle Feigo, Laura Margarida, Martin  
Vieira

\$200 each Joshua Amaral, Kelly Carvalho, Carrie  
Costa, Lorian Costa, Andrea Gendreau,  
Adam Lescarbeau, Vanessa Lord, Erica  
Martins, Lisa Monteiro, Melissa Perrotty,  
Michael Pichette, Amy Rousseau, Erin  
Senay, Katherine Souza, Dawn Souza,  
Anthony Ward

Continuing Scholarships  
St. Anne's Credit Union Scholarship  
St. John the Baptist Woman's Guild

\$750 Stephanie Ferreira  
\$500 Rebecca Anderson

Betsy Taber Scholarships	\$500 each	Jessica Benetti, Fay Dufort, Lauren Dufort, Crystal Lord, Holly Montigny, Jennifer Pineau
Two/Ten International Footwear Foundation	\$500	Holly Montigny (each year for four years)
Westport Art Group Scholarship	\$250	Jamie Boutin
Westport Fair	\$500 each	Melissa Baraby, Crystal Lord
Westport Farmers Association	\$500	Rebecca Anderson
Westport Federation of Teachers	\$300 each	Meredith Croft, Shawn Rayno
Westport Lions Club	\$2000	Jessica Benetti (\$500/year - 4 years)
Westport Lions Club/Everett Coggeshall Memorial Scholarship	\$100 Savings Bond	Antone Pereira
Westport Permanent Fire Fighters Assoc.	\$500 each	Melissa Baraby, Melissa Maltais, Holly Montigny, Kathie Silvia
Westport Police Association	\$300	Andrea Gendreau
Westport Police Association/ Lt. Richard Parker Memorial Scholarship	\$500	Melissa Perrotty
Westport Portuguese American Civic League	\$800 each	Erin Connors, Laura Margarida, Martin Vieira
Westport Women's Club Continuing Scholarships	\$400 each	Rebecca Anderson, Meredith Croft, Jennifer Azevedo, Wendy Thibault, Courtney Wood
Westport Junior Miss Scholarship	\$1750 \$900 \$700 \$300	Jessica Benetti Carrie Costa Laura Margarida Melissa Maltais
Earl H. Wood Scholarship	\$150 each	David Lima, Jason Charest

## INDEX

### Section I

#### General Government

About Westport .....	6
Annual and Special Town Meetings .....	47
Arts Council .....	86
Board of Appeals .....	88
Board of Assessors .....	89
Board of Health .....	91
Board of Health/Nursing Department .....	93
Board of Selectmen .....	18
Bristol County Mosquito Control .....	95
Building Departments (Building, Gas, Plumbing & Wire) .....	97
Cemetery Department .....	101
Community Center Committee .....	102
Conservation Commission/Soil Board .....	103
Council on Aging .....	104
Ronald Desrosiers Memorial Fund .....	108
Fire Department .....	109
Fish Commissioners .....	112
Greater Fall River Vocational School District .....	113
Harbormaster .....	131
Historical Commission .....	132
Housing Authority .....	133
Landing Commission .....	134
Legal Department .....	136
Moderator's Report .....	139
People Who Represent You .....	8
Personnel Board .....	140
Planning Board .....	141
Police Department .....	143
Sealer of Weights and Measures .....	149
Shellfish Department .....	150
SRPEDD Report .....	153
Town Accountant's Report .....	155
Town Beach Report .....	168
Town Clerk's Report .....	11
Town Farm Report .....	168
Town Officers .....	9
Town Treasurer's Report .....	169
Trustees of the Westport Free Public Library .....	138
Veterans' Agent & Veterans' Organizations Reports .....	172
Wharfinger .....	175

### Section II

#### Annual School Report

Academic & Community Awards & Scholarships .....	30
Enrollment .....	27
Financial Report & Physical Resources .....	15
Graduation Exercises .....	28
Information Services .....	13
Office of Community Resources .....	11
Pupil Personnel Services .....	10
School Directory .....	19
Schools' Annual Report .....	2

WESTPORT SENIOR CENTER



Compliments of Bill Hall (The Chronicle)

This picture shows the new addition added to the Head School on the north side of the building.

## MUNICIPAL DIRECTORY

TOWN OFFICES

Town Clerk .....	636-1000
Appeals Board .....	636-1004
Assessors, Board of .....	636-1012
Building Department (Wire, Gas & Plumbing) .....	636-1035
Cemetery Department .....	636-1025
Conservation Commission/Soil Board .....	636-1019
Health, Board of .....	636-1015
Director of Public Health .....	636-1017
(Landfill: Open - 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Closed - Tuesday, Wednesdays & Holidays	
Recycling Center: Open - 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Friday, Saturday & Sunday)	
Highway Department .....	636-1020
Grant Assistant .....	636-1041
Planning Board .....	636-1037
Registrar of Voters .....	636-1001
Selectmen, Board of .....	636-1003
Administrative Assistant .....	636-1150
Tax Collector .....	636-1010
Town Accountant .....	636-1040
Town Treasurer .....	636-1007

PUBLIC SAFETY (BUSINESS NUMBERS)

Civil Defense .....	636-5884
Dog Officer .....	678-6353
Fire Department - Central Village .....	636-1110
Briggs Road .....	672-0721
Harbormaster .....	636-1105
Police Department .....	636-1122 or 636-1123
Detective Room .....	636-1124
Shellfish Warden/Wharfinger .....	636-1105
State Police (Dartmouth) .....	993-8373

HUMAN SERVICES

Citizens for Citizens .....	672-2221
Community Nurse .....	636-1030
Community Center .....	636-1038
Council on Aging/Senior Center .....	636-1026
Housing Authority .....	675-2039
Public Library .....	636-1100
Senior Social Day Care Program .....	636-1027
Veteran's Office .....	636-1028

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

Administration Building .....	636-1140
Alice A. Macomber School .....	678-8671
Superintendent of Schools .....	636-1137
Westport Elementary School .....	636-1075
Westport High School .....	636-1050
Westport Middle School .....	636-1090

EMERGENCY ONLY

Ambulance .....	911
Fire .....	911
Police .....	911
Massachusetts Poison Information Center .....	1-800-682-921