

1997

# 1997 TOWN OF WESTPORT ANNUAL REPORT

## Westport, Massachusetts



**"The Coastal Agricultural Resource Community of New England"**

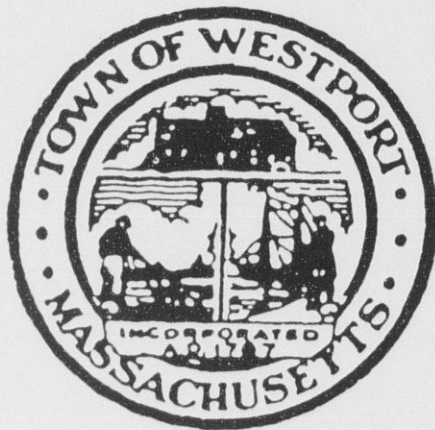


COVER PHOTO: NEW PUMPER/TANKER

**Photograph Compliments of Deputy Fire Chief Stephen Motta**

In March, the Fire Department received its new fire truck which is housed at the Briggs Road Fire Station. The piece of apparatus was welcomed as it replaced a 1960 International Pumper/Tanker (Engine 2) which used to be housed at the Central Village Fire Station and later moved to Station 2.

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

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

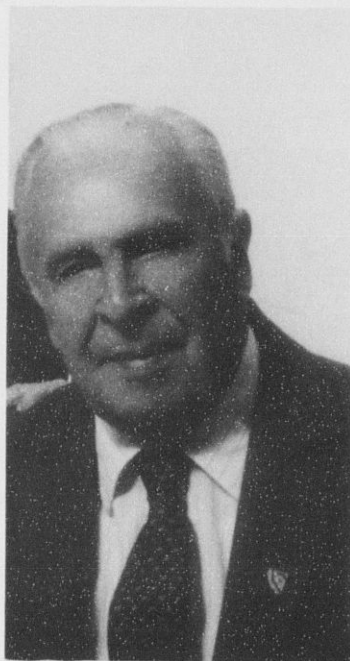
June 30, 1997

## DEDICATION

THIS TOWN REPORT IS DEDICATED IN MEMORY OF

**HAROLD S. WOOD**

*A GENTLEMAN LOVED BY ALL*



SCHOOL TEACHER, COACH, HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL & SUPERINTENDENT  
1935 UNTIL HIS RETIREMENT IN 1972  
SELECTMAN 1973 - 1976  
HOUSING AUTHORITY 1983 -1986



## **IN MEMORIAM**

**TO THE FOLLOWING PERSONS WHO SERVED THE TOWN OF WESTPORT  
AND PASSED AWAY DURING THE YEAR 1997**

**MARGO BOOTE**

COUNCIL ON AGING 1988 - 1997

**IRENE CASWELL**

RETIRED SCHOOL TEACHER 1946 - 1972

**ROBERT J. CHANDANAIS**

BOARD OF HEALTH 1993 - 1996  
HORSENECK BEACH STUDY COMMITTEE  
SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL COMMITTEE

**RUTH COLLINS**

SUPERINTENDENT'S & SCHOOL COMMITTEE'S SECRETARY 1928 - 1977

**GLADYS CRONIN**

RETIRED SCHOOL TEACHER 1963 - 1982

**DANIEL FERREIRA**

PLUMBING & GAS INSPECTOR 1986 - 1990

**PAUL LARRIVEE**

RETIRED SCHOOL TEACHER 1954 - 1990

**ESTHER SAMSON**

COUNCIL ON AGING 1977 - 1980

**RHODA SHEEHAN**

LIBRARY TRUSTEE 1984 - 1997  
SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL COMMITTEE

**VIRGINIA SHOREY**

ASSISTANT LIBRARIAN 1983 - 1986

**HERBERT STEVENS**

SEWER AND WATER STUDY COMMITTEE

**EVELYN G. L. TRIPP**

LIBRARY TRUSTEE 1948 - 1964

## **A TRIBUTE**

TO THE FOLLOWING TOWN EMPLOYEES WHO HAVE  
DEDICATED TEN OR MORE YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE TOWN

**BLANCHE ADAMS**

Retired - Pupil Personnel Clerk - 15 years

**JACQUELINE ALLARD**

Retired - Deputy Tax Collector - 25 years

**JANICE BENOIT**

Retired - Cafeteria worker - 22 years

**DONALD J. FREDERICK - Resigned**

Reserve Police Officer, Police Officer, Assistant Range & Firearms Officer - 11 years

**CLAIRE GAGNE**

Retired - Cafeteria Manager - 20 years

**JOAN GAGNE**

Retired - Cafeteria Worker - 14 years

**MARIO LEWIS**

Retired - Reserve Police Officer, Police Officer, Chief of Detectives - 21 years

**NANCY RAPOSA**

Retired - Cafeteria Worker - 24 years

**ROSE REBELLO**

Retired - Cafeteria Worker - 11 years

**DELORES ROBERSON**

Retired - School Department Administrative Executive Secretary - 25 years

**ANTONIO SARDINHA, JR.**

Retired - Teacher - 35 years

**HAROLD F. TRIPP, JR.**

Resigned - Harbor Advisory Committee - 10 years

## SPECIAL RECOGNITION

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

MICHELE AMOUR  
Community Center Committee

MICHAEL BATES  
Part-Time Custodian - Town Hall, Annex, Police Station

DONALD R. BERNIER  
Conservation Commission/Soil Board

JOHN CICCOTELLI  
Director of Public Health

JOSEPH J. CIOSEK  
Finance Committee Member

JOHN COLLETTI  
Board of Health Member

JEFFREY COSTA  
Library Custodian

VIRGINIA GRAHAM  
Finance Committee Member

ANDREW MOTTA  
Cemetery Department Laborer

ANNAMARIE K. TOWNE  
Library Trustee



## 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  
1997 - 13,389

### 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:

1997 - 1998	\$ 9.98
1996 - 1997	\$ 9.98
1995 - 1996	\$ 9.05
1994 - 1995	\$ 8.88
1993 - 1994	\$ 8.61

### 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 Bell Atlantic

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.421  
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  
Arthur R. Machado  
Christopher T. Saunders  
Marc J. Santos, Esq., Clerk of the Board  
(508) 824-9681



## TOWN OFFICERS - 1997

### SELECTMEN

David P. Dionne	1998
Steven H. Tripp	1999
Marjorie A. Holden	2000

### TERM EXPIRES

### TOWN CLERK

Marlene M. Samson	1999
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### MODERATOR

Brad C. Brightman	1998
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### TREASURER

George E. Foster	1999
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### COLLECTOR OF TAXES

Pauline M. Raposa	1999
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### ASSESSORS

Stephen J. Medeiros	1998
John J. McDermott	1999
Charles Barboza, Jr.	2000

### BOARD OF HEALTH

David P. Cabral	1998
Wayne H. Turner	1999
Shawn U. Pariseau	2000

### SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Joan M. Tripp	1998
Robert S. Wicks	1998
Dennis L. Pucello	1999
Deana Chase	2000
Cynthia T. Zembo	2000

### REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Thomas J. McGarr	1999
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### HIGHWAY SURVEYOR

Paul T. Pereira	1999
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**FISH COMMISSIONERS**      **TERM EXPIRES**

Daniel P. Sullivan	1998
Russell T. Hart	1999
James S. Manchester, Jr.	2000

**CONSTABLES**

Eric S. Martins	1999
William A. Pariseau	1999

**LIBRARY TRUSTEES**

Francis C. Kirkaldy	1998
Annamarie K. Towne (Resigned 1/29/97)	1998
Deborah J. Lee (Appointed 4/14/97)	1998
Ruth S. Manchester	1999
Rhoda W. Sheehan (Deceased 11/22/97)	1999
Margaret M. Panos	2000
Mary L. Medeiros	2000

**LANDING COMMISSIONERS**

Christopher R. Gillespie	1998
Kenneth A. Manchester	1998
Robert S. Sykes	1998
Carl Tripp	1998

**HOUSING AUTHORITY**

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

**PLANNING BOARD**

William H. Russell	1998
John S. Penney, Jr.	1999
David Wallace	2000
John Montano	2001
Timothy H. Gillespie	2002

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
OF TRUST FUNDS**

Roberta V. Costa	1998
Stafford Sheehan	1999
Lori Ann Ethier	2000



## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

### VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS ..... (As of November 1997) 93  
MARRIAGES ..... 70  
DEATHS ..... 120  
POPULATION ..... 13,389  
NUMBER OF VOTERS ..... 9,088

### 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 1997

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME OF BRIDE &amp; GROOM</u>	<u>RESIDENCE</u>
JANUARY 1	Michael Armburg Donna M. Souza	Westport, MA Middleborough, MA
FEBRUARY 14	David W. Moffet Christine M. Walsh	Newport, RI Newport, RI
MARCH 8	Alwin F. Naedele Marianne M. Fontes	Westport, MA Westport, MA
8	Jon C. Bond Colleen P. Dwyer	Acton, MA Acton, MA
23	Kelvin Tripp Jeannie Fernandez	Westport, MA So. Dartmouth, MA
29	Kenneth George Bryan, Jr. Charity L. Thomas	Fall River, MA Fall River, MA



<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME OF BRIDE &amp; GROOM</u>	<u>RESIDENCE</u>
APRIL		
12	Joseph O. Alexandre Anesia J. Oliveira	Westport, MA Fall River, MA
12	David M. Fleury Jill A. Hebert-Carmichael	Westport, MA Westport, MA
12	David R. Monast Karie A. Chicca	Westport, MA Westport, MA
19	Mark Virgilio Zanin Jennifer Hope Dias	Larchmont, NY Larchmont, NY
26	Stephen J. Conway Jennifer L. Ainsworth	Taunton, MA Westport, MA
MAY		
3	Jeffrey Michael Levrault Kellie Ann Binette	Fall River, MA Fall River, MA
16	Gregory A. MacNeil Kelli LaPlante	Westport, MA Westport, MA
24	Keith Andrew Pelletier Kelly Jean Claire Canastra	Westport, MA Westport, MA
24	Scott C. Page Taryn L. Araujo	Westport, MA Westport, MA
24	Todd Addison Marion Florje Berisha	Chatham, NJ Chatham, NJ
25	Jon-Paul Lucas Andrea L. Leclerc	Vernon, CT Vernon, CT
JUNE		
1	Richard Gerald Sevigny Jo-Ellen Catherine Cabral	Fall River, MA Westport, MA
5	Stephen Richard Liss Dawn Mary Monast	Westport, MA Westport, MA
6	John P. Correiro Elizabeth E. Jean	Little Compton, RI Little Compton, RI
7	Joseph M. Berube Cindy Ferry	No. Dartmouth, MA Westport, MA
8	Rolf E. Hoeg Dawn C. Huer	Westport, MA Westport, MA

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME OF BRIDE &amp; GROOM</u>	<u>RESIDENCE</u>
JUNE		
14	Steven A. Medeiros Fatima M. Carreiro	Bridgewater, MA Westport, MA
14	Joel Costa Shannon T. Trammell	Abilene, Texas Abilene, Texas
21	Richard A. White Jennifer B. Laird	New York, NY New York, NY
21	Jason W. Perry Christine Souza	Westport, MA Westport, MA
21	Joaquim A. Marques Lory Ann Correia	Westport, MA Westport, MA
21	George Winfield Pierce Heidi Christian Andrews	Westport, MA Westport, MA
22	Michael R. Valentine Kathryn B. Vellozo	Fall River, MA Fall River, MA
28	John J. Machado Michelle A. Morgan	Westport, MA Westport, MA
29	Peter Hamilton Schwarz Diane Marie Borges	Lafayette, LA Lafayette, LA
29	Anthony Antonios Rizk Judy Nasri	Los Angeles, CA Westport, MA
JULY		
12	Lawrence William Gray, Jr. Angel Vanessa Viera	Westport, MA Westport, MA
12	Rogério A. Duarte Sarah A. Mello	New Bedford, MA Fairhaven, MA
19	John J. Edwards Heather L. Henriques	Charlestown, MA Charlestown, MA
27	Norbert Ponte Marion Julian	Westport, MA Westport, MA
AUGUST		
8	Richard P. Washburn Elizabeth M. Kelly	Fall River, MA Fall River, MA
16	Christopher Joseph Rego Yvone Barao Mattos	So. Dartmouth, MA Westport, MA

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME OF BRIDE &amp; GROOM</u>	<u>RESIDENCE</u>
AUGUST		
16	Harold J. Sisson III Isabel M. Pratt	Westport, MA Westport, MA
17	Gerald Paul Santos, Jr. Renay Michelle Brousseau	Westport, MA Westport, MA
22	James Kevin Murphy Elizabeth Ann Heaton	New York, NY New York, NY
30	Norman D. St. Germain Kathleen A. Leach	Westport, MA Westport, MA
30	James Joseph Dranchak Kathy Anne Contino	Newport, RI Newport, RI
31	Andrew J. Mazzarella Melissa A. Pacheco	New Bedford, MA Westport, MA
SEPTEMBER		
9	Jeffrey S.M. Robbins Shelly J. Santos	Westport, MA Westport, MA
10	Robert Florien Goyette Lorraine Lucille LePage	Westport, MA Tiverton, RI
12	Charles k. Gaspar Cheryl A. Tanguie	Westport, MA Westport, MA
13	Brian W. Trapp Ann Gifford	Newport, RI Newport, RI
14	David K. Grace Rebecca Ann Robeson	Westport, MA Westport, MA
20	Scott M. Gifford Genevieve M. Ackerman	Westport, MA New Bedford, MA
23	Paul Jeffrey Westcott Emilia Howes Benson	Wakefield, RI Wakefield, RI
27	Hernando J. Guierrez Kim Elizabeth Connors	Pelham Manor, NY Pelham Manor, NY
27	Kevin J. Newcomb Yvette Morin	New Bedford, MA Westport, MA
27	Peter J. Zuber Karen L. Zacamy	Westport, MA Westport, MA

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME OF BRIDE &amp; GROOM</u>	<u>RESIDENCE</u>
OCTOBER		
3	Raymond J. Strangis III Lisa J. Starr	New Bedford, MA Fall River, MA
3	Peter Martin Patricia Gail Duffy	Norton, MA Middleboro, MA
11	Gary Louis Cambra Jeanine Ann Okraska	Westport, MA Westport, MA
11	William H. Dalton III Christine A. Phillips	Westport, MA Westport, MA
18	Robert B. Henderson Jacqueline E. Maynard	Liberty, NC Westport, MA
25	Robert L. Barnwell Kimberly A. Hutchinson	Swansea, MA Fall River, MA
25	Gregory G. Mastors Kathryn A. Ronayne	W. Greenwich, RI W. Greenwich, RI
26	Richard W. Fell Dolores A. Grillo	No. Dartmouth, MA Westport, MA
NOVEMBER		
8	Jose Ferreira, Jr. Lori J. Rochon	Westport, MA Swansea, MA
15	Bryan T. Perham Jennifer M. Hall	Westport, MA Westport, MA
15	Kevin J. Tripp Christie L. Feno	Westport, MA Fall River, MA
22	Michael R. Goes Stacey D. Hawes	No. Dartmouth, MA Westport, MA
DECEMBER		
20	Alfred Leon Avery Yvonne Pauline Cyr	Westport, MA Westport, MA
27	Mark A. Moniz Renee M. Chretien	Warwick, RI Little Compton, RI





## LICENSES ISSUED BY THE TOWN CLERK 1997

<u>Dog Licenses</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Individual	1016
Kennel	21
Amount Paid to Treasurer	\$ 4,632.00

<u>Hunting &amp; Fishing Licenses</u>	
Massachusetts Waterfowl Stamps	309
Archery Stamps	73
Primitive Firearms Stamps	49
Amount Paid to Treasurer	27
	\$ 8,696.75

<u>Beach Stickers</u>	
Amount Paid to Treasurer	\$19,680.00

### AUCTIONEERS LICENSES 1997

FEE \$20.00

(License Expires One Year from Date of Issue)

George R. Medeiros	ISSUED
871 Sodom Road, Westport	03/13/97
 Michael R. Corcoran	 09/11/97
549 Paradise Avenue, Middletown, RI	

### GASOLINE REGISTRATION RENEWALS

FEE \$5.00

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

### JUNK COLLECTORS LICENSES 1997

FEE \$15.00

(License Expires May 1, 1998)

	ISSUED
William White	03/14/97
Ellen & Gerard Drapeau	04/07/97
Mid City Scrap Iron	04/24/97
Joseph Bothelo	04/24/97
Robert J. Desmarais	05/05/97
Anthony Fragoza	05/12/97
Edward Pereira	08/06/97

### RAFFLE-BAZAAR PERMITS 1997

FEE \$10.00

(License Expires One Year from Date of Issue)

	ISSUED
St. George School Bingo	01/06/97
St. George Church	02/11/97
WES-MAC PTO	03/03/97
Friends of the Westport COA, Inc.	03/27/97
Diabetes Association of Greater Fall River	04/03/97
Westport P.A.C.L.	04/16/97
PYCO	06/12/97
Cummings Lane Corporation	06/20/97
St. John the Baptist Church	06/30/97
East Bay R.S.V.P.	07/18/97
Westport Yacht Club, Inc.	07/18/97
Better Community Living Inc.	09/10/97
Westport Harvest Festival	10/02/97
Student Council	10/17/97
Westport Historical Society Inc.	10/23/97
People Incorporated	11/18/97
Westport Federation of Teachers	10/24/97
Pacific Union Congregational Church	12/01/97
Partners Village Store for Friends of C.O.A.	12/15/97



## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

The Board of Selectmen is pleased to submit this annual report for 1997.

Mrs. Marjorie Holden was re-elected to the Board in March and we look forward to working with her in the years ahead.

As usual the preceding year has been filled with activity and accomplishments and we look forward to reporting on them to the town's citizens.

### Finance

Westport continues to operate under the constraints of Prop. 2 ½. The Town continues to meet its requirements under the Education Reform Act, but at the same time finds it difficult to address much needed capital improvements. Every effort is made to fund needs through grants and state revenue, yet substantial needs such as building repairs, land acquisitions to protect open space and infrastructure improvements will require major outlays of town funds for planning and grant matching purposes.

### Personnel

The Board completed its Police Chief selection process with the hiring of Michael Healy as Chief of Police. With extensive experience in law enforcement Chief Healy was sworn in during March of 1997 and has had a dramatic impact on the police department. As well as standardizing policies, procedures and equipment, Chief Healy has instituted new programs including bike patrols, a school resource officer and community policing. The Town, through the Police Department, has also been the recipient of a Cops Fast grant which will enable Westport to add three new police officers.

Three employment contracts were renewed during the year. These contracts, which were approved at a Special Town Meeting in October, were for the Police, Fire and Highway Departments. We welcome the employment stability which these contracts will help provide as well as the progress they make toward giving Westport's workforce a wage that reflects that of comparative communities.

The Wage and Classification study, which involves many of the other Town positions, is progressing. We look forward to this being completed in early 1998.

In October, the Board of Selectmen hired attorney Daniel C. Perry of the firm Perry, Hicks, Crotty and Mitchell as Town Counsel. We look forward to working with Mr. Perry on the many projects and issues which we have before us.

### Grants

In November, the Selectmen were notified that Westport was the recipient of a \$400,000 Housing Rehabilitation grant. This grant, awarded through the state's Department of Housing and Community Development, will enable the Town to provide housing rehabilitation assistance to twenty five households. Administered through the Town's Small Cities office, this very popular program will be of considerable benefit to many residents.

The Town also received a \$6,000 Greenways and Trails grant to plan for the possible construction of

a bike path. Further study of such a plan will be necessary as Westport, like other towns, has found this a controversial subject.

Several other grant applications have been prepared and submitted for projects including stormwater mitigation and zoning updates. The application process has become very technical and time consuming, so the Board of Selectmen have established a committee to help set priorities and participate in the planning process. Several new grant programs have been announced recently and we will make every effort to get our fair share of much needed state and federal funds.

### Davis Road Waterline

Construction began in May of 1997 for the extension of the Town's waterline to Davis Road to address a pollution problem. This major project, which including the hook-ups to each of the polluted residences, has been completed on time and on schedule, with the only remaining segment being the repaving of the road this Spring. A balance of funds does remain and we are investigating using them to address any other pollution problems in the area. We wish to thank our Waterline Committee for their assistance in making this project a success.

At the October Special Town Meeting an agreement with the City of Fall River was approved through which that city's water department will assist Westport with meter reading and billing. Our water system is being updated through the installation of remote readers and combined with this agreement we will be able to have timely and accurate billing for those on the system.

Presently we are awaiting bids for the extension of this waterline to Greenwood Terrace. This extension will be funded through the Massachusetts Highway Department and administered by the Town. Once it has been completed, which we hope will be in the Spring of 1998, it will help address many long standing needs for the area and for our elderly population.

### Special Projects

There have been a number of special projects completed in 1997.

The Selectmen have worked closely with the Board of Health on landfill management and closure. We have signed an Administrative Consent Order setting timelines for closure and capping and will remain involved in this project to ensure that these timelines are met and that state regulations are fully complied with.

The underground tanks at the Town Hall were removed and replaced with above ground tanks in the building's basement.

The Town Hall's septic system was repaired and much of the interior of the building painted.

The exterior of the Town Hall and the Town Hall Annex were painted, the Briggs Road fire station was painted and the landfill cleaned up all by using the Bristol County Sheriff's Pre-Release Program.

The girls bathroom in the basement of the Town Hall Annex is being completely rebuilt and made handicapped accessible. We thank Diman Regional Vocational School for their assistance with this and enabling us to keep costs down.

In 1997 Westport was the recipient of the "Best Place to Live in Massachusetts" award from Channel 6 in Providence; the result of a viewers poll. Through the activities listed above and our plans for the future we hope to make Westport an even better place to live in 1998 and in the years to come.



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 former assistant Alyn Breaux, 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



Selectmen Marjorie Holden and David Dionne, Administrative Assistant Robert Reed, Selectmen's Secretary Charlene Wood and Confidential Clerk Denise Bouchard receiving "The 1997 ABC 6 Best Place to Live in Massachusetts" award from Channel 6 News Anchor Pamela Watts

## APPOINTMENTS 1997

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Robert T. Reed	Administrative Assistant	6/30/2000
Charlene R. Wood	Secretary to the Board of Selectmen	
Robert T. Reed	Parking Clerk	6/30/2000
Denise Bouchard	Confidential Clerk to the Board of Selectmen	
Daniel C. Perry	Town Counsel	At Will
George C. Decas	Town Counsel	At Will
Kevin Feeley	Labor Counsel	At Will
Atty. Walter Smith	Special Counsel	6/30/98
Katherine Benoit	Town Accountant	6/30/2000
Deborah J. Lee	Library Trustee	3/98
Glen Ballou	Maintenance Supervisor - Town Hall, Annex, Police Dept.	
Michael Bates	Assistant Part-Time Custodian	
Michael C. McCarthy	Emergency Management Director	6/30/2000
Paul Ledoux	Deputy Emergency Management Director	6/30/98
Leonard Moniz	Emergency Management Radio Equipment Operator	6/30/98
Charles Gasper	Emergency Management Radio Equipment Operator	6/30/98
Michael Altschuler	Emergency Management Radio Equipment Operator	6/30/98
Charlene R. Wood	Emergency Management Secretary	6/30/2000
William Preston Henderson	Emergency Management - Public Relations	6/30/98
Michael C. McCarthy	Energy Coordinator	6/30/98
Elaine Rioux	Dog Officer	4/30/2000
Brian Rioux	Assistant Dog Officer	4/30/98
Ronald E. Costa	Veterans Service Agent	4/30/2000
Ronald E. Costa	Graves Registration Officer	4/30/2000
Ronald E. Costa	Citizens for Citizens Representative	6/30/98
Albert A. Palmer	Special Deputy Shellfish Warden	6/30/98
Richard B. Earle	Harbormaster	6/30/2000
Jonathan Paul	Assistant Harbormaster	6/30/98
Roger Reed	Assistant Harbormaster	6/30/98
Gary A. Tripp	Assistant Harbormaster	6/30/98
John R. Bevis	Assistant Harbormaster	6/30/98
James Perry	Assistant Harbormaster	6/30/98
Henry Vaillancourt	Assistant Wharfinger	6/30/98
Robert Maltais	Inspector of Buildings	6/30/99
Lynwood Comstock	Assistant Inspector of Buildings	6/30/98
Ernest Vohnoutka	Wire Inspector	6/30/2000
William Plamondon	Assistant Wire Inspector	6/30/98
Dane R. Winship	Assistant Wire Inspector	6/30/98
Robert Labonte	Plumbing Inspector (by Building Inspector)	6/30/98
Robert Labonte	Gas Inspector (by Building Inspector)	6/30/98
Roger Olivier	Assistant Plumbing Inspector (by Building Inspector)	6/30/98
Roger Olivier	Assistant Gas Inspector (by Building Inspector)	6/30/98
Paul Audet	Sealer of Weights & Measures	6/30/99
John Ciccotelli	Water Certifying Officer	6/30/98

### 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
Vacancy	Hazardous Waste Coordinator
Gary Sherman	Oil Spill Coordinator
Marjorie A. Holden	Mooring Assignment Committee
George Foster	Custodian of Tax Title Properties
John Andrade	E-911 Coordinator
David P. Dionne	Railroad Commissioner

### ARTS COUNCIL

Wendy Goldberg	6/30/98	Susan Branco	6/30/98
Nancy Rodrigues	6/30/99	Sarah Jackson	6/30/98
Barbara B. Wicks	6/30/2000	Elizabeth Thurber	6/30/99
Mary Ellen Guptill	6/30/98	Elaine Stevens	6/30/98
Rylan Brenner	6/30/2000	Peter Fradley	6/30/2000

### BEACH COMMITTEE (3 YEAR TERM)

James A. Burns	Precinct A	6/30/99
Paul F. Heywood	Precinct B	6/30/98
J. Duncan Albert	Precinct C	6/30/2000
Arthur G. Caesar	Precinct D	6/30/2000
Pauline Laursen	Precinct E	6/30/2000

### BIKE PATH COMMITTEE

David Dionne	6/30/98	Robert Caron	6/30/98
Clayton Dennis	6/30/98	Normand Ouellette	6/30/98
Marilyn Whalley (Advisor Only)	6/30/98	Margaret Tripp	6/30/98
Timothy Ford	6/30/98	Michel Jusseaume	6/30/98
Leslie E. J. Badham	6/30/98	Jennifer L. Atwood	6/30/98
Richard Lambert	6/30/98	Robert J. Caron	6/30/98
Cheryl Pereira	6/30/98		

### 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	6/30/2002
Kendal Tripp	6/30/2001

#### 1 Year Term - Associates

Eliot C. Holden	6/30/98
Thomas Costello	6/30/98

### BOARD OF SURVEY (1 YEAR TERM)

David Bernier (by Inspector of Buildings)  
Fire Chief William D. Tripp 6/30/98  
Fred Hanack 6/30/98

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

Vacancy 6/30/98  
Steven H. Tripp (Alternate) 6/30/98

### CABLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (1 YEAR TERM)

Paul Izyk	6/30/98	Robert Rayno	6/30/98
Edwin Horky	6/30/98	Robert Perry	6/30/98
Edward A. Martins	6/30/98	Margot desJardins	6/30/98

### COMMUNITY CENTER COMMITTEE (1 YEAR TERM)

Ronald J. Assad	6/30/98	Vacancy	6/30/98
Paul Izyk	6/30/98	Loma Frederick	6/30/98
Steven W. Fors	6/30/98	Delores Rego (Honorary)	6/30/98

### CONSTABLES (1 YEAR TERM)

Daniel Sullivan	6/30/98	Thomas Peters	6/30/98
Joseph Migliori	6/30/98	William Neugent	6/30/98

### COUNCIL ON AGING (3 YEAR TERM)

Reverend Robert Lawrence	6/30/98	Donald A. Maynard	6/30/98
Janice Trepanier	6/30/2000	Irene Pacheco	6/30/2000
Lois E. Spirllet	6/30/99	Joanne Devlin	6/30/99
Cynthia Reynolds	6/30/99		



EDUCATIONAL FUND COMMITTEE (2 YEAR TERM)

Marjorie A. Holden	6/30/99	Veronica Beaulieu	6/30/99
Cindi Zembo	6/30/99	Margot desJardins	6/30/99
George Foster	6/30/99		

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

Arthur Briggs 6/30/98

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

GOLF COURSE COMMITTEE (1 YEAR TERM)

Deana Chase	6/30/98	Dolores Fell	6/30/98
Calvin Hopkinson	6/30/98	Robert Reed	6/30/98
Barbara Hanley	6/30/98	Richard Desjardins	6/30/98
Richard Lafrance	6/30/98	John Ledwidge	6/30/98

GROWTH STRATEGY COMMITTEE (1 YEAR TERM)

Chris Capone	6/30/98	George Costa	6/30/98
Deana Chase	6/30/98	John Ciccotelli	6/30/98
Gay Gillespie	6/30/98	Timothy Gillespie	6/30/98
Mary Ellen Gomes	6/30/98	Ben Guy	6/30/98
Tom Hancock	6/30/98	Paul Heywood	6/30/98
Thomas Perkins	6/30/98	Robert Maltais	6/30/98
Tripp Millikin	6/30/98	John Montano	6/30/98
Jack Penney	6/30/98	Paul Pereira	6/30/98
Walter Quinn	6/30/98	Robert Reed	6/30/98
Steve Roy	6/30/98	Bill Russell	6/30/98
William Tripp	6/30/98	Wayne Turner	6/30/98
William Underwood	6/30/98	David Wallace	6/30/98
Jim Walsh	6/30/98	Robert Wicks	6/30/98

Fred Hanack	6/30/98	Jack Jennings	6/30/98
Calvin Hopkinson	6/30/98	Robert Russell	6/30/98
Joseph Keith	6/30/98	Dolores Fell	6/30/98
Eliot Lamontagne	6/30/98		

#### HARBOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE (1 YEAR TERM)

John Azevedo	6/30/98	Robert Reynolds	6/30/98
Edward B. Carey	6/30/98	Brenda Figueirido	6/30/98
Ann C. Rosinha	6/30/98		

#### HISTORICAL COMMISSION (3 YEAR TERM)

<u>Regular</u>		<u>Alternates</u>	
Geraldine Millham	6/30/98	Eleanor Jerome	6/30/98
Lincoln Tripp	6/30/98	Richard Wertz	6/30/99
Barbara Koenitzer	6/30/2000	Suzanne Lentini	6/30/99
William Underwood, Jr.	6/30/2000	Barbara Wood	6/30/2000
Christopher Wise	6/30/99	Leonard Silvia	6/30/99
Jacqueline Hill	6/30/99	Norma Judson	6/30/2000
Virginia Edgcomb	6/30/99		
	Eleanor S. Tripp (Honorary)		

#### LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE (1 YEAR TERM)

Paul Pereira	6/30/98	Michael C. McCarthy	6/30/98
Richard Earle	6/30/98	William D. Tripp	6/30/98
Christopher Capone	6/30/98	Michael R. Healy	6/30/98
Brian Souza	6/30/98	Steven Tripp	6/30/98
Leonard Gunningham	6/30/98	John Ciccotelli	6/30/98
Gary Sherman	6/30/98	Michael Duarte	6/30/98
Carl Tripp	6/30/98		

#### PERSONNEL BOARD (3 YEAR TERM)

Ann Chandanais	6/30/2000	Richard E. Huczek	6/30/99
James W. Coyne, Jr.	6/30/99	Marlene Pelletier	6/30/99
Richard Vohnoutka	6/30/99		

#### POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief of Police  
Michael R. Healy

Lieutenants

William C. White

Joseph E. Carvalho

### Sergeants

Pauline Q. Field  
Paul E. Holden

John Gifford  
Stephen D. Kovar, Jr.

### Regular Police Officers

Scott Arrington  
John J. Bell  
Douglas Britland  
Gary L. Cambra  
Antonio Cestodio  
John P. Couto  
Mario DaCunha  
Reginald Deschenes  
Gary M. Foley  
Jeffrey Majewski

David Morrisette  
Michael D. O'Connor  
Keith Pelletier  
Michael S. Perry  
Thomas Plourde  
Richard Rodrigues  
Marshall Ronco  
Michael R. Roussel  
David Simcoe

Stephen D. Kovar, Jr. (Range & Firearms Officer)  
John P. Couto (Assistant Range & Firearms Officer)  
Michael R. Roussel (Special Agent in Charge of Kegs)

### Chaplain

Reverend Gerard Hebert

### Secretary /Dispatcher

Nancy Braga

### E-911 Dispatchers

Susan Amann  
Darrin Blais

Marianna Butler  
Michael Silvia

### Reserve Police Officers

Raymond Araujo  
David Arruda  
Kristen Barboza  
David Bellavance  
Darrin M. Blais  
Enka L. Bussiere  
Kristine Carreiro  
Sean Crook  
Michael Cusick  
Christopher A. Dunn  
William Falandys  
Richard Greaves  
Scott Joseph  
Nia Ketchen  
David Leite  
Brian C. McCarthy

Christopher M. Mello  
Carl D. Mendoza  
Francois A. Napert III  
Ryan Nickelson  
Keith J. Novo  
Todd Oliver  
Douglas Orr  
Steven Ouellette  
Fernando Pontes  
Robert Plummer  
Mark Rosinha  
Michael Silvia  
Brian Souza  
Daniel R. Sullivan  
Robert Thatcher  
Andrew Wheaton

Raymond Benoit (Special F.R. Rod & Gun Club)

PUBLIC WEAIGHER (1 YEAR TERM)

Kenneth Kehoe	at 548 State Road	6/30/98
Herman Gitlin	at 548 State Road	6/30/98
Louis Gitlin	at 548 State Road	6/30/98
Mark Gitlin	at 548 State Road	6/30/98
Jeffrey Clarke	at 536 Old County Road	6/30/98
Jason Dessert	at 536 Old County Road	6/30/98

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS (3 YEAR TERM)

Democrats

Marlene Samson	4/1/99
Robert St. Amour	4/1/2000

Republican

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

RIVER DREDGING COMMITTEE (1 YEAR TERM)

Marjorie Holden	6/30/98	John Reynolds	6/30/98
Richard Earle	6/30/98	James Robeson	6/30/98
Richard Hart	6/30/98	Gary Sherman	6/30/98
Russell T. Hart	6/30/98	Alexander Smith	6/30/98

SAFETY REGULATION BOARD (1 YEAR TERM)

(Art. 30 - Section 1, 1978)

Steven H. Tripp, Selectmen's Representative 6/30/98  
Paul Pereira, Highway Surveyor 6/30/98  
Paige Gibbs, Fence Viewer 6/30/98

SHELLFISH WARDEN/WHARFINGER (3 YEAR TERM)

Gary Sherman 6/30/98

DEPUTY SHELLFISH WARDEN (3 YEAR TERM)

Edmie P. Bibeau	6/30/99	Robert W. Pierce	6/30/99
Diane Baraby	6/30/2000	Mike Andrade	6/30/2000
Thomas Mello	6/30/2000	Henry Vaillancourt	6/30/98
Daniel P. Sullivan	Honorary	John Doherty	Honorary
Edward T. Earle	Honorary		

SHELLFISH ADVISORY COMMITTEE (1 YEAR TERM)

Kenneth Manchester	6/30/98	Edward A. Martins	6/30/98
Richard Hart	6/30/98	Alexander Smith	6/30/98
George Smith	6/30/98		



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

Calvin Hopkinson	6/30/2000	Claude Ledoux	6/30/2000
Elliot LaMontagne	6/30/98	Richard Lambert	6/30/2000
John Reynolds	6/30/99	David Pichette	6/30/98
Thomas Perkins	6/30/99	Christopher Capone, Agent	

### 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 1997

Gustin N. Cariglia	Head Lifeguard
Amy Costa	Full-Time Lifeguard
Merideth Lutz	Full-Time Lifeguard
Conor Hanover	Full-Time Lifeguard
Meaghan Hubert	Part-Time Lifeguard

### TOWN BUILDING COMMITTEE (1 YEAR TERM)

Roger Olivier	6/30/98	William Gifford	6/30/98
William J. Underwood, Jr.	6/30/98	Richard Vohnoutka	6/30/98
William E. Lawton	6/30/98		

WAGE & CLASSIFICATION STUDY COMMITTEE (1 YEAR TERM)

James Coyne	6/30/98	Richard Huczek	6/30/98
Robert Reed	6/30/98	Angelina Souza	6/30/98
Theresa Vaillancourt	6/30/98	Carol Borden	6/30/98

WATERLINE CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE (1 YEAR TERM)

Robert LaBonte	6/30/98	Robert Reed	6/30/98
Paul Pereira	6/30/98	Joseph Rego	6/30/98
William Underwood	6/30/98	David Wallace	6/30/98
Marilyn Whalley	6/30/98		

WESTPORT CITIZENS BETTERMENT COMMITTEE (1 YEAR TERM)

Shirley Desrosiers	6/30/2000	Charlene R. Wood	6/30/98
Walter Craveiro	6/30/97	Lena Napert	6/30/98
Marguerite Plamondon	6/30/97		

BONDS

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

TRAILER PERMITS

Issued 97 (\$24.00 ea.)

SUNDAY LICENSES

Issued 28 (\$5.00 ea.)

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

COMMON VICTUALLERS LICENSES

Issued 42 (\$15.00 ea.)

TOTAL COLLECTED

(Fees & Miscellaneous)

\$36,427.81



## 1997 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

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  
 Wells Auto Sales  
 Westport Auto & RV Center

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  
 683A American Legion Highway  
 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 Recycling

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  
 Arel's tune Up & Trouble Shooting  
 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  
 Eddy's Repair Shop

626 Adamsville Road  
 914 State Road  
 1090 State Road  
 615 State Road  
 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  
 25 Elmwood Avenue



Ferreira's Auto Body & Sales  
 Four Square Garage  
 Hart Auto Body  
 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.  
 T.C. Used Cars & Repairs  
 Thad's Auto Salvage & Service  
 Westport Auto Clinic  
 Westport Auto & Truck Repair  
 Westport Citgo  
 Westport Tire Center  
 Wilfrid's Garage, Inc.

91 Forge Road  
 618 Sanford Road  
 51 Cross 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  
 648 State Road  
 37 Charlotte White Road  
 422 Sanford Road  
 137 Forge Road  
 162 State Road  
 718 State Road  
 427 Main Road

#### STORAGE YARD LICENSE

Richie's Affordable Storage

851I State Road



## 1997 LIQUOR LICENSES

### PACKAGE GOODS STORE ALL ALCOHOLIC

Briere's, Inc.	233 Sanford Road
Ed'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

Harry's Country Store Inc.	646 American Legion Highway
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

Kori, Inc. d/b/a Alhambras	829 American Legion Highway
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
Windward Food Service Corp. d/b/a	
Moby Dick Wharf Restaurant	1 Bridge Road
177 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

Acoaxet Club, Inc.  
Acoaxet Club, Inc. d/b/a The Pro Shop  
Village Pizza

152 Howland Road  
152 Howland Road  
760 Main Road



Town Hall Staff, Halloween (left to right - Sharon Martori, Terry Vaillancourt, Sharon Potter, Carol Bird, Beverly Kut and Carol Borden)

January 29, 1997

Mrs. Frances Kirkaldy  
Chairman of Board of Trustees  
Westport Free Public Library  
P.O. Box N157  
Westport, MA 02790

Dear Mrs. Kirkaldy:

Please accept my resignation from the Board of Trustees. I find I can no longer attend the meetings. I am now living at my daughter Barbara Chambers home, 13 Stone Ridge Road, East Lyme, Conn. 06333. I have had a stroke and am no longer able to drive.

Please give my very best. I hope to be able to still put money in the Lockwood Towne Memorial.

Very truly yours,

Annamane K. Towne

**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 tenth day of March 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 Assessor, One Board of Health Member, Two School Committee Members, One Fish Commissioner, Two Trustees of the Free Public Library, One Commissioner of Trust Funds all for a term of Three Years; One Planning Board Member for Five years; Four Landing Commissioners for One-year terms and One Planning Board Member for a Three-year unexpired term.



### Question 1

Shall the Town of Westport be allowed to exempt from the provisions of Proposition 2 ½, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bonds issued in order to cap and close the Westport Landfill and to procure design and engineering services and construction supervision services with respect to the above described project?

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.

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 20th day of February in the year one thousand nine hundred and ninety-seven.

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

Marlene Samson  
Town Clerk  
Westport, MA 02790  
February 21, 1997

I, this 20th day of February, 1997, 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  
March 10, 1997

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

Marjorie A. Holden had one thousand two hundred seventy-eight	1278
Elizabeth A. Collins had eight hundred forty-nine	849
Damase Giguere had four (write-in)	4
Blanks, forty-six	46

Assessor - three years

Charles Barboza, Jr. had one thousand three hundred sixty-eight	1368
Blanks, eight hundred nine	809

Board of Health - three years

Shawn U. Pariseau had one thousand three hundred eighty-three	1383
Blanks, seven hundred ninety-four	794

School Committee - three years

Deana Chase had one thousand one hundred forty-three	1143
Cynthia T. Zembo had one thousand sixty-one	1061
Marilyn J. Pease had three (write-in)	3
Blanks, two thousand one hundred forty-seven	2147

Fish Commissioner - three years

Edmie Bibeau had one thousand four hundred five	1405
Blanks, seven hundred seventy-two	772

Trustees of Free Public Library - three years

Mary L. Medeiros had one thousand three hundred ninety-one	1391
Margaret M. Panos had one thousand seventy-three	1073
Blanks, one thousand eight hundred ninety	1890

Landing Commissioners - one year

Christopher R. Gillespie had one thousand one hundred thirty-one	1131
Kenneth A. Manchester had one thousand one hundred seventy-nine	1179
Robert S. Sykes had one thousand sixty-two	1062
Carl Tripp had fifteen (write-in)	15
Blanks, five thousand three hundred twenty-one	5321

Planning Board - five years

Timothy Gillespie had one thousand two hundred ninety-four	1294
Blanks, eight hundred eighty-three	883

Commissioners of Trust Funds - three years

Lori Ethier had nineteen (write-in)	19
Blanks, two thousand one hundred fifty-eight	2158

Planning Board - three year unexpired term

David D. Wallace had one thousand one hundred thirty-nine	1139
Blanks, one thousand thirty-eight	1038

Question 1.

Yes, one thousand thirteen

No, nine hundred ninety

Blanks, one hundred seventy-four

1013

990

174

A true record,

Attest: Marlene M. Samson  
Town Clerk

**THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
TOWN OF WESTPORT  
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT  
APRIL 1, 1997**

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, April 1, 1997 at 7:30 p.m., and then and there to act on the following articles, viz:

Agreeable to the warrant calling said meeting, the Moderator and Town Clerk assembled at the Westport High School on the above date. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Moderator Brad C. Brightman. Due to the state of emergency called by Governor William Weld, a motion was made and voted unanimously to postpone the Annual Town Meeting until 7:30 p.m. April 2, 1997 and the Special Town Meeting until 8:00 p.m. April 2, 1997.

Present were Finance Committee Chairman Gary Mauk, Administrative Assistant Robert Reed, Fire Chief William Tripp, Civil Defense Director Michael McCarthy, Board of Health members, Wayne Turner and Shawn Pariseau, Police Sergeant John Gifford, Officer David Simcoe, Carlton Lees and Clifford Brightman.

**APRIL 2, 1997**

The adjourned Annual Town Meeting was called to order at 7:32 p.m. by Moderator Brad C. Brightman who appointed Calvin Hopkinson and Cathy Madsen to act as tellers and they were duly sworn by the Town Clerk. Beverly Kut 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 the playing of our National Anthem performed by members of the Westport High School Marching Band.

Motion made to have articles considered on a Lottery basis, excluding articles 1-3 and 68 was lost.

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/BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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	8,868
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	<u>\$177,946</u>

VOTED: (Unanimously)

VOTED: (Unanimously) to recess the Annual Town Meeting at 8:04 p.m. and to open the Special Town Meeting.

**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT  
TOWN OF WESTPORT  
APRIL 1, 1997**

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, April 1, 1997 at 8:00 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, 1996, and/or to take any other action relative thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

FROM	TO	AMOUNT
Employee Benefits	School Department	\$26,816

VOTED: (Carried)

#### Article 2

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

Jeffrey F. Majewski	\$ 23.00
Charlton Memorial Hospital	\$231.54
Richard W. Keller, P.E.	\$795.00
Bristol County Print Shop	\$750.00

VOTED: (Unanimously) \$2,850. from Free Cash.

#### Article 3

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 current appropriations a sum of money sufficient to fully fund the cost items contained in the collective bargaining agreement between the Town of Westport and Police Officers of Westport Alliance, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

VOTED: (Unanimously) the sum of \$33,850. from Free Cash.

#### Article 4

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Board of Health expense budget into an Article \$3,000 for the purpose of offsetting the cost of rabies and/or other communicable disease vaccinations and/or other blood work as may be deemed necessary, not available for free through state programs, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

BOARD OF HEALTH

VOTED: (Unanimously)

#### Article 5

To see if the Town will vote to transfer ten thousand-five hundred-seventy-two dollars (\$10,572) from the Nursing Department Personnel Budget to an Article for the repair of landfill equipment, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

BOARD OF HEALTH

VOTED: (Unanimously) to Pass over Article 5.

### Article 6

To see if the Town will vote to transfer nine thousand dollars (\$9,000) from the Nursing Department Expense Budget to an Article for landfill engineering expenses, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

BOARD OF HEALTH

VOTED: (Unanimously) to Pass over Article 6.

VOTED: (Unanimously) to adjourn the Special Town Meeting and reconvene the Annual Town Meeting at 8:13 p.m..

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 twelfth day of March in the year one thousand nine hundred and ninety-seven.

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

Marlene Samson  
Town Clerk  
Westport, MA 02790  
March 14, 1997

I this 14th day of March, 1997 posted 5 true attested copies of the forgoing warrant in the following named places:

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

Daniel P. Sullivan  
Constable of Westport

### 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, 1997 and appropriate the same to several departments and/or take any other action relative thereto.

FINANCE COMMITTEE/BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ACCOUNTANT	
Personal services	48,800
Expenses	<u>3,100</u>
Total	51,900

APPEALS	
Personal Services	2,080
Expenses	<u>3,045</u>
Total	5,125
ASSESSORS	
Personal Services	98,519
Expenses	<u>4,200</u>
Total	102,719
BOARD OF HEALTH	
Personal Services	118,188
Expenses	<u>12,179</u>
Total	130,367
BUILDING INSPECTORS	
Personal Services	47,589
Expenses	<u>5,000</u>
Total	52,589
CEMETERY	
Personal Services	56,452
Expenses	<u>6,143</u>
Total	62,595
CIVIL DEFENSE	
Personal Services	530
Expenses	<u>1,803</u>
Total	2,360
COLLECTOR OF TAXES	
Personal Services	82,887
Expenses	14,145
Tax Takings	<u>1,200</u>
Total	92,232
CONSERVATION COMMISSION	
Personal Services	39,872
Expenses	<u>5,585</u>
Total	45,557
COUNCIL ON AGING	
Personal Services	61,906
Expenses	<u>18,053</u>
Total	79,959
DATA PROCESSING	
Personal Services	10,000
Expenses	<u>31,880</u>
Total	41,880

DOG OFFICER	
Personal Services	8,596
Expenses	<u>7,660</u>
Total	16,256

ELECTION & REGISTRATION	
Personal Services	30,768
Expenses	<u>10,088</u>
Total	40,856

EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	
Health	845,000
Life	6,000
FICA/Medicare	60,000
Unemployment	40,000
Worker's Comp.	<u>60,000</u>
Total	1,011,000

FINANCE COMMITTEE	
Personal Services	2,000
Expenses	<u>2,000</u>
Total	4,000

RESERVE FUND	100,000
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FIRE	
Personal Services	911,107
Expenses	<u>142,727</u>
Total	1,053,834

GAS INSPECTORS	
Personal Services	5,000
Expenses	<u>1,000</u>
Total	6,000

HARBOR ENTERPRISE	60,516
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HIGHWAY	
Personal Services	399,824
Expenses	<u>171,380</u>
Total	571,204

HIGHWAY/SNOW & ICE REMOVAL	
Personal Services	24,000
Expenses	<u>20,000</u>
Total	44,000

HISTORICAL COMMITTEE	
Expenses/Total	310



LANDFILL		
Personal Services	0	
Expenses	<u>0</u>	
Total	0	Unanimous
LEGAL		
Expenses/Total	65,000	
LIBRARY		
Personal Services	101,925	
Expenses	<u>34,475</u>	
Total	136,400	
MODERATOR		
Personal Services	483	
Expenses	<u>150</u>	
Total	633	
NURSING, BOARD OF HEALTH		
Personal Services	19,693	
Expenses	<u>4,610</u>	
Total	24,303	
PARKING TICKETS		
Expenses/Total	3,880	
PERSONNEL BOARD		
Expenses/Total	500	
PLANNING BOARD		
Personal Services	10,062	
Expenses	<u>6,200</u>	
Total	16,262	
PLUMBING INSPECTORS		
Personal Services	8,000	
Expenses	<u>1,625</u>	
Total	9,625	
POLICE		
Personal Services	1,212,671	
Expenses	<u>210,305</u>	
Total	1,422,976	
PROPERTY INSURANCE		
Expenses/Total	88,000	
RECYCLING		
Expenses/Total	0	

REGIONAL SCHOOLS		
Diman	131,859	
Bristol Aggie	<u>12,450</u>	
Total	144,359	
RETIREMENT		
Expenses/Total	595,061	
SEALER OF WEIGHTS & MEASURES		
Personal Services	1,127	
Expenses	<u>500</u>	
Total	1,627	
SELECTMEN		
Personal Services	112,137	
Expenses	<u>5,710</u>	
Total	117,847	
SHELLFISH/WHARFINGER		
Personal Services	41,275	
Expenses	<u>18,532</u>	
Total	59,807	
SOLID WASTE ENTERPRISE	211,389	Carried
STREET LIGHTING		
Expenses/Total	17,460	
TOWN BEACH		
Personal Services	15,747	
Expenses	<u>1,400</u>	
Total	17,147	
TOWN CLERK		
Personal Services	44,230	
Expenses	<u>1,330</u>	
Total	45,560	
TOWN FARM		
Expenses/Total	3,000	
TOWN HALL/ANNEX		
Personal Services	31,029	
Expenses	<u>66,100</u>	
Total	97,129	
TOWN REPORTS		
Expenses/Total	4,850	
TREASURER		
Personal Services	69,598	
Expenses	<u>41,100</u>	
Total	110,698	

UNCLASSIFIED		
Expenses/Total	21,307	
WATER ENTERPRISE	8,504	
WIRE INSPECTOR		
Personal Services	21,000	
Expenses	<u>2,935</u>	
Total	23,935	
VETERAN GRAVES		
Personal Services	571	
Expenses	<u>1,353</u>	
Total	1,924	
VETERAN SERVICE		
Personal Services	20,949	
Expenses	88,188	
Out of State Travel	<u>160</u>	
Total	109,297	
SCHOOL DEPARTMENT		
Salaries & Expenses	8,803,364	
Transportation	<u>836,107</u>	
	9,639,471	Carried
INTEREST		
Long Term	56,913	
Short Term	22,500	
DEBT RETIREMENT		
School	225,000	
TOTAL		
EXPENDITURES	\$16,883,623	Unanimous
Taxation	15,803,822	
Free Cash	541,245	
Waterways	15,000	
Perpetual Care	12,000	
Wetlands	20,000	
Overlay	173,546	
Water Receipts	8,504	
Enterprise Harbor	84,500	
Solid Waste	95,006	
97 Article	<u>86,029</u>	
TOTAL	\$16,883,623	

VOTED: (Unanimously) except where otherwise indicated.

#### Article 4

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Westport Zoning Bylaw as follows:

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 inserting the following line after "Flea Market":

"Flexible Residential Development    Y    Y    Y

3. 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."

4. 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:

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

protection of the character of the community through preservation of stone walls and other historic landscape features, 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. reduction of and efficient patterns for construction and maintenance of public facilities and services such as streets and utilities;

- "C. privacy for residents of individual lots.

##### **"7.7.2 Applicability.**

"Flexible Residential Developments are allowed only if approved by the Planning Board in accordance with the purposes, 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 approval of Flexible Residential Development shall include the following:

- "1. A concept or "yield" plan meeting the requirements for a preliminary subdivision plan as a conventional subdivision under the subdivision regulations of the Planning Board. Such yield plans shall include wetlands delineations.
- "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 7.5 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 the 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 7.6.

**"B. Lot Area**

1. "The minimum lot area shall be 30,000 sq. ft. No lot shall have less than 30,000 sq. ft. of contiguous upland. The average lot size throughout the subdivision shall not be less than the minimum lot size allowed in conventional subdivisions as dictated by the provisions of Article 7.0.
2. 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 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 or setback requirements of the Zoning By-Law.

**"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.**

"Setback requirements in a Flexible Residential Development shall be the same as required by set-back provisions of Article 7 for conventional sub-division.

**"7.7.5 Decision.**

"The Planning Board shall approve the Flexible Residential Development or approve it with conditions provided that it meets all standards of the Zoning By-Law, 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).

**"7.7.6 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/STRATEGIC GROWTH COMMITTEE**

VOTED: (Unanimously) to amend section 7.7.3 - Procedures B.1: add the word "substantially" after the word "plan" and add the words "location, size and elevations of all existing and proposed underground utilities (drainage) within and adjacent to the proposed subdivision need only be represented in a general manner." after the word "delineations".

VOTED: The provisions of Article 4 were lost. Yes: 193 No: 145 (needed 2/3 vote)

**Article 5**

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 Flood Plain 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: to amend Article 5 as follows: add the words "where applicable" in the first paragraph after the word "following" and to eliminate all phrases in the parenthesis ( ). Carried.

VOTED: the provisions of Article 5 were lost.

Article 6

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Westport Zoning By-Law Article 7 Intensity Regulations as follows, to eliminate a conflict between the provisions of Sections 7.0 and 7.5 and the conflict between the provisions of Section 7.5 and M.G.L. Chapter 40A, Section 6:

1. Amend Article 7.0 by deleting the last sentence.
2. Delete Article 7.5 in its entirety.

and/or take any other action relative thereto.

PLANNING BOARD/INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS

VOTED: (Unanimously) to Pass over Article 6.

VOTED: to adjourn the Annual Town Meeting at 10:55 p.m. and to reconvene on April 3, 1997 at 7:30 p.m. Carried.

There were 417 registered voters and 8 press and officials in attendance.

A true record,

Attest: Marlene M. Samson  
Town Clerk

**APRIL 3, 1997**

The adjourned Annual Town Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Moderator Brad Brightman who appointed Calvin Hopkinson, Anne Brown and Margaret Gillespie to act as tellers and they were duly sworn by the Town Clerk. Beverly Kut acted as timekeeper for the meeting.

A moment of silence was observed for Robert Chandanaïs and Harold Wood.

Article 7

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Westport Zoning By-Law Article 7 Intensity Regulations as follows:

1. Amend Article 7.0 by changing the first sentence to read as follows:

"Except as otherwise permitted under the provision of Section 6 of Chapter 40A of the General Laws, a dwelling hereafter erected or placed in any district shall be located on a lot having not less than 80,000 square feet of area and 150 feet of frontage."

2. Amend Article 7.2 by changing the first sentence to read as follows:

"No dwelling for occupancy by two families shall hereafter be erected or located on a lot having an area of less than 100,000 square feet and 200 feet of frontage."

and/or take any other action relative thereto.

STRATEGIC GROWTH COMMITTEE

VOTED: a motion to postpone Article 7 indefinitely was lost.

VOTED: the provisions of Article 7 were lost. Yes: 186 No: 109 (needed 2/3 vote)

#### Article 8

To see if the Town will vote to amend its Zoning By-Laws by adding the following section to Article 7:

- 7.8 Any lot on a recorded plan which was endorsed by the Planning Board under General Laws, Chapter 41, Section 81P because the plan depicted a division of land on which two or more substantial buildings were standing when the Sub-division Control Law went into effect in the Town into separate lots on each of which one of such buildings remained standing on the date the plan was endorsed, may be conveyed as a separate lot for purposes on the Zoning By-Laws notwithstanding any other provision of the Zoning By-Laws, provided that the use of the lot and buildings thereon shall be restricted to the lawful use in effect on the date the plan was endorsed and such use may not be changed or altered under Article 4 of this by-law or other provision of law, and/or take any action relative thereto.

INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS/PLANNING BOARD

VOTED: to Pass over Article 8. Carried Yes: 163 No: 93

#### Article 9

To see if the Town will vote to instruct its representative in the General Court to file a home rule petition requesting enactment of legislation establishing a Westport Land Bank, and imposing a fee equal to two percent of the purchase price upon any transfer of an interest in real property within the Town of Westport for monetary consideration, such legislation to contain substantially the following provisions, among others:

- (a) The Westport Land Bank shall be administered by a Land Bank Commission, which shall be a public body corporate, consisting of five members who shall be elected by the Town for three year staggered terms, but who shall be appointed by the selectmen prior to such election;
- (b) The Land Bank Commission shall have the power to acquire and hold by purchase, gift, or eminent domain, fee and less than fee interest in real property, for the purpose of protecting and preserving land for the following uses: (1) buffers for the protection of drinking water resources; (2) agricultural use; (3) forestry use; (4) protection of environmentally sensitive resources; (5) passive recreation use; (6) protection of nature and wildlife; and (7) protection of scenic resources;
- (c) Land held by the Land Bank Commission shall be retained predominantly in its natural scenic and open state, and shall be subject to the restriction that any significant development and improvement thereof shall require the approval of Town Meeting and the Secretary of Environmental Affairs or his/her designee, except that this restriction shall not prevent improvements to land held for passive recreational use that are consistent with such use;
- (d) The Land Bank Commission shall pay its obligations by drawing on a fund to be set up as an



account within the Treasurer's office of the Town of Westport, and to borrow money, but only in either case if approved by a two-thirds vote of the Westport Town Meeting;

- (e) The Land Bank Commission shall pay its obligations by drawing on a fund to be set up as an account within the Treasurer's office of the Town of Westport, into which shall be deposited proceeds of the transfer fee authorized hereby, appropriations that may be made by Westport Town Meeting for such purpose, and voluntary contributions of money and other liquid assets to the fund. The Treasurer shall prudently invest the assets of the fund, and income thereon shall accrue to the fund;
- (f) The two percent transfer fee shall be collected by the Registrar of the Southern District of the Bristol County Registry of Deeds on any transfer of an interest in real property for consideration, subject to exemptions for involuntary transactions, intra family transfers, charitable contributions and other transfers where imposition of the fee would be a hardship; and
- (g) Final approval of such legislation shall require ratification by majority vote of the Town at a regular Town election.

and/or take any other action relative thereto.

#### BOARD OF SELECTMEN/STRATEGIC GROWTH COMMITTEE

VOTED: to amend Article 9, Section B, by adding the following: (8) hunting and fishing. Carried.

VOTED: A motion to postpone Article 9 indefinitely was lost.

VOTED: to amend Article 9, Section B, by adding the following: (8) hunting, fishing and trapping. Carried.  
Yes: 86 No: 81

VOTED: to amend Article 9, Section (f), by adding the following: after the word "fee" in line one, "shall not apply to the first \$100,000 of a purchase and"; and to replace the wording after the words "charitable contributions" in line six with the following: "transfers of real property that is the subject of permanent restriction preserving such property as open space or agricultural land, and other categories of transfers that the General Court may deem necessary or appropriate to avoid hardship; and Carried.

VOTED: to amend Article 9, Section B, by deleting the words "or eminent domain". Carried.  
Yes: 180 No: 59

VOTED: to accept Article 9 as amended. Carried. Yes: 155 No: 59

VOTED: to advance Article 64 at this time. Carried.

#### Article 64

To see if the Town will to abandon a portion of land located on the south side of Old County Road recorded on Plot 34 as Lot 11 containing approximately 9000 square feet and convey such land to the abutting property owners and/or take any other action relative thereto.

BY PETITION

VOTED: (Unanimously) to postpone Article 64 indefinitely.

#### Article 10

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum \$2,000,000 for capping and closing the Westport Landfill, including design and engineering services and construction supervision services; to determine whether this

appropriation shall be raised by borrowing or otherwise, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

BOARD OF HEALTH

VOTED: (Unanimously) to Pass over Article 10.

#### Article 11

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, 1997 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 12

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from 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 13

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 \$125,000 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) \$125,000 from Taxation.

#### Article 14

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds and/or borrow a sum of money to be used in conjunction with, and/or in addition to any funds provided by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for an extension of a water main to serve Greenwood Terrace including costs of construction and related engineering expenses, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to take all necessary or desirable action to complete the project, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

VOTED: (Unanimously)

#### Article 15

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds a sum of \$1.00 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: The provisions of Article 15 were lost. Yes: 92 No: 109

VOTED: A motion to reconsider Article 15 was carried. Yes: 28 No: 14

VOTED: \$1.00 from Taxation. Carried.

#### Article 16

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds, a sum of \$40,000 to be used by the Board of Assessors for fees and expenses for the first portion of a two-year program to update the revaluation program mandated by M.G.L. Chapter 797, Acts of 1979 to place the Town on a 100% valuation assessment basis and/or take any other action relative thereto.

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

VOTED: \$40,000 from Taxation. Carried.

#### Article 17

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 Taxation.

#### Article 18

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) to postpone Article 18 indefinitely.

#### Article 19

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 relating to Administration of Notice of Intent for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1997 and/or take any other action relative thereto.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

VOTED: The sum of \$3,500. Carried.

#### Article 20

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds a sum of \$10,000 for the purchase and installation of a generator at the Westport Free Public Library and/or take any other action relative thereto.

TRUSTEES OF THE FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

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 a sum of \$3,000 to install a water filtration system on the Town Hall Annex water supply system and/or take any other action relative thereto.

BOARD OF HEALTH

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

Article 22

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

VOTED: (Unanimously) to Pass over Article 22.

Article 23

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

FIRE CHIEF

VOTED: \$5,000 from Free Cash. Carried.

Article 24

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds a sum of \$15,000 for the repair and maintenance of the Bicentennial Playground and/or take any other action relative thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

VOTED: \$15,000 from Taxation. Carried.

VOTED: To adjourn the Annual Town Meeting at 10:50 p.m. and to reconvene on Tuesday, April 8, 1997 at 7:30 p.m. Carried.

There were 312 registered voters and 6 press and officials in attendance.

A true record,

Attest: Marlene M. Samson  
Town Clerk

**April 8, 1997**

The adjourned Annual Town Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Moderator Brad Brightman who appointed Edmie Bibeau and John Penney to serve as tellers and they were duly sworn by the Town Clerk. Beverly Kut acted as timekeeper for the meeting.

Article 25

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds a sum of \$33,000 for the replacement of windows, repair of trim, repair of the heating system, and any other necessary repairs at the Town Hall Annex, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

VOTED: (Unanimously) \$33,000 from Taxation.



Article 26

To see if the Town will to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds the sum of \$5,000 to refinish the Community Center floor and/or take any other action relative thereto.

COMMUNITY CENTER COMMITTEE

VOTED: (Unanimously) \$5,000 from Taxation.

Article 27

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds the sum of \$17,000 for accessibility projects (accessible doors and threshold, door hardware, visual/audible fire alarms, signage) in the Westport Community Center and/or take any other action relative thereto.

COMMUNITY CENTER COMMITTEE

VOTED: (Unanimously) \$17,000 from Taxation.

Article 28

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 Taxation. Carried.

Article 29

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds the sum of \$10,000 for use, when necessary, to hire a grant writer to apply for various grants, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

VOTED: \$10,000 from Taxation. Carried. Yes: 134 No: 84

Article 30

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of financing the following water pollution abatement facility projects: repair, replacement and/or upgrade of septic systems, pursuant to agreements with the Board of Health and residential property owners, including without limitation all costs thereof as defined in Section 1 of Chapter 29C of the General Laws; to determine whether this appropriation shall be raised by borrowing from the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust or otherwise, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

VOTED: (Unanimously) to Pass over Article 30.

Article 31

To see if the town vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds a sum of \$1500.00 to maintain Latessa Square and/or take any other action relative thereto.

BY PETITION

VOTED: (Unanimously) \$1500. from Taxation.

Article 32

To see if the Town will vote to establish a Career Incentive Pay Program for the Fire Chief in the same manner established for the Police Chief under the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 41, Section 108L by adopting the

following By-Law:

"The Fire Chief shall receive five career incentive base salary increases for higher education college degrees in the same manner granted police officers under the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 41, Section 108L and/or take any action relative thereto.

BY PETITION

VOTED: (Unanimously) to amend Article 32 by adding the words "Fire Science" after the word "education"; to delete "in the same manner granted police officers" and insert "administered in the same manner" after the word "degrees" and to appropriate the sum of \$6961.65 from Taxation.

VOTED: As amended with the sum of \$6,961.65 from Taxation. Carried.

#### Article 33

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds a sum of \$60,000 for the purpose of a 10% match for the Westport Bicycle Path Project funded by the Federal Transportation Enhancement Program established under the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA) OF 1991 and/or take any other action relative thereto.

BY PETITION

VOTED: The provisions of Article 33 were lost.

At this time, a moment of silence was observed for Harold Wood, former Selectman, Principal of Westport High School Superintendent of Westport Schools and for whom the Auditorium is named.

#### Article 34

To see if the Town of Westport Board of Selectmen will pursue jointly with other area towns, including, without limitation, one or more of the following: Acushnet, Fairhaven, Freetown, Marion, Mattapoisett, and Rochester in efforts to evaluate and negotiate power supply contracts which will reduce the cost of electricity to the Town of Westport and to consumers living or doing business in such town, subsequent to the restructuring of the existing monopoly electric utility system with a competitive power supply market in Massachusetts, and/or take any other action in connection therewith.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

VOTED: Carried.

#### Article 35

To see if the Town of Westport will authorize and appropriate the sum of \$1,500 to be used to retain joint special legal counsel with other area towns, including, without limitation, one or more of the following: Acushnet, Fairhaven, Freetown, Marion, Mattapoisett, and Rochester to assist the Town in evaluating and negotiating power supply contracts subsequent to the restructuring of the existing monopoly system with a competitive power supply market in Massachusetts and in planning and implementing joint strategies to reduce the cost of electricity, and/or take any other action in connection therewith.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

VOTED: (Unanimously) \$1,500 from Taxation.

#### Article 36

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$10,000 from the Sale of Cemetery Lots and Graves Account for the maintenance and upkeep of the cemeteries, avenues, paths, and structures situated therein, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

CEMETERY DEPARTMENT

VOTED: (Unanimously) \$10,000 from Sale of Cemetery Lots.

Article 37

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$28,000 from the Perpetual Care Interest, for the purchase of a dump truck and associated equipment for the Cemetery Department, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

CEMETERY DEPARTMENT

VOTED: (Unanimously) \$28,000 from Perpetual Care Account.

Article 38

To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate a sum of \$110,000 from the Landfill Closure Account into a separate article for the purpose of paying various Landfill Closure Costs, 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) \$110,000 from Landfill Closure Account.

Article 39

To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of \$130,000 from the Solid Waste Transfer Station/Recycling Center Article into the Solid Waste Disposal Facility Enterprise Fund to be used toward the operation of the Town's Solid Waste Transfer Station/recycling Center, to be expended by the Board of Health without further appropriation, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

BOARD OF HEALTH

VOTED: (Unanimously) \$130,000 from Solid Waste Transfer Station/Recycling Center Article.

Article 40

To see if the Town will vote to allow the Board of Registrar of Voters to look into the feasibility of changing the town voting method from a punch card system to an electronic scanning system and/or take any other action relative thereto.

TOWN CLERK/BOARD OF REGISTRARS

VOTED: (Unanimously) to amend Article 40 by adding the following after the word "system", "and also to permit the Board of Registrar of Voters to investigate the possibility of purchasing an electronic scanning system whenever money is available from the State Election Commission by way of a revolving fund for this purpose."

VOTED: (Unanimously) as amended.

Article 41

To see if the Town will vote to accept a Water Line Maintenance Agreement with the City of Fall River and/or take any other action relative thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

VOTED: (Unanimously) to Pass over Article 41.

Article 42

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 1998, 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

VOTED: (Unanimously)

Article 43

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 1998, a revolving fund for the Council on Aging into which will be paid all receipts from 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

VOTED: (Unanimously)

Article 44

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 1998, 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, transportation activities, 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

VOTED: (Unanimously)

Article 45

To see if the Town will vote to establish pursuant to the provisions of G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53E-1/2 for Fiscal Year 1998, a revolving fund for the Council on Aging into which will be paid all receipts from transportation for seniors, 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

VOTED: (Unanimously)

Article 46

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 1998, 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 47

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Personnel By-Law by deleting under Schedule A--Nursing Department the following positions: Administrator/Supervisor; Principal Clerk; Senior Clerk; Certified Home Health Aide,



and/or take any other action relative thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

VOTED: (Unanimously)

Article 48

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

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

and if necessary, to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds the sum of \$5600.00, to the Building Department Personal Services Budget and/or take any other action relative thereto.

INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS

VOTED: (Unanimously) \$5600. from Taxation.

Article 49

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Personnel By-Law by deleting under Schedule A--Council on Aging:

Position	Group	Hours	Pay Basis	Type
Senior Clerk	2	35	K-A	FT

and insert therein:

Position	Group	Hours	Pay Basis	Type
Principal Clerk	2	35	K-A	FT

and to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds a sum of \$1,626.00 to the Council on Aging Personal Services Budget therefor, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

COUNCIL ON AGING

VOTED: The provisions of Article 49 were lost.

Article 50

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Personnel By-Law by adding under Schedule A--Council on Aging:

Position	Group	Hours	Pay Basis	Type
Volunteer Coordinator	2	-20	Hourly	PT

and/or take any other action relative thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

VOTED: The provisions of Article 50 were lost.

Article 51

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

Position	Group	Hours	Pay Basis	Type
Clerk	2	N	Hourly	PT

and, if necessary, to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds a sum of \$500.00 to the

Personnel Board Personal Services Budget therefor, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

PERSONNEL BOARD

VOTED: \$500.00 from Taxation. Carried.

Article 52

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Personnel By-Law by adding under Schedule A--Town Building Committee:

Position	Group	Hours	Pay Basis	Type
Clerk	2	N	Hourly	PT

and, if necessary, to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money to the Town Building Committee Personal Services Budget therefor, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN/TOWN BUILDING COMMITTEE

VOTED: \$1200.00 from Taxation. Carried. Yes: 94 No: 14

Article 53

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Personnel By-Law by deleting under Schedule A--Planning Board:

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

and insert therein:

Position	Group	Hours	Pay Basis	Type
Principal Clerk	2	+20	K-A	PT

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

PLANNING BOARD

VOTED: The provisions of Article 53 were lost.

Article 54 (Changes in Bold)

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town By-Law by deleting in Article I, Section 0102. the words "**first Tuesday in April**" and inserting therein the words "**third Tuesday in May**", and/or take any other action relative thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

VOTED: (Unanimously) to Pass over Article 54.

Article 55 (Changes in Bold)

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town By-Law by deleting in Article III, Section 0303.2 the words "**February 10**" and inserting therein the words "**March 10**", and/or take any other action relative thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

VOTED: (Unanimously) to Pass over Article 55.

Article 56 (Changes in Bold)

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Greater Fall River Regional Vocational School District Charter

Agreement adopted under Article 1 of the December 3, 1963 Special Town Meeting Warrant, and amendments thereto, by amending said Agreement Section I (F) Organization which reads as follows:

"Promptly upon the appointment and qualification of the initial members and annually thereafter at the first regular meeting in April commencing in 1964, upon the election or appointment and qualification of successors, and committee shall organize and choose by ballot a chairman and vice chairman from its own membership. At the same meeting or at any other regular meeting, the committee shall appoint a treasurer and secretary who may be the same person but who need not be members of the committee, choose such other officers as it deems advisable, determine the terms of its officers, (except for the chairman and vice chairman who shall be elected as provided above), and prescribe the powers and duties of any of its officers, fix the time and place of its regular meetings, and provide for the calling of special meetings".

BY SUBSTITUTING THE FOLLOWING:

"Promptly upon the appointment and qualification of the initial members and annual thereafter at the first regular meeting in **May** commencing in **1995**, upon the election or appointment and qualification of successors, the committee shall organize and choose by ballot a **chairperson** and vice **chairperson** from its own membership. At the same meeting or at any other regular meeting, the committee shall appoint a treasurer and secretary who may be the same person but who need not be members of the committee, choose such other officers as it deems advisable, determine the terms of its officers, (except for the **chairperson** and vice **chairperson** who shall be elected as provided above), and prescribe the powers and duties of any of its officers, fix the time and place of its regular meetings, and provide for the calling of special meetings".

GREATER FALL RIVER VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

VOTED: Carried.

Article 57 (Changes in Bold)

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Greater Fall River Regional Vocational School District Charter Agreement adopted under Article 1 of the December 3, 1963 Special Town Meeting Warrant, and amendments thereto, by amending said Agreement Section V, Budget (B) Tentative Maintenance and Operating Budget and (C) Final Maintenance and Operating Budget which reads as follows:

B) Tentative Maintenance and Operating Budget

"Hereafter, on or before November 15, the regional district committee shall annually prepare a tentative maintenance and operating budget for the ensuing calendar year, including therein provisions for any installment of principal or interest to become due in such year on any bonds or other evidences of indebtedness of the District and any other capital costs to be apportioned to the member municipalities in such year. The said budget shall be in reasonable detail, including the amounts payable under the following classifications as may be necessary:

1. General Control
2. Expenses of Instruction
3. Operation of Plant
4. Maintenance of Plant
5. Auxiliary Agencies
6. Outlay
7. Service
8. Cost of Transportation
9. Special Charges

Copies of such tentative budget shall be mailed to the chairman of the finance or advisory committee if any, to each member town and to the chairman of the Board of Selectmen of each member town, and to the president

of the City Council of Fall River, on or before November 20."

BY SUBSTITUTING THE FOLLOWING:

(B) Tentative Maintenance and Operating Budget

"Hereafter, on or before **the first Thursday of March**, the regional district committee shall annually prepare a tentative maintenance and operating budget for the ensuing fiscal year, including therein provisions for any installment of principal or interest to become due in such year on any bonds or other capital costs to be apportioned to the member municipalities in such year. The said budget shall be in reasonable detail, including the amounts payable under the following classifications as may be necessary:

1. General Control
2. Expenses of Instruction
3. Operation of Plant
4. Maintenance of Plant
5. Auxiliary Agencies
6. Outlay
7. Debt Service
8. Cost of Transportation
9. Special Charges

Copies of such tentative budget shall be mailed to the **chairperson** of the finance or advisory committee if any, of each member town and to the **chairperson** of the Board of Selectmen of each member town, and to the president of the City Council of Fall River, on or before **the third Thursday of March.**"

and (C) Final Maintenance and Operating Budget which reads as follows:

"The regional district committee shall on or before December 1 in each year adopt an annual maintenance and operating budget for the ensuing calendar year, said budget to include debt and interest charges and any other current capital costs as separate items, and shall apportion the amounts necessary to be raised in order to meet the said budget in accordance with the provisions of sub-sections IV (D) and IV (E) [and in accordance with state law]. The amounts so apportioned for each member municipality shall, prior to December 31 of each year preceding the calendar year to which said budget relates, be certified by the regional district treasurer to the treasurers of the member municipalities, and each member municipality shall appropriate the amounts so certified to it."

BY SUBSTITUTING THE FOLLOWING:

(C) Final Maintenance and Operating Budget which reads as follows:

"The regional district committee shall on or before **the fourth Thursday of March** in each year adopt an annual maintenance and operating budget for the ensuing fiscal year, said budget to include debt and interest charges and any other current capital costs as separate items, and shall apportion the amounts necessary to be raised in order to meet the said budget in accordance with the provisions of sub-section IV (D) and IV (E) and in accordance with state law. The amounts so apportioned for each member municipality shall, prior to **March 30** of each year preceding the fiscal year to which said budget relates, be certified by the regional district treasurer to the treasurers of the member municipalities, and each member municipality shall appropriate the amounts so certified to it."

and/or take any other action relative thereto.

GREATER FALL RIVER VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT



VOTED: (Unanimously)

Article 58

To see if the Town will vote to accept the layout of Brookwood Drive, Westport, Massachusetts.

BY PETITION

VOTED: (Unanimously) to Pass over Article 58

Article 59

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

BY PETITION

VOTED: to amend Article 59 to include "with the right to acquire any easements, including drainage easements, including the right to acquire the ways and all rights and necessary easements in said ways by eminent domain." Carried.

VOTED: as amended. Carried. Yes: 67 No: 20

Article 60

To see if the Town will vote to accept the Layout of Apple Tree Lane, on file in the office of the Town Clerk, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

BY PETITION

VOTED: (Unanimously) to Pass over Article 60.

Article 61

To see if the Town will vote to accept the Layout of Forsythia Lane, on file in the office of the Town Clerk, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

BY PETITION

VOTED: (Unanimously) to Pass over Article 61.

Article 62

To see if the Town will vote to accept the Layout of Oak Ridge Lane, on file in the office of the Town Clerk, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

BY PETITION

VOTED: (Unanimously) to Pass over Article 62.

Article 63

Requesting the Town of Westport vote to mandate that the Board of Selectmen, acting as the towns Sewer Commissioners take immediate steps to begin the process of installing sewer lines from Route 6 along Sanford Road, then heading East onto Briggs Road, and West along Tickle Road to Route 177. The Board of Selectmen shall continue to diligently pursue Federal and State grants to this end. The Board of Selectmen shall endeavor to complete installation of said sewer line by December 31, 2000."

BY PETITION

VOTED: The provisions of Article 63 were lost.

Article 65

To see if the Town will vote to annually raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money of at least .005 per cent (one half of one per cent) of the Town's total annual revenue and that such funds be deposited annually into the Town's Stabilization Fund.

BY PETITION

VOTED: To postpone Article 65 indefinitely. Carried.

Article 66

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 current appropriations a sum of money sufficient to fully fund the cost items contained in the collective bargaining agreement between the Town of Westport and the Westport Permanent Firefighters Association, Local 1802, International Association of Firefighters, AFL-CIO, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

VOTED: (Unanimously) \$27,055 from Free Cash.

Article 67

To see if the Town will adopt the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act Regulations (310 CMR 10.00) as a Town By-Law, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

VOTED: (Unanimously) to Pass over Article 67.

Article 68

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: (Unanimously) \$200,000 from Taxation.

VOTED: (Unanimously) to adjourn the Annual Town Meeting at 11:38 p.m.

There were 257 registered voters and 11 guests 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 twenty-first day of March in the year one thousand nine hundred and ninety-seven.

Marjorie A. Holden  
David P. Dionne

Steven H. Tripp  
WESTPORT BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Marlene Samson  
Town Clerk  
Westport, MA 02790  
March 21, 1997

I this 21st of March, 1997 posted 5 true attested copies of the forgoing warrant in the following named places:

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

Daniel P. Sullivan  
Constable of Westport

**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT  
TOWN OF WESTPORT  
OCTOBER 28, 1997**

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, October 28, 1997 at 7:30 p.m., and then and there to act on the following articles, viz:

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

VOTED: (Unanimously) to advance and take action on Article 15 at this time.

Article 15

To see if the Town will vote to transfer to various budgets, funds, and/or articles 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

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>ARTICLE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
1991	Country Cottage Cleanup	\$12,759.66
1996	Zulmiro Drive Plan	6,000.00
1995	Environmental Services	600.00
1996	Engineer/Design Route 6	50,000.00
1991	Recycling/Compost	<u>2,370.33</u>
	Total	\$71,729.99

VOTED: (Unanimously)

#### 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, 1997, and/or to take any other action relative thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

<u>TO</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Police Department Expenses	\$ 8,550
Bristol Aggie	<u>2,070</u>
Total	\$10,620

VOTED: (Unanimously)

#### Article 2

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

Legal Department Expenses	\$ 7,708.80
School Department Expenses	3,372.56
Gas/Plumbing Department Expenses	113.74
Highway Department Expenses	<u>300.00</u>
Total	\$11,495.10

VOTED: (Unanimously)

#### Article 3

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds and/or transfer from various line items such sums of money sufficient to fully fund the cost items contained in the collective bargaining agreement between the Town of Westport and the Westport Highway Department for Fiscal Year 1997, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

VOTED: (Unanimously) \$15,024

#### Article 4

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds and/or transfer from various line items such sums of money sufficient to fully fund collective bargaining agreements negotiated by the Board of Selectmen for Fiscal Year 1998, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN



Police	\$ 79,203
Fire	42,473
Highway	<u>35,741</u>
Total	\$157,417

VOTED: (Unanimously)

#### Article 5

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds and/or transfer from various line items such sums of money sufficient to fully fund the cost items contained in the collective bargaining agreement between the Westport School Committee and the Westport Federation of Teachers for Fiscal Year 1998, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

VOTED: (Unanimously) \$275,000

#### Article 6

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds and/or transfer from various line items such sums of money sufficient to fully fund the cost items contained in the collective bargaining agreement between the School Committee and AFSCME Local 2667 for Fiscal Year 1998, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

VOTED: (Unanimously) \$30,000

#### Article 7

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds and/or transfer from various line items such sums of money sufficient to fund retroactive non-union wage/salary increases for Fiscal Year 1997 and Fiscal Year 1998 by adjusting certain employee wage/salary line items in the fiscal year 1998 budgets, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

#### FISCAL 1997

<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Selectmen Administrative Assistant	1875
Selectmen Clerks	2130
Town Accountant	1407
Assistant Assessor	1212
Town Clerk's Clerk	253
Board of Registrars	272
Conservation Commission Agent	984
Planning Board Clerk	115
Fire Chief	1875
Deputy Fire Chief	1593
Inspector of Buildings	751
Assistant Inspector of Buildings	364
Sealer of Weights and Measures	46
Wire Inspector	107
Emergency Management Director	21
Dog Officer	311
Harbormaster	746

Assistant Harbormaster	172
State Boat Ramp Assistants	152
Shellfish Constable	1156
Shellfish Deputies	452
General Foreman-Highway Department	925
Veterans Agent	846
Veterans Graves	23
Board of Health-Nursing	423
Council on Aging Director	950
Librarian	1407
Wharfinger	<u>118</u>
Total	\$20,686

FISCAL 1998

<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Selectmen Administrative Assistant	4772
Selectmen Clerks	5865
Town Accountant	3581
Assistant Assessor	3085
Tax Collector's PT Clerk	70
Town Clerk's Clerk	925
Board of Registrars	693
Conservation Commission Agent	2504
Planning Board Clerk	910
Police Chief	2897
Fire Chief	4772
Deputy Fire Chief	4056
Inspector of Buildings	1910
Assistant Inspector of Buildings	925
PT Clerk-Building Inspectors	802
Sealer of Weights and Measures	116
Wire Inspector	273
Emergency Management Director	55
Dog Officer	882
Harbormaster	1898
Assistant Harbormasters	441
State Boat Ramp Assistants	504
Shellfish Constable	2944
Deputy Shellfish Constables	1301
General Foreman-Highway Department	3581
Veterans Agent	2154
Veterans Graves	59
Board of Health-Nursing	2025
Council on Aging Director	2418
COA Elder Visitors	824
COA PT Van Drivers	445
Librarian	3581
PT Library Aides	<u>844</u>
Total	\$62,112

VOTED: Carried

At this time, Moderator Brad Brightman announced the potential for a possible conflict of interest concerning his salary under Article 8, therefore, Mr. Brightman chose to step down as Moderator for Article 8 only and Mr. John Baughan was elected acting Moderator for this article. Mr. Baughan was duly sworn before the Town Clerk.

#### Article 8

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds and/or transfer from various line items such sums of money sufficient to fund salary increases for certain elected officials by adjusting appropriate line items in the fiscal year 1998 budgets and/or take any other action relative thereto.

<u>Elected Official(s)</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Moderator	70
Board of Selectmen	1,927
Tax Collector	4,988
Treasurer	4,988
Town Clerk	4,988
Highway Surveyor	5,928
Board of Health	776
Assessors	<u>1,822</u>
Total	\$25,487

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

VOTED: Yes: 216 No: 18 Carried (2/3 voted needed)

#### Article 9

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds and/or transfer from various line items a sum of \$245,000 for the purpose of upgrading the Town Hall computer system under the jurisdiction of the Board of Selectmen, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

TOWN ACCOUNTANT/BOARD OF ASSESSORS

VOTED: (Unanimously) \$200,000

#### Article 10

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds a sum of \$3,000 to install a water filtration system on the Town Hall water supply system and/or take any other action relative thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

VOTED: \$3,000 Yes: 176 No: 24 Carried

#### Article 11

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer a sum of money for the purpose of financing the following water pollution abatement facility projects: repair, replacement and/or upgrade of septic systems, pursuant to agreements with the Board of Health and residential property owners, including without limitation all costs thereof as defined in Section 1 of Chapter 29C of the General Laws; to determine whether this appropriation shall be raised by borrowing from the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust or otherwise, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

MOVED: That the Town appropriate the sum of \$200,000 for the purpose of remediating failed residential septic systems pursuant to agreements entered into by the Board of Health pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws

Chapter 111, Section 127B ½ and that to raise this appropriation, the Treasurer be authorized to borrow the sum of \$200,000 from the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust under and pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 29C, Section 10(b) and Chapter 111, Section 127B ½, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor, such sum to be repaid to the Town through the betterment procedure prescribed by said section 127B ½.

VOTED: The provisions of Article 11 were lost.

#### Article 12

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a contract with the City of Fall River to provide services to the Town for certain operation and maintenance activities with regard to the Town's water supply system on such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen shall approve, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

MOVED: That the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to execute a contract with the City of Fall River acting by and through the Watuppa Water Board, under the Authority of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, Section 39H and every other authority, for the City to provide billing services and water testing services to the Town in connection with administration of the Town's water system, such contract to provide that it is revocable by either party upon ninety days notice.

VOTED: To amend Article 12 by adding the following after the word "notice": "such contract not to require that the Town incur liability in excess of \$500.00 in any fiscal year". Carried

VOTED: As amended. Yes: 122 No: 52 Carried

#### Article 13

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the granting of a permanent easement for nominal consideration by the Board of Selectmen, on such terms and conditions as the Board determines to Peter H. Sharp, as Trustee of The Hifite 1993 Inter-Vivos Trust, under Declaration of Trust dated May 20, 1993 filed with the Bristol County Southern District Registry of Deeds Land Court Records as Document No. 61767, for the purpose of installation, maintenance, repair and replacement of two (2) low pressure force sewer mains between the properties of said Sharp Trustee at 1 Bridge Road, Westport, and 10 Cherry and Webb Lane, Westport, under the roadbed of Cherry and Webb Lane, said easement to be twenty (20) feet wide and to extend from the north side line to the south side line of said Cherry and Webb Lane, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

VOTED: (Unanimously) to Pass Over Article 13.

#### Article 14

To see if the Town will vote to authorize and direct the Town Treasurer and Tax Collector on behalf on the Town to petition the General Court to enact special legislation to authorize the Town to refund real estate taxes to Marie H. Hadfield in the amount of \$3,398.05 and to Clemotine Hadfield in the amount of \$568.55, said taxes having been assessed in error to Samuel Hadfield, Jr. with respect to Lot 9 on Westport Assessors Map 81, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

TOWN TREASURER

VOTED: (Unanimously)

#### Article 16

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds and/or transfer from various line items a sum of \$40,000 for the purpose of purchasing Repeaters and Receivers equipment for the



Police Department, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

VOTED: Carried. \$40,000

Article 17

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.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

VOTED: (Unanimously) to Pass Over Article 17.

Taxation	\$489,803.00
Overlay Surplus	245,000.00
Hurricane Bob	40,000.00
Returned Articles	71,729.99
Harbor Enterprise	4,317.00

VOTED: (Unanimously) to adjourn the Special Town Meeting at 10:15 p.m.

There were 298 registered voters and 16 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 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 9th day of October in the year one thousand nine hundred and ninety-seven.

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

Marlene Samson  
Town Clerk  
Westport, MA 02790  
October 10, 1997

I this 10th of October, 1997 posted 5 true attested copies of the forgoing warrant in the following named places:

Briggs Road Fire Station  
State Road Package Store

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

Daniel P. Sullivan  
Constable of Westport



Cukie Macomber and Jim Pierce taking a break

## 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  
Rylan Brenner  
Peter Fradley  
Barbara B. Wicks

### Term Expires

6/30/98  
6/30/98  
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The Westport Arts Council (WAC) received two grants for 1997. From the Massachusetts Cultural Council (MCC), \$6,502 and from The Helen Ellis Charitable Trust administered by BankBoston, \$1,000.

### MCC Grant - \$6,502

From the twenty-seven applications totaling \$25,000, the following nine applicants were awarded full or partial funding: Lori Bradley to create and install at Macomber School ceramic tiles depicting local habitat; Beth Easterly for two dance lecture/demonstrations at the Library; Northeast Chamber Ensemble for music programs in K-8 grades; Robert St. Amour for a concert for seniors; Spindle City Ballet for two dance concerts at the High School; Westport Community Education Foundation for Drama as Educational Strategy with British drama teacher, Derek Stevens; Westport Community Theater for Shakespeare in the Meadow; Westport Elementary School for all of the 5th grades to visit the Meadow of Art at Rhode Island School of Design; Westport Point United Methodist Church for two classical concerts.

### Helen Ellis Grant - \$1,000

From fourteen applications totaling \$20,000, three applicants were awarded funding: Debra Coolidge for a shadow box diorama; Victor Garcia Halevi for a performance of traditional folk music; Susan Mohl Powers for an exhibition of new sculpture and paintings.

WAC held a very successful Community Input Meeting for 1998 applicants in September which forty people attended. The Council explained the funding philosophy and listed the kinds of winning projects from the past. MCC Field Representative Patricia Walker answered the questions from the audience.

The 1998 MCC allocation of \$6,388 plus a Matching Incentive Award of \$581 made \$6,969 available for next year's funding. In October, thirty-five applications were received totaling \$42,000. These have been carefully reviewed and voted upon. Fourteen were previously accepted for funding, but await MCC approval early in 1998.

Nine exhibits, the work of Westport artists, historians and collectors, have been organized by WAC and shown during 1997 in the Helen Ellis Exhibition Case at the Westport Free Public Library.



Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ellen Guptill, Chairman

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF APPEALS

The Board of Appeals is submitting its report for the year ending December 31, 1997. The organization of the Board remained the same as follows:

Raymond L. Medeiros - Chairman	Term expires 6/30/98
Clayton Hanson - 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 6/30/2002
Eliot C. Holden - Associate	Term expires 6/30/98
Thomas Costello - Associate	Term expires 6/30/98
Charlene R. Wood	Recording Clerk

During the course of the calendar year the Board conducted ten hearings. One variance was granted for a trailer lot transfer at East Beach, two variances were granted with conditions, one variance was denied for the construction of a one-family dwelling, two findings were made to allow additions to an existing structures, a finding was made to allow the sale of ice cream at The Beachcomber, one finding request was withdrawn without prejudice. One of the variances granted is now being appealed.

I wish to thank the members of the Board for their dedicated service and Joe Keith for his participation on the Growth Strategy Committee as a representative of the Board.

Respectfully submitted,

Raymond L. Medeiros, Chairman



Salty Brine in the Westport Harvest Festival Parade



## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

The Board of Assessors respectfully submit the following report for the year ending December 31, 1997 with organization as follows:

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

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

### Tax Rate Summary For Fiscal 1998      Fiscal 1998 Tax Rate \$9.98 per m

I.	Tax Levy Calculation		
A.	Total Amount to be Raised		\$19,044,121.88
B.	Total Estimated Receipts & Available Funds		8,027,657.53
C.	Tax Levy		\$11,016,464.35
II.	Amount to be Raised		
A.	Appropriations		\$18,422,931.29
B.	Other Amounts to be Raised:		
	1. Total Cherry Sheet Offsets	22,029.00	
	2. SRPEDD	2,077.80	
	Total IIB		24,106.80
C.	State & County Cherry Sheet Charges		278,024.00
D.	Allowance for Abatements & Exemptions		319,059.79
E.	Total Amount to be Raised		\$19,044,121.88
III.	Estimated Receipts & Other Revenue Sources		
A.	Estimated Receipts - State		
	1. Cherry Sheet Estimated Receipt	4,350,543.00	
	2. Cherry Sheet Overestimates	32.00	
	Total A.		4,350,575.00
B.	Estimated Receipts-Local		
	1. Local Receipts not Allocated	1,895,300.00	
	2. Offset Receipts	0.00	
	3. Enterprise Funds	322,327.00	
C.	Revenue Sources Appropriated for Particular Purposes		
	1. Free Cash	608,950.04	
	2. Other Available Funds	850,505.49	
	Total C.		1,459,455.53
D.	Other Revenue Sources Appropriated to Reduce Tax Rate		0.00
E.	Total Estimated Receipts and Other Revenue Sources		
	Total IIIA. Through IIID.		8,027,657.53

IV.	Summary of Total Amount to be Raised and Total Receipts From All Sources		
A.	Total Amount to be raised		\$19,044,121.88
B.	Total Estimated Receipts and Other Revenue Sources	8,027,657.53	
C.	Total Real and Personal Property Tax Levy	11,016,464.35	
D.	Total Receipts from All Sources		\$19,044,121.88

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

<u>Property Class</u>	<u># Of Parcels</u>	<u>Valuation as of 1/1/97</u>
101-S Family	4,865	\$840,728,351
102-Condominiums	14	2,885,600
104-2 Family	281	45,125,300
105-3 Family	14	2,392,900
111-125 4-8 Units	26	5,588,000
012-043 Mixed Use R/C	18	2,882,900
130-132,106 Vacant Land	1,400	69,080,400
Miscellaneous Residential	137	40,561,200
200-231 Open Land	0	0
300-393 Commercial	246	59,659,200
400-442 Industrial	19	4,672,500
600-606 Ch.61 Forest	18	378,886
700-717 Ch.61A Agriculture	251	7,785,087
800-811 Ch.61B Recreational	13	1,686,300

Total Real Estate Fiscal 1998	7,302	1,083,426,624
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Personal Property	924
Public Utilities	10

Total Personal Property	934
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Numbers Of Transfers Of Property - 1997	545
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#### Motor Vehicle Excise Tax - 1997

Number of Vehicles Assessed \$25 per m	17,034
Excise Assessed	\$1,050,485.67
Value of Automobiles	48,083,543

#### Farm Animal Excise Tax

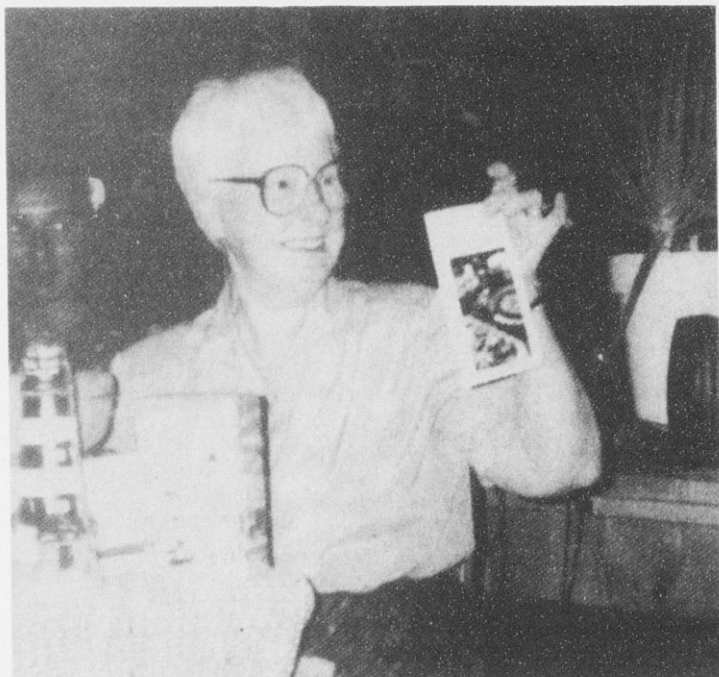
Number of Farms	28
Taxes Assessed \$5 per m	\$6,102.82
Valuation of Animals & Machinery	1,220,560

Boat Excise	845
Number of Boats	
Taxes Assessed \$10 per m	\$42,494.00
Valuation of Boats	4,249,400

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



Assistant Tax Collector Jackie Allard at her retirement party

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

The Board of Health respectively submits the following report for the year ending 1997:

At their organized meeting, the Board organized as follows:

Chairman.....David P. Cabral, Wayne Turner  
Secretary.....Wayne H. Turner, Shawn Pariseau  
Member.....Shawn Pariseau, David P. Cabral

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  
Ralph Urban.....Temporary Senior Public Health Agent/State Animal Inspector  
Kelly Silvia.....Part-Time Agent  
Sharon Dixon.....Part-Time Agent  
Lucy L. Lord.....Principal Clerk-Full Time  
Nancy Paquet.....Senior Clerk-Full-Time  
Quentin D. Lord.....Assistant Agent/Landfill Operator  
Harold J. Sisson.....Assistant Agent/Landfill Operator  
Scott Wordell.....Assistant Agent/Landfill Operator/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  
Kathleen Burns, R.N.....Public Health Nurse

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

31 Dog Bites, 3 Cat Bites, 1 Squirrel Bite, 1 Snake Bite, 4 Campylobacter Jejuni, 1 Cyclospora, 2 Meningitis, 10 Chicken Pox, 4 Hepatitis, 2 Lyme Disease, 1 Salmonella, 1 Streptococcus Pneumonia, 1 Tuberculosis, 1 Toxoplasma.

Licenses and permits issued during the year were as follows:

11 Above-Ground Pool Permits, 3 Bakery Permits, 11 Bottled Water Permits, 5 Camps, Cabins & Motel Permits, 257 Disposal System Construction Permit Applications, 8 Garbage Removal Permits, 3 Ice Cream Manufacturer Permits, 44 Food Service Establishment Permits, 50 Installer's Permits, 6 Massage Therapy Permits, 3



Massage Therapy Establishment Permits, 61 Milk and Cream Permits, 3 Mobile Food Service Permits, 55 Oleomargarine Permits, 1 Pasteurization Permit, 230 Percolation Applications, 6 1-4 Piggery Permits, 3 Piggery Permits, 4 Public & Semi-Public Pool Permits, 2 In-Ground Pool Permits, 11 Port-a-Jon Permits, 13 Retail Food Service Permits, 10 Seasonal Food Service Establishment Permits, 4 Sewage Removal Permits, 9 Stable Permits, 2 Tanning Salon Permits, 63 Temporary Food Service Permits, 23 Tobacco Permits, 104 Well Permits.

#### To the Citizen's of the Town of Westport:

There is one word that best describes 1997 for the Board of Health: ACCOMPLISHMENTS. A careful blending of science, aggressive management, and leadership coupled with a major reorganization has established the Board of Health as a streamlined, efficient, and "citizen-friendly" agency.

Early in 1997 the Board of Health (BOH) received the recommendations of an ad-hoc citizens committee convened by the BOH to research the options available to the Town for disposing of its solid waste (trash) after the closing and capping of the landfill. The committee, chaired by Wayne H. Turner, recognized the immediate need to determine the tonnage of trash accepted at the landfill and measurements indicated that 2,000 tons per year enter the landfill. Options to dispose of this annual tonnage were studied by the committee including: participation in the Greater New Bedford Regional Solid Waste facility (Crapo Hill), SeaMass co-generation incinerator in Rochester, MA, private curb-side pick-up, public curb-side pick-up, and participation with the City of Fall River at their incinerating facility.

Taking into account: tipping fees, hauling charges, required equipment, existing equipment, financing, labor, and long-term solutions, the ad-hoc committee recommended that the BOH pursue a contract with the City of Fall River. Mayor Edward M. Lambert, Jr. was receptive to the notion and a contract between the Town of Westport and the City of Fall River has been drafted. Ratification is expected in early 1998. The plan to haul our trash to the Fall River incinerator is fiscally sensible on several fronts: proximity of the incinerator to the Town of Westport, the attractive tipping fee, and the long-term nature of the contract.

In April, the BOH began discussions with EIRCO ENVIRONMENTAL, LLC, a New Hampshire based construction and demolition (C&D) debris broker specializing in preparing landfills for closure and final capping by filling remaining space at landfills with C&D debris. The contract with EIRCO represents a significant value to the Town as reflected in the funds that will be generated from the tipping fees that the BOH will assess EIRCO. It is anticipated that approximately \$400,000 will be generated and that as part of the project the BOH will receive a brand-new Mack ten wheeler roll-off truck with five thirty cubic yard roll-off containers marking the most important pieces of equipment needed for the Town's "low-tech" transfer station.

Discussions between the BOH and EIRCO eventually led the BOH to modify existing agreements made between the Town and the State of Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) detailing the time-line for closing and capping the landfill. Decisions made by a previous BOH had specified December 31, 1997 as the last day that the Town would accept trash at the landfill. This date was not satisfactory because plans for disposing of the Town's trash after December 31, 1997 were not established and there was insufficient funds available to cap the landfill. The current BOH has modified the "last day" agreement with the DEP to June 1, 1998, a date mutually agreed between the Town, DEP, and EIRCO, and an abutting landowner that owns property that the landfill has spilled onto (the abutter has granted the Town a perpetual easement to the property; this agreement was ratified in December 1997).

The EIRCO contract is expected to begin in early 1998 and proceed to June 1, 1998. During this time, residential trash will be accepted as normal. Funds generated by this contract are earmarked for the BOH's landfill closure account and are expected to offset the amount of funds to be raised to cap the landfill by as much as one third. On or before June 1, 1998 the BOH will begin hauling residential trash to the City of Fall River's incinerator.

To prepare plans and oversee the landfill capping project, the BOH changed engineering firms when it retained the services of the engineering firm: Tight & Bond from Westfield, MA. This firm was selected from the proposals received because of their extensive experience in landfill capping projects in Massachusetts as well as their experience in overseeing operations like that proposed in the EIRCO contract.

In other areas of BOH activities, a thorough updating of job descriptions and responsibilities for all employees working for the BOH was conducted. Revisions in job descriptions and responsibilities were made to reflect changes in labor requirements and needs of the Town. Two professional part-time BOH agents were hired to reduce the back-log of percolation tests that has inundated the BOH during the previous years. The services of a professional part-time restaurant inspector were retained.

An ad-hoc citizens review and search committee was convened by the BOH and chaired by Shawn U. Pariseau to improve the BOH's professional management team. Based upon recommendations made by this committee, a new position was created entitled Senior Public Health Agent replacing the Director of Public Health position. Job descriptions for the landfill workers were modified to reflect the change in duties that will occur with the opening of the transfer station and the closing of the landfill. The result of the system-wide reorganization has made the BOH a much more responsive and "citizen friendly" organization; performance by employees has excelled, communication between the landfill staff, the BOH, the DEP, and other town agencies and departments has been constructive and productive.

Though the Town Nursing Department was privatized during 1997, when the former Town Nurses became a part of the Charlton Hospital Visiting Nurses Association, the BOH has maintained a part-time registered nurse to conduct important services for residents such as the well baby clinic, certain immunizations, and preventive health care for the citizens of our Town (please see Annual Report for the Town Nursing Department).

The water line project to connect the residents of Davis Road to a potable water supply from Fall River was completed. The BOH actively participated in crafting necessary regulations as to the usage and availability of public water. The BOH has been mindful of its responsibilities to maintain and protect public health, all the while observing fiscal responsibility, the cornerstone to prioritizing and responding to unforeseen or emergency threats to public health. Additional homes on Idola, Donna, and Masson Streets are slated to be hooked up in 1998 following the results of testing conducted by the BOH in late December 1997.

The BOH has worked tirelessly to improve its operations in: communications with other Town Departments and the State as well as the Board of Health of other towns; personnel management; accounting; and identification of areas critical to protecting the public health of our community. We are proud of our accomplishments and we will continue striving for excellence. We thank all the citizens that have participated in the public process of serving on our citizens advisory committees; we look forward to convening more of these committees as need arises. We thank the professional employees of the Town who have assisted the BOH in its efforts to restructure and provide the very best service to the citizens of our Town. Finally, we look forward to improving our services to the Town of Westport in the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne H. Turner  
Shawn U. Pariseau  
David P. Cabral



## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH NURSING DEPARTMENT

I hereby submit the report for the Nursing Department for the year 1997.

### Group of Professional Personnel:

Kathleen Burns R.N.....Staff Nurse  
J.K.S. Kirkaldy, M.D.....Medical Advisor  
Jean Liemert, M.D.....Well Child Clinic Pediatrician  
Carmen Maiocco.....Lead Testing

### Well Child Clinic Volunteers:

Ruth Howland  
Lois Simon  
Germaine Baker  
Doris Mello

Nursing services rendered from January 1, 1997 through  
December 31, 1997

### Well Child Clinic:

Total exams .....	71
Children Under 1 yr.....	5
1-4 yrs.....49; 5+yrs.....	17
D.T.A.P.....	23
M.M.R.....	14
O.P.V.....	17
I.P.V.....	1
H.I.B.....	17
Tine Tests.....	3
Lead Tests.....	31
Hepatitis B.....	9
Mantoux Tests.....	8
Questionnaire for Tine Tests.....	7

### Office Visits:

Walk-in Clinic.....	601
Flu Shots.....	609
Mantoux Tests.....	243
Food Handler Permits.....	114
B12 injections.....	75

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

Hepatitis A.....	1
Hepatitis B.....	1
Hepatitis C.....	2
Enteric.....	4
Lyme Disease.....	3
TB Infection - No Disease.....	13
TB Infection.....	1
Chicken Pox.....	12
Toxoplasmosis.....	1
Aseptic Meningitis.....	2
Pneumonia Streptococcus.....	1

Adult Immunizations Given Out:

Measles, Mumps and Rubella.....	11
Tetanus and Diphtheria.....	14
Hepatitis A.....	1
Hepatitis B.....	4
Pneumonic.....	2

Adolescent Immunizations

A) At Westport Middle School

Measles, Mumps & Rubella.....	34
Hepatitis B	
1) Completed 7th grade series	
of 3 shots.....	89
2) 6th grade students received #1	
# 2 shots (series to be	
Completed in 1998).....	84

B) In Office

O.P.V.....	2
M.M.R.....	6
Hepatitis B.....	3
Tetanus & Diphtheria.....	48

Home Visits..... 17

Maternal & Child Health Follow-  
ups..... 5

Deposits to Treasurer..... \$2,031.00



The Nursing Department consists of one Part-time Board of Health Nurse. The primary function of the Town Nurse is to promote healthy behaviors in individuals through education and working with community resources. 1997 has been a challenging and productive year. Many students were successfully immunized and health educated during the school day with the assistance of Karen Long, W.M.S. Nurse. Immunizations involving the Westport High School students has been planned for 1998.

Other community activities included Blood Pressure Clinics, Flu, and Tetanus Clinics, and Nutritional and Diabetic Teaching at the Senior Center.

Services provided by the Town Nurse include Well Child Clinics, Blood Pressure Clinics, Mantoux Testing, Food Handlers Permits, Health Education, Home Visits for health promotion, referrals to appropriate agencies, communicable disease follow-ups, and adolescent and adult immunization updates.

I would like to thank Karen Long, R.N., Peg Oliveira, R.N., Ron Costa, Mary-Ellen Gomes, and Lorraine Roy for their continued support throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Burns R.N.



Former Board of Health member, the late Robert Chandanaïs

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BRISTOL COUNTY MOSQUITO CONTROL PROJECT

On June 30, 1997 the Bristol County Mosquito Control Project completed thirty-eight 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 1997 mosquito season got underway with mosquito larvae appearing in many wetland areas by mid-March. Mosquito breeding sites were much larger than previous years due to the extremely high water levels. This resulted in unusually large broods of adult mosquitos.

We began our adult mosquito fogging program the last week of May. The demand for our service was intense as the residents were concerned about the safety of their children's health. Media coverage of a possible EEE threat for the 1997 season alarmed many residents that bordered wetlands.

Our calls for service this mosquito season were the highest ever. It was mid-July before we finally knocked the mosquito population down to tolerable levels.

Throughout Southeastern Massachusetts this season a total of 23 isolates of EEE virus were found in non-human biting mosquitos. Although the virus was found in two areas of Bristol County there were no human cases.

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health and the Bristol County Mosquito Control keep a close watch on the EEE virus activity to help insure the safety of the residents of Bristol County.

The Project answered all requests for spraying along with our regular spraying of known infested areas for a total of 9,327.6 sprayed acres.

Our crawler tractor dug 10,745 feet of drainage ditch, mostly in the John Reed Road area, to reduce breeding on the saltmarsh. Some of this work was done in the spring and helped to reduce the mosquito population considerably. However, due to the vast area involved, additional time and work is needed to gain the control desired. We are planning to do limited larviciding next spring with power backpacks in areas that still need cleaning. Brush was also cut along roadways in the State Beach area so that our spray trucks can gain access to more areas.

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



John Coury and Rene Langis at the George T. Leach, Jr. Memorial

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS

I hereby submit my report as Inspector of Buildings for the year ending December 31, 1997.

A total of 390 building permits were processed and 376 (five from the prior year) were issued. Sixty-seven woodstove, fireplace and chimney permits were processed. The total valuation for all permits was \$17,524,723.00.

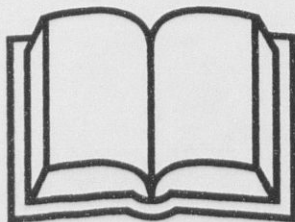
85	Single Family Dwellings.....	\$ 13,211,482
3	Accessory Apartments.....	106,120
0	Duplex.....	0
24	Garages.....	763,015
89	Alterations and Additions.....	2,290,925
22	Commercial.....	194,190
5	Foundations.....	80,000
17	Pools.....14 Aboveground & 3 Inground.....	88,175
37	Decks, Porches, Gazebos.....	243,810
23	Barns, Sheds, Workshops.....	83,610
4	Greenhouse/Sunrooms.....	35,933
38	Renovate, Repair, Remodel.....	197,535
67	Woodstove, Chimney Fireplaces.....	227,938
1	Fence (Over Six Feet).....	2,000
7	Tank Removals.....	N/A
2	Re-Issues.....	N/A
14	Demolitions.....	N/A

Yard Sale Permits.....	68 days
Miles Traveled.....	7,417
Fees to Treasurer.....	\$55,853

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

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, 1997. Included are all residential, commercial, club and municipal permits.

Rough Inspections.....	79
Final Inspections.....	63
Conversion Burners.....	4
Ranges.....	13
Unit Heaters.....	3
Water Heaters.....	4
Gas Logs.....	4
Furnaces.....	12
Boilers.....	9
Dryers.....	2
Generators.....	10
Direct Vent Heaters.....	10
Direct Vent Fireplaces.....	1
Gas Fireplaces.....	1
Meter Relocations.....	3
Piping.....	5
Underground Service (Propane).....	9
Roof Unit.....	1
Building Department Request.....	1
Fire Department Request.....	1
Service Relocation.....	1
Space Heater.....	2
Re-Inspections.....	21
 Total Inspections Made.....	 279
Total Permits Issued.....	195
 Fees to the Treasurer.....	 \$7,216
Miles Traveled.....	2,253

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, 1997. Included are all residential, commercial, club and municipal permits.

Rough Inspections.....	165
Final Inspections.....	137
Water Heaters.....	17
Re-Inspections.....	25
Consultations.....	5
Water Service.....	44
Water Meter.....	1
Boilers.....	10
Building Department.....	5
Kitchen Sink.....	1
Water Filters.....	1
Sewer Line.....	4
Board of Health.....	2
Oven.....	1
Water Pipe.....	1
Washing Machine.....	1
Back Flow Preventer.....	1
Demolition.....	1
 Total Inspections Made.....	 422
Total Permits Issued.....	279
 Fees Paid to Treasurer.....	 \$16,534
Miles Traveled.....	3,594

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, 1997.

New Residences.....	88
Duplex.....	1
Alterations and Additions.....	52
New Services.....	25
Rewire and Repair.....	48
Barns, Garages, Sheds.....	22
Commercial.....	33
Alarms and Security Systems.....	48
Temporary Services.....	10
Upgrade, Relocate, Repair Services.....	47
Service Entry Cable, Meter Socket.....	33
Transformer Pads.....	2
Septic Pump.....	1
Water Pump.....	6
Furnaces.....	4
Generators.....	3
Pools..... 4 In-ground..... 4 Above-ground.....	8
Municipal, Federal, State, Utilities, Churches.....	11
Pole Replacements.....	1
Miscellaneous.....	3
Wire Gas Burners.....	6
Wire Boiler.....	6
Wire R.V. Trailer.....	4
Smoke Detectors.....	1
Underground Service.....	3
Wire A/C Unit.....	2
Wire Computer & Tel.....	1
Pole Service.....	1

There were 470 permits issued and 86 annual inspections made of trailers and services located in the beach area.

Miles traveled by Inspectors..... 13,042  
Fees paid to Treasurer (including reinspections) \$ 22,605

Respectfully submitted,

Ernest Vohnoutka  
Inspector of Wire



## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CEMETERY DEPARTMENT

### Reimbursements to the Town of Westport

66 Interments	\$ 23,050.00
22 Cremations	2,200.00
66 Foundations	4,913.46
62 Grass & Device	1,865.00
15 Saturday & Sunday Fees	2,750.00
Sale of Lots	5,200.00
Perpetual Care	<u>7,950.00</u>
	\$ 47,928.46

The Cemetery Department is responsible for 36 cemeteries under perpetual care. Normal maintenance was carried out on all cemeteries, with particular attention to pruning of overgrown trees and shrubs.

This summer though we were short-handed we continued repairs on the main building. We are also preparing to replace a section, making it more useful as a garage.

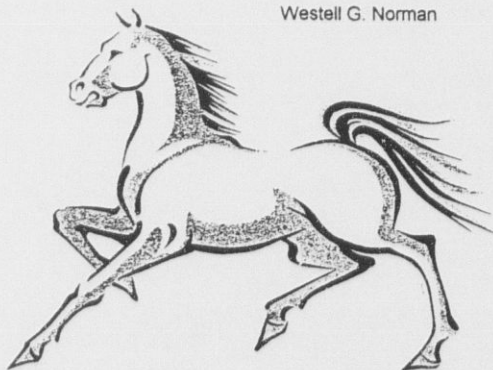
During the winter we finished clearing a area of trees and brush we started last year. Most of the wood went for auction, with the best being saved for lumber and for pilings at the Town Docks. The Highway Department has removed all the tree stumps. They have also begun excavation of this area for new sections and roads.

Our full-time laborer, Andrew Motta, who started as seasonal help, left the Cemetery Department after 10 years of service. Mr. Motta was the type of employee the Town was fortunate to have in its employ. The vacated position was filled by Clifford Brown who started in September.

Thanks to Paul Pereira and the Highway Department for their continued help.

Respectfully submitted,

Westell G. Norman





## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION/SOIL BOARD

The Conservation Commission and Soil Board submits the following report for the 1997 calendar year.

The Commission's workload has continued at a high level during 1997 keeping our office staff busy inspecting, researching and organizing applications for Commission action at our bi-weekly meetings. The dedicated and efficient assistance of our secretary Leone Farias and Agent Christopher J. Capone insure timely processing of applications within mandated legal limits and easing the burden of Chairmanship.

Budget constraints have prevented the Commission from obtaining expert advice when needed. A newly enacted law should rectify this problem. This law sets aside Commission filing fees for Commission use rather than depositing them in the General Fund.

Chairmanship duties require considerable time in addition to the regular meetings. The Chairman is thankful for the help of some members in sharing the additional burdens.

Belated thanks are due to former Commission members who donated their time to the service of our Town. Our former Chairman Donald R. Bernier always carried a heavy load throughout his many years of service; his participation on many committees was an excellent example of volunteerism. Former Commissioner Charles Goldberg excelled in promoting consensus from various views; his conscientious service contributed to fair and objective administration of the Wetland and other by-laws. Finally, the short productive tenure of Gregg Garnett enriched the Commission with a fresh and informed perspective.

We welcome Calvin Hopkinson back to the Commission and David Pichette, our former Agent, as one of our new Commissioners.

The Conservation Commission processed 38 Notices of Intent for construction, remediation, etc., 28 Determinations, 7 Enforcement Orders, as well as many Certificates of Compliance and Soil Permits were issued.

The Commission renders hundreds of decisions in the course of a year. We attempt to treat all applicants in a fair, courteous and objective manner. We encourage everyone who is contemplating work near wetlands to apply for the proper permits. This will save the hardships of enforcement actions which are necessary and mandated by law. If you are unsure that the work needs to be permitted, the Commission staff will provide proper advice and also help with the application process. Our service will be considerate and helpful. Office hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The office is located on the second floor of the Earle School, now the Town Hall Annex. Our phone number is (508) 636-1019. Meetings are held bi-weekly on Tuesdays starting at 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Claude Ledoux, Chairman  
Richard Lambert  
Elliot LaMontagne  
John Reynolds  
Thomas Perkins  
Calvin Hopkinson  
David Pichette

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE WESTPORT COUNCIL ON AGING

The Council on Aging respectfully submits this report for the year ending December 31, 1997.

<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	
Robert P. Lawrence .....	June 30, 1998
Treasurer 7/2/97 to date	
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, 2000
Member, 6/30/94 to date	
Cynthia Reynolds .....	June 30, 1999
Member, 10/22/90 to date	
Lois E. Spirlet .....	June 30, 1999
Vice-Chairman, 7/12/96 to date	
Member, 8/16/93 to date	
Janice Trepanier .....	June 30, 2000
Liaison to FWCOA 7/297 to date	
Member 6/30/97 to date	

<u>Staff</u>	
Director	- Mary Ellen Gomes
Senior Clerk	- Lorraine C. Roy
Elder Visitors	- Gloria Chester
	Elsie De Menezes
	Cynthia Bolduc
Companion	- Alice Manchester (EOEA Grant)
Van Drivers	- Evelyn O'Hara
	Gladys Walsh
Senior Social Day Program Director	- Beverly Roynestad (BESI Grant-Revolving Account)
Senior Aide	- Richard Fragoza (BESI Funded)
	Glenna Lawrence (BESI Funded)
	Alice Rezendes (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 (2,845 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, bringing support and friendship while serving 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 three senior aides provided through BESI are a very valuable and integral part of the daily activity. Glenna Lawrence is in charge of scheduling activities and helps in the office. Alice Rezendes works in the Social Day Program and assists in the office. Richard Fragoza drives the mini-van for the Social Day Program and also assists with the daily activities of the Social Day Program.

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, pharmacy program information, holiday food baskets, identification cards, general counseling, crisis intervention, eight medical emergency alert units, podiatry clinics, monthly blood pressure clinic, cooking classes, volunteer grocery shopping, and an assortment of medical aides such as walkers.

In addition, the COA offers classes of various types including: low-impact aerobics, crafts, knitting, T'ai Chi, watercolor painting, woodcarving, osteoporosis prevention, weight training and line dancing. New activities made possible by having a senior center include the following:

Parties and Dances: Valentine Dance, 25th COA Anniversary Party, Halloween Party, Christmas Party and Volunteer Appreciation;

Breakfasts and Dinners: Down Memory Lane Breakfast, WWII Memorial Breakfast and Thanksgiving Dinner;

Legal Information Seminars: Homestead Act, Avoiding Scams and Frauds, Safe Investing, etc.;

How To Classes: Joys of Gardening, Cooking for One, Italian Cooking, Portuguese Cooking, wreath making, water color, woodcarving and fire safety;

Health Issues: Blood Pressure Clinics, Flu and Tetanus Clinic, Changes in Health Insurance and Medicare Seminars, Healthy Eating Seminars and Diabetes Information Seminar;

Lending Library: Books and periodicals are available to be borrowed or read in the pleasant atmosphere of the Senior Center;

Just for Fun: Movies, Arm Chair Travel, Bingo and Hand Bell Choir concerts were offered for the enjoyment of all.

### Poetry Workshop

The Poetry Workshop of nine members meets weekly on Tuesday afternoons. For the FWCOA Annual meeting the poetry group produced a booklet with two poems each member had written during the year. Jean Lozinski, the convener of the workshop, applied for and received a grant from the Westport Arts Council for the production of a volume to include all the poems honored at the Westport Harvest Festival since its inception.

The Workshop honored the Westport Community School winners of the Harvest Festival poetry contest with a party at which all the winning entries were read by the poets.

### "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". In May, the "Friends" held a giant yard sale and raised almost \$4,000. The yard sale was so successful that the "Friends" set up an area in the Library at the Senior Center offering new or collectible items for sale. "Granny's General Store" has already earned over \$400.00 and the proceeds are used to provide much needed items for the Senior Center. At the time of this report, the "Friends" are busy preparing for the next edition of the Westport Telephone Book. The Council on Aging wishes to thank all of the members of the "Friends" for their support and hard work.

### Landscaping

Many volunteers worked long and hard to provide the landscaping for the Senior Center. Donations of material came from a wide variety of individuals, organizations and nurseries. The 30 foot flag pole and several large flags were donated by an anonymous Westport resident and the pole was erected by the Westport Highway Department. A very special thank you to each one who provided labor or materials to improve the landscaping of the Senior Center.

### Clinics

In 1997, the Council on Aging sponsored five podiatry clinics, eleven SHINE clinics and ten blood pressure clinics. Dr. Kenneth Brum of the Somerset-Swansea Medical Center, was the participating podiatrist. Mrs. Shirley Wordell of Westport provided health insurance counseling at the SHINE clinics and is available to assist people who wish to sign up for Food Stamps. The first annual free flu and tetanus clinic provided 152 flu and 41 tetanus immunizations. Mrs. Candida Bishop helped 52 individuals and families with income tax preparation.

### Thanksgiving Dinner and Holiday Baskets

The first annual Thanksgiving Dinner brought an outpouring of community support that exceeded even our highest hopes. Many, many people gave of their time and money to provide a delicious dinner and a very happy time for all who attended. A special thank you to Marjorie Holden and David Dionne for their hard work and support. Holiday baskets were delivered for Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas.

### Grants

The Council on Aging received four grants in 1997 including a Formula Grant of \$9,177.00 from the Executive Office of Elder Affairs. One grant was received from Bristol Elder Services in the amount of \$4,160.00 to continue our Senior Social Day Program. The grant from the Southeastern Regional Transit Authority in the amount of \$16,124.00 was for operating costs for the mini-van. The Massachusetts Association of Regional Transit Authorities awarded the Westport Council on Aging with a grant of \$2,339.99 for computer hardware and computer training.



### 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

Westport is a mostly rural community with only limited public transportation. The mini-vans provide transportation to medical appointments in Dartmouth, Fall River, New Bedford and Westport and a variety of other needs on an as space is available basis.

#### 1997 VAN STATISTICS

<u>Month</u>	<u>Trips</u>	<u>Miles</u>
January	274	2,744
February	284	2,151
March	256	2,149
April	202	1,961
May	284	2,557
June	304	2,688
July	300	3,197
August	356	2,956
September	412	3,140
October	364	3,149
November	302	2,288
December	<u>380</u>	<u>2,426</u>
Totals	3,718	31,406

### Nutrition Program

Under Title III of the Older Americans Act, 12,100 meals were delivered to homebound elders in Westport and approximately 5,500 meals were served at Westport's congregate meal site at the Senior Center.

### 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. The program has eleven participants and many have requested that the program be expanded to all five days. There is a special area in the Senior Center for the Social Day Program, but they

join in many of the Center's daily activities. The participants are generally very frail, but judging from the smiles and laughter, they are still enjoying life to the fullest. This program provides a healthy and enjoyable way to help people in their homes and a vital part of the community.

### Westport Senior Center

Listed previously in this report are activities which started at the Senior Center this year. In addition, having a visible presence in the community has provided the opportunity to supply services to elders who never came forward before. We have developed relationships with the police and fire departments to unify services to all the elders in Westport. Intergenerational programs continue with the Middle School and Social Day as well as a variety of ways the elementary, middle and high school join us for food drives, provide music and include us in their projects. At Christmas, the 4H Club provided a huge basket for a needy family which included elders. UMass Dartmouth has become an important part of our support system. Both the Nursing Department and the Gerontology Department have offered valuable services here at the Senior Center.

### In Summary

The population in Westport was 13,389 in 1997, with 2,845 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.

Respectfully submitted,

Lois E. Spirelet, Chairman



Former Council on Aging member, the late Margo Boote

## **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, 1997.

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, 1998 with the exception of Shirley Desrosiers whose term does not expire until the year 2000.

The Westport Harvest Festival fund-raising event was very successful this year thanks to the many volunteers who helped with various tasks.

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 \$700 grant was awarded to the Board of Assessors to purchase camera equipment that will work in conjunction with a new computer program that will provide pictures of all the structures in the Town. A great asset to the Assessors and the citizens of Westport. The committee is awaiting more information on another project that may be funded as well at the time of this writing.

The Trustees assisted Selectman Marjorie Holden and the Community Center Committee at the fabulous Holiday Festival held in December. A good time was had by all.

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. Remember the money is put back into the community!

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 12/31/97 was \$21,535.97. Our portion of the Westport Citizens Betterment Fund has a balance of \$4,427.51. 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, 1997

### ORGANIZATION

#### Fire Chief

William D. Tripp

#### Deputy Fire Chief

Stephen A. Motta

#### Lieutenants

Raymond A. Benoit  
William G. Baraby

Christopher L. Kirby  
John W. Andrade

#### Firefighter/EMT's

Glenn A. Wood  
Michael P. Silvia  
Timothy A. Palmer  
Douglas P. Orr  
Brian D. Souza  
Alfred L. Manchester  
Brian A. Beaulieu  
Michael D. Medeiros  
Bruce Martin, Jr. (appointed 7/6/97)

Stephen A. Pettey  
James C. Thibault  
Kendall G. Nickelson  
Allen N. Manley, Jr.  
Raymond E. Benoit  
Daniel F. Ledoux  
Brian Legendre  
Glenn R. Nunes (appointed 4/26/97)

#### Call Firefighters

Jonathan Allua  
Daniel Baldwin  
Peter Brown  
Gordon Costa  
Paul Duhon  
Robert Kirby  
Roger Maynard  
Ryan Nickelson  
Stephen Oliveira

John W. Andrade, III  
Paul Baraby  
Richard Carvalho  
Matthew Cowell  
Derren Fortier  
Glenn Mackillop  
Keith Nickelson  
Darren Nunes  
Kenneth Reilly

#### 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

Brian A. Beaulieu                      Brian D. Souza  
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 1,584 calls for a total of 1,731 vehicle runs during 1997, classified as follows:

Buildings.....	18
Woods.....	0
Brush and Grass.....	20
Vehicles.....	19
Lost Person.....	2
Electrical.....	16
False Alarms.....	5
Needless Runs.....	12
Mutual Aid.....	4
Chimney.....	9
Assist Rescue.....	18
Cooking & Heating Appliances.....	17
Bomb Scares.....	6
Pump Cellar.....	21
Jaws-of-Life.....	16
Unclassified.....	25
Investigations.....	79
Dumpsters.....	0
Box Alarms.....	6
First Aid in Stations.....	3
Illegal Burning.....	59
Public Service.....	16
Faulty Alarms.....	26
Hazardous Materials.....	14
Tires.....	0
Carbon Monoxide Detector Investigations.....	8
Emergency Ambulance.....	1,164
Fire Related Calls.....	420

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

Engine 1.....	66
Engine 2.....	95
Engine 3.....	56
Engine 4.....	81
Engine 6.....	93
Engine 7.....	48
Forestry 1.....	4
Tanker 1.....	88
Chief's Car.....	99
Deputy's Car.....	65
Rescue Boat.....	5
Personal Vehicles.....	13
Ambulance 1.....	446
Ambulance 2.....	718

Permits for the following were issued during the year:

Smoke Detectors.....	209
Oil Burners.....	46
Underground Tank Removal.....	9
Tank Trucks.....	0
Open Air Fire.....	2,848
Blasting.....	1
Underground Tank Registration.....	4
Black Powder.....	2
LPG Storage.....	4
Aboveground Storage of Flammables.....	0

Loss due to fire:

Buildings.....	\$162,900.00
Vehicles.....	<u>74,250.00</u>
Total Loss	248,250.00

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 1997 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. During the year, 38 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.

Again this year we were fortunate to receive donations of equipment and money from individuals and businesses within our community. Stanley Smeaton donated air bags which are used for rescue of trapped victims. These air bags are larger than those we had and will increase our rescue capabilities. Mid-City Steel made a substantial financial donation which was deposited in the Fire Department Gift Account. After further

research of available equipment, we plan to launch a fund raising drive to purchase at least one unit that will allow firefighters to actually see through smoke and be able to locate victims as well as fire. These units are new to the fire service and very expensive. Hopefully we will be able to make a prudent decision as to which unit is best and be able to purchase at least one this year.

Respectfully submitted,

William D. Tripp  
Fire Chief



The new pumper/tanker

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE FISH COMMISSIONERS

The 1997 activities of the Fish Commissioners were directed towards the following areas:

The Fish Commissioners are very pleased to report the success of the fish ladder at Adamsville Pond. During the spring spawning season, many alewives were observed utilizing the fish ladder. The Fish Commissioners hope this fish ladder 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 herring run at Cockeast Pond was also productive.

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,

Daniel Sullivan  
Russell T. Hart  
Edmie Bibeau, Jr.  
Fish Commissioners



Deputy Shellfish Warden Diane Baraby preparing the upweller for launch



## **GREATER FALL RIVER VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT ANNUAL REPORT SUMMARY JULY 1, 1996 - JUNE 30, 1997**

### Introduction

With 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.

Diman Regional Vocational Technical High School prepares students to enter employment as skilled apprentices requiring minimum employer training to become a productive employee. Additionally, Diman prepares students to go on to a two or four year college, or advanced technical training where Diman graduates perform very well especially in engineering and medical professional degree programs.

Diman has completed 29 years of providing quality academic and vocational technical education to the Greater Fall River Vocational School District. Our students develop positive attitudes with pride in their school and the community in which they live. I am extremely proud of the accomplishments and educational achievements of our student body and I continue to remain confident of parental satisfaction with the academic education and vocational 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 (1996)

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 108 students. Through grant funding from Bristol County Training Consortium two programs were able to be continued. A Building and Grounds program in which 16 students were enrolled provided training in building and grounds maintenance. The second BTC 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. These shop programs were Culinary Arts and Building Maintenance Technology. Fifty-two students participated in this program.

### Orientation Program

On August 27, 28, and 29, 1996, an orientation program was held in the school cafeteria for all new students. Students were given instructions for the opening of school. A "Parent Night" was held on September 24, 1996, to familiarize parents of new students with school programs and the school's philosophy and policies. School Administrators were present to explain their roles and what Diman expects of the students. An estimated 250 parents and students attended.

### Admissions

For the school year 1996-97, there were 532 applications for grade nine. Three hundred twenty-five were enrolled as of October 1, 1996. Diman Regional School of Practical Nursing enrolled 54 post-graduate students into the Licensed Practical Nursing full-time program and 23 in the part-time LPN program. The day enrollment for the 1996-97 school year as reported on the October 1, 1996, Department of Education Report, is as follows:

	Class	Grade	Males	Females	Total
	1997	12	174	75	249
	1998	11	189	87	277
	1999	10	201	105	306
	2000	9	199	126	325
HIGH SCHOOL TOTAL			763	393	1156
Post Graduate LPN Program			6	47	53
TOTAL ENROLLMENT			769	440	1209

### High School Enrollment By Community

City/Town	Class	Grade	Males	Females	Total
Fall River	1997	12	123	62	185
	1998	11	147	74	221
	1999	10	152	88	240
	2000	9	151	104	255
TOTALS			573	328	901

City/Town	Class	Grade	Males	Females	Total
Somerset	1997	12	16	4	20
	1998	11	13	2	15
	1999	10	9	5	14
	2000	9	17	3	20
TOTALS			55	14	69

City/Town	Class	Grade	Males	Females	Total
Swansea	1997	12	20	6	26
	1998	11	12	8	20
	1999	10	25	8	33
	2000	9	16	12	28
TOTALS			73	34	107

City/Town	Class	Grade	Males	Females	Total
Westport	1997	12	15	3	18
	1998	11	17	3	20
	1999	10	15	4	19
	2000	9	15	7	22
TOTALS			62	17	79

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

	Total
Fall River	14
Somerset	3
Swansea	6
Westport	2
Out-of-District	28
TOTALS	53

#### Career Day

The Guidance Department sponsored our thirteenth College Career Day on November 13, 1996 with 25 colleges and technical schools represented. Approximately three hundred and fifty seniors and juniors took advantage of the opportunity to speak with the representatives present.

#### Scholarships and Awards

At Class Night, activities held for the Class of 1997, numerous scholarships and awards were given to the graduates.

#### Assessment Testing

In April and May 1997, all sophomores were administered the Massachusetts Educational Assessment System Try Out and also the Iowa Test of Basic Skills. When compared with vocational schools in the state, Diman performed well.

#### Advisory Committees

Governor's Alliance Against Drugs  
Comprehensive Health Committee

In 1996-97 Diman Regional received a Health Protection Grant in the amount of \$26,060 and a Drug Free School Grant for \$4,572. These funds were used to support a variety of anti-drug/alcohol abuse and anti-violence programs, presentations and/or guest speakers.

### School Improvement Council

The following individuals served on the School Improvement Council: Rogerio Ramos, Ron Roy, Elizabeth Albemaz, Mark Copas, Leonard Freeman, Edward Szynal, Carl F. Sawejko, Kathy Pereira and Pamela Bouchard. Through their efforts the School Improvement Plan was revised, and working along with the Parent Advisory Council, an after-prom party was hosted for seniors.

### Program Advisory Committees

On October 10, 1996, and February 13, 1997, Vocational and Academic Program Advisory Committees met. At each meeting the Shop Program Advisory Committees reviewed curriculum, safety issues, equipment purchases and worked upon a five-year fixed asset plan. Of major interest to Academic Advisory Committees were discussions on developing academic competency sheets.

### Academic Programs (Overview)

The 1996-97 school year continued the recommendations of the Curriculum Revision Committee. This second year of implementation included phasing in year two of math and science, and social studies courses sequence. State mandated testing and the Curriculum Frameworks highlighted the year with faculty attending workshops and realigning the curriculum to address issues outlined in the Frameworks.

### English Department - Margaret Hopkins, Lead Teacher

A major accomplishment of the English Department was implementing writing portfolios for all freshmen. A letter was sent home to parents explaining this project, emphasizing the importance of developing good writing skills. These portfolios will now continue to be developed into the sophomore year. For the first time, a summer required reading program was instituted for all students. Parents and students were notified of the six selections of which two had to be chosen.

### Mathematics Department - Edward Gillespie, Lead Teacher

The school year 1996-97 was the second year of the restructured curriculum. At the present time, all corrections as to course sequencing have been made and the three levels; school to work, tech-prep, and school to college, are in place and operating. For the second year, every junior was administered the Mathematics Advice to Juniors for Informal Choices (MASS Majic) examination from UMASS-Lowell. The individual results were given to each junior, indicating the strength of mathematical ability as related to their career choices. The AHSME (American High School Mathematics Examination) was given to a group of selected students. Both juniors and seniors were given the opportunity to take the examination. The high score for Diman this year was shared by Scott Souza and Matthew Souza, both from the Electronics Shop. Plans for the 1997-98 school year include adding an Algebra II offering for seniors who have completed Intermediate Algebra but may not be sufficiently prepared to enter the more rigorous Algebra II/Trigonometry senior offering.

### Science Department - John Maurer, Lead Teacher

The seventh all-school Science Fair was held under Mr. John Maurer's leadership. Efforts to establish an aquaculture lab continues. Members of the department gave a widely accepted presentation to the School Committee. An aquaculture lab will be up and operating during the 1997-98 school year. Mr. Frank Kuthan was



nominated for national recognition relating to environmental awareness efforts. Though he was not chosen, Diman recognizes the contributions he has made with the Earth Corps and recycling activities at our school. Mr. Michael Kertyzak, the newly appointed Principles of Technology, instructor, arranged for a Regional Principles of Technology Workshop at Diman. Teachers from other systems attended the day-long activity and were exposed to Diman's new re-equipped lab. Mr. Leonard Freeman, Mr. John Maurer, and Principal Rogelio Ramos attended the National Convention of the Science Teacher's Association held in New Orleans. The trip was funded by the Eisenhower Math and Science Grant.

#### Social Studies Department - Roger Dugal, Lead Teacher

In advance of Educational Reform recommendations, the department's move of American History to the freshman/sophomore years proves to be wise and educationally sound. Government is now offered to juniors with selectives given to both juniors and seniors. In January, a group of students attended a lecture at UMASS-Dartmouth given by Dr. Bernice King, the daughter of Martin Luther King, Jr. Another noteworthy activity was participation in the annual Bristol County District Court Law Day Essay Contest won by a Diman student, William Silvia.

#### Title One Reading Program

The Title One (Chapter One) reading program continues to remediate students in grades 9-12 who are determined to be proficient in reading skills. Tested were 162 students with services provided as follows:

	Grade 9 - 46
	10 - 13
	11 - 26
	12 - <u>12</u>
TOTAL	97

With grant funds of \$48,741, salary and benefits for one reading teacher were covered. A fourth annual reading award night proved a tremendous success with approximately eight parent in attendance.

#### Special Education

The October 1, 1996 report demonstrates Diman's continued efforts to serve the special needs population of the district.

- 1) Diman accepted 62 special needs students into the freshman class.
- 2) The total enrollment of special needs students at Diman is 194, which represents 17% of the total school population.
- 3) The distribution of special needs students throughout the various prototypes is as follows:

502.1	64
502.2	95
502.3	19
502.4	<u>16</u>
TOTAL	194

### Project Spotlight

The Spotlight Program is a program of projects for High Learning Potential at UMASS-Dartmouth. Some of the subjects discussed were "The Toxic Avenger", "Self-Expression through Drama", "Talk Radio", and "The Justice System: How it Works & How it Doesn't Work" to name just a few. It is a great advantage for students to meet students from other schools and to grow intellectually. Mrs. Elizabeth Jonsson supervised the following students at UMASS-Dartmouth for an enrichment program during the fall and spring of 1996-97.

#### SENIORS

Sherry Machado - Fall River  
Stephanie Richard - Fall River  
Michael Flynn - Tiverton  
Jean Waterman - Swansea

#### JUNIORS

Carmen Cabral - Fall River  
Peter Mathieu - Fall River

#### SOPHOMORES

Kevin Thomas - Swansea  
Brenda Zak - Fall River  
Tara Duclos - Fall River  
Keith Tremblay - Somerset  
Maria Silva - Fall River  
Jason Medeiros - Fall River

These students made a time commitment and displayed exemplary citizenship.

### National Honor Society - Margaret Hopkins, Advisor

The National Honor Society inducted 21 new members this year at a ceremony and reception held in the Diman Tea Room on April 9. Mr. Brian Bentley, dean of students, was the guest speaker and over 100 parents and friends were in attendance. The Master of Ceremonies was President Gregory Feigo and membership qualities were represented by Michelle Aguiar as leadership, Christine Correia as service, Michael DeMello as scholarship, and Danielle Proulx as character. At the present time, there are 38 members in good standing in the Diman Chapter of the National Honor Society. Students raised \$710 for the American Cancer Society by their participation in Daffodil Days. The other major project of the year was the Clothe-a-Child program under the auspices of the Salvation Army. This year Diman was able to sponsor thirty children for the Christmas activity. The major fundraising activity was the sale of candy. In addition to providing funds for their service projects, the money raised also provided for field trips to the New England Aquarium and Quincy Market. In the spring students were able to visit the Roger Williams Park Zoo and Dinosaur Exhibit. Special thanks go to the Faculty Council consisting of Mr. Bentley, Mrs. Caine, Mr. Dugal, Mr. Flanagan, Mrs. Michel, and Mr. Keough for their support of the NHS.

\*President - Gregory Feigo EL  
\*Vice President - Christine Correia HC  
\*Secretary - Michael DeMello HC  
\*Treasurer - Michelle Aguiar HC

#### Seniors

Bethany Almeida HC  
\*David Amaral ET  
Michael Bergeron HM  
Lucrecia Borges HC

#### Juniors

Stacey Alves GA  
Karen Carreiro HC  
Bradford Costa CA  
Jessica Farias HC

*Paul Camara MS	Erica Followwill EL
*Kurt Chouinard MS	Tommy Gamache DR
*Steven Dumont PL	Peter Mathieu HM
*Dennis Estacio MS	Lisa Pacheco HC
Rui Fernandes	Louis Perry EL
*Daniel Freitas ET	Ernest Raposa MS
Eric Gagnon ET	David Reynolds EL
*Sherry Machado HC	Amanda Santos HC
*Jeffrey Medeiros MS	Antonio Santos ET
Jeffrey Melia DR	William Sylvia ET
*Eric Miozza EL	Daniel Thermen ET
*Danielle Proulx AM	
*Adam Rodrigues MS	
*Luis Rebelo AB	
*Scott Souza ET	

\* Denotes second year member.

#### Key Club - Suzanne Thibert, Advisor

The Key Club, once again, worked closely with the Kiwanis Club of Fall River. Joint events were a Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast held at Diman in which Key Club members volunteered to assist, and a Bicycle Safety Day which the Kiwanis Club sponsored and Key Club members attended to help with the public. Fundraising activities were sponsored by the Key Club throughout the school year. Examples of highly successful fundraisers included candy sales and candle sales. Highlighting the academic year's activities were two large events: the Annual Christmas Food Basket Drive and the Rose Hawthorne Lathrop Cancer Home. The Annual Christmas Food Basket Drive resulted in food for twenty-five needy Diman families. Easter is the season of rebirth and hope. In keeping with these themes, the Key Club donated \$350 to the Rose Hawthorne Lathrop Cancer Home in memory of Kiwanis Past President John (Jay) Sullivan who died last year of cancer. Members of the Key Club alternated attending meetings of the Kiwanis Club of Fall River. Key Club officers for the 1996-97 school year were President Mindy Levasseur - Fall River, Vice President Crystal Carvalho - Fall River, Treasurer Jessica Torres - Fall River, and Secretary Kristina Reis - Fall River.

#### Co-op & Job Placement

The 1996-97 Co-operative (Co-op) Education Program mandated by the "School to Work Opportunities Act" in Massachusetts offers skilled training for Diman seniors in a real world work-based setting which allows students exposure to the latest industry standards. Co-op is a structured work experience with a training outline developed by the employer and agreed upon by the trainee, the coordinator, parents or guardian matching each student's skills and competencies to the needs of this past years seventy-three participating employers. A total of 119 Co-operative Education agreements and training plans were initiated with 73 participating employers to bridge the gap between school and the real world of work. Each (co-op) approved training site is required to be supported by an agreement which must be signed by the school district's coordinator, student, and employer/supervisor. The programs accountability is as follows:

1. The students are monitored for time and attendance and must turn in a time card signed by the immediate supervisor for hours and days worked while school is in session.
2. Quarterly evaluations are requested from the employer/supervisor regarding student trainees' progress, made part of each term report card grade, and shared with instructors.

3. The co-op trainee acquires marketable skills, learns to work with others, and earns money and an opportunity to test some of their career interests.

During the summer of 1996, Diman placed thirty-two juniors going into the senior year with companies such as Polaroid, Lightolier, Fall River Gas Company, Homer Millwork, area electrical contractors, several auto repair facilities, nursing homes, and restaurants.

### Connecting Activities

Several new employers have engaged in becoming partners with Diman providing co-op education opportunities and full-time employment for Diman graduates as follows: Lightolier Corp., Wakefield Engineering, NECSAS Corp., Custom Printers Engineers, D&E Engineers, Stanley Bostitch Company, Baker Motion Control, Aquidneck Management Assoc.(R&D), Signs Up America, Olympus Health Center, Regan Engineering, Quadrex (R&D). Also, representatives from Quality Turning Components volunteered as members of the academic (English Department) and Machine Shop Advisory Committee.

### End-of-Year Placement

During June and July 1997, the Job Placement office continued to assist the graduates who were not on co-op during their senior year and not planning to attend higher education programs or join the military with Job Placement. The following placement data is as of July 31, 1997, and subject to change due to placement of additional graduates prior to finalizing the Department of Education October 1, 1997 Report.

113	Trade Related
59	Higher Education
31	Employed outside trade area
7	Not working
4	Not in Labor Force
13	Status Unknown

Diman has thus far achieved an 89% overall placement of graduates working in their trade, going to higher education, entering the military, or working outside of their trade.

### Career Awareness Speaker Program

A coordinated speaker and demonstration program was accomplished for the various vocational technical programs as part of an ongoing Learning for Life program for the juniors (11th graders). Employers, industry representatives spend 45-minute periods providing valuable information in regard to the changing technology taking place and diversity in their occupational area of training. Emphasis is placed on making available first-hand knowledge of the student's career area, including entry level requirements, specialized training needed, important academic disciplines that must be mastered, working conditions, promotion opportunities and other relevant information to better prepare for the real world of work. The below-mentioned employers volunteered to participate:

Fall River Department of Health  
American Medical Response Unit  
Polaroid Corporation  
Fall River School System Repair Division (Maintenance)  
Hampton Inn - Housekeeping, Management, Food



Eastern Utilities Service Corp.  
Electric Vehicle - All shops  
Consolidated Electric Services (Division of Comstar International)  
Carelli Food, Inc.  
Poirier Buick, Pontiac, Lincoln, Mercury  
Pen & Ink of New England  
Johnson & Johnson Professional, Inc.  
P&C Quality Turned Components  
Griffin Electric, Inc.

### Tech Prep

A Tech Prep Committee was established with the following members.

Margaret Hopkins - English	John Cantwell - Drafting
Michael Kertyzak - Science	Dennis Abdow - Administration
Edward Gillespie - Math	George Letendre - Administration
Barbara Bernard - Guidance	

A mini-grant from Bristol Community College was applied for and accepted (\$447). This money was used to purchase some video and posters promoting technology. A pamphlet was also developed to promote Tech Prep at Diman. All articulation agreements with New England Institute of Technology, Bristol Community College, and Massasoit Community College were renewed for the 1996-97 school year. The committee continues to seek additional agreements with other educational institutions.

### Open House & Trade Fair

On March 8 and 9, Diman hosted a Technical Trade Fair and Open House that brought in judges from business and industry to evaluate students' projects and award first, second and third place ribbons to students in each shop area. More than 2,800 visitors toured the school to view the students' projects. Several shops had students demonstrating their skills. The projects are designed to integrate technical, academic and vocational skills needed to be successful in the world of work.

### Vocational Programs (Overview)

The 1996-97 school year continued to be a highly successful educational achievement year at Diman. The vocational shops have received new tools and new technology equipment. The individual shop curriculum is up-to-date providing our students with employability skills demonstrated by the high numbers of students on Co-op with year-end positive placements.

### Auto Body

The Auto Body program can boast of winning the Vocational Industrial Clubs of America (VICA) national gold medal. Graduated student, Seth Elie, is now eligible to compete at the international competition in Montreal, Canada. The Auto Body and Collision Program has repaired many vehicles which included those from the school, public works, police and fire departments. The Auto Body shop is now fully NATEF certified in all four areas.

## Auto Mechanics

The Automotive Technology program is certified in all areas by the National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence Standard of Quality for training of automotive technicians. (NATEF & ASE) The Automotive Technology program students won first place gold medallions in the two areas of their competition at the Massachusetts VICA Skills competition in Fitchburg. During the 1996-97 school year, part of NATEF and ASE training also included a partnership with Midas Auto Service Training Centers where Diman received free career development videos. The Automotive Technology department repaired vehicles for the city and towns, police, fire, public works, schools, and non-profit organizations. All of the school's autos are repaired, maintained and serviced by the students. The program has a well-prepared staff, shop and curriculum that meet or exceed national standards.

## Building Technology

The Building Technology program has provided valuable training for its students using a variety of in-school and community projects. The following is a list of some of the more important jobs which have been used as technical training activities:

- \* Worked with P&D to paint gymnasium at Fall River Salvation Army
- \* Installation of storage shelving, security bars, new electrical room door, and required electrical wiring due to on-going renovations
- \* Placement and removal of holiday decorations - Fall River
- \* Beginning phases of holiday decorations restoration - Fall River
- \* Renovation and relocation of AM instructor office and tool crib
- \* Complete demolition and rebuilding of existing rest room at Earle School - Westport
- \* Construction of new storage area near rest room-Earle School - Westport
- \* Construction of office for MFW instructors.
- \* Repairs of HC electric beds.
- \* Transport of cabinets to Diman housebuilding site
- \* Assistance to regular maintenance staff of Diman
- \* Various repairs, as needed, by CA department
- \* Various repairs, as needed, in GA department
- \* Repair students' vehicles: replace engine heads, electrical problems, repair of door locks, etc.
- \* Various administrator, teacher, and student projects as needed

## Culinary Arts

Culinary Arts is a highly active program that provides approximately 2,000 servings per day. This requires numerous management skills while organizing clear education goals for its students. The program provides for public daily breakfast and lunch, breaks for students, school lunches, teacher and administrator lunches, special guests, and community services. In addition to the serving of breakfast and lunch every day to the staff and public, the Culinary Arts Department performed the following functions: Shop breaks approximately 50,000 doughnuts for the cafeteria, preparation of most of the hot meals plus 27,800 rolls, 2,600 doughnuts, 15,170 muffins, 850 bagels, 2,416 meals for Montessori School, weekly preparation for the Fall River Soup Kitchen, 30 senior citizen lunches, Rotary Club luncheon, Thanksgiving dinner, Holiday Buffet, Thanksgiving pies, Valentine Lunch, Trade Fair/Open House, National Honor Society induction, Health Protection Grant reception, dinner for Our Sister's Place, Day on the Hill, Outstanding Student Banquet, VICA Awards Dinner, dedication of Fall River Police Station, Sports Banquet, Class Night Reception, counselor breakfast, Peer Leadership Dinner for the Soup Kitchen, 250 Thanksgiving turkeys for the Salvation Army, plus many pastry and food orders for takeout. Mr. Kerr has supported many student activities which have given

Diman national recognition. This year, the Culinary Arts students proudly represented Diman in the State Skills Competition. Jay Mello and Kevin Ouellette won bronze medallions and Erica Medeiros won gold in her competition sending her on to the national competition. Jeremy Ferreira won bronze.

### Drafting

Through department faculty efforts, the Drafting program continues to meet the needs of business and industry. This year there were more co-op job opportunities than eligible students. The curriculum prepares students for employment in the CAD field. It also allows students to continue on to college engineering programs. Students who graduate from the drafting program are given applicable college engineering credits at many area colleges and universities. The Drafting Department under Mr. Cantwell's leadership has maintained a curriculum that has brought very favorable commendation from employers.

### Electrical Shop

The Electrical shop produced a national Vocational Industrial Clubs of America (VICA) silver medallion winner. David Reynolds tied for first place and placed second in a tie-breaker. David competed against 60 of the nation's best electrical students. The Electrical shop students have continued to be involved in numerous electrical maintenance projects. These projects have saved Diman and the communities that support Diman thousands of dollars. The 1996-97 school year was extremely productive. The staff worked very hard to improve the curriculum. At their department meetings held during the year, the instructors worked together to choose additional electrical trainers that would enhance the electrical program and stimulate learning. The electrical trainers chosen were presented to the Electrical Advisory Committee for approval. Several of these trainers have been purchased this year and have proven to be very successful as a learning tool. Department faculty are planning to purchase the remaining electrical trainers with fixed asset funds for 1997-98.

### Electronics Technology

The Electronics shop faculty met the program's goals and covered the curriculum designed for the Electronics shop. This included extra help for students, exhibits for the Trade Fair, and repair of equipment. The curriculum allowed students with higher level thinking skills to excel. Department faculty tried to speed up the material given because of the loss of time in the freshman year. It is now necessary to spend less time in some areas and rethink what the electronic student will need to become a better technician. Purchases this year, as recommended by the Advisory Board and staff, include two 133 MHZ computer systems, one 166 MHZ computer system, two TDS 210 Tectonics, 60 MHZ scopes, one PACE surface mount soldering system, six Temp control soldering stations, one printed circuit board spray tank, 48 new shop stools, one video generator, and update of old shop computers. One second year electronics student made an excellent showing at the VICA competitions. The Electronics shop also had an excellent turnout of students going on the co-op program. One student received a full scholarship to the University of Massachusetts. For the third year in a row electronics students placed first among Diman students in the American Mathematics competitions.

### Graphic Arts

The Graphic Arts work year for 1996-97 has been very productive with the number of jobs printed this year exceeding last year's total. With the addition of the new Xerox 5100 copier, the quick print center is producing quality copies for small school jobs. Work is also done for church and non-profit organizations, small businesses and other schools. Shop productivity generates student responsibility from which they learn how industry works and how the needs of customers are important to support business. Students are trained on

computer typesetting, layout, and design. Students receive training on the large GTO press and smaller press operation. The department has purchased an onyx plate maker as additional fixed asset equipment. The Graphic Arts Department has printed many jobs for the surrounding communities and organizations such as the Fall River Chamber of Commerce (Honor Roll Coupon Books), the Fall River School Department, the Westport School Department, the Town of Swansea, and the Town of Somerset.

### General Shop

The General Shop Special Needs program accepted its maximum number of 16 students who are classified as 502.4 special education with specific I.E.P. programs of study. Each student is enrolled in a program that fits their learning style. Special modified programs have been developed to assist students achieve their maximum academic and vocational potential.

### Health Careers

As part of on-going curriculum assessment, the existing Home Health Aid component was revised, submitted to the Massachusetts Council and approved. The approval enables the Health Careers Program to issue a certificate as a training agency approved by the Council. The first group of students completed the approved course May 1997. It is anticipated that this will enable Health Careers students to successfully compete for jobs in the growing field of home health care. Student experiences in the sophomore Child Care Unit were enhanced with "Baby, Think it Over", --'baby' manikins are programmed to cry and record episodes of inappropriate care. Students took the "babies" home and were expected to care for them for several days. Students reported it to be a valuable experience for increasing awareness of the changes a baby brings in the life of a teenager. The newer "Standard Precautions" have been included in the Blood Borne Pathogen Certification process and in shop activities. Blood Borne Pathogen Certification has been expanded to the freshman year and is taught in related. TB prevention is now taught in related on all grade levels. The Hepatitis Vaccine is given to all students in Health Careers who are not immunized by their private physicians. Health Careers students participated in the following activities:

- \* Great American Smokeout - November 1996
- \* Red Cross Blood Drive - December 1996
- \* Walkathon: \$2300 for a disabled child
- \* Nurse Aide Certification - Juniors
- \* Home Health Aid Certification - Seniors
- \* CPR Certification - All grades
- \* Blood Borne Pathogen Certification - All grades
- \* First Aid Certification - Freshmen

### House & Mill Carpentry

The House & Mill Carpentry Department was well managed during the 1996-97 school year especially in the absence of the related instructor who was out ill most of the year and, unfortunately, passed away. The housebuilding program was completed on schedule and, given the complexities of the kitchen cabinetry, much credit and thanks are extended to the professionalism of the staff. Fourteen students participated in VICA this past year. Two mill and one carpentry students reached the VICA state level of competition. All three students finished in the top 10% of their competition. Carpentry students built a house complete with kitchen cabinetry, 911 consoles for the Fall River Police Department, Marine Museum tables and showcases, a conference table for Carpenter's Union 1305, and various community projects. The House & Mill curriculum is up-to-date with additional competencies and tasks being included for the newly added CNC Boring Mill.



## HVAC

The HVAC shop has revised the shop electrical service by installing a lockout, tagout system. The shop has been redesigned to take advantage of all available areas with a clear view of the entire shop. The equipment has been upgraded to meet new EPS codes and regulations. The HVAC program installed a dual air system in the 1996-97 house. Students have installed new condensing units for the cafeteria walk-in cooler and freezer. HVAC students completed a variety of jobs and projects that included new refrigeration training software on computers. The HVAC&R program had four students compete in VICA district competition with one student going on to compete at the state level.

## Machine Shop

The Machine Technology program continues to meet the needs of business and industry. Employers of Machine Shop students have recognized their abilities to work well in many areas of the trade. The Machine Shop curriculum is constantly changing to meet the needs of industry. Throughout the 1996-97 school year, sophomores, juniors and seniors used the CAD/CAM system. The shop instructors instill the basic values in students such as conscientious dedication and work ethic. The Machine Shop had a state VICA gold medal that was awarded to Paul Camara. He came in ninth out of 60 of the best in the national competition. Business and industry has shown a great interest in Diman's Machine Technology students. Because of this, many of the senior students leave on co-op in September and early October. For this reason, sophomores are now being trained on CNC programming with hands-on experience. New major worldwide companies have hired graduates. Johnson & Johnson, Stanley Bostitch, and Gillette are three international companies which offer co-op programs to the students. The shop will be used to teach and train college level students in an Applied Manufacturing Technology Degree Program from BCC.

## Metal Fabrication & Welding

The metal fabrication shop continued to improve and update curriculum as well as individual lessons and new projects. Motivation of students has become a high priority. New levels of professionalism will be set for the 1997-98 school year. New equipment has been added to the shop which means more curriculum updates. This will include the Plasma CAD and CAM Systems and the 3/8 Shear operation. Nine students competed in this year's VICA competition. Eight of these students received medals at the district level. Three won medals at the state level. Kelly Dumont won the gold in sheet metal and competed at the nationals placing 4th in the United States, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands. Many jobs were done for the City of Fall River, non-profit organizations, and the school. The sheet metal students again fabricated and installed the air-conditioning duct work at this year's house. The welding students completed several large projects and many smaller jobs which had great educational value in developing welding and metal fabrication skills.

## Painting & Decorating

This year the Painting & Decorating shop continued to upgrade the screen-printing program. New federal regulations required upgrading the spray guns to comply with OSHA standards. Diman purchased an additional computer station for students for better sign graphics, expanded the power tool inventory, and purchased a portable compressor for outside jobs. This year, Mrs. Souza had two students at the state VICA competition. One student won gold and attended the national competition in June placing third in the nation. There were four seniors on screen-printing co-op, full-time positions, and others going on to special business and work opportunities. The Painting & Decorating program has expanded its fields of study to include all areas of the new methods of finishing and refinishing of metals, wood, fiberglass, and sign-building.

## Plumbing Technology

The Plumbing Department has received the addition of a combination roll-groove and cut-off machine which will allow students to become proficient pipefitters. The job market is leaning toward the pipefitter as the up-and-coming hot spot while the plumbing apprentice is steady and holds its own. The department is thinking about adding pipe-welding to the curriculum for program enhancement. More training in welding will allow plumbing students to be employed as pipe-welders of the future. During the 1996-97 school year, the Plumbing Department was involved in outside and in-school projects. Project 1: Raposo house plumbing and heating cost in excess of \$32,000; Project 2: Molten Metal project \$4,700; Project 3: Earle School/Westport Town Hall; Project 4: Fall River Carousel; and school maintenance projects and retrofits in excess of \$65,000. It would be extremely difficult to list all the jobs that Mr. Pacheco's department accomplished during this school year, however, a journal was kept and there were 67 total in-school jobs with a savings in labor to the school district of approximately \$65,000.

## Student Housebuilding Project

During the 1996-97 school year, Diman's Housebuilding Program constructed a home for Michael and Zelia Raposo. Their home is located at 130 Friends Cove in the Town of Somerset, MA, and is snuggled in one of the quietest parts of town. The home is set high on the west bank of the Taunton River, well above the floodtide zone but within reach of the River. As you approach the beautiful colonial garrison style home from the Northwestern corner of the lot, you are greeted by the warmth of colonial gray stained clapboards surrounded by brightly painted white trim. The home has 2,500 square feet of living area and an attached two-stall garage. The basement has been left unfinished. All bedrooms on the second floor are fully carpeted. A full bath with a separate shower stall and a Jacuzzi tub, together with his/her sinks, lead off of the master bedroom. Large closets are built in all bedrooms, however, a walk-in closet exists in the master bedroom with his/her storage areas. Double hung windows on the east side of this provide a fantastic view of the early rising sun over a glittering river. On a clear day, one can see the Mount Hope Bridge from windows having a southern exposure. A full common bath is also located on the second floor and it is on the west side of the dwelling. On the first floor, a set of solid cherry kitchen cabinets along with a cherry-paneled window seat adorn a setup-saver kitchen which was built by mill carpentry students. The window seat serves as a breakfast area on the east elevation and it also has a good view of the river. A carpeted family room abuts the breakfast nook and features a built-in fireplace. This room offers a built-in stereo system which will extend coziness to the Raposo family during cold winter nights. On the east end of this room, an all-glass gable wall extends to the high-vaulted ceiling overlooking the Taunton River. A laundry area features a ceramic tile floor and it is contained in a concealed area. The Raposo's dining room has solid oak flooring, a chair rail and a large picture window. The overall craftsmanship by carpenters, painters, plumbers, metal fabricators, heating ventilation & air conditioning, and electrical students is evident throughout the home.

## VICA (Vocational Industrial Clubs of America) - Robert Ciozek & Stephen Marciszyn

During the 1996-97 school year, 132 students and 45 advisors participated in Diman Regional Vocational Technical High School's VICA Chapter. Nearly 350 students participated in pre-contest demonstrations prior to the selection of 12 students who made presentations during the annual school wide local Job Skill Demonstration contest. Carmen Cabral, who placed first in the non-traditional area, and Michael DeMello, who also finished first in the traditional area of job skills demonstration during the local competition, went on to capture first place during the State Conference. Both Carmen and Michael went on to represent Massachusetts at the national level of competition with Carmen taking home a bronze medal. Fifty-three students entered the hands-on competitive events category at the district level of competition. Over 60% of those who participated earned the right to compete at the state level of competition. Diman students earned 9 gold, 8 silver, and 9 bronze medals at the district level. In addition, six students finished in fourth place, thus

allowing them to qualify as participants. At the state level, Diman received 18 gold, 4 silver, and 6 bronze medals. The following students earned first place awards:

Opening and Closing Ceremonies: Rhonda Almeida, Joy Cummings, Kim Marino, Kimberly Raposo, Christine Correia, Monica DaPonte and Jessica Farias

Job Skill Demonstration Non-traditional: Carmen Cabral

Job Skill Demonstration Traditional: Michael DeMello and Elizabeth Moniz

Sheet Metal: Kelly Dumont

Collision Repair Technology: Seth Elie

Auto Service Technology: Joshua Oliveira

Automotive Machine Shop: Ryan Shane

Precision Machining: Paul Camara

Licensed Practical Nursing: Natalie Couture

Extemporaneous Speech: Enca Medeiros

Residential Wiring: David Reynolds

Second place awards were earned by Luis Rebelo in Collision Repair Technology; Tommy Gamache in Technical Drafting; Edwin Viveiros, Sheet Metal; and Jason Oliver, Precision Machining. Third place awards went to Peter Bouchard, Welding; Sue St. Laurent, Sandra Samson, Cynthia Verbois, and Ryan Perry for their efforts in Health Occupations Knowledge Bowl; and Jeremy Ferreira, Action Skills. All gold medal winners represented Massachusetts at the 33rd annual VICA National Skills U.S.A. Championships. The conference was held in Kansas City, MO, from June 23-28, 1997. Seth Elie won a gold medal in Collision Repair Technology. His advisor was Sed Cabral. Seth is now eligible to compete at the international level of competition which will take place during 1999 in Montreal, Canada. David Reynolds received a silver medal in residential wiring. His advisors were Rene Martel and Daniel Pacheco. Carmen Cabral earned a bronze medal in Job Skill Demonstration. She was coached by Robert Ciosek and Michael Berube. This is the very first year that Diman students performed this well during national competition. Not only did Diman students receive gold, silver and bronze medals, but they did so for the very first time in all three events. The success of our students is directly proportionate to the help, encouragement and support received from members of Diman's School Committee as well as administrators and advisors.

### School of Practical Nursing

In order to better meet the needs of students academically and with financial aid, the start-up date for the part-time Practical Nurse Program was moved from January to September. This enables students to more easily transfer either from or to the full-time program. It also affords them the opportunity to be on the same financial aid schedule as the full-time students. This second class of part-time students admitted in September of 1996 comprised the following:

Fall River	-	13
Somerset	-	2
Swansea	-	1
Westport	-	0
Out-of-District	-	7
TOTAL		23 (3 were re-admitted students)

The full-time day program comprised the following:

Fall River	- 14
Somerset	- 3
Swansea	- 6
Westport	- 2
Out-of-District	- 29
TOTAL	54 (1 was a re-admitted student)

Of the original 54 students, 43 graduated.

Students affiliated at the following clinical sites:

Addiction Recovery Institute, Pawtucket, RI  
Berkley Community School  
Catholic Memorial Home  
Clifton Rehabilitative Nursing Center  
Diman Regional Voc-Tech Health Careers  
Early Intervention  
Head Start of Fall River  
New Bedford Primary Care Clinic  
Providence VA Medical Center  
St. Anne's Hospital  
Sacred Heart Nursing Home

Southcoast Hospitals Group:

Charlton Memorial Hospital, Fall River  
St. Luke's Hospital, New Bedford  
Southpointe Rehabilitation and Skilled Care Center

Students in the LPN program were recognized many times this year. The following achievements should be noted.

Outstanding Post-Secondary Vocational Student Award: Ryan Perry  
VICA participation: Knowledge Bowl-Cynthia Verbois, Sandra Samson, Ryan Perry, and Susan St. Laurent

The Knowledge Bowl Team placed third in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and Natalie Couture placed first in Practical Nursing and will continue on to national competition June 23, 1997.

Donna William Castro Scholarship: Lisa Medeiros  
LPNMI, Inc. Student Advisory Board: Natalie Couture & Natalie Marques

We have finished our sixth year of formal articulation with the Registered Nursing Program of Bristol Community College. One current graduate will be continuing into this accelerated option in September 1997.

#### Athletics - James Ashley, Athletic Director

This past year saw some revitalization of our athletic facilities. First, the gymnasium floor was completely sanded to bare wood and refinished. New boundary lines were added and the Diman mascot and lettering were added to the floor. Second, through a sizeable donation from the Kyle Roy family, we now have an 80' x 14' x 12' modern batting cage on the right side of our baseball diamond. Third, the baseball infield was



torn up and a new infield installed with new grass. The backstop was also repaired and a new irrigation system installed. Finally, all athletic fields were sliced, seeded and fertilized. A program of fertilizing and weed control has now begun and will be a yearly maintenance item. This year, our teams won four championships in the Mayflower League:

Girl's Cross Country  
Boy's Cross Country  
Girl's Basketball  
Girl's Softball

#### Student Government - Roger Dugal, Advisor

The main issue before the student body was the "After-Prom Party." The Student Senate also spent time reviewing the Student Handbook. There was some interest for a football team, however, the idea of a football team dissipated when the students were told they would need to do their "homework" to provide the student representative to the School Committee with the information he would need, i.e.: cost, insurance, liability, etc. The Executive Council of the Student Senate for the 1996-97 school year comprised of the following students: Pam Bouchard (alternate to the School Committee), Steve Dumont, Jessica Farias, Ray Pacheco, Brenda Zak, Dan DeMello, Steve Guimont (student member of the School Committee), Stephanie Martins, and Rebecca Steen. The Executive Council for the 1997-98 school year will be composed of Ernie Raposa (student member of the School Committee), Jessica Farias (alternate to the School Committee), Tanya Carvalho, Erica Followwill, Suzanne Raposo, Kristine Rodrigues, Ryan Andrade, and Genine MacDowd.

#### Peer Leadership - Kathleen St. Martin, Advisor

There have been several meetings throughout the academic year to discuss fundraising, the mission and goals of the group, community projects, and to listen to a guest speaker on the subject of "Sexual Harassment." At the first meeting in September of 1996, the group of approximately 25 students agreed that their mission statement should be, "To help peers find a way to resolve their problems and guide them along the way to find the best advice." Two fundraisers were initiated and resulted in the accumulation of about \$350. One consisted of the students decorating donated gourds and pumpkins and creating baskets with a Halloween/Thanks-giving theme. Around Valentine's Day, the students sold chocolate lollipops. The money was spent on completely paying for a soup kitchen for 98 needy people at the First Baptist Church in Fall River on February 12, 1997. Eight students also participated in the serving and cleaning up activities surrounding the event. Eight students attended a "Peer Leadership" workshop at Fitchburg State College on March 18, 1997 with Kathleen St. Martin and Noreen Burns. This proved to be an excellent experience, generating much enthusiasm and ideas for the upcoming year. On June 12, 1997, the peer leaders, peer mediators, and the Diman Alumni Association put together an Anti-drug and Alcohol Program for the entire school. Students participated and played people who died to illustrate the fact that 48 people die per day due to alcohol and drug related crashes. This appeared to be a most effective program by both teachers and students.

#### Evening School

In our effort to serve the adult community, we continue to offer programs that are not only educational but provide for a career change. Also, many of the students use our programs to upgrade their skills to advance themselves in their particular trade. A total of 231 adults participated in our evening school for the 1996-97 school year. They were enrolled in the following programs: Masters Electric Code, Journeyman Electric Code, Electric Code Update, Journeyman and Masters Plumbing Code, Fireman 2nd Class, Arc Welding, Basic Heating, Advanced Heating, Ventilation and Air-Conditioning and Refrigerant Transition and Recovery. Twenty

students took the Fireman Second Class written state examination sponsored by the Department of Public Safety. This exam was administered in the Diman cafeteria. Twelve (12) students took the EPA masters certification test for HVACR, also given at Diman. The results of these licensing tests will be sent directly to the students.

### Graduation

At our graduation ceremonies, 234 diplomas were awarded to members of the Class of 1997. The Honorable Barney Frank, US. Congressman, was the keynote speaker.

### Grants

Diman applied for and received funding for various grants which totaled \$324,992.

#### The Carl Perkins Grant (\$161,888) Funded:

1. Auto Mechanics: A sand blaster, transmission jack, 3 car lifts, 6 air hoses and reels.
2. Building Technology: Supplies and tools.
3. Culinary Arts: A Hobart utensil washer.
4. Graphic Arts: 6 computers.
5. Metal Fabrication and Welding: A hydraulic shear.
6. Machine Shop: A vertical milling machine.

Diman also received grants for:

1. The Special Needs 94-142 Grant of \$64,990 purchased the services of 1½ special needs teachers who were needed to provide direct student services and tutorial services.
2. The Title VI Grant of \$7,467 enabled Diman to purchase computer supplies.
3. The Drug Free School Grant of \$4,466 purchased supplies and provided presentations which educated students about drugs and their harmful effects.
4. The Health Protection Grant of \$26,060 provided Diman with a health protection coordinator.
5. The D.D. Eisenhower Grant of \$5,530 was utilized in out-of-state travel as well as computer training for math and science teachers.
6. The Title I Grant of \$48,741 covered the salary and benefits of one reading teacher. In addition, reading supplies were purchased.
7. The Goals 2000: Study Group Grant of \$5,403 was utilized to develop academic competencies.
8. The Tech Prep Grant of \$447 was applied toward promotion of Tech Prep services.



**GREATER FALL RIVER VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
FISCAL YEAR 1997  
BUDGET**

Foundation Revenue

Chapter 70 Foundation Aid	8,713,956
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Local Receipts

Interest On Investments	25,000
Productivity	22,000
Rental Of Facilities	<u>1,200</u>
Total Local Receipts	48,200

Total Foundation Revenue	8,762,156
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Foundation Operating Expenses

1000	School Committee	273,701
2000	Instruction	6,400,233
3000	Student Related Expenses	216,884
4000	Plant Operations/Maintenance	1,080,667
5000	Retirement & Insurance	1,346,500
7000	Fixed Assets	<u>468,730</u>
	Total Operating Expenditures	9,786,715

Foundation Community Assessments

Foundation Operating Expenses	9,786,715
Foundation Revenue	<u>8,762,156</u>
Foundation Community Assessments	1,024,559

Non-Foundation Enrollment

	Students	Assessment
Fall River	900	432,430
Somerset	71	93,344
Swansea	107	374,905
Westport	<u>78</u>	<u>123,880</u>
Total	1,156	1,024,559

### Transportation (By Regional Agreement)

Student Transportation Expenses	295,500
Chapter 71 Transportation Aid	<u>177,300</u>
Regional Transportation Assessment	\$ 118,200

	<u>Ratio</u>	x	<u>Regional</u> <u>Assessment</u>	=	<u>Community</u> <u>Assessment</u>
FALL RIVER	(.7785)	x	\$ 118,200		\$ 92,019
SOMERSET	(.0614)	x	118,200		7,257
SWANSEA	(.0926)	x	118,200		10,945
WESTPORT	(.0675)	x	118,200		<u>7,979</u>
Regional Transportation Assessments					\$ 118,200

### Community Assessments

	<u>Foundation</u>	<u>Transportation</u>	<u>Total</u>
FALL RIVER	\$ 432,430	\$ 92,019	\$ 524,449
SOMERSET	93,344	7,257	100,601
SWANSEA	374,905	10,945	385,850
WESTPORT	<u>123,880</u>	<u>7,979</u>	<u>131,859</u>
Total	\$1,024,559	\$ 118,200	\$1,142,759



New Police Chief Michael R. Healy



## 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, Director of Pupil Personnel Services  
Rogério 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 Bertoncini  
Jeffrey Coulombe  
Edward Kerr  
Roger Salpietro  
David Viveros

### Drafting

David Belliveau  
John Cantwell  
William Pavao  
Edward Skelly

### HVAC

Frederick Brown  
Edward Costa  
John Pimentel

### Electricity

Armand Duquette  
Armand Larquinha  
Rene Martel  
Daniel Pacheco  
Michael Pillarella

### Electronics

Alvaro Depaco  
Ronald Guay  
Kenneth Rapoza

### Graphic Arts

Bernard Comeau  
Joseph Sousa  
Paul Viveiros

### Health Careers

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

### House & Mill Carpentry

Gerald Barboza  
Robert Ciosek  
Stephen Marciszyn  
Peter Nowell  
Ronald Silva

### Machine Shop

Robert Avila  
Martin Bernat  
Steven Blanchette  
Michael Oliveira  
Michael Valerio

#### General Shop

James Pereira

#### Metal Fabrication & Welding

Edward Carreiro

Paul Nogueira

Stephen Russell

Richard Vickrey

#### Painting & Decorating

Michael Berube

Jeanne Schwamb

Joni Souza

#### Plumbing

George Flanagan

Kenneth Pacheco

Warren Rodgers

#### Practical Nurse

Stephen Alves

Carol Legault

Barbara Pitera

Marguerite Sheahan

Joan Waring

#### Aides

Richard Courmoyer - Computer Lab

Deborah Dore - Guidance

Joy Frain - Health

M. Elizabeth Primo - Tea Room

Donald Rogers - Housebuilding

#### Clerical

Amy Beth Amuda

Judith Avilla

Rosemary Blanchette

Amy Bosse

Deborah Dore

Mary Lacroix

Kathleen Laprise

Colette O'Halloran

Jean Pappas

Mariana Rodrigues

Christine Silvia

#### Permanent Substitutes

Emilio Estacio

Ronald Dufault

David Gauvin

Arthur Hamois

Robert Parks

Joseph Pitera

#### Custodial

Fernando Andrade

Clifford Ford

Robert Grimes

Michael Lacroix

Henri Levesque

Charles Medeiros

John Pereira

#### Cafeteria

Janice Brown

Rachel Cabral

Lucille Cardoza

Jeanne Martel

Ann Reynolds

#### Support Staff

Henry Champagne, Job Placement Coordinator

Glenn Benevides, Supervisor of Building and Grounds

Noreen Burns, health protection Coordinator

L. Gordon Pratt, Evening School Director

Edmund Silva, Central Receiving Coordinator

Debbie Silveira, SPED-Team Chairperson/Grants

Helen Whipple, Secretary to Superintendent-Director and  
Regional School District Committee



## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE HARBORMASTER

The 1997 boating season turned out to be an average year activity wise with approximately 100 requests for help using two vessels from April 1, 1997 through December 15, 1997. As in previous years, mobile boat pumpouts using two vessels exceeded 4,800 gallons. With exceptionally good weather (no hurricane scares) people left their boats in the water later than normal (some until mid-November) and boaters getting into trouble because of sea conditions was less than normal.

The State Boat Ramp finally opened toward the end of August and was used a lot up until Thanksgiving. The State Access Board, particularly Jack Sheppard, did a first class job with this facility and it should serve the Town for many years to come. Total cost for the renovations was over \$400,000 - all State funds.

New boating regulations were passed by the Board of Selectmen affecting jet ski operations and a non-resident rate of \$2.50 per foot was established for dock and mooring fees effective April 1, 1998.

Vandalism and theft of vessels on the river was minimal and things went smoothly. There were no reports of drunk or erratic operation of vessels and channel marker vandalism was very low due in part to early evening patrols in the East River.

Floats were placed at the Hix Bridge Landing to help boaters because that facility was full most weekends due to the State Ramp being closed until late August.

Sand dunes at the end of Horseneck Point (Cherry's Point) were eroded due to storms in early 1997 and a lot of sand moved into the river west and north of Crack Rock. Consideration to rebuild the old sand catcher jetty to help stabilize the barrier beach dunes should be publicly debated and investigated. A 1938 type hurricane might overwash and cause major problems to the harbor entrance, river and even Westport Point.

Revenues collected during the 1997 boating season were as follows:

Slip and mooring fees (approx 1250)	\$ 30,173.00
Daily mooring rentals	660.00
Seasonal mooring rentals	1,950.00
State Boat Ramp (daily gate)	3,096.00
State Boat Ramp (Town clerk seasonal)	<u>1,575.00</u>
Total	\$ 37,454.00

Boat excise taxes collected (to municipal waterways fund)	
and to general fund (approx.)	\$ 43,284.00

Total paid by boaters in 1997	\$ 80,738.00
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I would like to thank my dedicated assistants Roger Reed, Jonathan Paull, John Bevis, James Perry and Gary Trapp for a job well done in 1997. It should be noted that these assistants have risked their lives when called upon. Special thanks go out to Kitty Benoit and Terry Vaillancourt in Accounting for keeping things in order, Sharon Potter, Delores (Grillo) Fell, Sharon Martori and Carol Bird in the Assessors office and the people in the Treasurer's office, Town Clerk's office and the Highway Department, 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 1997 were as follows:

### Regular

Geraldine Millham	6/30/98
Lincoln Trapp	6/30/98
Barbara Koenitzer	6/30/2000
William Underwood, Jr.	6/30/2000
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
Leonard Silvia	6/30/99
Suzanne Lentini	6/30/99
Barbara Wood	6/30/2000
Norma Judson	6/30/2000
Eleanor S. Trapp (Honorary)	

During 1997 the Historical Commission conducted 6 public hearings and 5 preliminary hearings. Six Certificates of Appropriateness and one Certificate of Non-Applicability were issued.

The Commission would like to thank Bob Edgcomb for his volunteer work restoring the pedestrian gate to the Point Cemetery.

Respectfully submitted,

William J. Underwood, Chairman



Highway Department employee David Benoit



## 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 individuals with a handicap/disability 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  
Kevin Hill, Vice-Chairman  
Patricia Pariseau, Assistant Treasurer

George Yeomans, Treasurer  
Richard Vohnoutka

### 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/disabled.
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 consisting of 7 buildings. Each one of six buildings has 8 one bedroom units. The seventh building consists of a community hall, laundry room and office. The hall and laundry room are open seven days a week. The office is open from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday.

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, 1997

Balance January 1, 1997	\$ 20,695.11
Received from Leases	2,400.00
Interest Received on Deposits	<u>952.68</u>
TOTAL	\$ 22,047.79

Expenditures 1997	1,448.60
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Balance December 31, 1997	\$ 22,599.19
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Respectfully submitted,

George E. Foster  
Treasurer

### LANDING COMMISSION

This year there was one change in the board membership with Robert S. Sykes replacing Anne Baker. Carl Tripp was voted Chairman for the second year.

Various landings were displaying the final touch of improvements which began last year as a Boy Scout community project. Signs bearing the names of landings identified some of the most public and visible landings.

As in the past years, a successful River Day was held at the Head Landing in June. This annual event continues to be a highlight for the neighborhood and townspeople.

This year was basically a quiet one with all landings regularly maintained.

Respectfully submitted,

Carl Tripp, Chairman  
Christopher Gillespie  
Kenneth Manchester  
Robert S. Sykes  
Landing Commissioners



## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE WESTPORT FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Frances Kirkaldy  
Margaret Panos  
Rhoda Sheehan (died 11/97)  
Deborah Lee (appointed 4/97)

Ruth Manchester  
Annamarie Towne (resigned 3/97)  
Mary Medeiros

### Staff

Library Director  
Assistant Library Director  
Library Clerk  
Library Clerk  
Custodian

Anita Baron  
Susan Branco  
Gayle Boudria  
Jane Young  
Jeffrey Costa

Annamarie Towne was a faithful attendee at Trustee meetings in spite of her physical limitations. When these became insurmountable she resigned in March and moved out of state to be with her daughter. In April Deborah Lee was appointed to fill out her term. In November we were saddened by the sudden death of Rhoda Sheehan. Because it was within a few months of the Town's election, a replacement was not appointed.

Jeffrey Costa, our custodian, resigned in October and had not been replaced by the end of the year. The new custodian will also work for the Council on Aging.

The garden area abutting the building to the left of the entrance had become seriously overgrown with an unsightly tree and spreading bushes. The Highway Department very kindly removed these eyesores thus clearing the way for new plantings which were put in by Pete's Nursery.

In November, two representatives of the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners attended our regular Trustees' meeting. It was primarily to introduce us to the commission and to explain its role in the library system and to answer any questions we might have. They left us a wealth of printed material explaining resources that are available to us.

With a slight shuffling around of existing shelves and filing cabinets in the children's department, we were able to find room to add a much needed shelf.

As usual we had an excellent selection of programs for children and their families. In May, Friends of the Westport Library (FOWL) sponsored an evening with storyteller, Len Cabral, who told "Folktales from around the World". This was attended by 174 children and adults. On August 7, again sponsored by FOWL, a family concert was presented, "Under One Sky: Celebrating New England in Story and Song" with David Bates and Roger Tinknell. One hundred fifty children and adults came out for this.

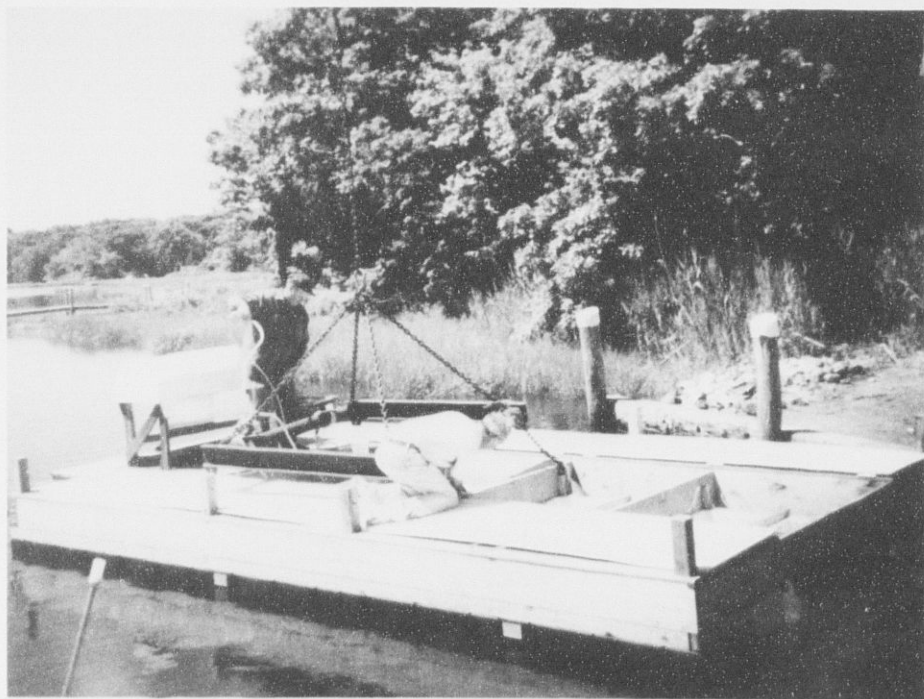
The annual summer reading club was held for ages 3 to 12. Sixty children earned certificates for sharing books throughout the summer. This also included the pajama storytime. And continuing throughout the year were the pre-school storytimes for ages 3-5, and 7 afterschool programs to which a total of 201 children ages 6-12 came.

The adult programs at the library were sponsored by FOWL. In July, the always amusing and enlightening Henry Callen spoke on collecting antiques to 80 people. In August, the author Elizabeth Richards spoke to 16 people and at the annual FOWL meeting our local author Janet Gillespie—known around here as Janet Grindley—spoke to 48 people.

As well as these programs, FOWL made its usual donations to the library of books, children's videos, cassettes and cassette books. They also donated refreshments for the children's programs. As usual our thanks to the members of FOWL for their continued support of our library.

Thanks also to the Lion's Club who presented us with a check for \$500. This will be spent on large print books.

Respectfully submitted,  
Frances Kirkaldy, Chairman



Bud Smith and Richard Hart launching the upweller



## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MODERATOR

I respectfully submit my 1997 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 three Town Meetings; the Annual of April 1st and the Special of April 1st and October 28th.

On the morning of the April 1st Town Meeting, we awoke to blizzard storm conditions. Schools were canceled, Town Hall offices were closed and Governor William Weld declared a State of Emergency. A decision had to be made regarding what should be done about Town Meeting. It had been many years since this situation presented itself and after due consultation and consideration, the following procedure was implemented and is recorded for future years. After receiving as much information as I could regarding current and future weather conditions, I decided that the Town Meeting should be postponed to the following evening and take one day at a time. Before any announcement, I spoke with the Town Clerk and each member of the Board of Selectmen of my intentions regarding the procedure that would take place. Radio Station WSAR and the local newspapers were informed that the Town Meeting would be postponed to the following evening given the Governor's State of Emergency, the driving ban in effect, the hazardous road conditions and under the Moderators' authority, Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 39, Section 10, determined "that voters were excluded from the Town Meeting and are being deprived of the opportunity to participate therein". For the severity of the above reasons, the Town Meetings were postponed. It was also announced what procedure would take place. I followed the tradition of the Town in this circumstance. Pursuant to the call of the meeting stated on the warrant, the Town Clerk and Moderator went to the Harold S. Wood Auditorium at the High School and announced the situation. I called the Annual Town Meeting to order and with those present immediately adjourned the meeting to the following evening. Then, I called the Special Town Meeting to order in the same manner and with those present immediately adjourned the meeting to the following evening. By the time the hour had arrived, the storm was over, road conditions were improved and clear but would need another day to ensure adequate parking. Several people did attend the less than 30 seconds first session of the Annual and Special Town Meetings and by the time April 2nd arrived, the State of Emergency had been lifted, the roads, sidewalks and parking lots to the school cleared and the Town Meeting proceeded. An interesting side note, on the morning of April 2nd, after Town offices were again open, there was a fax from the Secretary of State that "municipalities should not conduct town meetings or elections until the emergency is lifted". This supported the decision of the prior day.

### Massachusetts Moderators' Association

I attended my sixth annual meeting of the Association held at the Higgins Armory Museum in Worcester, Massachusetts. Two workshop sessions were held. First, was the traditional workshop style discussion on town meeting practice with a panel of seasoned moderators. Second, was a session of the pros and cons of the "Australian Ballot" proposal for changing the town meeting process. Following this was the annual business meeting of the Association where the first public stand was voted as an association. The vote was to strongly stand against the "Australian Ballot" procedure.

### Finance Committee

During the year, I acted on the following, regarding the Finance Committee:

I reappointed for three years, term expires June 30, 2000, Ms. Veronica F. Beaulieu of Kirby Road, Mr. Richard Huczek of Gifford Road and Mr. Gary Mauk of Mouse Mill Road.

I accepted with regret the resignation of Mr. Joseph J. Ciosek, who served since 1991 and Mrs. Virginia I. Graham, who had served since 1994.

I appointed for two years, term expires June 30, 1999, Mr. John M. Margarida of Kirby Road, who replaced Mr. Ciosek and Mr. George F. Dean of Cornell Road, who replaced Mrs. Graham.

## **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

AS OF  
DECEMBER 31, 1997

### MEMBERS

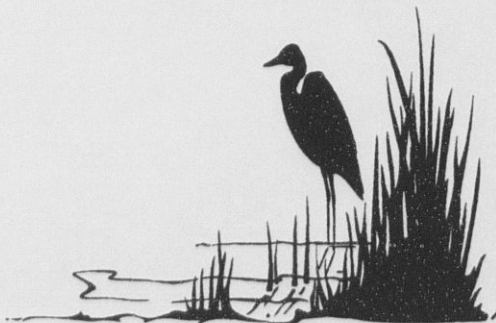
John J. Baughan  
George Costa  
Robert N. McCarthy  
George F. Dean  
John M. Margarida  
Angelina Souza  
Veronica F. Beaulieu (Vice-Chairman)  
Richard E. Huczek  
Gary E. Mauk (Chairman)

### TERM EXPIRES

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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, 1997.

During the course of the year the Board held regular meetings on the third Wednesday of the month. Several special meetings were also held. An outside consultant continued the classification study of Town positions and employees. Several members of the Personnel Board served on the Classification Study Committee.

The Personnel Board was assisted in their work by the addition of Amy Legendre as the recording clerk.

The current members include Ann Chandanaïs, Chairman, Richard Huczek, Vice-Chairman, James W. Coyne, Jr., Marlene Pelletier, Richard Vohnoutka and Amy Legendre, Clerk.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Chandanaïs, Chairman



The "Town Seal"

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

The Westport Planning Board was organized for the 1997 year as follows:

Timothy Gillespie, Chairman	Term expires 2002
John S. Penney, Jr., Clerk	Term expires 1999
John Montano	Term expires 2001
William Russell	Term expires 1998
David D. Wallace	Term expires 2000*

\*David D. Wallace was elected to complete the 3 year term of Steven Tripp who resigned in Spring of 1996 when he was elected Selectman.

The Board meets every other Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall Annex. During the past year the Board held 25 meetings. The Board held one public hearing to consider amendments to the Zoning By-Laws; and four public hearings to consider proposed subdivisions. Activity of subdivisions is as follows:

<u>Definitive Subdivisions Submitted</u>	7	Creating 98 New Lots
Number Approved	3	Creating 73 New Lots
Number to be Acted on in 1998	4	Creating 25 New Lots
Submitted in 1997 - Approved in 1997	1	Creating 4 New Lots
<u>Preliminary Subdivisions Submitted</u>	7	Creating 154 New Lots
Number Approved	4	Creating 141 New Lots
Number Disapproved	1	Creating 27 New Lots
Number Withdrawn	1	Creating 9 New Lots
Number to be Acted on in 1998	1	Creating 13 New Lots
Number Which Became Definitive Subdivisions	2	Creating 69 New Lots
<u>Approval Not Required Plans Submitted</u>	35	Creating 125 New 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. In two years, 429 new lots have been created either through Form A or Form C subdivision. The activity of developers and the sustained robust home buying market makes us even more aware of the need for Westport to take some control over its future.

The Planning Board had another disappointing result at the Annual Town Meeting. Flexible Residential Development was defeated by a narrow margin for the third year in a row. The one success was a positive vote on the article to create a home rule petition to the State Legislature for the creation of a Westport Land Bank. The land bank is a transfer fee on property sales that contributes to a fund dedicated to the preservation of open space. We are waiting for action by the State Legislature. Our hope is high.

The GIS (Geographic Information Systems) project being conducted through the Planning Board and Conservation Commission experienced a setback due to the underestimated magnitude of the task. Our budget will not cover the work required to digitize all the Assessor's parcels, but we will be getting a comprehensive base map with the wetlands overlays. Through the Strategic Growth Committee we are requesting an appropriation of \$60,000 to complete the project. If successful, in a year we should have a complete digitized



parcel map linked to the Assessor's database. This will represent a landmark for the Town of Westport in the way it manages its information and plans for the future.

The other proposals coming out of the Strategic Growth Committee are an Aquifer Protection By-Law, compiled through the hard work of Claude Ledoux, the Conservation Commission Chairman, as well as a request for a \$25,000 appropriation to develop an Executive Summary. This is a document that would be created by a citizens committee conducting a community outreach program dedicated to studying all past work at growth management plans, development of some new elements and defining a process that the Town could follow to finally agree on a plan for the future. Having such a plan will also qualify the Town for certain state and federal grants.

The Strategic Growth Committee has proven to be a good forum for a broad cross section of Town officials and citizens at large to share their ideas on how the Town should proceed in terms of planning its future. It has been a refreshing non-partisan work environment that has brought together long time Town workers and attracted new faces. Any success we experience at Town Meeting this year will be due to many people working hard together and reaching out to the community.

Our new office space at the Town Hall Annex (Earle School) has transformed the way the Planning Board does business. Our clerk, Cindy Keene, continues to get the job done in a professional and efficient manner in spite of being limited to less than 20 hours per week. We did go before the Personnel Board this year and request an increase in her hours so that we would be able to address some other tasks that at this stage go untouched. The most important of these is the development of a computer database that stores all the Planning Board information about land development. The task of entering data about past and present land use practices in Westport will be a lengthy chore, but the payoff to the Town will be enormous. Once the new computer network is set up throughout Town Hall, we will be digitally connected to other Town boards, and they will have access to our records over the network. Anyone who has ever tried to process an application through any Town board will appreciate what this new ability of the Town will do for us. The Personnel Board approved the increase in Cindy's hours. Now we need the vote of Town Meeting to fund the extra hours. We are hopeful.

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy Gillespie, Chairman



Seed quahogs propagation tray East Branch Westport River

## 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, 1997.

### ORGANIZATION

#### Chief of Police

Michael R. Healy

#### Lieutenants

William C. White

Joseph E. Carvalho

#### Sergeants

John R. Gifford

Paul E. Holden

Stephen D. Kovar Jr.

Pauline Q. Field

#### Regular Police Officers

Mario J. Lewis (Retired)

David Simcoe

Michael R. Roussel

David M. Morrisette

Reginald Deschenes

Douglas J. Britland

Michael S. Perry

John P. Couto

Michael D. O'Connor

Thomas R. Plourde, Detective

John J. Bell, Detective

Richard Rodrigues

Marshall Ronco

Jeffrey F. Majewski, SRO

Donald J. Frederick (Resigned)

Keith A. Pelletier

Gary M. Foley

Mario DaCunha

Antonio J. Cestodio

Gary L. Cambra

Scott W. Arrington

#### Reserve Police Officers

Steven J. Ouellette

Michael D. Silvia

Raymond J. Araujo

Keith J. Novo

Douglas P. Orr

Fernando P. Pontes

Francois A. Napert III

Mark C. Rosinha

Brian D. Souza

Daniel R. Sullivan

David B. Arruda

David E. Bellavance

Darrin M. Blais

Richard M. Greaves

Nia D. Ketchen

Robert E. Thatcher

Justin P. Tripp

Carl Mendoza

Robert Plummer

Sean J. Crook

Michael P. Cusick

#### Reserve Trainees

Kristen R. Barboza	David M. Leite
Erika L. Bussiere	Christopher M. Mello
Kristine M. Carreiro	Bryan McCarthy
Christopher A. Dunn	Ryan S. Nickelson
William J. Falandys, Jr.	Todd C. Oliver
Scott P. Joseph	

#### Secretary/Dispatcher

Nancy Braga

#### E-911 Dispatchers

Marianna Butler	Darrin Blais
Michael Silvia	Susan Amann

Following is a summary of the number and nature of arrests and summons in 1997.

#### Motor Vehicle Offenses

Speeding	750
Racing	0
Operating to Endanger	66
Operating Under Influence of Liquor	46
Operating Under Influence of Controlled Substance	1
Operating Without License	20
Operating After Suspension	34
Operating Stolen Motor Vehicle With Suspended License	1
Operating With Revoked Registration	5
Operating After Revocation	8
Operating After Revocation Due to OUI	1
Unregistered Motor Vehicle	20
Uninsured Motor Vehicle	13
Illegally Attaching Plates	13
Operating Without License in Possession	21
Operating Without Registration in Possession	4
Defective Equipment	13
No Valid Inspection Sticker	47
Altered Inspection Sticker	2
Unauthorized Use of Motor Vehicle	5
Reckless Operation	0
Illegal Use of Breakdown Lane	7
Failure to Keep in Marked Lanes	42
Weaving Between Lanes	1
Failure to Keep to Right	2
Improper Passing	14
Passing on Right	2
Failure to Yield to Oncoming Vehicle	0
Allowing Improper Person to Operate	4
Allowing Operation of Unregistered Vehicle	1
Towing Unregistered Vehicle	0

Motor Vehicle Offenses (Continued)

Failure to Yield to Emergency Vehicle	1
Failure to Yield to Right of Way	13
Failure to Use Care in Turning	14
Failure to Use Care in Start/Stop/Backing	12
Failure to Use Care in Passing	7
Failure to Use Care Entering Intersection	9
Illegal U-Turn	5
Following Too Closely	5
Operating MV With Open Alcoholic Beverage Container	2
Operating in Violation of License Restriction	0
Loud/Harsh/Unnecessary Noise	8
Refusing to Stop for Police Officer	12
Impeded Operation	1
Operating Over Channelized Island	0
Too Little Tire Tread	1
Violation of DPW Rules and Regulations	5
Failure to Use Proper Turn Signal	1
Leave Accident Scene/ Property Damage	6
Leave Accident Scene/ Personal Injury	0
Failure to Stop for Red Light	49
Failure to Stop for Stop Sign	37
Failure to Stop for School Bus	4
Failure to Report Change of Address	0
Failure to Report Accident	0
Fail Properly Display Registration Stickers	1
Operating Recreational Vehicle on Public Way	1
Child Under 6 Unrestrained	2
Failure to Wear Seatbelt	35
Refusing to Produce License and Registration	1
Failure to Dim Headlights	0
Operating With Tinted Windows	0
Leaving Motor Vehicle Unattended	1

Total Motor Vehicle Offenses	1,376
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Criminal Offenses

	<u>Adult</u>	<u>Juvenile</u>
Murder	0	
Threats to Murder	1	
Threats to do Bodily Harm	10	
Kidnaping	2	
Assault in a Dwelling	0	3
Assault With Dangerous Weapon	4	3
Assault With Dangerous Weapon Person Over 65		3
Assault With Intent to Murder	1	
Assault & Battery	35	11
Assault & Battery on Police Officer	0	
Assault & Battery With Dangerous Weapon	6	8
Domestic Assault & Battery	38	1
Violation of Family Protection Order	32	
Intimidating a Witness	1	3



Criminal Offenses (Continued)

	<u>Adult</u>	<u>Juvenile</u>
Indecent Assault & Battery on Child Under 14	0	
Indecent Assault & Battery on Child Over 14	0	
Rape of a Child	0	
Armed Robbery While Masked	0	
Attempted Breaking & Entering Dwelling	1	
Breaking & Entering Daytime	4	5
Breaking & Entering Daytime Intent Larceny	2	
Breaking & Entering Nighttime	3	4
Breaking & Entering Nighttime Intent Misdemeanor		4
Breaking & Entering into Motor Vehicle	4	
Burglary/Assault in Dwelling	0	
Possession of Burglarious Tools	3	
Attempted Carjacking	1	
Unlawful Possession of Dangerous Weapon	0	
Possession of Fireworks	0	
Malicious Explosion		4
Possession of Infernal Machine		4
Larceny of Leased or Rented Property	24	
Larceny From a Motor Vehicle	1	
Larceny of Motor Vehicle	5	2
Larceny Over \$250 From Person	0	
Larceny Less Than \$250	5	7
Attempted Larceny Over \$250	6	1
Larceny Over \$250	17	4
Larceny of From a Building	1	
Larceny by False Pretenses	2	
Larceny of a Credit Card	1	
Unauthorized Use of a Credit Card	1	
Unlawful Possession of Firearm/Ammunition	3	
Unlawful Possession of Mace Without FID Card	0	
Receiving Stolen Property	4	
Possession of Stolen Motor Vehicle	1	
Larceny Less Than \$250 by Check	9	
Larceny Over \$250 by Check	9	
Uttering	18	
Forgery	14	
Unlawful Possession Class A Substance	6	1
Unlawful Possession Class B Substance	10	
Unlawful Possession Class C Substance	1	
Unlawful Possession Class D Substance	17	5
Unlawful Possession Class E Substance	2	
Traffic in Class A Substance	1	1
Traffic in Class B Substance	0	
Unlawful Possession Class D in School Zone	0	
Conspiracy to Violate Controlled Substance Act	5	1
Unlawful Possession Hypodermic Instrument	4	
Unlawful Poss. Class A Substance w/Intent Distribute	3	1
Unlawful Poss. Class B Substance w/Intent Distribute	9	
Unlawful Poss. Class D Substance w/Intent Distribute	5	
Minor in Possession of Liquor	6	
Furnishing Liquor Minor	8	1
Malicious/Wanton Injury to Personal Property	1	

<u>Criminal Offenses(Continued)</u>	<u>Adult</u>	<u>Juvenile</u>
Malicious/Wanton Injury to Real Property	20	9
Malicious Damage to Boundary Marker	15	5
Willful Injury to Grass	2	
Malicious Injury to Fence		2
Trespassing	7	
Trespass by Motor Vehicle	2	
Disorderly Person	20	
Disturbing the Peace	3	
Resisting Arrest	5	1
Interfering With Police Officer	5	
Giving False Name to Police Officer	1	
Threatening/Annoying Phone Calls	6	
Evading Taxi Fare	1	
CHINS (Delinquent Juvenile)		2
Contributing to the Delinquency of Minor	4	
By-Law Violation - Drinking in Public	1	
By-Law Violation - Barking Dog	1	
By-Law Violation - Allow Animals Run At Large	1	
Possession Striped Bass Under 28 Inches	1	
Killing Deer Off Season	3	
Hunting Deer Closed Season	4	
Failure to Tag Deer	2	
Possession of Rifle Slugs	2	
Hunting Without License	3	
Failure to Display Hunting License	1	
Possess Untagged Deer	2	
Unlawful Transport Deer out of Commonwealth	1	
 Total Criminal Offenses	 461	 96
 Protective Custody	 34	 1

Firearm Identification Cards Issued.....	89
License to Carry Firearms Issued.....	231
Fatal Accidents.....	2
Drownings.....	0
Accidental Deaths.....	0
Suicides.....	0
Homicides.....	0
Auto Accidents Investigated.....	396
Injured in Auto Accidents.....	184
911 Calls Received.....	1,755
Complaints Investigated.....	8,076
Response to Fire Calls.....	51
Response to Burglar Alarms.....	1,229
Assist Ambulance & Transports to Hospital.....	48
Stolen Motor Vehicles.....	17
Stolen Registration Plates.....	28
Motor Vehicles Recovered.....	24

Motor Vehicle Citations Issued (including warnings).....	1,131
Value of Stolen Motor Vehicles Recovered.....	\$ 105,350.00
Value of Stolen Motor Vehicles.....	\$ 67,950.00
Restitution for Fraudulent Checks (handled w/ department).....	\$ 863.58

During the year 1997, the Police Department turned over to the Town Treasurer, or were reimbursed, the following monies:

For Firearms Identification Cards Issued.....	\$ 176.00
For Licenses to Carry Firearms Issued.....	\$ 4,060.00
For Licenses to Sell Firearms/Ammunition/Gunsmith.....	\$ 63.00
For Entertainment and Amusement Licenses/All Alcoholic Licenses/Beer and Wine Permits.....	\$ 480.00
For Photostatic Copies of Police Reports.....	\$ 1,429.80
For 5% Administrative Service Charge.....	\$ 3,039.04
For Court Default Fees.....	\$ 650.00
For Fines and Restitution (Fall River & New Bedford District Courts & Bristol County Juvenile Court).....	\$ 25,927.00
For MV Citations (Registry of Motor Vehicles).....	\$ 62,895.00
For Parking Violations.....	\$ 25,565.00
Police Career Incentive (C.41, S.108L).....	\$36,432.00
Total Monies.....	\$ 160,716.84

#### Miles Traveled By Cruisers In 1997

1995 Chevrolet Impala SS, 4 Door Sedan, Car #1.....	40,150
1997 Ford Explorer, 4X4 Utility Vehicle, Car #2.....	16,400
1996 Ford Crown Victoria, 4 Door Sedan, Car #3.....	12,525
1995 Chevrolet Caprice, 4 Door Sedan, Car #4.....	25,200
1995 Chevrolet Caprice, 4 Door Sedan, Car # 5.....	43,250
1995 Chevrolet Caprice, 4 Door Sedan, Car #6.....	29,750
1996 Chevrolet Caprice, 4 Door Sedan, Car #7 (Traded).....	10,050
1996 Ford Crown Victoria, 4 Door Sedan, Car #7.....	45,500
1996 Ford Crown Victoria, 4 Door Sedan, Car #8.....	45,450
1995 Chevrolet Caprice, 4 Door Sedan, Car #9.....	17,375
1995 Chevrolet Caprice, 4 Door Sedan, Car #10.....	45,025
1995 Chevrolet Lumina, 4 Door Sedan, Detective Car # 1(Traded).....	10,600
1997 Ford Taurus, 4 Door Sedan, Detective #1.....	9,285
1993 Chevrolet Lumina, 4 Door Sedan, Detective #2.....	15,600
1980 Harley Davidson Motorcycle, Cycle #1.....	1,380
1987 Dodge Caravan, 4 Door Mini-van, DARE Van.....	350

TOTAL MILES TRAVELED.....367,890

It is with great pleasure that I submit, to the residents of Westport, my first annual report as Westport's

Police Chief. Since my appointment by the Board of Selectmen on March 3, 1997 many exciting changes have occurred within the Department. Some of the changes have a major impact on the level of service we can provide, while others have been merely housekeeping. Of the changes I refer to, one will have a significant effect on the community, the police department and the neighborhood lifestyle standards. That change comes with the adoption of a true Community Policing philosophy which involves every member of the Department. That philosophy has been accepted and is now a practice of each member of the Department. Although Community Policing is by far the most important change that has occurred during the past ten months, others have also enabled us to improve the level of service we are able to provide. Some of those other changes include hiring additional police officers, improving equipment, increased training for existing police officers and development of special programs and assignments to address public safety issues within the community. Briefly, let me identify some of the new programs and assignments which will enhance your police department.

### Training

Sergeant John Gifford is responsible for coordinating, scheduling and prioritizing all training within the Westport Police Department. Under his guidance, training within the Department took on new meaning during 1997. We are truly trying to professionalize the organization while protecting the Town and our officers against civil liabilities. Full-time officers attended an annual week of in-service training at the Southeastern Massachusetts Police Training Facility in Dartmouth. Officers were also sent to an array of specialized training classes for certification. The subject matters included courses in Radar, Domestic Violence, Critical Incident Management, Arson Investigation, Rape Investigation, Basic Photography, Breathalyzer Operator Re-certification, Suicide Prevention, COBWEB Mountain Bike Patrol School, Community Policing, Firearm Instructor Training, DARE Instructor Training, Portable Breath Testing and OC Training. Officers Arrington, Cambra, Cestodio, and DaCunha were sent to the Basic Recruit Training Program at the Plymouth Regional Police Academy and graduated on November 26th. Six new officers were sent to the Basic Reserve Program at the Canton Regional Police Academy and ten more officers are presently attending. Three additional officers will be attending a full time academy during 1998. This is the result of a federal grant, called COPS FAST, which assists communities to add more police officers to the streets. The Department also intends to create a Field Training Officer (FTO) position. The FTO will make training a daily occurrence within the Department, ultimately keeping our officers current in all aspects of the job so they can provide a more professional service to the community.

### D.A.R.E.

When I came to Westport in March of 1997, the DARE program was under scrutiny and its financial structure and stability in question. There was some question whether the program would even continue, considering the Police Department had only one working certified DARE officer. However, through the hard work of that one DARE officer, Marshall Ronco, we were able to complete the program for the school year. Officer Ronco, recognizing the importance of the program, conducted the training for the entire Westport DARE program, which normally was done by three DARE officers. A special thanks was in order for Marshall Ronco and he was recognized at the annual Westport Police Association Ball.

D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) is a collaborative effort by DARE certified law enforcement officers, educators, students, parents, and community to offer an educational program in the classroom to prevent or reduce drug abuse and violence among youth. Sergeant Pauline Q. Field, Program Administrator/Certified Instructor, and Officer Gary Foley, Certified Instructor, began instruction at the 5th Grade level in September, 1997. This segment of the program includes seventeen 45 minute lessons which emphasize student recognition and resistance to the many direct and subtle pressures that influence them to experiment with alcohol, tobacco, marijuana, inhalants, or other drugs or to engage in violence. In October, officers assisted the WESMAC PTO to host a "Halloween Party" for students of the Westport Community Schools. Twenty-four police volunteers which included officers' family assisted in the event. In December, officers again joined the



WESMAC PTO to host "Santa Claus Is Coming To Town". The 5th grade DARE students worked with police volunteers and became "Junior Police" for the day. These extra curricular activities give the police officers an opportunity to act as positive role models to the youth of our community. The DARE Program received a grant from the Executive Office of Public Safety this fall and will expand its agenda in the coming year. An additional officer will be trained as a result of this grant and classroom visits will be extended to grades 1 and 3. Officers will also continue to address the upper grades with classes of instruction at the Middle School. Officer Foley will work with the High School Administration to provide a curriculum that addresses the needs and accommodates the schedule of students.

The members of the Westport Police Department are committed to providing the youth of Westport with an opportunity to live in a safe, drug-free community.

### Bicycle Patrol

Sergeant Paul Holden was assigned the responsibility to establish and coordinated both a Bicycle and Marine Division. To his credit, both units achieved much success during the first summer of operation. With the donation of two Police Mountain Bicycles, by a local resident and business owner, we started a Bike Patrol Unit in June of 1997. Ten officers were trained, through the Massachusetts Criminal Justice Training Council COBWEB program, and throughout the summer patrolled the beach, boat ramp, Cherry and Webb and East Beach Road. The Bicycle Officers also participated in traffic control during the July 4th parade and Harvest Festival. The results of these patrols showed an increase in parking violation enforcement, reduced vandalism at parking locations and several arrests for narcotic and alcohol related offenses. Additionally, the overall community input and response has been positive.

### Marine Enforcement and Rescue

This arm of the Westport Police Department is utilized on a part-time basis, primarily during summer weekends. The Marine Unit was established through the generous donation of a Jet Ski by a local business owner. The purpose of the Marine Unit, in addition to obvious water rescue needs, is to respond to the many complaints we receive regarding safety issues with boaters, other jet skis and water skiers. Although the water craft is part of the Police Department fleet, the Jet Ski is available to the Harbor Master, Shellfish Warden and Fire Department who have had staff trained along with our police officers.

### School Resource Officer

The assignment of a police officer to the School Department was a new approach to the concept of shared community responsibility. During the summer, several meetings were held between both police and school administrators to identify the need and establish guidelines for the new duty assignment. In August, several police officers, who applied for the position, were interviewed by Superintendent desJardins and myself. As a result, Jeff Majewski was selected the School Resource Officer (SRO), and began his duties with the start of the school year. Since that time the community support for the position has been overwhelming. The SRO became responsible for three important roles. They were law enforcement, education and counseling. Officer Majewski established several goals and objectives on his appointment to the position. The first being to establish and promote positive relations with the students and the community. With regards to that goal he has succeeded. Jeff quickly recognized that many issues in our society impact student education and well being both in and outside the school environment. As a result, Jeff has been involved in 49 meetings with parents and students with regards to behavior. Not all these meetings were during normal school hours. Jeff has made himself available to the student/parent community 24 hours a day.

In addition to counseling and discipline issues, Officer Majewski has completed 54 class presentations some of which include bicycle safety, harassment, laws on drugs, the criminal justice system, and teen dating. In December, Officer Majewski promoted a High School assembly on Substance Abuse Awareness. Additionally, he participated in a field trip to the Department of Corrections with eighteen behavioral students from the High School. During the first four months of the program, Jeff has met with well over 100 students on a variety of issues as well as involving himself in student activities. The SRO position has brought the School and Police Department together to identify mutual concerns and provide early intervention to solve problems which affect the educational process, the community, and most importantly the student.

### Regional Task Force

In October, the Westport Police Department became the catalyst in the establishment of a regional task force. As the result of a \$15,000 grant the Towns of Dartmouth, Little Compton and Tiverton, along with a member of the Bristol County Sheriff's Department joined us in what is called the "Multi-Jurisdiction Anti Crime Task Force". During the first two months of operation, the Task Force has made numerous arrests in drug trafficking, seized over 250 pounds of marijuana, 150 packets of heroin and other drugs including methadone and cocaine.

### Community Policing Program

The Community Policing Program is made up of more than a dozen police officers. However, the implementation of community policing is the responsibility of the entire Department. Some of the Community Policing programs planned include the newsletter, which began publication in October called "The Blue Line", the Civilian Police Academy, which will commence early next year, distribution of a survey to evaluate the services provided by the Police Department, the creation of a Citizen Advisory Board to establish community goals for the Police Department and the creation of a park for young adults to enjoy skate boarding and bicycling.

### Department Armorer

Sergeant Stephen Kovar has been assigned Department Range Officer and Department Evidence Officer. The Evidence Officer's responsibility is to maintain and account for all evidence and contraband. During the past year, he has taken great steps in establishing policies and procedures for retaining and securing evidence seized by the Department. All officers have received guidelines and been instructed in the evidence retention process. Additionally, Sgt. Kovar has renovated the old evidence retention area to better safe keep individuals property seized or received by the Department. He also created a temporary evidence holding area for officers to secure property pending processing. This not only establishes an accurate chain of custody, but affords the officer the ability to secure drugs or evidence until the evidence officer can place the property in the evidence room.

At the Annual Town Meeting, funds were approved to purchase standard department weapons. Sergeant Kovar, as the Department Armorer and Range Officer, had the responsibility to research and select a weapon suitable for our officers. Once the new weapons were purchased, Sergeant Kovar and Assistant Range Officer, John Couto, had the task to train and qualify all Westport officers.

### Detective Bureau

During the period from January 1 through July 31, the Detective Bureau was responsible for three (3)

arrests and/or summonses for drug related offenses, two (2) for larceny and one (1) for assault and battery. On August 1, the Detective Bureau was revamped and the results have been rewarding. With the staff changes the Bureau activity for the last five (5) months of the year have increased tenfold. During this five month period the Detectives have arrested and/or summoned twelve (12) people for drug related offenses, six (6) people for breaking and entering, nine (9) people for larceny, five (5) people on arrest warrants, two (2) people for larceny of a motor vehicle and two (2) people for 209A violations for a total of 36 arrests. During this same period the Bureau recovered over \$65,000 in stolen property, in excess of 250 pounds of marijuana, 150 packets of heroin, 25 grams of cocaine and numerous other illegal drugs. During these drug investigations they have seized two (2) motor vehicles and approximately \$2800 in cash.

#### Strategic Traffic Enforcement Patrol (STEP)

As a result of this aggressive traffic enforcement awareness, we have witnessed a decrease in motor vehicle accidents. What STEP does is identifies high accident locations and areas of neighborhood concerns and increases patrol visibility and officer interaction with violators. Our goal is not to increase citations but to make the roadways of Westport safer and decrease motor vehicle accidents.

#### Radio System and Fleet

With the approval of funding at the Special Town Meeting last October, we are in the process of purchasing and installing a radio repeater system. This system will allow officers in cruisers, and with portable radios to communicate with the police station from the far reaching north and south locations of our Town. This will improve both public and officer safety.

As the result of Town Meeting approval last May, the Department purchased three (3) marked cruisers, one being a four wheel drive vehicle, which were much needed. We traded two (2) unmarked Chevrolet Impala Super Sports which were inappropriate for police duty. We now have nine (9) marked cruisers and two (2) unmarked detective cars.

In closing, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Board of Selectmen for the support they have given me during this transition period and the many Westport residents who have made my appointment and move here a most enjoyable experience. Additionally, department heads within the community have professionally accepted my appointment as Chief of Police and worked closely with me during the past ten months. Most important in the transitional process has been the overwhelming support and professional demeanor of the men and women of the Westport Police Department. They are responsible for the positive changes within the Department. Lastly, I would be negligent if I didn't thank Nancy Braga for her guidance, patience and ongoing tutoring on the historical workings of this unique Police Department.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael R. Healy  
Chief of Police



## 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, 1997.

Scales over 10,000 lbs.	2
5,000 to 10,000 lbs.	2
1,000 to 5,000 lbs.	0
100 to 1,000 lbs.	14
10 to 100 lbs.	52
0 to 10 lbs.	3
Gas and Diesel Pumps Sealed	35
Apothecary Weights Sealed	3

Total Fees Paid To Town Treasurer.....\$ 890.00

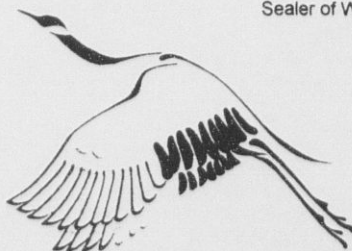
Respectfully submitted,

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 1997.

This year's quahog program had yet another interesting addition with the use of a tidal up-weller. This device is a float or a raft which has a scoop on one end allowing the river current to be flushed into it. The water is pushed upward into the inner structure of the device through parts called silos, which carries the food to where the quahog seed is kept. The up-weller turns on its mooring block when the tide turns and continues taking in water and feeding the seed. This process supplies the seed with constant food on both tides. It was made possible by the Southeastern Shellfish Association. They built the device and allowed the Shellfish Department to have exclusive use of it on their grant site north of the Fontaine Bridge. The S.S.A. also allowed the Department to use the electric powered up-weller again which was located at the Town Dock. This provided us the opportunity to compare seed growth between the two systems. They also donated to the Town approximately 100,000 seed quahogs that they purchased. This donation, added to the seed purchased with propagation funds and the money from the Shellfish Gift Account donations, allowed the Department to plant 2,000,000 seed quahogs this year. I want to thank the many volunteers who spent numerous hours putting the up-wellers together for the common goal of replenishing the quahog stocks in the river. Our goal of 5,000,000 animals annually is getting closer. This year's seed was placed in the Town's propagation area in the Horseneck Channel and covered with a special matting to protect it from predators. This is the first year we have tried this method of protection for the seed.

In our efforts to increase funds for the shellfish programs, the Shellfish Department applied for four grants. The first one was for \$40,000 and would have allowed us to experiment with a type of spawning sanctuary. The plan was highly regarded but not selected for the money. The other grants included (2) a plan for seed and another up-weller with lab equipment, (3) a study of the effects on scallops brought on by El Nino, with scallop seed, and (4) seed quahogs with some lab equipment. Although none of these were realized, we did learn from the process and are currently applying for two more grants. The Shellfish Department also was part of the Harvest Festival again this past Fall. The steamer clams, corn on the cob and little necks sold out. The profit from this annual event was \$1,020 and went into the Shellfish Gift Account. My sincerest thanks to the Shellfish Advisory Committee and the Shellfish Department staff and volunteers who worked the two day event.

The Town's scallop exchange program with other towns in the Commonwealth is in its third year. This program, sanctioned by the Division of Marine Fisheries, allowed our town to receive scallop seed from any town willing to give some, with reciprocation coming when we have a good set. This year, Tom Pereira volunteered to fly me to Martha's Vineyard to pick up some of the seed. I am grateful for his time and plane. The seed given by those towns went into seven trays to prevent predators from consuming them as well as preventing them from leaving the ecosystem. By keeping the seed up river it also increases the chance of the scallop spawn staying in the river.

The Water Works Group also had their scallop restoration project in the river again this year. Even though the scallop crop this past year was non-productive, I'm sure the educational aspect was worth the effort.

This past year the Department relayed 1,040 bushels of oysters from the closed area around Hix Bridge to the open waters at Gunning Island. My staff and many volunteers worked together to utilize the resource which would be off limits for harvesting. The Division of Marine Fisheries allows and encourages these types of relays within towns in order to permit continued use of a fisheries. The effort is beneficial to the dormant resource and the public, thereby, allowing a piece of nature to be revitalized. Thanks to all who helped with this relay program and to Greg Sawyer, of the Division of Marine Fisheries, for the help.

This past Fall, Deputy Robert Pierce and I took Claude Ledoux, with his camera equipment, to the Division's Depuration Plant in Newburyport. Dave Roach explained how the plant worked, from the State's point of view, to the people of Westport via Claude's TV show. We hope everyone enjoyed the program. Many of you know Dave (being the former Shellfish Constable) and we felt the program would stir a lot of interest.

We have noticed the increase of juvenile clams around the islands in the river. This natural set is good for future year's harvests. Remember the size regulation of these clams is two inches overall length or larger. If caught with under sized clams the fine is \$100.

The East and West branches of the River are still on conditional rainfall closures. The East Branch has two .20 areas and a one inch area. The West Branch has one .20 inch conditional area. Each time it rains, the Shellfish Department reads the rain gauges, and depending on the amount of rain, either opens or closes these areas to shellfishing. This type of condition is imposed due to bacteria washed in during the rain events. It is absolutely imperative that these areas be fixed in order to prevent further runoff of bacteria into the river before the State will allow unrestricted fisheries to be reopened. Work is being done to correct the problems and allow the resources to once again be returned to the public.

The Department is now monitoring plankton types and amounts in the river for the Division of Marine Fisheries. This is for two reasons, one, to determine if there are toxic algae present, and two, to tell us the food availability and types for the shellfish.

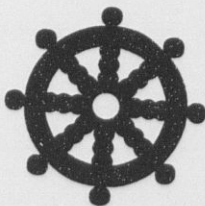
This year Diane Baraby came on as a Deputy along with Tom Mello and Mike Andrade. I wish to thank the retired Deputies for their many years of service, they are: John Doherty, Edward Earle and Dan Sullivan. I also wish to thank Walter Quinn, Ed Bibeau, Henry Vaillancourt and Robert Pierce for their continued diligence and professionalism while performing Department duties. A special thanks to Ab Palmer for his help this past year. Also thanks to the Police, Fire and the Highway Departments for their help in so many ways. Thank you.

The Shellfish Department is planning several fundraisers for the Shellfish Gift Account in 1998 including a clamboil at LePage's Restaurant, the collection of Lees Supermarket receipts and working the Harvest Festival food booth again, to mention a few. The clamboil will probably be in April and the receipt collection will begin in February. Any receipts you wish to donate can be sent to the Selectmen's office in care of the Shellfish Constable. Remember, every cent that goes into the Shellfish Gift Account is used solely for the purchase of shellfish for your river and the donations are tax deductible. If you know of anyone who wishes to contribute, they can do so by dropping a check in the mail, addressed to Town Hall, 816 Main Road, Westport, to the attention of the Shellfish Constable.

Remember to use the Shellfish Status Hotline at 636-1104 before you go shellfishing. This is designed to help you shellfish in the open waters. Thank you and enjoy your resources.

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	0	\$ 0.00
Commercial Shellfish	75	5,625.00
Special Commercial Shellfish	2	30.00
Duplicate	7	14.00
Family Scallop	8	1,200.00
Family Shellfish	573	8,595.00
Non-resident Shellfish	42	3,150.00
Non-Resident Scallop	0	0.00
14 Day Permit	17	500.00
Senior Citizen Shellfish	130	975.00
Senior Citizen Scallop	8	Free
Dredging	1	150.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>863</b>	<b>\$ 19,084.00</b>

#### ESTIMATED COMMERCIAL SHELLFISH CATCH

SPECIES	HARVEST IN BUSHELS	VALUE
Oysters	35	\$ 1750.00
Mussels (Blue & Ribbed)	30	600.00
Quahogs (Chowders)	1470	25,725.00
(Little Necks & Cherrystones)	741	51,870.00
Scallops	0	0.00
Soft-Shell Clams	379	26,530.00
Surf Clams	312	4,368.00
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>2226</b>	<b>\$ 110,843.00</b>

#### ESTIMATED RECREATIONAL SHELLFISH CATCH

SPECIES	HARVEST IN BUSHELS	VALUE
Oysters	22	\$ 1,760.00
Mussels (Blue & Ribbed)	16	960.00
Quahogs (Chowders)	492	32,440.00
(Little Necks & Cherrystones)	542	132,790.00
Scallops	1	126.00
Soft-Shell Clams	61	8,769.00
Surf Clams	14	294.00
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>1148</b>	<b>\$ 179,139.00</b>
SHELLFISH VIOLATIONS WRITTEN		\$ 200.00
SHELLFISH GIFT ACCOUNT TAX DEDUCTIBLE DONATIONS		\$ 3722.00
GRANTS AND LEASE SITE		\$ 100.00
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>		<b>\$ 313,088.00</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 1997. SRPEDD (pronounced sir-pid) is a locally governed regional agency serving twenty-seven cities and towns in Southeastern Massachusetts. We are governed by a commission of local mayors, selectmen, planning board members and at-large members. We are funded by federal and state grants and local assessments. For 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, Jr. The Joint Transportation Planning Group representatives were John Penney.

### Some of SRPEDD'S MORE SIGNIFICANT ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN 1997 WERE:

- \* SRPEDD compiled and published 119 "priority development areas" and 60 "priority protection areas" as areas nominated by cities and towns where development is appropriate and encouraged or areas where preservation is important.
- \* SRPEDD organized the regionwide Vision 2020 Project to address growth issues in the 50 city and town area of Southeastern Massachusetts. A Task Force of regional civic leaders has been organized to guide this effort.
- \* We completed the Annual Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) which set regional priorities for \$229 million of federal transportation funds over three years. The TIP budgeted funds for the Relocation of Route 44 from Carver to Plymouth, the first contract for the replacement of the Brightman Street Bridge between Fall River and Somerset, operating and capital funds for SRTA and GATRA, and other highway and bridge projects in the region; such as the Elm Street Bridge in Mansfield, the Crane Street Bridge in Norton, Tremont Street in Taunton, Davol Street at Route 6 in Fall River, Brook Street in Seekonk and the Cranberry Highway in Wareham.
- \* SRPEDD worked with the two regional transit authorities, GATRA and SRTA, on issues such as route evaluations, marketing, service to elderly and disabled persons, ridership data evaluation, welfare to work initiatives and special Transportation Demand Management grants for Wareham service and summer festival service for New Bedford and Fall River.
- \* SRPEDD maintains a web site which contains data and information about every city and town in the region and can be reached at <http://www.srpedd.org>. SRPEDD also operates the Southeastern Massachusetts Data Center, providing information to businesses, cities and towns and individuals.
- \* SRPEDD approved \$1,437,000 for six Transportation Enhancement projects in the region. Included was the construction of bicycle paths in Fairhaven, Fall River and Wareham; planning and design funds for a Mattapoisett bike path; a Buzzards Bay stormwater mitigation project and a Runnins River Pollutant Remediation project in Seekonk.
- \* An Intermodal Transportation Report was prepared by SRPEDD for the New Bedford Area Chamber of Commerce that addresses and makes recommendations for the linkage of the airport, seaport, rail, bus and highway modes of travel and freight transfer.



- \* SRPEDD continued to assist the ports of New Bedford/Fairhaven and Fall River/Somerset on harbor issues involving freight movement, dredging, national park planning and passenger ferries.
- \* 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 grants from EDA. The EDA priority projects for 1997 were: the Fall River, Kerr Mill Redevelopment; New Bedford, Route 18/Walnut Street Reconstruction (aquarium site); New Bedford/Dartmouth, Industrial Park Expansion; along with Industrial Park Expansions in Attleboro, Taunton and Wareham.
- \* SRPEDD conducts a district-wide traffic counting program and maintains a computer file of all available traffic count data throughout the region. SRPEDD undertook over one hundred 24-hour automatic traffic counts throughout Southeastern Massachusetts, many of which included a calculation of the speed of traffic and vehicle classification.
- \* SRPEDD also compiled computerized accident records for thirteen 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 prepared the 1997 Regional Transportation Plan which identified future transportation needs in this region, and has just released a region wide Congestion Management Study which seeks to reduce traffic congestion. A special study, with an engineering consultant, is underway for four problem highway interchanges: Route 24/140, Taunton; I-95/Toner Boulevard, Attleboro/North Attleborough; I-495/Main Street/Route 140, Mansfield; and I-95/Route 6, Swansea.
- \* SRPEDD prepared the Regional Traffic Accidents 1994-1996 report identifying the 100 most dangerous intersections and 50 most dangerous roads in the region.
- \* SRPEDD maintained a computerized Travel Demand Model that projects traffic volumes to the year 2020.
- \* SRPEDD continued its affiliation with the South Eastern Economic Development (SEED) Corporation, which makes loans to small businesses for expansion. In 1997 SEED approved loans to 118 small businesses in the amount of \$15 million. These loans leveraged another \$25 million in bank financing and are projected to create 600 new jobs.
- \* SRPEDD worked with the Massachusetts Highway Department and its consultant Vollmer Associates on the development of a Major Investment Study for improvements to Route 44 in Raynham, Lakeville and Middleborough. The key issue is the removal of the Middleborough Rotary and double barreling of Route 44. An Environmental Impact Statement will be released in 1998.

In addition, municipal assistance was provided to the Town of Westport in the following areas:

- \* Technical Assistance with Master Plan;
- \* Technical Assistance Bikeway Plan;
- \* Provided Technical Assistance with Town's Computer Accident File;
- \* Technical Assistance Aquifer Protection By-Law;
- \* Technical Assistance with the Town's Computer Accident File.

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, 1997. Our records are available for review.

Respectfully submitted,

KATHERINE A BENOIT

### TOWN OF WESTPORT BALANCE SHEET

#### Assets

Cash	\$3,686,308.76	
Personal Property '95	106.56	
Personal Property '96	13.58	
Personal Property '97	5,357.54	
Real Estate Receivable '97	467,458.75	
Allowance for Abatements '94		\$ 90,149.00
Allowance for Abatements '95		165,206.24
Allowance for Abatements '96		163,290.44
Allowance for Abatements '97		170,425.52
Tax Title Liens Receivable	216,466.04	
Deferred Property Tax Receivable	19,202.09	
Taxes in Litigation	6,674.05	
Motor Vehicle '89	1,245.83	
Motor Vehicle '90	831.37	
Motor Vehicle '91	96.96	
Motor Vehicle '92	393.86	
Motor Vehicle '93	1,103.79	
Motor Vehicle '94	2,510.44	
Motor vehicle '95	7,050.57	
Motor Vehicle '96	14,595.04	
Boat Excise '96	334.00	
Boat Excise '97	3,329.00	
Farm Animals '96	521.50	
Ambulance Receivable	226,675.39	
Veterans Receivable	56,877.37	
Tax Foreclosure Receivable	15,266.44	

#### Liabilities & Fund Equity

Warrants Payable		643,392.44
Accrued Payrolls		206,297.46
Tailings & Unclaimed Items		6,886.37
Access/Sale of Low Value Land		20,134.02
Deferred Revenue-Real Estate Tax	121,612.45	
Deferred Revenue-Personal Property Tax		5,477.45
Deferred Revenue-Taxes (141A)		19,202.09
Deferred Revenue-Tax Liens		216,466.02
Deferred Revenue-Tax Foreclosures		15,266.44
Deferred Revenue-Deferred Taxes in Litigation		6,674.05
Deferred Revenue-Motor Vehicle Excise		77,918.09
Deferred Revenue-Boat Excise		3,663.00
Deferred Revenue-Farm Animal Excise		521.50
Deferred Revenue-Department Receivable		517,358.64

Fund Balance Reserved-Over/Under	0.00	
Fund Balance Reserved-Encumbrances		159,233.78
Fund Balance Reserved-Continued Appropriations		620,476.52
Fund Balance Reserved-Expenditures		608,950.04
Undesignated Fund Balance		1,420,938.15
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FUND TOTALS	\$5,137,927.49	\$5,137,927.49

#### SCHOOL LUNCH

Cash	\$ 23,810.52	
Warrants Payable		15,219.87
Undesignated Fund Balance		8,590.65
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FUND TOTALS	\$ 23,810.52	\$ 23,810.52

#### HIGHWAY FUND

Cash		\$ 439,757.28
Due From State	\$ 439,757.28	
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FUND TOTALS	\$ 439,757.28	\$ 439,757.28

#### SCHOOL GRANTS

Cash	\$ 59,737.97	
Warrants Payable		\$ 27,282.71
Federal Grants:		
Chapter 1 FY'96		2,658.37
Curriculum Study Group		2,068.84
Math/Science Teacher TRNG		665.75
Drug Free Schools FY'96		13.53
Title VI Tech Update FY'97		15.44
Drug Free School FY'97		1,113.78
Special Early Childhood Allocation		642.36
High Schools to Work FY'97		6,273.50
Chapter 1 Remedial Reading FY'97	7,158.85	
Evaluation & Therapy FY'97		19,861.18
Time & Learning FY'97		600.98
Learn and Serve School Based FY'97		1,085.65
State Grants:		
Palms FY'97		604.50
MS Planning FY'97		255.81
Building Healthy Community FY'97		33.70
Community Service School FY'97		3,644.20
H.S. Alliance FY'97		20.00
MA Rehab.Committee		25.00
Cesame/Scallop		31.52
=====		
FUND TOTALS	\$ 66,896.82	\$ 66,896.82

#### TOWN GRANTS

Cash	\$ 170,231.75	
Warrants Payable		\$ 46,199.81
Hurricane Bob-FEMA		49,082.07
Libraries/Incentive		20,761.30
Arts Lottery		8,513.35
Septic System Repair		2,069.89
Library/Municipal Equalization		25,699.45
Library/Nonresident Circular		3,889.96

State Election Extended Hours		823.98
Police D.A.R.E.		1,228.07
Lab Equipment		1.94
Oil Containment	2,275.00	
Clean Vessel Act		3,491.09
Healthy Changes/Nurses		291.06
COA Social Day Care		1,773.53
COA Cooking for One	232.39	
COA Formula 97		48.52
COA SRTA Van		1,706.96
Bike Path		1,899.12
Recycling/Compost Bins		1,420.84
=====		
FUND TOTALS	\$ 172,506.75	\$ 172,506.75

#### RESERVED FOR APPROPRIATION

Cash	\$ 305,230.78	
Municipal Waterway Improvement		\$ 22,616.14
Sale of Cemetery Lots		36,835.00
Wetland Filing Fees		38,045.50
Landfill Closure		207,734.14
=====		
FUND TOTALS	\$ 305,230.78	\$ 305,230.78

#### SCHOOL REVOLVING

Cash	\$ 13,680.01	
Warrants Payable		\$ 10,206.78
Ext. School Services		2,519.70
Athletic Revolving		43.53
Energy Revolving		910.00
Integrated PreSchool		-
=====		
FUND TOTALS	\$ 13,680.01	\$ 13,680.01

#### TOWN REVOLVING

Cash	\$ 160,768.98	
Warrants Payable		\$ 4,001.43
Nursing Gift		5,478.03
Septic Repair/Interest		270.20
Police Drug Account		2,012.70
COA/Mini Van Gift		4,065.53
COA Clinic Gift		3,761.62
Senior Center Building Revolving		285.00
Senior Day Care revolving		5,452.11
Library Gift		1,543.77
Kid Care ID Program		33.33
Shellfish Propagation Gift		3,521.05
Ambulance Revolving		113,529.97
Nursing Revolving		5,711.92
Insurance Reimbursement		5,901.32
Fireworks Gift		5,201.00
=====		
FUND TOTALS	\$ 160,768.98	\$ 160,768.98

#### CAPITAL PROJECTS

Cash	\$ 198,688.96	
Warrants Payable		\$ 130,347.76



Water Line - State		6,191.30
Water Main - Town Share		62,149.90
=====		
FUND TOTALS	\$ 62,149.90	\$ 198,688.96

#### WATER ENTERPRISE

Cash	\$ 3,122.51	
User Charges Receivable	2,151.48	
Deferred Revenue-User Charges		\$ 2,151.48
Retained Earnings		3,122.51
=====		
FUND TOTALS	\$ 5,273.99	\$ 5,273.99

#### HARBOR ENTERPRISE

Cash	\$ 45,806.98	
Wharfage Receivable	1,730.48	
Warrants Payable		\$ 2,926.12
Deferred Revenue-Wharfage		1,730.48
Fund Balance Reserve/Capital - Wharfinger		5,000.00
Fund Balance Reserve/Capital - Harbormaster		9,605.00
Undesignated Fund Balance		28,275.86
=====		
FUND TOTALS	\$ 47,537.46	\$ 47,537.46

#### 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	\$ 594,002.07	
Warrants Payable		\$ 7,167.88
Law Enforcement		12,183.52
School Improvement		3,128.99
Salisbury Memorial		5,225.11
Ambulance		11,278.24
William Hicks Library		34.90
Imogene Weeks Library		32.28
Town Farm		30,733.89
Landing Commissioners		23,463.86
Bicentennial Playground		2,250.08
Conservation		9,435.55
Veterans Memorial		1,016.96
Perpetual Care		330,492.76
High School Library		182.77
Open Space		1,282.43

Westport Betterment/Fuel		1,505.51
Westport Betterment/Annex		708.95
Ronald Desrosiers Memorial		4,564.52
Mary Brown Library		1,240.51
Westport Betterment		403.15
Westport Betterment/Community Center		3,991.75
Westport Betterment/Playground		3,438.45
Pelletier Public Library		220.55
Westport Historical		3,582.00
Arts Lottery Trust		1,025.92
H.Hoyt Library		2,800.65
Tripp/Senior Center		29,189.74
Tripp/Library		59,491.45
Tripp/High School Library		2,359.71
Planning Board Review Fees		41,569.99
=====		
FUND TOTALS	\$ 594,002.07	\$ 594,002.07

#### OTHER TRUSTS

Cash	\$1,191,505.82	
Rehabilitation Trust		\$ 844.05
Stabilization Fund		274,164.07
Retirement Fund		916,497.70
=====		
FUND TOTALS	\$1,191,505.82	\$1,191,505.82

#### AGENCY FUND

Cash	\$ 118,972.26	
Warrants Payable		\$ 56,634.40
Police Extra Detail		3,546.20
School Extra Detail		---
Insurance-NAA		282.39
Insurance-PPO		8,343.26
Insurance-Pilgrim		22,239.20
Insurance-Voluntary Life		334.62
Insurance-Life Insurance		47.26
Sales Tax		1.05
High School Student Activity		20,590.01
Middle School Student Activity		4,998.91
Elementary Student Activity		152.71
Macomber Student Activity		1,802.25
=====		
FUND TOTALS	\$ 118,972.26	\$ 118,972.26

#### OUTSTANDING DEBT

School Construction Bond		\$1,075,000.00
School Lease/Purchase		---
School Lease/Purchase		---

# STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES FISCAL YEAR 1997

ACCOUNTANT	AVAILABLE	EXPENDED	ENCUMBERED	RETURNED
<u>ACCOUNTANT</u>				
Salaries	48,600	46,391	0	2,209
Expenses	3,100	2,842	100	158
<u>APPEALS</u>				
Salaries	2,080	977	0	1,103
Expenses	3,045	910	0	2,135
<u>ASSESSORS</u>				
Salaries	99,469	99,469	0	0
Expenses	4,774	4,774	0	0
FY'91 Map Revision	2,500	0	2,500	0
FY'96 Appellate Hearing	2,792	375	2,471	0
FY'97 Appellate Hearing	2,000	0	2,000	0
<u>BOARD OF HEALTH</u>				
Salaries	129,054	121,245	0	7,809
Expenses	12,649	9,401	0	3,213
FY'94 PT Health Agent	9,490	185	9,305	0
FY'97 Rabies Control	3,000	370	2,630	0
<u>BUILDING INSPECTORS</u>				
Salaries	49,189	47,585	0	1,604
Expenses	4,900	3,482	133	1,285
<u>CEMETERY</u>				
Salaries	56,452	53,135	0	3,317
Expenses	6,149	5,812	336	1
FY'90 Prepare/Grave Site	170	0	170	0
FY'95 Cemetery Upkeep	2,002	2,002	0	0
FY'96 Cemetery Upkeep	10,000	1,863	8,137	0
Prior Year Encumbered	411	393	0	18
<u>CIVIL DEFENSE</u>				
Salaries	530	530	0	0
Expenses	1,830	1,791	0	39
FY'93 C.D. Equipment	4,554	0	4,554	0
FY'96 C.D. Equipment	5,000	0	5,000	0
<u>COLLECTOR</u>				
Salaries	77,037	77,035	0	2
Expenses	14,345	14,344	0	1
Tax Takings	1,000	690	0	310
<u>CONSERVATION</u>				
Salaries	39,932	39,932	0	0
Expenses	4,850	4,847	0	0
Prior Year Encumbered	754	754	0	0
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
FY'97 Critical Area	2,000	0	2,000	0
FY'97 APR	20,000	0	20,000	0
FY'97 Admin. N.O.I.	3,000	0	3,000	0

	AVAILABLE	EXPENDED	ENCUMBERED	RETURNED
<u>COUNCIL ON AGING</u>				
Salaries	60,879	58,768	0	2,111
Expenses	16,956	12,563	27	4,366
<u>DATA PROCESSING</u>				
Salaries	0	0	0	0
Expenses	31,880	31,799	0	81
Prior Year Encumbered	1,901	1,595	0	307
<u>DOG OFFICER</u>				
Salaries	8,596	8,594	0	2
Expenses	7,660	7,600	48	12
<u>ELECTION &amp; REGISTRATION</u>				
Salaries	34,893	32,026	0	2,867
Expenses	18,068	13,204	1,200	3,664
Prior Year Encumbered	1,193	971	0	222
<u>EMPLOYEE BENEFITS</u>				
Health Insurance	823,184	784,769	0	38,415
Life Insurance	6,000	5,109	0	891
FICA/Medicare	50,000	72,190	0	-22,190
Unemployment	40,000	69,311	0	-29,311
Workers Compensation	70,000	45,455	0	24,545
<u>FINANCE COMMITTEE</u>				
Salaries	2,000	535	0	1,465
Expenses	2,000	1,512	0	488
Reserve Fund Transfers	100,000	40,084	0	59,916
<u>FIRE DEPARTMENT</u>				
Salaries	857,573	819,203	0	38,370
Expenses	103,600	100,627	2,938	35
Prior Year Encumbered	2,430	1,937	0	493
FY'97 Fire Pumper	210,000	206,898	3,102	0
FY'97 Fire Contract	27,055	10,967	0	16,088
<u>GAS INSPECTORS</u>				
Salaries	5,150	4,828	0	322
Expenses	700	548	0	152
<u>HIGHWAY</u>				
Salaries	399,648	372,319	0	27,329
Expenses	203,330	193,103	9,950	277
FY'95 Road Maintenance	25,351	25,351	0	0
FY'96 Road Maintenance	125,000	118,559	6,441	0
FY'97 Road Maintenance	125,000	0	125,000	0
Prior Year Encumbered	21,589	21,589	0	0
<u>HIGHWAY/SNOW &amp; ICE</u>				
Salaries	24,827	21,815	0	2,185
Expenses	39,577	39,577	0	0
<u>HISTORICAL COMMISSION</u>				
Expenses	310	310	0	0



	AVAILABLE	EXPENDED	ENCUMBERED	RETURNED
<u>LANDFILL</u>				
Salaries	79,770	71,560	0	8,210
Expenses	53,262	47,067	1,386	4,809
FY'95 Assess/Closure	9,131	9,131	0	0
FY'96 Waste/Recyc Ctr	230,000	20,081	209,919	0
FY'97 Land Heavy Equip	30,000	0	30,000	0
Prior Year Encumbered	12,635	11,089	0	1,546
<u>LANDING COMMISSION</u>				
FY'91 Country Cottage	12,760	0	12,760	0
<u>LEGAL</u>				
Expenses	65,000	49,973	15,027	0
<u>LIBRARY</u>				
Salaries	101,925	101,925	0	0
Expenses	47,285	47,284	0	1
Prior Year Encumbered	321	50	0	271
<u>MODERATOR</u>				
Salaries	483	483	0	0
Expenses	150	86	0	64
<u>NURSING</u>				
Salaries	242,372	84,712	0	157,660
Expenses	15,559	9,792	0	5,767
<u>PARKING TICKETS</u>				
Expenses	3,880	3,510	0	370
<u>PERSONNEL BOARD</u>				
Expenses	500	315	0	185
<u>PLANNING BOARD</u>				
Salaries	9,002	6,268	0	2,734
Expenses	3,150	3,075	0	75
<u>PLUMBING INSPECTOR</u>				
Salaries	7,100	7,089	0	11
Expenses	1,075	823	0	252
<u>POLICE</u>				
Salaries	1,103,633	1,081,125	0	22,508
Expenses	135,612	135,395	217	81
FY'97 Beach Patrol	9,000	7,151	1,849	0
Prior Year Encumbered	100	100	0	0
<u>PROPERTY INSURANCE</u>				
Expenses	92,000	86,298	5,700	2
<u>RECYCLING</u>				
Expenses	4,850	1,166	0	3,684
FY'91 Recycling/Compost	2,370	0	2,370	0
Prior Year Encumbered	331	331	0	0
<u>REGIONAL SCHOOLS</u>				
Diman Regional	47,117	47,117	0	0
Bristol Aggie	12,420	12,420	0	0

	AVAILABLE	EXPENDED	ENCUMBERED	RETURNED
<u>RETIREMENT</u>				
Expenses	601,511	601,511	0	0
<u>SCHOOL DEPARTMENT</u>				
Gen.Ed. Salaries	5,707,086	5,540,791	166,295	0
Gen.Ed. Expenses	1,466,692	1,382,630	84,062	0
Gen.Ed. Encumbered	6,716	6,716	0	0
Spec.Ed. Salaries	1,050,325	1,010,678	39,647	0
Spec.Ed. Expenses	272,206	272,206	0	0
Transportation Salaries	70,440	70,084	0	355
Transportation Gen. Ed.	529,107	518,556	0	10,551
Transportation Sp. Ed.	207,000	205,729	0	1,271
Summer Salaries	205,211	205,211	0	0
<u>SEALER OF WEIGHTS &amp; MEASURES</u>				
Salaries	1,127	1,127	0	0
Expenses	500	368	0	132
<u>SELECTMEN</u>				
Salaries	112,012	112,003	0	9
Expenses	10,710	10,680	16	30
Prior Year Encumbered	16	16	0	0
FY'97 Tripp Easement	25,000	25,000	0	0
<u>SHELLFISH</u>				
Salaries	39,814	39,812	0	2
Expenses	16,458	7,558	8,900	0
FY'94 Town Dock Repair	4,228	2,518	1,710	0
<u>STREET LIGHTING</u>				
Expenses	17,460	16,823	0	637
<u>TOWN BEACH</u>				
Salaries	15,747	13,685	0	2,062
Expenses	1,400	1,262	0	138
<u>TOWN CLERK</u>				
Salaries	43,105	43,099	0	6
Expenses	2,100	2,073	0	27
<u>TOWN FARM</u>				
Expenses	3,000	1,816	939	245
Prior Year Encumbered	2,635	2,635	0	0
<u>TOWN HALL</u>				
Salaries	31,029	30,832	0	197
Expenses	55,000	36,119	18,881	0
FY'91 Repair Town Bldgs	38,247	38,247	0	0
FY'92 Repair Town Bldgs	36,359	27,440	8,919	0
FY'96 Handi BR/Septic	30,000	10,163	19,837	0
FY'96 TH Elect Upgrade	13,000	0	13,000	0
<u>TOWN REPORTS</u>				
Expenses	4,850	3,332	0	1,518
<u>TREASURER</u>				
Salaries	72,214	71,902	0	312
Expenses	40,950	27,589	0	13,361
Bank Service Charge	3,000	2,017	0	983

	AVAILABLE	EXPENDED	ENCUMBERED	RETURNED
<u>UNCLASSIFIED</u>				
Expenses	21,307	19,745	1,562	0
Prior Year Encumbered	37	37	0	0
<u>WIRE INSPECTORS</u>				
Salaries	20,100	20,061	0	39
Expenses	2,900	2,748	0	152
<u>VETERANS GRAVES</u>				
Salaries	571	571	0	0
Expenses	1,353	1,352	0	1
<u>VETERANS SERVICES</u>				
Salaries	20,949	20,949	0	0
Expenses	6,047	6,047	0	0
Out of State Travel	160	160	0	0
Veterans Benefits	71,250	53,004	10,000	8,246
Prior Year Encumbered	10,000	1,062	0	8,938
<u>LONG TERM DEBT</u>				
Bond Principal	225,000	225,000	0	0
<u>LONG TERM INTEREST</u>				
Bond Interest	69,569	69,569	0	0
<u>SHORT TERM DEBT</u>				
Temporary Borrowing	22,500	21,534	0	966
<u>COURT JUDGEMENT</u>				
	0	6,389	0	0
<u>OTHER GOVERNMENT</u>				
FY'84 Print By-Laws	323	0	0	323
FY'94 Pro Water Equip	1,418	0	1,418	0
FY'95 Environ Service	600	0	600	0
FY'96 Assault/Abuse	2,000	479	1,521	0
FY'96 Zulmiro Drive	6,000	0	6,000	0
FY'96 Mosquito Control	1	0	0	1
FY'96 Rem Police Tanks	124	0	124	0
FY'79 Dredge Channel	5,000	0	5,000	0
FY'96 Eng/Design Rte. 6	50,000	0	50,000	0
FY'97 Prior Year Bills	10,406	10,406	0	0
FY'97 Com Ctr Bathroom	20,000	8,274	11,726	0
FY'97 Pay Class	15,000	9,080	5,920	0
FY'97 Rape Counseling	2,000	0	2,000	0
FY'97 Latessa Sq Upkeep	600	574	26	0
FY'97 Mosquito Control	1	0	1	0
FY'97 Hazard Waste Day	12,000	8,422	0	3,579
<u>STATE ASSESSMENTS</u>				
Charter School		1,387	0	0
School Choice		9,962	0	0
Mosquito Control Proj		37,791	0	0
Air Pollution Control		3,714	0	0
Trans. Authority GATRA		13,568	0	0
SRPEDD		2,078	0	0
Non-Renewal Surcharge		4,900		
Special Education		7,704		

COUNTY ASSESSMENTS	AVAILABLE	EXPENDED	ENCUMBERED	RETURNED
County Tax		195,423	0	0
TOTALS	16,806,981	15,963,657	938,244	166,177



Winning Inspector Ernest Vohnoutka on the occasion of his 85th birthday



**STATEMENT OF REVENUE**  
**BUDGET VS. ACTUAL FISCAL YEAR 1997**

<u>Taxes &amp; Local Receipts</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Real Estate Taxes	10,068,604	10,080,428
Personal Property	197,000	197,488
Conveyance Taxes	0	10,407
Roll Back	0	11,609
Deferred Taxes		3,598
Tax Liens Redeemed	0	131,059
Litigated Taxes Collected	0	9,950
Tax Foreclosures	0	-
Motor Vehicle Taxes	775,000	749,734
Boat Excise	18,921	17,909
Farm Animal	6,550	5,581
Forest Taxes	-	279
Rentals	19,300	14,725
Telephone Commission	147	86
Public Hearings	700	570
Liquor Licenses	12,800	15,905
Miscellaneous Licenses	200	295
Cable Commission	2,000	2,138
Entertainment	1,100	1,000
Auctioneers	50	40
Auto Repair	6,200	5,805
Common Victualer	600	720
Auto Licenses	6,700	6,800
State & Sunday Licenses	500	580
Trailer Permits	2,200	2,328
Yard Sales & Flea Markets	150	202
Selectmen Miscellaneous Charges	150	25
Assessors Miscellaneous Charges	100	90
Tax Title Release & Postage	1,050	407
Investment Earnings	175,000	157,855
Treasurer Miscellaneous Charges	300	355
Interest on Taxes/Excise	32,000	41,213
Demands On Taxes/Excise	18,000	20,987
Interest on Tax Liens	30,000	59,771
In Lieu of Taxes	5,848	6,449
Municipal Liens	15,100	13,250
Release Fees	4,000	4,880
Marking Fees	500	-
Tax Collector Miscellaneous Charges	1,675	722
Interest on Deposits	5,000	3,446
Data Processing Miscellaneous Charges	200	275
Town Clerk Charges	2,542	1,536
Town Clerk Fees	10,000	8,561
Raffle, Junk, Peddler, Hawkers	400	325
Voter List	400	348
Conservation Miscellaneous Charges	172	0
Conservation Filing Fees	3,000	2,870
Conservation Soil Permits	1,500	1,750
Planning Board	9,700	9,367
Board of Appeals	2,000	1,800
Unclassified Miscellaneous	5,300	39
Workers Compensation Reimbursement	-	-
Sale of Town Property	-	3,997
Miscellaneous General Gov't Revenue	6,700	20,786

Police Report Charges	2,000	1,386
Police Administrative Fee	5,300	3,439
Police Miscellaneous Charges	78	78
Fire Arms & ID Cards	3,000	4,019
Court Fines	30,000	25,812
Non-Criminal Fines	200	150
Registrar Fines	69,000	71,900
Parking Fines	35,300	21,075
Penalties	500	500
Fire Department Charges	3,000	3,098
Ambulance Charges	200,000	213,836
Building Permits	55,000	55,583
Gas Permits	7,500	6,052
Plumbing Permits	15,000	14,501
Sealer of Weights & Measures	1,100	1,022
Electrical Permits	21,900	22,716
Dog Reclamation Fee	50	15
Dog Licenses	4,200	4,651
Shellfish Licenses	20,000	24,995
School Miscellaneous Charges	-	-
Scrap Iron	1,200	1,484
Tires	800	707
Paper	500	1,110
Glass	-	-
Cemetery Interments	21,800	29,400
Cemetery Foundations	3,500	4,922
Saturday & Sunday Burials	2,400	1,900
Board of Health Permits	58,800	54,851
Landfill Day Passes	0	169
Landfill Stickers	0	8,621
Board of Health Misc. Charges	0	186
Nursing Miscellaneous Charges	5,000	5,673
Patient Fees	6,000	11,108
Medicare Fees	-	-
Medicaid Fees	-	-
Library Charges	3,400	3,211
Beach Stickers	18,800	20,600
Historical Commission Hearings	-	200
<b>TOTAL LOCAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>12,044,887</b>	<b>12,250,042</b>

#### STATE AID

Hotel & Motel Taxes	67,350	76,653
Abatement to Veterans	6,340	5,779
Abatement to Surviving Spouse	525	525
Abatement to Blind	613	788
Abatement to Elderly	72,307	73,304
School Aid-Chapter 70	2,384,560	2,384,560
School Choice Reimbursement	0	1,387
School Transportation	210,877	219,738
School Construction Project	0	0
Tuition for State Wards	63,879	39,320
Police Career Incentive	25,104	36,432
Veteran Benefits	24,605	29,441
Lottery	897,443	897,443
Highway Fund	177,243	177,243
State Owned Land	133,043	133,043
Medicaid Reimbursement	0	17,323
Civil Defense	0	7,748
Misc. State Reimbursements	0	50
<b>TOTAL STATE AID</b>	<b>4,063,889</b>	<b>4,100,777</b>

HARBOR ENTERPRISE  
STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

	AVAILABLE	EXPENDED	TO FUND BALANCE
<u>STATE BOAT RAMP</u>			
Salaries	4,900	3,789	1,131
Expenses	2,200	373	1,827
Indirect Costs	0	2,266	-2,266
<u>HARBORMASTER</u>			
Salaries	22,749	22,716	33
Expenses	9,780	9,033	747
Indirect Costs	0	14,175	-14,175
Capital	5,000	395	4,605
<u>WHARFINGER</u>			
Salaries	2,928	2,928	0
Expenses	7,059	5,743	1,316
Indirect Costs	0	3,188	-3,188
Capital	5,000	0	5,000
TOTALS	59,616	64,586	-4,970

HARBOR ENTERPRISE  
STATEMENT OF REVENUES  
BUDGET VS ACTUAL

	BUDGET	ACTUAL
<u>STATE RAMP</u>	9,000	5,076
<u>HARBORMASTER</u>		
Moorings	1,872	2,525
Interest	39	38
Dock and Slip Fees	35,340	30,985
Mooring Rentals	250	356
<u>WHARFINGER</u>		
Wharfage	15,310	16,162
Interest	104	244
Service Charges	0	3,839
<u>HARBOR INTEREST</u>		158
<u>WATERWAY REVENUE</u>	22,000	22,000
	83,915	81,383
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 1997. 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

1997 was a great year for the Town Farm. It was another year with few emergency repairs and because of that we were able to insulate, re-shingle and paint the whole west wall of the house and ell. We also replaced the sash on the east side in the ell with 6 over 6 light sash and added two new storm windows.

We have new tenants in the north apartment that have made great improvements to it including a new kitchen, refinished floors, all new paint, etc. It looks great. The land continues to be rented and maintained by two Westport farmers.

While the farm usually generates around \$15,000 in rents for the Town, its entire budget of \$3,000 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, 1997.

Cash balance June 30, 1996	\$ 6,288,829.07
Receipts July 1, 1996 - June 30, 1997	<u>22,468,045.39</u>
Total	\$ 28,756,874.46
Expenditures-Warrant July 1, 1996 - June 30, 1997	<u>22,056,028.87</u>
Balance June 30, 1997	\$ 6,700,845.59
Total Cash June 30, 1997	\$ 6,700,845.59

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, 1996 through June 30, 1997.

Interest earned on Certificates of Deposit-Stabilization Fund	\$ 4,105.77
Income earned on Certificates of Deposit-Pension Reserve Fund:	
Special Fund for Retirement Purposes	
M.G.L. Chapter 40 Sec. 5D	78,778.10
Interest earned on Certificates of Deposit, Money Market and	
Savings-Revenue	160,228.83
Total Income Earned July 1996 Through 1997	\$243,112.70

Respectfully submitted,

George E. Foster  
Treasurer

### TOWN OF WESTPORT DEBTS ACCOUNT JUNE 30, 1997

Amount to be provided for the retirement of general long-term debt	\$ 1,075,000	
School Renovation		\$ 1,075,000
	\$ 1,075,000	\$ 1,075,000

Schedule of Debt Interest Outstanding

June 30, 1997

Date of Issue	Purpose	Rate	Due Date	Interest	Principal
10/15/91	School Ren.	5.86%	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				\$154,462.50	\$1,075,000.00

TOWN OF WESTPORT BALANCE SHEET

TRUST & INVESTED ACCOUNTS

JUNE 30, 1997

Cash & Securities in Custody of Treasurer \$2,333,043.01

Fund Balances

Nonexpendable:

Hicks Library Principal	500.00
Interest	34.90
Imogene Weeks Library Principal	1,000.00
Interest	32.28
Salisbury Scholarship Fund Principal	52,966.53
Interest	5,025.11
Ronald Desrosiers Memorial Principal	17,066.86
Interest	4,564.52
Hazel Tripp Public Library Principal	200,000.00
Interest	59,491.45
Harry Hoyt	10,000.00
Interest	2,800.65
High School Library	5,000.00
Interest	2,542.48
Edythe M. Pelletier Library	2,500.00
Interest	220.55
Mary Brown Library	5,000.00
Interest	1,240.51

Cemeteries:

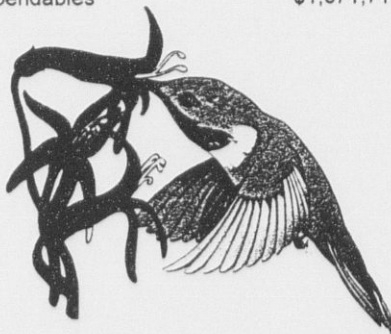
Point Cemetery Principal	8,232.00
Hicks Lot Principal	2,000.00
Private Cemetery Principal	6,907.00
Peleg Peckham Principal	6,430.00
Irene Poole Principal	2,190.00
Linden Grove Principal	16,715.00
Beech Grove Principal	229,402.00
Maple Grove Principal	70,527.66
Interest	<u>248,937.29</u>

Total Non-Expendables 961,326.79

Expendable:

Ambulance	11,278.24
Helen Ellis Trust (Arts Lottery)	1,025.92
Bicentennial Playground	2,250.08
Conservation Trust	9,435.55
Conservation-Open Space	1,282.43
Engineering/Planning Board	41,760.44
Historical Commission	3,582.00
Law Enforcement	12,183.52
Pension Trust Fund	916,497.70
Public Landing	23,463.86
Rehabilitation Fund	844.05
School Improvement Fund	3,149.99
Stabilization Fund	274,164.07
Town Farm	30,733.89
Veterans Memorial	1,016.96
Westport Citizen Betterment-Annex	708.95
Westport Citizen Betterment-Fuel Assistance	1,505.51
Westport Citizen Betterment	403.15
Hazel Tripp Senior Center	28,999.29
Community Center	3,992.17
Community Center Playground	<u>3,438.45</u>

Total Expendables \$1,371,716.22



## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE VETERANS AGENT

I herewith submit my report for 1997 as Director/Agent of Veterans Services.

Cases on hand December 31, 1997 .....	38
Cases on hand December 31, 1996 .....	30
Cases opened during 1997, State & Federal .....	19
Cases not approved in 1997, State & Federal .....	8
Cases closed during 1997, State & Federal .....	7
Cases pending end of 1997, State & Federal .....	8
Veterans Hospitalized in 1997 .....	87
Veterans/Dependents requiring services in 1997 .....	2,425
Veterans Population in Westport in 1997 .....	1,315

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 \$1,223,512.00.

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 1997 equals \$41,598.00.

Again as always, thank you to all individuals who have donated time, money, equipment, food and compassion to the less fortunate of our community. Without you, those who were hospitalized, homebound and destitute, both Veterans and non-veterans, became a lot better off at least for a short period of time. This year I would like to thank the members of Citizens for Citizens - Mark, Frank, Barbara, Shelly and the rest of those great people for their extra effort at Christmas for all our less fortunate children and adults. Also thanks to Liz and Norm for keeping our people in Westport warm for the winter.

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 1997 as Veterans' Graves Registration Officer.

In Outlying Private Cemeteries	\$ 396.00
U.S. Flags, Large Graves & POW/MIA &	
Grave Flag Holders	1,033.00
Transportation	270.00
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.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald E. Costa  
Veterans' Graves Registration  
and Memorial Officer



Deputy Shellfish Warden Bob Pierce, Harbor Advisory Committee Chairman Ed Martins and Andrew Sherman - Oyster Relay

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE WHARFINGER

The following is the Wharfinger's annual report for the year ending 1997.

There are currently 32 commercial boats at the Town Dock. Revenue for dockage and electric use this past year totaled \$18,800. Any money spent through the collection of these fees is placed into the capital project fund which will be used to repair the dock. We currently have \$15,000 in that account.

This past year we resurfaced a portion of the dock which was undermining. The Highway Department was very helpful with this project. The Cemetery Department is also saving trees from new areas they are clearing. These trees will be used as pilings at the dock as needed with regard toward repairs. This will save the Town money. I wish to express my thanks to Paul Pereira and the Highway crew and to Wes Norman of the Cemetery Department for their consideration and help with Town Dock projects. I would also like to thank the Police Department and Fire Department for their patrols at the Town Wharf. Thank you all.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Sherman  
Wharfinger



Placement of the "Fishermen's Monument" on the Town Dock

**1996-97 Annual Reports**  
**of the**  
**Westport Community Schools**

**Submitted by:**  
**Margot desJardins**  
**Superintendent of Schools**  
**December 1997**

## Westport School Committee

Member	Residence	Term Expires
Deana Chase, Chair	937 Main Road	2000
Cindi Zembo, Vice Chair	587A River Road	2000
Dennis L. Pucello	12 Steven Street	1999
Robert Wicks	1785 Main Road	1998
Joan Tripp	18 Windrush Lane	1998

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

#### General Statement

During the 1996-97 school year, the goal of the early childhood team at the Macomber Primary School was to provide a climate where children could begin a journey of life-long learning. At the Macomber School we improved student achievement through developmentally appropriate curriculum and learning experiences. The basis of all Macomber programs is the belief that all children can learn.

#### Enrollment and Attendance

The Macomber Primary School offers preschool through grade one. Total enrollment as of June 1997 was 325 students. A total of 55 students attended Westport's nationally accredited integrated preschool program consisting of combinations of identified special needs children and typically developing students. Class size did not exceed 15 and represented a 49/51% ratio of students with Individual Educational Plans to their normally developing peers.

One hundred eleven students attended one of the six half-day Kindergarten classes. Kindergarten classes ranged in size from 14 to 22.

Special needs enrollment for kindergarten and grade one at the Macomber School was 8.9%; this was an increase of 1.7% from last year's figures but remained well below the national average. All special needs students were integrated with typical peers in regular education classes for all or part of their day. Support services were provided through an interdisciplinary approach. Modifications and adaptations to the curriculum were provided to children with an without special needs as they were identified. Ten students attended the Early Education Developmental program.



Student attendance records improved from the previous year. For the 1996-97 school year the actual student absences of 20 or more days did not exceed 8, a decrease from 14 in 1995-96. Five students had perfect attendance for the year. There was a 1% bus suspension rate for the school year and a 1% retention rate.

#### **Parents and Community**

During the 1996-97 school year, the Macomber School attempted to increase partnerships. Special emphasis was placed on making all school contacts friendly and welcoming to the diverse families being served. One goal was to support an active parent teacher association (WES/MAC PTO). The Macomber staff was very fortunate to enjoy the ongoing support of its parents and the community at large.

The Macomber School also connected to the parents and the community through an established School Council co-chaired by Sheri Boyle. The Macomber School Council members met on a regular monthly basis throughout the school year. One goal for the 1996-97 school year was the development and dissemination of a parent survey. Key questions included: parent interest on the use of school uniforms; a change to a full-day kindergarten program; eliminating the mid-year switch for the half-day programs; expansion to current multi-cultural activities for holiday events at school; and time-on-learning issues. The Council also dealt with the revision of the kindergarten and first grade report cards, fund raisers to expand the media and computer lab collections, developed the "Have Lunch With Your Child" program, updated the student/parent handbook, and looked at bus safety issues.

Our business partner Al Lees and Lees Supermarket allowed us to carry out many interesting and engaging projects as extensions to the curriculum. After school projects, poster contests, a winter cookout, and several events around holiday activities including a concert for the "Winter in the Village" ceremonies were just some of the events that took place between Lees staff and the Macomber School. Costa's Farm also allowed the students to take part in extensions to the standard science and health curriculum. Several new outdoor spaces were created through donations of our patrons, parents and local business partners. Our participation with Bank Boston's Education Fund Project allowed us to receive a set of calculators, desk top dictionary, and two desk-top laminating machines. The school also received a new color printer through the local educational property tax fund project.

School bus safety remained a major issue as we stressed the importance of appropriate and safe behaviors to our students. This year, the school and the Laidlaw Transportation staff implemented several bus safety incentive programs which included a poster contest, demonstrations, safety films as well as standard evacuation drills.

#### **Curriculum & Instruction**

The content of the curriculum reflected a balance of all areas of learning. A full-time visual and performing arts teacher replaced the part-time art music and physical education teachers. Two part-time Reading Recovery and Chapter One teachers were reassigned to allow one full-time at both the Macomber School and the WES. The school's daily schedule was adjusted to add 20 minutes of instructional time to the school day. A newly published Macmillan Reading Series was implemented at all grade levels. A Houghton-Mifflin math series for grade one and a new handwriting series for all grades was implemented. Teaching teams worked together to assess the reading, math, and handwriting programs to integrate or modify with current programs. The objective was to increase student success rates and provide continuity across classrooms and settings. Standardized tests were administered to the grade one students. Results of test scores and classroom performance were analyzed and opportunities were provided to improve their basic skills. Summer reading camp opportunities were offered to students found to be "at-risk" for the upcoming year.

Macomber School has completed its fifth year in the Reading Recovery Program. Program results were once again very positive. All identified students served, achieved proficiency in both reading and writing by year's end.

Reading, math and language sections from the Iowa Test of Basic Skills (ITBS) were given to the first grade students in April 1997. The ITBS is designed to target a variety of isolated skills. Results are published which generate scores that permitted us to determine a child's position relative to the standardization sample. Compared with the national distribution of student scores, 90% of the students at Macomber School scored at or above grade level. The overall grade equivalent (GE) for the first grade class was at a 2.1 grade level.

#### **Success Indicators**

A written school improvement plan is submitted to the Superintendent and the School Committee for review and approval by December of each year. The plan consisted of a series of success indicators that were identified for the Macomber School. These indicators included information obtained from students' success rates, parent, and staff surveys. Reading Recovery data, ITBS scores for grade one, Special Needs enrollment figures for the school, attendance, suspension, and retention figures. This information along with other sources of data was used to generate the success indicators and to expand on the Macomber School's Improvement Plan.

#### **Facilities**

Through a program of regular and thorough maintenance, the Macomber School is in excellent condition. Renovations and improvements were made to both the inside and outside of the building. To facilitate more efficient pick up/drop off sites for buses, a new entrance to the school yard on the north side of the building was made available. Appropriate signage was installed on both the front and side entrance areas. The school roof was power washed and an Ultra-Sonic Bird Repeller was installed to deter seagulls from landing and damaging the school roof. Repairs to playground equipment, general repairs of windows, ceilings and walls, are ongoing as needed. Security remains a priority at the school and we continue to upgrade and evaluate the system on an ongoing basis.

Some special donations of time and materials for ongoing projects allowed us to maximize available dollars for the day-to-day operation of the school. An expansion to the Learning Garden was possible through one of the Community Service Learning projects active at our school. Jean Parsons, a local artist donated a piece of art work for the school. Several classroom teachers also received enrichment grants totaling more than \$2000 through funds raised through WES/MAC PTO projects.

#### **Closing Statement**

"Macomber is where small children take big steps in learning." It is our continued goal that Westport's youngest citizens are able to begin their schooling with a sound base of experiences essential for life-long learning, a strong sense of self-esteem, and a continued excitement and curiosity about school.

**Westport Elementary School: John L. DeFusco, Principal**

#### **General Statement**

We continued to focus on student success and academic achievement in the 1996-1997 school year. As a school community, we are committed to the belief that all children can learn. Teaming with the home allows us to accomplish our goal of "success for all students".

#### **Student Achievement**

During the month of May, the grade three students were given the Massachusetts Reading Assessment. The results are as follows:

<u>Read/Spell Totals</u>	<u>National Average</u>	<u>Westport Average</u>
Percentile rank	50%	74%
Stanine Average	5.0	5.7
Standard Score	185.0	193.3
National Curve Equivalent Standard	50.0	57.0

We are very pleased with the results. As noted, grade 3 Westport students ranked above the national average in each area recorded.

Again, using national norms, the ITBS results in grades 3-4-5 showed that Westport students outperformed their peers based on national average scores.

- Percentage of students achieving at-or-above grade level - total score:

<u>National Average</u>	<u>WES - Grade 3</u>	<u>WES - Grade 4</u>	<u>WES - Grade 5</u>
77%	97%	91%	95%

### **Curriculum**

This year, we were able to complete a formal written curriculum for all subjects in grades 2-5. This written academic scope and sequence will bring consistency to our basic instructional program. In addition, we implemented the new Macmillan/McGraw Hill Language Arts Series in all grades. This basal reading series incorporates reading, writing, spelling, phonics and computer software. Not only is the series inclusive, but provides for easy transition from school-to-school since it is used in grades K-8.

We continued to utilize a basic skills mathematics series: The Mathematics Experience. Additional teacher training was given by Mahesh Sharma, a noted mathematics consultant. We emphasized the use of math manipulatives, problem solving, and computation.

Science for Life and Learning and People in Time and Place continue to be successfully utilized in science and social studies respectfully.

### **Instruction**

Class size was significantly reduced due to the reassignment of staff to allow for an extra homeroom at each grade-level. We assigned two special needs teachers in each grade to give us the flexibility to establish heterogeneous homerooms at all levels. Applied Learning activities, community resources and up-to-date computer technology all contributed to our instructional improvement.

### **Parents and Community Partners**

Our parent-teacher organization WES/MAC PTO, continues to work closely with us to provide parent volunteers, fund raising, special assemblies, guest speakers, and room parents. The parents' unselfish efforts are always invaluable to our schools.

Community Partners such as the Westport River Watershed Alliance, Compass Bank, Com Electric, the Westport Fire Department and the Westport Police Department's Project D.A.R.E. enhanced our science and social studies programs which are built around themes in science, history and geography.

Our School Council continued to play a significant role in the school decision-making process. Current members include: Wenda Hunter co-chair, Kim Noonan, David Lamontagne, Debra DiSanti, Ann Soares, RoxAnne Bennett, Beverly Bond and Joan Travers.

### **Closing Statement**

We believe strongly that in order for the Westport Elementary School to continue to succeed, we must recognize that we are part of the **Westport Community School Team**. Our uniqueness of four schools of ascending grade levels only reinforces this need for collaboration. By working together, we can achieve success.

In closing, I would like to thank the Westport School Committee, Superintendent desJardins, our WES teaching and support staff, our parents, and our students for making the 1996-1997 school year a successful one.

### **Westport Middle School: John L. Mello, Principal**

The 1996-1997 school year was rewarding and productive for the students and faculty of the Westport Middle School. Student achievement, parent support, and effective instruction provided the framework for the year's success.

### **School Attendance**

There was no significant change in the student population of the Westport Middle School during the 1996-1997 school year. The average class size continued to be twenty four students with an enrollment of 156 in grade 6, 142 in grade 7, and 154 in grade 8 for a total enrollment of 452 students. Despite the typical medical problems such as a flu, chicken pox, measles, etc., we achieved an overall daily attendance of 95.20 which is an improvement over the previous year.

### **Curriculum**

Our efforts to achieve a state-of-the-art Media Center continue to move forward with a reorganization of staff that resulted in the addition of a Media Teaching Assistant and a Media Paraprofessional. Both positions will assist our Unified Media Specialist to upgrade services to our students in the areas of computer literacy, the library's print collection as well as on-line services.

The McMillan/McGraw-Hill basal reading series was successfully implemented into the grade 6 program in the fall. The FY'98 budget will provide funding to extend the program into grades 7 and 8. During the 1996-1997 school year we refined the curriculum skills checklist for insuring compliance with the Scope and Sequence developed by the Westport Community Schools for all academic areas. We continue to make every effort to increase student achievement by better alignment and sequencing of academic skills and content.

The integration of academic goals with community applications through applied learning opportunities resulted in some very valuable learning experiences which also proved to be exciting and stimulated a great deal of student interest. The following projects gave our students a chance to learn by "doing".

- The Globe Project - an international weather climate data collection and analysis project that is part of our science curriculum;
- The Scallop Restoration Project - a project to restore the scallop population to the Westport River through restoring the economic significance of the River.
- The Westport Environmental Patrol - an environmental recycling project that stresses community preservation and pollution prevention.
- The River Art Project - combines art and science as students illustrate in various forms environmental concept studied in class as part of their science program.

### **Special Needs Programs**

The meaningful relationship between our students in the Alternative Classroom and members of the Senior Social Day Care Center continued to flourish. Students were transported weekly to



the new Senior Center. The positive interaction between the students and senior citizens continues to be a most rewarding and memorable experience for both groups.

#### **Instruction**

The Iowa Test of Basic Skills was given in the spring of 1997. The test results for 1997 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	94	96%
7	95	
8	98	

The 1997 school average showed a gain of seven percentage points over the 1996 school year.

#### **Extra Curricular Activities**

Students participated in an after school program which offered a variety of activities that stimulated a great deal of interest and excitement. An average of seventy five to eighty students participated in our after school program that offered a total of sixteen activities. The following activities were offered after school during the 1996-1997 school year:

Baseball	Model Making
Boys and Girls Basketball	National Junior Honor Society
Chess Club	Science Club
Collector's Club	Soccer
Computer Club	Softball
Field Hockey	Student Council
Geography Club	Volleyball
Math Club	Yearbook

#### **Parents and Community**

Our parent group, the Westport Middle School Association, had a very successful school year. Once again, the group provided funding for mini grants that were used by teachers for enrichment activities. David Zucker, 1996 National Youth Artist of the Year, will be performing for grade 7 students in the fall as a culminating activity to a unit on Greek Mythology. Funding for the refreshments following the Grade 8 Promotion was provided by the parent group. We wish to thank Paul Vigeant, Mary Trepanier, Ann Gould, Andrea Houghton, Ann Vigeant and John Tunney for their outstanding contributions as members of the Westport Middle School Association's executive board. Dorothy Ryan is commended on her success in publishing "Apparently", the parent-to-parent newsletter.

The Westport Middle School Council made a major commitment in terms of time and effort in developing the 1996-1997 school improvement plan and to improve school climate. We thank Carol Michael, Co-Chair, Daryl Brenda, Paul Menzies, Madeline Almeida, Kenneth Mongeon, Mariette Paine and Arthur Schene for their efforts.

#### **Financial/Physical Resources**

We have maintained a concentrated effort to improve the learning environment at the Westport Middle School. Carpet replacement, window blinds, new classroom furniture, and ongoing painting have combined to create a pleasant and more supportive school environment.

#### **Closing Statement**

The staff and parents of the Westport Middle School work very hard to provide a school setting where every student has the opportunity to be a successful learner. The community can be very proud of the positive changes we've made at the middle school this year that resulted in increased student achievement.

## **Westport High School: Dr. Ronald Pacy, Dean**

### **General Statement**

This was a year of change and continuity, bringing Westport High School a step closer to our goal of excellence for all students. In the continuous progress toward this goal, students responded well, marking this year as one of the most successful for student achievement. The changes over the last year in academics and student activities improved academic standards and student achievement and boosted school pride. Key to the changes was the creation of Academy System. The school is now organized into the following academies: Arts, Letters, and Science; Health, Human Services, and Environmental Sciences; Business Management and Information Technology; and Visual and Performing Arts. Beginning with the Freshman class, students now pursue a course of study that follows career pathways. Coupled with this is increased expectations for student achievement in all disciplines.

The 1996-1997 school year recorded many successes for Westport High School students. Students performed well on standardized tests, improving over the previous year. Graduating seniors gained entrance to a number of highly regarded colleges and universities. The athletic program had another successful year.

### **School Program**

#### **Student Achievement—Graduating Class of 1997**

At the June 16, 1997, graduation ceremony, 89 seniors received their diplomas. Graduates received substantial scholarship awards at the Honors Awards Night on June 11, 1997. Scholarships were awarded to Westport students by community organizations, local businesses, and local citizens. Students received \$36,475 in combined community sponsored scholarships.

Westport graduates plan to pursue a variety of post-secondary options. The majority, 76%, will attend institutes of higher education. Thirty-nine (44 %) will attend public/private colleges and universities, while twenty-two attend two year colleges. Seven seniors (8 %) plan to attend trade/technical schools. Of those not continuing to a post-secondary program, nine (10 %) enlisted in the military, while eleven graduates (12 %) will be transitioning directly to the world of work. Of particular note is the number of graduating seniors attending major universities. These schools include Harvard University, Rutgers University, Boston University, Emory University, Syracuse University, Northeastern University, Parsons School of Design, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, University of Maryland, University of Massachusetts-Amherst, University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth, University of Rhode Island, University of South Carolina, Salem State University.

#### **Student Achievement—General**

Westport High School ninth and tenth grade students continue to score well on the Iowa Test. Students in both classes ranked 71 to 74 % at or above grade level in reading, mathematics and written expression.

Student SAT scores increased dramatically in 1997. Students had a combined Verbal and Mathematics score of 994. This translates into a 13 point increase in the verbal part of the test and a 20 point increase in math. Over five years SAT scores increased a combined total of 72 points.

### **Curriculum**

The major focus of attention for staff this year was the creation of the Academy System. Westport High School was restructured into four academies or schools-within-a-school. These academies are: Arts, Letters, Science; Business Management and Information Technology;

Health, Human Services and Environmental Sciences; Visual and Performing Arts. The restructuring of Westport High School from an institution organized around academic departments into an academy structure organized around clearly defined academic and vocational goals will better prepare Westport students for *their* lives after high school. Students no longer take series of unrelated classes. Instead:

- Students decide upon broad post-secondary goals during their freshman year. Subsequent years elective programs are selected to directly support this decision. All students take a common core of courses, forming a strong foundation for their career choices.
- Students have ongoing academic and vocational counseling aimed at further focusing student academic and career decisions.
- Students will be prepared through a focused program of traditional academic studies, technical courses with transfer credit, and industry-based training programs for vocations that offer them the opportunity to make the most of their vocational opportunities.

The restructuring of Westport High School has created new opportunities for students. To maximize these opportunities, WHS invested in state-of-the art technology. This year marked the opening of a professional level television production studio and MIDI laboratory. The school was wired for Internet service and computer technology was expanded. Partnerships were developed with New England Technology School, Bristol Community College, and University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth. Junior and Senior Students participated in the Dual-Enrollment program with these colleges.

Another initiative this year was membership in the national school improvement network called *High Schools That Work*. The *High School That Work* program is the largest effort in America to improve high schools for career-bound students. Westport is one of eleven sites in Massachusetts chosen to participate in the High Schools That Work program. Unique in this group, Westport High School is the only comprehensive, career-oriented high school involved. The program sets higher standards for academic expectations for all students. Westport is able to be a part of *High Schools That Work* through a grant from the Massachusetts Department of Education.

Lastly, there was a change in leadership at the high school. In January, Mr. Michael Cosgriff, who initiated many positive changes, left for a position in Connecticut. Dr. Ronald Pacy served as acting principal until June when he was appointed to the permanent position of High School Dean.

### **Pupil Personnel Services: Dr. Virginia A. King**

#### **General Statement**

Westport's delivery of pupil services reflects the current social demands that schools create learning environments which welcome diversity and can respond to rapidly changing social conditions. Westport's initiatives align with education reform at the local, state, and national levels. Pupil services are constantly re-assessed so that they support and enhance the quality of the educational experience for all Westport students and focus on any and all issues which might influence our students' health, safety, and academic success. One successful organizational effort begun during the 1996-97 school year provided more complete statistical information on enrollment, disciplinary actions, foster placements, and various types of special education data through a systemwide monthly report. Another major accomplishment of the PPS Director's office was the completion of all retroactive and current billing through the Municipal Medicaid Program for the delivery of special education services to eligible students. This resulted in \$28,167 recently received by the Westport Town Treasurer's Office, with additional quarterly payments expected in the near future.

### Guidance and Counseling Services

Two guidance counselors assigned to the High School and one guidance counselor located at the Westport Elementary School provided guidance services at those schools. Consulting Psychologists were contracted on an as needed basis to provide individual testing and evaluation services required under special education regulations. The Director of Pupil Personnel Services also served as a school psychologist, when needed, at team meetings for Westport High School and Westport Elementary School students.

At the Middle School and at the Macomber Primary School, three Guidance Counselor/School Psychologists provided full-time on-site services. These staff members refined and improved the special education pre-referral process, making it more responsive to parent, teacher, and student needs. They also administered and interpreted mandated individual testing, and provided specialized counseling services for the special education student population, along with developmentally appropriate guidance services designed for all students at their respective levels.

Guidance Counselors at the Macomber and Elementary Schools supported the instructional program through grade level and small group activities focusing on good citizenship and personal responsibility. Brenda Stone at the Macomber and Beth Bacchiocchi at the Elementary School also worked together to present a very effective and well-attended parent workshop. At the Middle and High School levels, counselors also significantly increased the number and variety of career and college related group presentations for students.

Counselors at all levels effectively organized the building level administration of the Iowa Tests in grades 1-9. In each of the schools, counselors provided assistance to the Principal in scheduling the testing sessions, coordination of materials before and after testing sessions, and the dissemination of results to students and parents. As noted in the Iowa Testing Report, student scores on the Iowa Tests were improved at all grade levels.

In April, students in Grades 3,4,8, and 10 also participated in the newly developed state testing programs. Test results received for both grades 3 and 10 were outstanding, with the third grade achieving an average Reading percentile rank of 61, and the tenth grade earning an average composite score in the 71<sup>st</sup> percentile rank. The Department of Education did not provide results for grades four and eight, who participated in question trials for the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) which will be initiated in the Spring of 1998.

On August 26, 1997, The College Board released data on the Scholastic Aptitude Test performance of the 1996 college bound seniors. This year the number of Westport Seniors who chose to participate in the SAT testing program dropped to 59 from the 69 members of the class of 1996 who participated. With more than 50 students being tested, Westport once again was included in the Profile reporting system which provides a wealth of statistical information comparing Westport students to their peers in both the state and the nation. In addition to the standard score profile report, "High School Highlights Report for 1993 - 1997" was also ordered from the College Board and utilized in the analysis of the SAT performance results. It should be noted that in the "High School Highlights Report for 1997, all scores, even the ones for prior years, are reported on the **recentered SAT Score Scale**. This was done in order to summarize data across the cohort and make appropriate comparisons.

The following data illustrate more specifically the variations in Westport's SAT performance.

- The 1997 Profile of College Bound Seniors from Westport High School reports a **Verbal Mean of 505 and a Math Mean of 489** for Westport High School students who took the test. It is also interesting to note that for the 13 Westport students who took the SAT II required for admission to more competitive colleges, their **Verbal Mean was 590, and their Math Mean**



was 598. If we only consider the 36 students who took the SAT during their senior year, the Verbal Mean for that Group was 490, and the Math Mean was 489.

- **Table II (Below)** provides a comparison of Westport's 1997 Mean Scores with the Massachusetts and National Mean Scores.

1996 SAT Mean	Westport	Massachusetts	Nation
Verbal	505	508	505
Math	489	508	511
Total	961	1016	1016

Westport High School's mean scores on the SAT I for the Class of 1997 showed significant improvement over the scores earned in the past five years. Although all scores nationwide were expected to be somewhat elevated due to the recentering process completed in 1996 by the College Board for the entire nation, Westport's score increase considerably exceeded statistical expectations.

Westport's verbal mean improved 13 points this year while the national mean stayed the same and the Massachusetts mean improved by only one point. The five-year trend shows Westport's verbal mean improving 63 points while national increases were 3 points and Massachusetts increased 4 points. Westport's Math mean was up 20 points this year, while the state mean went up four points and the national mean went up three points. Over a five year period Westport's Math mean has risen 30 points while state and national means have improved by 8 points each.

This very significant improvement demonstrates positive results for the concerted efforts of the Westport High School Faculty to improve student performance on all types of standardized tests. As part of this effort, in addition to receiving solid instruction in content areas, students have been given classroom experiences in responding to various types of testing formats, working within time limits, and finding the test-taking strategies that would work best for them.

Careful individual counseling of students regarding areas of the test in which they might need more preparation work was based on their PSAT results from the prior year. Students were referred to test preparation courses, offered assistance through software programs, and advised to participate in SAT testing only if test results would be required by post secondary institutions to which they were planning to apply.

In summary, these significantly improved SAT I Mean Scores should be considered a success indicator for the many positive changes made in both the curriculum and the instructional process by the Westport Community Schools over the past few years. It would appear that all of these ongoing efforts are contributing to improving the readiness of the graduates for successful participation in the post secondary educational programs they have chosen.

Guidance counselors continue to team to forge many connections for students and their families with other schools and community based helping agencies. The use of the team approach in dealing with crisis intervention and making referrals to various outside agencies has been refined and expanded to include members of other helping professions whenever appropriate. The close contact maintained by the counselors with the Department of Social Services, Corrigan Mental Health Services, Fall River Family Services, SSTAR, Department of Mental Retardation, Charlton Hospital, and other referral agencies assisted many families to access needed services. These relationships proved to be particularly helpful during the Fall of 1996, when the Middle School Community received generous assistance in dealing with the tragic death of a student.

#### **Health and Medical Services**

The Westport Community Schools employ full-time Registered Nurses at each of the four schools and a part-time School Physician, Dennis Callen, MD of Westport Family Medicine.

With prior, written parent consent, Dr. Callen provides mandated athletic physical exams, serves as a consultant on medical issues, and performs Medical Assessments as part of the Special Education evaluation process.

The school nurses work constantly with principals to provide information about positive health practices leading to disease prevention and promoting good health and wellness. They also provide 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. During 1996-97, nurses also worked with the PPS Director to initiate a state-funded voluntary Hepatitis B inoculation program for targeted Middle School aged students. A systemwide mailing to all families was also done to provide information and access to new, low-cost state-subsidized health insurance options for children of all ages.

### Special Education

In the past year, Westport's schools have identified approximately 13% of the public school population as special education students. This included 232 special education students out of an enrollment of 1816 students. This average reflects a significantly lower percentage of special education students in Westport than the 17% reported for the entire Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and appears to be a positive outcome of our initiatives to provide modifications and accommodation plans designed to promote the success of all students.

The spring of 1997, special education headcount included 232 students attending the Westport Community Schools, 14 SPED students in 502.41, 502.5, and 502.6 outside placements funded by the town, and 4 SPED students who attend parochial or private schools at their parents' expense. In January, 97, Westport listed a school-aged population of 2302. The enrollment in all grades of the Westport Community Schools was 1848. A total of 454 Westport resident students were attending private, parochial, or other public schools, such as Diman Regional and Bristol Agricultural. The townwide SPED count of 250 equaled 10.9% of the 2302 school-aged population. 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 FY97 in Westport, there were only 14 students, representing 0.6% of the school-aged population of 2302, placed in town funded outside placements. The Special Education Head Count for the upcoming 1997-98 school year dropped to 228 students after eliminating the students whose programs terminated in June. Special Education Counts for the schools as of June 30, 1997 were: Macomber - 50 = 15.4%, WES - 59 = 10%, Middle - 60 = 13.3%, High - 63 = 13.9%.

With Preschool Screening offered to parents by appointment on a monthly basis, a significant increase in requests for screening was noted in 1996-97. This resulted in a larger number of 3 and 4 year olds being identified as eligible for special education services. Announcements and reminders were sent on a regular basis to local newspapers, pediatricians, Westport Family Medicine, local nursery and daycare programs. The integrated preschool program, nationally accredited by NAECP (National Academy of Early Childhood Programs), successfully provided an outstanding early school experience for sixty students. The federally funded Headstart Program for eligible three, four, and five year olds, located at the Macomber School, again offered a full day classroom program with a capacity of 18 students.

The 1996-97 school year saw significant movement toward the long term goal of full inclusion of special education students in regular education classrooms at the K-8 grade levels. In order to raise student success levels in reading, language, and spelling, special training under the direction of Wilson Reading System Specialist, Christine Ash, was provided for a group of ten special education inclusion teachers from Westport Elementary and Middle Schools. With this cadre of newly Wilson certified teachers available, many more students will benefit from this

type of intensive reading and language instruction. Providing such additional instructional options empowers the district to plan and build coordinated programs designed to meet the needs of any and all students at risk, and has made specialized assistance and resources more accessible to any student who needs them.

## **Information Services: Susan Amato**

### **General Statement**

*Connecting the Learning Community*, a five year plan for technology in the Westport Community Schools, became a reality during the 1996-1997 school year. The focus of this first year was on building the infrastructure to connect classrooms, labs, media centers, and office spaces, to identify and install software to support curriculum goals, to upgrade and maximize the existing hardware, and to address professional development needs. The plan, approved by both the Westport School Committee and the Massachusetts Department of Education, insures the students of Westport access to the tools they need to become successful, lifelong learners.

### **School Program**

Technology is being increasingly integrated into the curriculum at all grade levels. All students from pre-school through grade eight receive instruction in the use of the computer as a tool for demonstrating learning. Many high school courses and electives incorporate these skills in real life applications.

During this year, scheduling changes at the Elementary School allowed teachers to participate in all computer classes thereby linking the technology skills to classroom learning. Expanded Internet access at the Middle and High School media centers provided students up-to-the-minute information and current research findings. Increased staffing further strengthened the Information Services programs. The staff at the Elementary and Middle School media center now includes a certified Unified Media Specialist, a teaching assistant, and a paraprofessional. In addition, the district appointed a full time Network Systems Engineer to assist the Technology Coordinator in resource management.

### **Parents and Community**

The parents and community of Westport contributed to the success of the Technology Plan implementation. Volunteers participated in two separate Mass NetDay events to cable the classrooms and labs at the high school. While this gave the project its start, the scope of it required many more hours and people. An internship program with Kinyon Campbell Business School provided the human resources to complete the project, while giving the participants valuable experience.

The participation of students, staff, parents, community members, WESCOEF, and local businesses contributed to the huge success of the first annual Tech Fair. The fair showcased student technology projects and skills. In keeping with the theme of connectivity, the technology coordinator published an Internet related issue of TechTimes distributed to all Westport Community School staff, students, and families. The Westport Community Education Foundation collaborated with the district to offer adult education courses on a variety of computer applications. Many community members attended these courses that took place at the four school buildings. An evening to celebrate DARE graduation for all fifth graders included a student computer generated slide show on drugs while journalism classes at the High School put Westport on the Web with links to the award winning *Villager*.

### **Curriculum and Instruction**

*Connecting the Learning Community* calls for computers and Internet access in each classroom by the year 2000. To prepare the staff for this, the technology department conducted a series of inservice workshops during the 1996-1997 school year beginning with the August training days. All staff participated in one four hour technology workshop using both district facilities and those

at Bristol Community College and Durfee High School. The attendance at follow-up courses during the year confirmed staff interest. In June, teachers and staff from all levels attended a three day Internet training course and will serve as trainers at their respective schools in the coming years.

A major emphasis of the information Services curriculum in K-8 is the development of research, communication, and presentation skills. During the 1996-1997 school year every student in K-8 completed a research project using technology as a tool. The Elementary School purchased additional CD ROM drives, multimedia presentation software, and electronic encyclopedias. The Middle School installed a variety of research tools including a periodical data base and added an additional phone line to meet Internet access demands. A software license provided the resources to offer keyboarding instruction to all sixth grade students. At the High School, students created videos and Power Point presentations for a variety of audiences. One computer applications class took hundreds of old Apple computer parts and built twelve working systems for the classrooms at the Macomber, Elementary, and Middle schools. After school clubs gave students the opportunity to explore creative applications and work collaboratively with members of a team.

#### **Facilities**

Through a combination of grant funding and budget appropriation, the Westport Community Schools purchased an Internet Server now located in the Technology Center at the High School. A 56Kbs phone line connects the server to an Internet service provider. Cables connect every classroom, lab, and administrative office at both the High School and the Administration Building to the server. The students and staff can now access the Internet simultaneously. All staff members connected to the server have email accounts. To maintain high academic standards, the School Committee approved an Internet Acceptable Use Policy this spring.

Additional upgrades included the purchase of two PC's for the Elementary Media Center, two for the Middle School Media center, and a computer for use by Special Education students. Automation of the four library circulation systems is complete and installation of an online catalog has begun at two schools.

#### **Summary Statement**

The first year of Connecting the Learning Community has been an exciting one. The commitment to technology by the School Committee put the students of Westport on the cutting edge. Meeting the challenges of the 21st century is a formidable task made easier this year by the efforts of NetDay Volunteers, NetDay corporation donations and discounts, Technology Team members, Tech Fair vendors and volunteers, computer lab parent volunteers, and the Kinyon Campbell Business School interns. Thanks to all who have helped on our journey to connect the learning community. In the coming years, our connectivity will expand to the other schools, to the town departments, and to the community at large.

### **Student Services: Ms. Paula Gendreau**

#### **Transportation**

Laidlaw Transit, Inc. provided regular transportation service during year two of a three year contract. A two-tier system using sixteen buses operated to facilitate 32 individual routes. The daily cost per bus was \$149.95. Enos Bus Company of Westport provided Special Needs transportation services by for the fourth consecutive year. An average of 50 students were transported daily. Video surveillance and an increase in bus safety training programs aided efforts to ensure safe and comfortable transportation to students.

#### **Transportation Financial Report**

<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Total Expended</u>
	<u>Salaries</u>	<u>Expenses</u>



Regular	\$576,547	\$65,440	\$518,556	\$583,996
Special Needs	\$230,000	\$ 5,000	\$205,729	\$210,729
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$806,547</b>	<b>\$70,440</b>	<b>\$724,285</b>	<b>\$794,725</b>
			<b>Returned to Town</b>	<b>\$ 11,822</b>
				<b>\$806,547</b>

#### Food Services

The School Food Services program offered nutritionally balanced meals consistent with the *Recommended Daily Allowances* and the *Guidelines for Americans*. The cost of a full lunch, including 8 ounces of milk, was \$1.30. Emphasis of reducing fat, sodium, and cholesterol was reflected in all menu offerings. Revenue increased by 4.8% over the prior year.

#### Food Services Financial Report

Beginning Balance 7/1/96	\$17,572	
Receipts	N/A	
1. State Reimbursement	10,673	
2. Federal Reimbursement	108,999	
Sales	250,796	
Other Receipts	17,551	
<b>Total Balance and Receipts</b>		<b>\$405,591</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>		
Salaries	203,693	
Supplies & Materials	158,596	
Other Expenses	21,496	
Acquisition of Equipment	500	
<b>Total Expenditures</b>		<b>\$384,285</b>
<b>Balance 6/30/97</b>		<b><u>\$21,306</u></b>
<b>Net Increase to Revolving Account</b>		<b>\$ 3,734</b>

#### Maintenance & Facilities: Mr. Michael Duarte

The Maintenance Department had another banner year. In-house work increased and outside contracted service has decreased. The Maintenance Technician has established a bulb changing program with custodians before a ballast replacement is requested. This program has greatly improved service in all buildings. Maintenance requests have been completed in a timely fashion while upgrade projects are being completed during the year.

This past year, the maintenance and facilities staff completed projects at all four schools. Several of these improvements were made using in-house labor.

#### Alice A. Macomber:

- purchased ultrasonic bird repellent and eliminated the seagull problem
- repaired ceilings and walls in teacher's restrooms

#### Elementary School:

- both boilers were retubed
- courtyard areas was cleaned
- playground equipment repaired

- field repairs/upgrades were completed

#### **Middle School:**

- carpet replacement in offices, planning room, hallways, auditorium completed
- new VCT floor in art room
- both ball fields were repaired and upgraded

#### **High School:**

- construction of new Visual and Performing Arts area -multimedia labs and TV Studio
- both little league fields were repaired and upgraded

### **Grants Management & Development: Dr. Lana Paolillo**

The following grants from the Department of Education ended June 30, 1997. Required expenditure and accounting reports have been sent to the Department of Education and are attached.

#### **Community Service Learning Mentor:**

**\$10,000.00**

This grant was awarded based on our successful Community Service Learning (CSL) program. The goal was to assist other districts in developing CSL programs. Teachers at the Macomber Primary School, Elementary, Middle and High Schools presented at the annual CSL conference. Mary Anne McQuillan provided technical assistance to both Durfee High School and Somerset High School in replicating her Executive Office of Environmental Affairs award winning *Adopt A Watershed* project. Janice Baker and Peter Holt worked with several school systems over the year providing copies of the *Scallop Curriculum*, and they provided workshops and technical assistance to Wareham Middle School in replicating *Westport's River Restoration Project: The Bay Scallop*.

Funds were expended as follows: Contracted Services \$ 4,438, Supplies \$ 4,872, and Travel \$ 400.

#### **Health Protection**

**\$41,406.00**

The major portion of the Health grant was used to support the salary for a Middle School health teacher. Remaining funds supported curriculum framework study groups for health and physical education teachers, and various workshops for teachers and students.

Funds were expended as follows: Contracted Services \$ 40,530, Supplies \$ 32, Travel \$ 844.

#### **Middle School Planning**

**\$5,000.00**

The grant was to enable the Westport Middle School to provide curriculum development and professional development opportunities for teachers. Several teachers have attended workshops, and 6 applied learning/curriculum development projects developed with grant funds will be implemented next year. A listing of these projects and teachers involved is attached.

Funds were allocated as follows: Contracted Services \$ 4,342, Supplies \$ 328, Travel \$330.

#### **PALMS**

**\$4,371.00**

PALMS funds are to be spent for math, science and technology initiatives among them curriculum development and attendance at PALMS regional workshops. PALMS funds were

used to develop an interdisciplinary math and science unit for grades 7 and 8, curriculum development in mathematics at the High School, and curriculum development in grade two at Westport Elementary School. In addition, our math and science team leaders, field of study coordinators and academy coordinators have been provided with professional development opportunities through PALMS.

Funds were expended as follows: Contracted Services \$ 3,125, Supplies \$ 79, and Travel \$ 1,167.

#### **Time and Learning:**

**\$10,000.00**

Time and Learning funds have been used to provide students with the time and resources to be successful learners. We have provided after school and before school tutoring programs for students at the Westport Elementary School and Westport Middle School, and have contributed to support of the summer program. As per DOE requirement 50% of the funds were used for "modeling" activities including presentations on "Block Scheduling", "Career Academies", and "Applied Learning" at several school districts, State sponsored workshops, and at the *High Schools That Work* national conference in Atlanta.

Funds were expended as follows: Contracted Services \$9,133, Supplies \$ 179, Travel \$688.

**The following grants from the Department of Education ended August 31, 1997.**

#### **Community Service Learning - School Based**

**\$15,000.00**

Community Service Learning (CSL) funds are provided for the development of CSL activities in school districts. In Westport we have developed and implemented curriculum projects that combine applied learning with community service learning. Thus our projects not only provide rigorous academic experiences for students, they also make a contribution to the community of Westport. At this year's "4th Annual Showcase and Reception" 24 projects with representation from all four schools were displayed to the community. These projects are being written into the curriculum at each grade level so that they will sustain beyond grant award. Westport has been cited by the State as a leader in CSL.

Funds were expended as follows: Contracted Services \$9,052, Supplies \$3,705, Travel \$2,236.

#### **Curriculum Frameworks Study Groups**

**\$8,373.00**

Funding from the Department of Education is provided to districts to enable staff to become familiar with and implement the key practices of the Curriculum Frameworks and to develop curricula that aligns with the Frameworks. Starting next spring students will be assessed using the MCAST which is based on the Frameworks. As our Scope & Sequence K-8 was developed in alignment with the Frameworks we were able to use most of this funding to provide professional development for teachers on the Frameworks.

Funds were expended as follows: Contracted Services \$7,305, Supplies \$400, Travel \$128, Other (printing etc.) \$537.

#### **High Schools That Work (HSTW)**

**\$20,000.00**

The *High Schools That Work* program is a national initiative to provide selected schools with the resources needed to raise the academic bar for **all students**. We have used HSTW funds to supplement Westport High School's development of the Academy Program. Our Academy concept mirrors the Key Practices of the HSTW program. Part of the funding requirement is

attendance of key staff at the HSTW Annual Professional Development Conference. This year 9 members of the HSTW Team attended the Conference in Atlanta including: myself, the Academy Coordinators, and Guidance Personnel. Various applied learning projects are being developed with these funds and will be implemented this fall. Additional curriculum development is being done on our English offerings 9-12 with an emphasis this year on raising the rigor in grades 9 and 12.

Funds were expended as follows: Contracted Services \$11,975, Supplies \$495 Travel \$7,526.

#### **Safe & Drug Free (SADF)**

**\$7,096.00**

Funding provided under this program is for efforts aimed at reducing student participation in drugs and violence of all types. Our *Peer Mediation* program at the Middle and High Schools are supported by this funding. Last year Peer Mediation sessions assisted approximately 40 students in peacefully resolving conflicts. We implemented the newly revised curriculum that includes drug, alcohol and tobacco use prevention, and is sequentially integrated and age appropriate. We implemented a Pre-K Kindergarten Health program with a philosophy of wellness and fitness. The goal being to start as young as possible to motivate students toward developing a healthy lifestyle with good self-esteem.

And, we continue to coordinate services with Westport's Department of Health, School Physician, School Nurses, and PPS Director to improve town-wide health services. Additionally we continue our commitment with the Town Department of Police by participating in and supporting the DARE program through these grant funds.

Funds were expended as follows: Contracted Services \$4,631, Supplies \$2,417 Travel \$40.

#### **Title I - Remedial Education**

**\$104,370.00**

The major portion of the Title I grant was used to support the salary for two Reading Recovery Teachers, one at the Alice A. Macomber and one at Westport Elementary. Funds under Title I must be used primarily for students who are Title I eligible as defined by the regulations. Last year 8 students in Grade 1 were serviced in Reading Recovery, and 23 students were serviced by the Title I teacher in small groups. All but one child met the performance objectives. This child has a 502.2 IEP and will be working with a special education teacher next year in grade two. Forty-three (43) students in Grade 2 were serviced by a Title I teacher in individual or small group settings. Reading gains from participation in Title I appear to sustain at least into Grade 4. The IOWA was administered to the entire fourth grade. Children took the advanced skills portions and received an average gain of 4.44% in Reading/Language Arts for the last two years. This exceeded the required gain of 3.46%/year.

A summer program is being provided for students needing additional time and resources in Reading in grades 1, 2, and 3. Approximately 50 students are being serviced in a five week accelerated learning program. Weekly parent workshops are also held.

Funds were expended as follows: Instructional Staff \$86,204, Fringe Benefits \$8,137, Contracted Services \$2,700, Supplies \$1,258, Travel \$242. We have a \$5,829 "carry over" into FY 98 fiscal year.

#### **Dwight D. Eisenhower Math & Science**

**\$5,065.00**

The *Dwight D. Eisenhower* funds are to be used for professional development and supplies related to program needs. The majority of the funding was used to help pay for Dr. Mahesh Sharma. An "Osprey Kit" for Grade 3 was purchased from the Westport River Watershed Alliance.

Funds were expended as follows: Contracted Services \$4,199, Supplies \$865.

#### **Title VI**

**\$5,959.00**



Title VI funding is to be used for technical hardware, software and/or professional development. We used the funding to provide Internet access.

Funds were expended as follows: Contracted Services \$625, Supplies \$5,334.

**SPED 94-142 Evaluation & Therapy**

**\$96,480.00**

This federally funded special education allocation grant was used to provide consulting services, additional special education supplies, and tuition funding for some special education placements outside the school system. Although the grant formerly was used to fund staff positions for school psychologists, these services are now provided in two of the schools through consulting psychologists. Funds are utilized for the mandated evaluation process for special education referrals and to provide additional psychological services for students when appropriate. This grant also funds the purchase of some assistive technology items needed by specific special education students.

Funds were expended as follows: Contracted Services \$92,969, Supplies \$3,511.

**SPED Early Childhood**

**\$15,150.00**

The Early Childhood grant is a special education allocation based upon the enrollment of 3, 4, and 5 year old students in the school system. The entire amount was utilized to provide a teaching assistant who works with all three of the Kindergarten teachers to assist with students who require special education modifications to the regular kindergarten program. As a result of this type of assistance being provided, nearly all Westport kindergarten students are fully included in a regular kindergarten classroom.

Funds were expended as follows: Support Staff \$14,650, Contracted Services \$500.

**Financial & Physical Resources: Edward J. Ritter**

The Business Office provides for Student Services (Transportation and Food Service), Payroll/Accounting, and Custodial/Maintenance Services. In 1997, we achieved our goal to improve the learning environment by providing well managed, efficient, and effective district services.

**Financial Report**

The School Committee operated from the following budget assumptions and priorities for Fiscal Year 1997:

**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.

**The School Committee Budget**

The FY97 actual school spending remained closely aligned with the School Committee's budgetary priorities. We continue to find pro-active solutions to meet required ongoing basic school operating costs while also funding additional investments in technology, staffing, and renovation of learning spaces.

# School Committee Appropriations & Expenditures

Appropriated at Annual Town Meeting	\$9,275,857
Appropriated at Special Town Meeting	\$26,816
Returned to General Fund	(\$11,822)
Total Appropriation & Expenditures	\$9,290,851

	<u>FY 97 Expended</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
Gen. Ed. Salaries		
Administrative Salaries	194,265	0.0209
Instructional Salaries	4,842,186	0.5212
Support Salaries	272,760	0.0294
Building & Maint. Salaries	463,216	0.0499
All Gen. Ed. Salaries	5,772,427	0.6213
Special Ed. Salaries		
Administrative Salaries		
Instructional Salaries	1,023,436	0.1102
Support Salaries	26,890	0.0029
All Special Ed. Salaries	1,050,326	0.1130
All Salaries	6,822,753	0.7344
Expenses		
Administrative Expenses	85,248	0.0092
Instructional Expenses	656,421	0.0707
Support Expenses	598,171	0.0644
Maintenance Expenses	645,322	0.0695
All Gen. Expenses	1,985,162	0.2137
Administrative Expenses	4,052	0.0004
Instructional Expenses	46,045	0.0050
Support Expenses	223,488	0.0241
Tuition Expenses	209,351	0.0225
All Special Ed. Expenses	482,936	0.0520
All Expenses	2,468,098	0.2656
All Gen.Ed Exp. & Salaries	7,757,589	0.8350
All Sped Exp. & Salaries	1,533,262	0.1650
All Expenses & Salaries	9,290,851	100.0000

## 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
Ronald W. Pacy, Ph.D	Dean, 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
Susan Amato, M.Ed.	Education Technology Director
Richard Gaskin	Supervisor of Custodians

### Administrative and Executive Services Staff

Lucille Bouchard	Administrative Executive Assistant to Superintendent
Deborah Dziedzic	Administrative Executive Secretary - High School
Diane Charette	Administrative Executive Secretary - Middle School
Madeleine Leite	Administrative Executive Secretary - Elementary School
Joan Fuller	Administrative Executive Secretary - Macomber School
Beverly Medeiros	Human Resources Assistant
Kimberley Ouellette	Administrative Secretary for Maintenance & Facilities
Melissa Sousa	Accountant
Mary Currie	School Committee Secretary
Richard Vohnoutka	Maintenance & Facilities Technician
Matthew Kay	Network Systems Engineer

### School Physician

Dr. Dennis R. Callen	Westport Family Medicine Center
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### 1996-1997 Faculty with Appointment and/or Resignation Dates

#### High School

Edith LaBran, M.Ed. Asst. Dean/Student Placement	Salem State College 1978	A-November 1978
Anthony Melli, M.S. Asst. Dean/Student Affairs	Long Island University 1972	A-July 1972
Alan Weintraub, M.Ed. Asst. Dean/Academics	Bridgewater State 1987	A-July 1997
Robert B. Wood, M.Ed. Asst. Dean/Student Management	Bridgewater State College 1974	A-August 1994
David Allen, M.F.A.	SMU 1991	A-January 1975
Jeanne Arthur, M.A.	RISD 1997	A-September 1997
Irene Barros, B.A.	Salve Regina College 1969	A-August 1986



Joan Blake, M.A.T.	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 State College 1976	A-August 1993
Deborah Dahill	Bridgewater State College 1997	A-September 1997
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
Kenneth Glew, M. Ed.	URI 1976	A-August 1994
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
Glenn Lincoln, M.Ed.	Bridgewater State College 1978	A-May 1973
Mary Anne McQuillan, M.Ed.	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.	Cambridge College 1990	A-June 1987
John Moniz, M.A.	Bridgewater State College 1980	A-August 1972
Sarah Oliveira, B.A.	Roger Williams College 1991	A-September 1997
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
Dianne Rezendes, M.Ed	Cambridge College 1991	A-January 1977

Michael Roy, B.S.	SMU 1975	A-August 1970
Tracey Saltus, B.A., B.S.	U. Mass. Amherst 1991	A-August 1996
Mary E. Silva, M.Ed.	Univ. of Lisbon 1967	A-September 1962
Gail Silvia, B.A.	Bridgewater State College 1976	A-June 1977
Paula Smith, B.S.	Assumption College 1981	A-June 1973
Joel Sullivan, M.Ed.	Fitchburg State College 1983 R.I. College 1983	A-August 1974

### Middle School

David A. Geraghty, M.Ed. Vice Principal	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.	Bridgewater State College 1991	A-August 1995
Charles Collins Jr., M.S.	Simmons College 1997	A-September 1997
Karen Cosgriff, M.A.	CA State Univ. Stanislaus 1994	A-August 1994
Jessica Daly, M. Ed.	R.I.C. 1997	A-September 1997
Richard Daigle, M. Ed.	Rhode Island College 1972	A-September 1997
Nancy DeFaria, M. Ed.	Cambridge College 1992	A-March 1970
Ann Marie Dostou, M.Ed.	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.	Cambridge College 1991	A-August 1987
Bonny Gifford, M.Ed.	Bridgewater 1994	A-February 1993
Martha Goldenbloom, B.S.	State University College 1971	A-September 1997
Emery Gomes, M.Ed.	Suffolk Univ. 1980	A-September 1971
Stephen Gomes, M.Ed.	Suffolk University 1980	A-July 1971
Dawn Harrington, B.S.	Bridgewater State College 1994	A-October 1997
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
Jodi Mazzearella, 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
Susan Pavao, B.S.	Bridgewater State College 1994	A-September 1997
Andre Provost, B.A.	Bridgewater State College 1969	A-June 1976
Joseph Reddington, B.S.	University of Mass. 1986	A-June 1987
Jeanne Rivard, M. Ed.	R.I. College 1988	A-April 1985
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

#### **Westport Elementary School (Grades 2-5)**

Joanne Allen, B.S.	Bridgewater State College 1964	A-July 1972
Helene Auger, M.Ed.	Bridgewater State College 1970	A-April 1970
Beverly Bond, B.S.	Bridgewater State College 1964	A-March 1964
Sandra Boudakian, B.S.	Bridgewater State College 1966	A-March 1966
Linda Brown, B.S.	Bridgewater State College 1967	A-May 1967
Bridget Buckless, M. Ed.	Univ. of Rhode Island 1991	A-September 1997
Christine Carlile, M.Ed.	R.I. College 1988	A-July 1985
Ann Clark, M. Ed.	Bridgewater State College 1976	A-August 1991
Muriel Croft, M.Ed.	Fitchburg State College 1992	A-November 1984
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.	College of William and Mary 1964	A-July 1986
Pamela Dumas, B.S.	Boston University 1965	A-September 1980
Linda Eastwood, M.Ed.	Cambridge College 1991	A-February 1978
Mary Elizabeth France, M.Ed.	Cardinal Cushing College 1971	A-November 1971
Sandra Hague, M. Ed.	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, M. Ed.	Simmons College 1997	A-January 1972
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.	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.	Bridgewater State College 1978	A-July 1982
Christine Staskiewicz, M.Ed.	Providence College 1986	A-July 1986
John Sullivan, M.Ed.	North Adams State College 1973	A-May 1972
Karen Tremblay, B.S.	Rhode Island College 1991	A-August 1996
Cynthia Thomas, C.A.G.S.	Bridgewater State College 1990	A-March 1970
Joan Travers, B.S., B.A.	SMU 1974	A-September 1964
Bruce Vincellet, M.Ed.	Bridgewater State College 1981	A-May 1971

#### **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.	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 Raczk, M.Ed.	Fitchburg College 1991	A-September 1968
Renee Teotonio, M.Ed.	Fitchburg State College 1982	A-August 1988.
Kathleen Thibault, B.S.	Bridgewater State College 1977	A-January 1978

### Guidance Services

<b>Middle School</b>		
Mariette Paine, Ph.D.	Univ. of MA 1990	A-March 1966
Daniel Thomas, Ph.D.	Boston University 1977	A-September 1995

### Elementary School

Elizabeth A. Bacchiocchi, M. Ed.	Bridgewater State College 1987	A-October 1990
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### Macomber Primary School

Brenda Stone, Ph.D.	University Rhode Island 1992	A-August 1994
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### District Services

#### Special Services

#### Government Projects

#### Chapter I

Melissa Gell M.Ed. Teacher	Bridgewater State College 1981	A-August 1988
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Colleen E. DeNardo B.A. Reading Recovery	SMU 1984	A-September 1976
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#### Speech & Language Therapist

Kathleen Duffy, M.S.	Bridgewater State College 1976	A-August 1984
Linda Isaksen, B.A.	Bridgewater State College 1985	A-August 1994
Carol Stewart, M.S.	Bridgewater State College 1982 University of Vermont 1974	A-October 1990

**Language Intervention Tutor**  
Christine Ash, B.A.

Goucher College 1968

A-August 1992

**Occupational Therapist**  
Renee Jones, M.O.T

Boston University 1976

A-September 1993

### **Support Staff**

#### **Administration Office & District Services**

Wendy Oliveira	Pupil Personnel Services Assistant
Luella Kirby	Payroll Assistant
Sheila Kenyon	Payroll/Accountant Clerk
Ernest Caroselli	Custodian/Courier
Bradley Freitas	Maintenance & Facilities Assistant

#### **Westport High School**

Kathleen Mendes, R.N.	School Nurse	Joyce Araujo	Food Service
Carol Sunderland	Media Paraprofessional	Wendy Neugent	Food Service
Constance Trepanier	Student Services Clerk	Gail Menard	Food Service
Judith McNeil	Pupil Personnel Services Clerk	Diane Pacheco	Food Service
Joanne Camara	Guidance Teaching Assistant	Rose Sutcliffe, Mgr.	Food Service
Richard Hamel	Custodial Service		
David Librera	Custodial Service		
James Pacheco	Custodial Service		
William Long	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	Christine DeMello	Food Service
Leona Andrade	Media Teaching Assistant	Nancy Medeiros, Mgr.	Food Service
Mary Trepanier	Clerk/Receptionist	Elaine Marshall	Paraprofess.
Margaret Amaral	Pupil Personnel Services Clerk	Mark Thibodeau	Custodial Service
Patricia Morse	Media Paraprofessional	Richard Mello	Custodial Service
		Richard Bates	Custodial Service
		Dennis Auclair	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	Beverly Graves	Food Service
Joan Wood	Teaching Assistant	Veronica Kirby	Food Service
Judy Oliveira	Pupil Personnel Services Clerk	Jeanne Gizzi	Guid. T.A.
Agatha Beaulieu	Media Paraprofessional		
Norman Thibodeau	Custodial Service		
Patrick Walsh	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  
Elizabeth Carvalho, Mgr.  
Robert Samson  
Richard Landry

Education Technology/Media Teaching Assistant  
Food Service  
Custodial Service  
Custodial Service

### Enrollment as of October 1, 1997

#### Alice A. Macomber Primary School

Grade	Early Education Development Program	3
	Preschool	50
	Kindergarten	119
	1	<u>134</u>
	Total	306

#### Westport Elementary School

Grade	2	154
	3	149
	4	147
	5	<u>154</u>
	Total	604

#### Westport Middle School

Grade	6	153
	7	155
	8	<u>144</u>
	Total	452

#### Westport High School

Grade	9	130
	10	124
	11	131
	12	<u>96</u>
	Total	484

Grand Total 1845

### 1996-97 School Attending Children

Grade	Westport Community	Other Public: Bristol, Diman	SPED Tuitioned Placements	Private or Parochial	Total
Pre-K	55		0	11	66
K	110	1	0	30	141
Ungraded	10		10		20
Grade 1	151		0	25	176
<b>Macomber</b>	<b>326</b>				
Grade 2	154		0	20	174
Grade 3	139		0	22	161
Grade 4	147		0	22	169

Grade 5	148		0	34	182
<b>Elementary</b>	<b>588</b>				
Grade 6	154		1	21	176
Grade 7	140		2	28	170
Grade 8	153		0	23	176
<b>Middle</b>	<b>447</b>				
Grade 9	155	23	2	25	205
Grade 10	140	25	0	39	204
Grade 11	105	25	1	27	158
Grade 12	92	21	3	33	149
<b>High</b>	<b>492</b>				
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1853</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>360</b>	<b>2327</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 15, 1997**

Processional - "Pomp and Circumstance"	Elgar W.H.S. Band - Scott Frost, Director
Pledge of Allegiance	
Principal's Welcome	Dr. Ronald W. Pacy, Principal
Vocal Presentation - "God Bless the Child"	Korey Pirtle
Welcome	Michaela Gazdik, Salutatorian
Speaker	Representative Michael J. Rodrigues
I Remember	Sara Troia, Class President 93-94, 95-96 Rachel Maltais, Class President 94-95, 96-97
Valedictorian	Jennifer Botelho
Certification of Class	Dr. Ronald W. Pacy, Principal

**MARSHALLS**

Lisa Ferreira

Meredith Pease



# Class of 1997

Erika Leigh Ainsworth  
Courtney Ward Allen\*  
Rachel P. Anderson\*  
Eric C. Arruda  
Cynthia Baldwin  
Kathleen Bates  
Graham Louis Berry  
Jennifer Botelho\*  
Mark C. Boyer  
Noah Bradford  
Nathony M. Brazil  
Nicole R. Brodeur \*  
Christopher M. Carter  
Anthony M. Carvalho  
David E. Coderre, Jr.  
Jennifer Collins  
Christopher M. Cordeiro  
Kevin Cordeiro  
Melanie Sue Cornell\*  
Christopher DaCosta  
Dawn M. DaCunha  
Katie Beth DeMello  
Andrea L. DeVeau  
Keith R. Eastwood  
Jonathan Edwards  
Scott A. Fitton  
Kimberly Fortin  
Jennifer Mae Frederick  
David E. Furtado  
Melanie Ann Gagnon  
Michaela Ann Gazdik\*  
Shayne J. Guillemette  
Tammy Lynn Gomes  
Lorraine Goncalves  
Anna Darling Guay  
Matthew J. Haines  
Jessica Sue Holeyka  
Daniel F. Hurley, Jr.  
Jessica Kelly Isabel  
Rachel E. Kaiser\*  
Keith Kirby  
Kimberly Beth Kiefer  
Nicholas Terrance Lacey  
Lenea M. Lima  
Sarah Maddocks  
Lauren Marie Maiocco\*

Rachel Ann Maltais\*  
Corrie McDermott\*  
Rachel McMahon  
Melanie Sue Medeiros  
Andrew Melli\*  
Michael John Mello  
Manuel C. Mirand  
Sarah A. Mitchell\*  
Thomas Moniz Jr.  
Bianca M. Neto  
Michelle A. Nidorf  
Heather Nunes\*  
Jason Robert Oliveira  
Jonathan Carlos Pacheco  
Katie E. Perry\*  
Nolan J. Perry  
Korey Lyn Pirtle  
David Leonard Potter\*  
Joseph Raposo  
Steven Raposo  
Andrew Raymond\*  
Jeffrey R. Reed  
Sean Robidoux\*  
Meghan Ryan  
Kimberly Ann Shea  
Derek Silva  
Desiree Silva  
Lisa Sirop\*  
Dustin A. Sorel  
Kevin Michael Tetrault  
Michael J. Tetrault  
Chad David Thadeu  
Kerry Meghan Tripp  
Sara Melissa Troia\*  
Jamie Lynn Vaillancourt\*  
Karen B. Vale  
Heather Ann Vasconcellos  
Melissa Marie Vasconcelos\*  
Jason Vieira  
Brindalyn Webster  
Stacey A. Wood  
Timothy J. Wynne Jr.  
Jason R. Yared

\*National Honor Society Members

## 1997 Academic Awards

Principal's/Outstanding Citizen Award  
Connecticut College Book Award  
Harvard Prize Book Award

Sarah Mitchell  
Christine Lima  
Meredith Pease, Lisa Ferreira

N.E. Institute of Technology Book Award

The 21<sup>st</sup> Century Book Award  
UMASS Dartmouth Book Award  
Wellesley Book Award  
Outstanding Academic Achievement

Outstanding Educational Improvement

Citizenship

Art

Band  
Business Technology  
Technology Systems  
Communications  
Journalism  
English  
French  
Portuguese  
Spanish  
Math  
Calculus  
Outstanding Motivation & Effort  
Science  
Social Studies  
Theater Arts  
Video Broadcasting  
Most Valuable Student-Video

Anthony Carvalho, Keith Kirby,  
Michael Tetrault, Timothy Wynne  
Katie Bates  
Sonia Fernandes  
Michaela Doran  
Jennifer Botelho, Michaela Gazdik,  
Sarah Mitchell, David Potter,  
Meghan Ryan  
Courtney Allen, Rachel Anderson,  
Kathleen Bates, Nicole Brodeur,  
Melanie Cornell, Lauren Maiocco,  
Rachel Maltais, Andrew Melli, Heather  
Nunes, Katie Perry, Sean Robidoux,  
Sara Troia, Jamie Vaillancourt, Melissa  
Vasconcelos, Jason Vieira  
Courtney Allen, Graham Berry, Jennifer  
Botelho, Nicole Brodeur, Michaela  
Gazdik, Anna Guay, Matthew Haines,  
Rachel Kaiser, Lauren Maiocco, Rachel  
Maltais, Corrie McDermott, Rachel  
McMahon, Andrew Melli, Sarah Mitchell,  
Jonathan Pacheco, Katie Perry, David  
Potter, Andrew Raymond, Sean  
Robidoux, Kimberly Shea, Lisa Sirop,  
Kerry Tripp, Jamie Vaillancourt,  
Brindalyn Webster, Stacey Wood  
Lauren Maiocco, Corrie McDermott,  
Heather Nunes, Korey Pirtle  
Michaela Gazdik  
Jason Vieira  
Katie Bates  
Katie Bates  
Jennifer Botelho, Sarah Mitchell  
Jennifer Botelho  
Jennifer Botelho  
Jason Vieira  
Melissa Vasconcelos  
Michaela Gazdik  
Megan Ryan  
Kimberly Shea  
Michaela Gazdik  
Jonathan Pacheco  
Dustin Sorel  
Anthony Carvalho  
Mark Boyer, Kimberly Kiefer

Community Awards

American Legion Award  
Kinyon-Campbell Business School

Massachusetts Elks Teenager of the Month

Jennifer Botelho, David Potter  
1<sup>st</sup> place Dan Hurley  
2<sup>nd</sup> place Jason Vieira  
3<sup>rd</sup> place Stacy Ann Raposo  
Michaela Gazdik, David Potter,  
Courtney Allen, Andrew Raymond,  
Jennifer Botelho, Jonathan Pacheco,

Massachusetts Elks Teenager of the Year  
Naval Leadership Awards

Sarah Mitchell, Jason Oliveira, Sara Troia, Matthew Haines, Nicole Brodeur, Jeffrey Reed  
Rachel Maltais, Andrew Melli  
Michaela Gazdik, Kathleen Bates, Megan Ryan

New England High School Video Competition

First Place, Non-Entertainment Over 3:00 for The Ernestina: A Floating Classroom  
Michaela Doran, Jim Perry, Anthony Carvalho

Honorable Mention, Non-Entertainment Over 3:00 for School Bus Safety  
James Perry, Anthony Carvalho

U.S. Marine Corps Award

"The Distinguished Athlete Award"

"Simper Fidelis" Award for Musical Excellence

The Scholastic Excellence Award

Rachel Maltais  
Michael Tetraut  
Jennifer Botelho

### Scholarships

AFSCME	\$200	Jamie Vaillancourt
Athletic Boosters Scholarship	\$500	Rachel Maltais
	\$275	Courtney Allen
	\$225	Daniel Hurley
	\$200	David Potter
	\$150	Graham Berry, Michaela Gazdik, Kerry Tripp, Andrew Melli, Sara Troia
	\$100	Chris DaCosta, Melanie Gagnon, Anna Guay
	\$50	Jennifer Frederick, Corrie McDermott, Rachel McMahon, Katie Perry, Andrew Raymond, Jeffrey Reed, Dustin Sorel
Blue Heron Classic Scholarship in Memory of Kenneth Candeias	\$250	Rachel Anderson, David Potter, Jeffrey Reed, Stacey Wood
	\$500	Michael Candeias (continuing)
Sidney L. Hathaway Memorial Scholarship	\$350	Jennifer Botelho
Dartmouth Educator's Association	\$100	Michael Tetraut, Andrew Raymond
Emory University Merit Scholarship	\$2000	Sarah Mitchell (for 4 years)
Susan Gifford Scholarship Fund	\$600	Sarah Mitchell, Jeffrey Reed
Head of Westport Fire Assoc., Inc. Scholarship	\$250	Jason Oliveira, Jamie Vaillancourt
Michel A. Jusseaume, D.D.S. Health Science	\$500	Rachel Maltais
Norman W. & Martha C. Kirby Scholarship	\$500	David Potter
L'Association Francophone de Fall River	\$150	Jennifer Botelho
Portuguese American Civic League	\$800	Jeffrey Reed, Rachel Anderson, David Potter, Nicole Brodeur
Potter Funeral Service Award	\$500	Stacey Wood
In Memory of Rita Reed	\$1000	Jeffrey Reed
Clyde T. & Yvonne Salisbury Memorial Schol.	\$500	Kimberly Keifer, Rachel McMahon, Andrew Melli, Katie Perry, Andrew Raymond, Melissa Vasconcelos
	\$200	Joshua Amaral, Erin Connors (continuing), Erika Ainsworth, Kimberly Fortin, Jennifer Frederick, Anna Guay, Rachel Kaiser, Corrie McDermott,

St. Anne's Credit Union Scholarship	\$750	Melanie Medeiros, Jason Oliveira,
Standard Times/Nicholas B. Ottaway Schol.	\$500	Korey Pirtle, Kerry Tripp, Stacey Wood
Betsy Taber Scholarships	\$500	Rachel Anderson
		Kathleen Bates
		Courtney Allen, Jennifer Botelho, Nicole
		Brodeur, Michaela Gazdik, Sarah
		Mitchell, Katie Perry, Sean Robidoux,
		Lisa Sirop, Jamie Vaillancourt
Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 207	\$250	Kerry Tripp
Westport Art Group Scholarship	\$500	Megan Ryan, Brindalyn Webster
Westport Call Fire Fighters Association	\$100	Kim Kiefer, Korey Pirtle, Melissa
		Vasconcelos, Kim Fortin
Westport Fair Inc.	\$500	Rachel Anderson, Lauren Maiocco,
		Stacey Wood
Westport Farmers Association	\$500	David Potter
Westport Federation of Teachers	\$300	Andrew Melli, Courtney Allen
Westport Fisherman's Club	\$500	Andrew Melli
Westport High School Athletic Hall of Fame/ Harold S. Wood Athletic Grant	\$500	Anna Guay, Jeffrey Reed
Westport Junior Miss Scholarships	\$1850	Rachel Maltais
	\$650	Brindalyn Webster
	\$150	Jennifer Frederick, Jamie Vaillancourt,
		Andrea DeVeau, Katie Perry
	\$75	Sara Troia
Westport Permanent Fire Fighters Assoc.	\$500	Thomas Moniz, Jason Oliveira, Jeffrey
		Reed, Jamie Vaillancourt
Westport Police Association	\$300	Jennifer Botelho, Melanie Medeiros
Westport Police Association/ Lt. Richard Parker Memorial Schol.	\$250	Jennifer Botelho, Jeffrey Reed
Westport Women's Club	\$300	Rachel Anderson, Lauren Maiocco,
		Stacey Wood
Early H. Wood Scholarship	\$100	Anthony Carvalho, Keith Kirby, Michael
		Tetrauit, Timothy Wynne



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## 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 .....	678-6671
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