

TOWN OF WESTPORT ANNUAL REPORTS

2023



SELECT BOARD & OTHER BOARDS OF OFFICERS

Including a Statement of the
Receipts and Expenditures
for the Fiscal Year Ending
June 30, 2023

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IN MEMORIAM

THIS TOWN REPORT IS DEDICATED TO THE
FOLLOWING PERSONS WHO SERVED THE TOWN OF WESTPORT
AND PASSED AWAY DURING THE YEAR 2023

Gerald E. Cowell

Firefighter
Police Officer

Milton L. Dunham, Jr.

Computer Coordinator
Computer Study Committee

John D. Enloe, Sr.

Waterline Backflow Prevention Device Inspector

Susan Harding

Teacher Assistant

Cheryl A. Hetu

Clerk/Dispatcher Highway Department

Mary W. McCarthy

Poll Worker

Thomas J. McGarr

Conservation Commission
Call Firefighter
Regional School Committee
Personnel Board

Judith D. Turner

Social Day Program Aide Council on Aging

Shirley A. Vieira

Teacher

James W. Coyne, Jr.

Selectman
Cable Advisory Committee
Personnel Board

Elizabeth A. "Beth" Easterly

Arts Lottery Council
Council on Aging

Linda Galton

School Superintendent

Richard J. "Sweet Pea" Hart

Assistant Shellfish Constable
Assistant Harbormaster

Lucy L. Lord

Principal Clerk Board of Health

Robert "Rocket" McCarthy

Finance Committee

Shirley Palmer

Unofficial Secretary Shellfish Constable
& Conservation Commission Agent

Barbara A. Wood

Principal Clerk Nursing Department
Pay Classification Advisory Committee



SPECIAL RECOGNITION

TO THE FOLLOWING WHO HAVE SERVED AT LEAST TEN YEARS
OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE TOWN OF WESTPORT

David Arruda

Police Officer
Reserve Police Officer
1988 - 2023

Robin Azevedo

Social Day Program Aide
2013 - 2023

Elizabeth A. Collins

Community Preservation Committee
Westport Affordable Housing Trust Fund
Westport Economic Development
Westport Housing Authority
2000 - 2023

Linda R. Cunha

Assistant Library Director/Children's Librarian
2004 - 2023

Bernadette Oliver

Principal Clerk Planning Board
Assistant Town Clerk
Town Clerk
1999 - 2023

Wilfred "Tim" St. Michel

Beach Committee
2003 - 2023



SPECIAL RECOGNITION

TO THE FOLLOWING WHO HAVE SERVED AT LEAST TEN YEARS
OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE WESTPORT SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

Karen Augusto
Executive Secretary
2007 - 2023

Madeline Bednarz
School Clerk
2007 - 2022

Kelley Cooper
Teacher Assistant
2011 - 2023

Debra Darkow
Teacher Assistant
2012 - 2023

Marlo Dennis
Teacher
2009 - 2023

Michael Duarte
Head of Maintenance & Facilities
1982 - 2023

Lucy Hassey
Business Administration Assistant
2002 - 2023

Mary Ann Kelly
LPN
2012 - 2023

Holly Pacheco
Teacher
2007 - 2023

Jason Pacheco
Athletics & Activities Director
2007 - 2023

Renee Rego
Special Education Teacher
1988 - 2023

Linda Souza
Food Service Manager
1999 - 2023

Maurice Steiblin
Custodian
2009 - 2023

Patricia Sulyma
Custodian
2011 - 2023

Nancy Tripp
Teacher
1993 - 2023



A TRIBUTE

TO THE FOLLOWING WHO HAVE DEDICATED AT LEAST FIVE YEARS
OF SERVICE TO THE TOWN OF WESTPORT

Catherine Lynch

Assistant Social Day Program Director Council on Aging
2014 - 2022

Alberio Medina Jr.

Police Officer
2018 - 2023

Jacalyn Saulnier

Transportation Clerk Council on Aging
2015 - 2023



A TRIBUTE

TO THE FOLLOWING WHO HAVE DEDICATED AT LEAST FIVE YEARS
OF SERVICE TO THE WESTPORT SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

Kimberley Legendre

Teacher Assistant
2018 - 2023



ABOUT WESTPORT

SETTLED: 1670 - Incorporated July 2, 1787
236 years old in 2023

COUNTY: Bristol

POPULATION:

1950 -	4,987
1960 -	7,185
1970 -	9,313
1980 -	13,604
1990 -	13,241
2000 -	14,206
2010 -	15,516
2020 -	15,401
2023 -	16,685

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:

Fiscal Year 2023	\$ 8.16
Fiscal Year 2022	\$ 8.48
Fiscal Year 2021	\$ 8.62
Fiscal Year 2020	\$ 8.43
Fiscal Year 2019	\$ 8.27
Fiscal Year 2018	\$ 8.17
Fiscal Year 2017	\$ 7.97
Fiscal Year 2016	\$ 7.91
Fiscal Year 2015	\$ 7.93
Fiscal Year 2014	\$ 7.70
Fiscal Year 2013	\$ 7.39
Fiscal Year 2012	\$ 7.05

FORM OF GOVERNMENT: Open Town Meeting - Annual Meeting 1st Tuesday in May
Board of Selectmen/Town Administrator

ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION: 2nd Tuesday in April

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

UTILITIES:

Electrical service provided by National Grid &
NStar Electric Company
Natural gas service provided by Liberty Utilities
Land line telephone service provided by Verizon

SCHOOLS:

Public:

Elementary - Alice A. Macomber & Westport Elementary School
Westport Junior Senior 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; one Independent Bible; one Pentecostal;
and one Chapel (Christian Multi-Denominational)

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

Her Excellency, Maura Healey(D)
Massachusetts State House, 24 Beacon Street
Office of the Governor, Room 280
Boston, MA 02133
Website: www.mass.gov/governor

SENATORS IN CONGRESS

The Honorable Elizabeth Warren (D)
309 Hart Senate Office
Washington, D.C. 20510 or
2400 JFK Federal Building,
15 New Sudbury Street, Boston, MA 02203
Website: www.warren.senate.gov

The Honorable Edward J. Markey (D)
255 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510 or
975 JFK Federal Building
15 New Sudbury Street, Boston, MA 02203
Website: www.markey.senate.gov

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS 9TH DISTRICT

The Honorable William Keating (D)
2351 Rayburn HOB,
Washington, D.C. 20515 or
128 Union Street, Suite 103
New Bedford, MA 02740
Website: www.keating.house.gov

SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT 1ST BRISTOL DISTRICT

The Honorable Michael J. Rodrigues (D)
State House, 24 Beacon Street, Room 212,
Boston, MA 02133 or
One Government Center, Room 235
Fall River, MA 02720
E-mail: michael.rodrigues@masenate.gov

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT 8TH BRISTOL DISTRICT

The Honorable Paul A. Schmid, III (D)
State House, 24 Beacon Street, Room 466,
Boston, MA 02133 or
One Government Center, Fall River, MA 02720
E-mail: paul.schmid@mahouse.gov

BRISTOL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Paul B. Kitchen
John R. Mitchell
John T. Saunders

P.O. Box 208
Taunton, MA 02780
(508) 824-9681
Fax: (508) 821-3101
Website: www.countyofbristol.net

ELECTED OFFICIALS - 2023

SELECTMEN

Ann Boxler	2024
Richard W. Brewer	2024
Shana M. Shufelt	2025
Steven J. Ouellette	2026
Manuel Soares Jr.	2026

TERM EXPIRES

TOWN CLERK

Kristin M. Stinson	2026
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MODERATOR

Steven W. Fors	2025
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ASSESSORS

Sue Ann McDermott	2024
Stephen J. Medeiros	2025
Peter McGarr	2026

BOARD OF HEALTH

Philip Weinberg	2024
Tanja E. Ryden	2025
Donna Amaral	2026

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Antonio Viveiros	2024
Nancy Stanton-Cross	2024
Melissa M. Pacheco	2025
Gloria M. Cabral	2025
Evan Gendreau	2026

REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Paul Jennings	2026
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FISH COMMISSIONERS

Everett Mills	2024
Christopher Dunn	2025
Sean Leach	2026

CONSTABLES

Arthur G. Caesar	2026
Marshall Ronco	2026

LIBRARY TRUSTEES **TERM EXPIRES**

Donald Davidson	2024
Laura B. Bennett	2024
Susan Costa	2025
Susan Czernicka	2025
Pauline B. Dooley	2026
Paula A. Feitelberg	2026

LANDING COMMISSIONERS

Jefferson L. Bull	2024
Richard Earle	2024
Wendy Henderson	2026
Vacancy	

HOUSING AUTHORITY

Veronica F. Beaulieu (Lois Spirlet - State Appointed)	2026
Pauline Brodeur	2027
Judith Menard	2027
Vacancy	

PLANNING BOARD

Robert F. Daylor	2024
Manuel Soares	2025
Mark Schmid	2026
James T. Whitin	2027
John Bullard	2028

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF TRUST FUNDS**

Leone Farias	2024
Christopher Thrasher	2025
Gerald Coutinho	2025



MUNICIPAL DIRECTORY

TOWN OFFICES

Assessors, Board of	508-636-1012
Board of Health	508-636-1015
(Transfer Station: 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)	
Board of Selectmen	508-636-1006
Building Department (Wire, Gas & Plumbing)	508-636-1035
Cable Public Access Office	508-636-1038
Cemetery Department	508-636-1025
Conservation Commission/Soil Board	508-636-1019
Highway Department	508-636-1020
Housing Assistance Office	774-264-5126
Planning Board	508-636-1037
Recreation	774-264-5181
Registrar of Voters	508-636-1001
Tax Collector	508-636-1010
Town Accountant	508-636-1040
Town Administrator	508-636-1150
Town Clerk	508-636-1000
Town Treasurer	508-636-1007
Zoning Board of Appeals	508-636-1041

PUBLIC SAFETY (BUSINESS NUMBERS)

Animal Control Officer	774-264-5129
Emergency Management	508-672-0721
Fire Department - Central Village	508-636-1110
Fire Department - Briggs Road	508-672-0721
Harbormaster	508-636-1105
Police Department (Non-Emergency)	508-636-1122 or 508-636-1123
Shellfish Warden/Wharfinger	508-636-1105
State Police (Dartmouth)	508-993-8373

HUMAN SERVICES

Citizens for Citizens	508-672-2221
Council on Aging/Senior Center	508-636-1026
Housing Authority	508-675-2039
Senior Social Day Care Program	508-636-1027
Town Library	508-636-1100
Town Nurse	508-636-1030
Veteran's Office	508-636-1028

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

Administration Building	508-636-1140
Alice A. Macomber School	508-678-8671
Superintendent of Schools	508-636-1137
Westport Elementary School	508-636-1075
Westport High School	508-636-1050

EMERGENCY ONLY

Ambulance, Fire, Police	911
Massachusetts Poison Information Center	1-800-682-9211

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS.....	70
MARRIAGES.....	73
DEATHS.....	205
POPULATION.....	16,249
NUMBER OF VOTERS.....	13,451
BURIAL PERMITS ISSUED.....	87

LICENSES ISSUED BY THE TOWN CLERK 2023

<u>Dog Licenses</u>	Amount
Individual	803
Kennels	8
Amount Paid to Treasurer	\$ 7,600.00
Dog Violations/Late Fees	\$ 2,220.00

<u>Beach Passes</u>	
Amount Paid to Treasurer	\$108,657.00

<u>State Boat Ramp (Route 88)</u>	
Amount Paid to Treasurer	\$ 6,490.00

<u>Shellfish/Scallop Permits</u>	
Amount Paid to Treasurer	\$ 24,705.00

<u>Miscellaneous Fees</u>	
Amount Paid to Treasurer	\$ 28,913.30

<u>Marijuana Violations</u>	
Amount Paid to Treasurer	\$ 0.00

<u>Gasoline Registration Renewal - Fee \$20.00</u>	
Amount Paid to Treasurer	\$ 180.00

<u>Junk Collectors Licenses – Fee \$30.00 Total Issued \$180.00</u>	
(License Expires May 1, 2024	Issued
Mid City Scrap Iron & Salvage	04/21/23
Excel Recycling LLC	04/21/23
A & E Metals Recycling & Packaging	05/30/23 & 11/13/23
Pine Hill Equipment (William White)	07/07/23
Oak Run Enterprises	04/21/23

Raffle-Bazaar Permits 2023 – Fee \$25.00 Total Issued \$225.00

(License Expires One Year From the Date of Issue)

Coin Club of Greater New Bedford	01/19/23
Westport River Watershed Alliance	06/21/23
St. John the Baptist Church	05/16/23
Westport Art Group Inc.	07/11/23
Westport Music Boosters Association	12/07/23
Bishop Stang High School	11/07/23
Westport Land Conservation Trust	03/20/23
Westport Education Foundation	04/25/23
Westport Athletic Boosters	05/05/23

Justice Of The Peace

Barbara Medeiros
50 Charlotte White Road

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SELECT BOARD

The year 2023 was filled with challenges, but many accomplishments were noted. A central issue for the Town is the growing difference between revenue growth and expenses, referred to as a structural deficit. This led to an override ballot question in July that failed to pass. This will add to pressure on the Town's budget and will require innovative measures to increase revenue and to control spending.

Many of our departments are understaffed and salary pressures continue to build. We also face problems in hiring people which is similar to other towns. One of our issues will be to balance the competing needs of Town departments and the financial needs of the schools. We will work to ensure there is a fair balance between the needs of both Town government and the schools and we are confident this can be done in spite of budget difficulties.

An area of success was the April approval of an excluded debt measure relating to the Diman Vocational Technical School project. This was significant because the Town would have had to make up an annual \$500,000 expense for approximately the next twenty-five years if the ballot question failed. While we were dismayed with the failure of the override vote, we applaud the voters for their support of the Diman measure.

Another area where we were able to achieve success was capital expenses. At Town Meeting an article passed to fund several capital projects such as repairs to three parking lots, heaters for the Briggs Road Fire Station, and the purchase of a police cruiser, a pickup truck and a mini-excavator. Funds from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) were also designated for other capital needs such as Route 6 improvements and broadband internet development. ARPA funds were also used to purchase two additional police cruisers and two school transportation vehicles.

A possible future capital need is the conversion of the old high school for general Town offices and department use. This is being explored and Town Meeting was enthusiastic in appropriating \$200,000 for the hiring of a consultant to help determine if this option is feasible.

Another area of note was the work in reducing nitrates in the river. This helped us avoid state mandates that would have been costly to many property owners who would have been required to upgrade their existing septic systems. Efforts by the Board of Health and the Planning Board to undertake other nitrogen-reducing measures show that Westport is making significant progress in this critical area.

Regarding the Select Board, Steven Ouellette was re-elected to his sixth term and Manny Soares was

elected to his first term. We offer our thanks and best wishes to Brian Valcourt who served three terms as a member of the Select Board. We would like to acknowledge the lengthy careers of Fire Chief Brian R. Legendre and Police Chief Keith A. Pelletier. These leaders will retire in early 2024 and they will be sorely missed. While there are big shoes to fill, both Chiefs have developed capable staffs that will carry on the mission of these two essential departments.

In conclusion, while 2023 presented us with many challenges, there were a number of successes that form the basis for optimism in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard W. Brewer, Chair

APPOINTMENTS 2023

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
James K. Hartnett	Town Administrator	9/12/2024
Denise I. Bouchard	Secretary to the Board of Selectmen	
Paula Brown	Administrative Assistant/Confidential Clerk	
Keith A. Pelletier	Police Chief	
Brian R. Legendre	Fire Chief	
Christopher Gonsalves	Highway Surveyor	6/30/2026
Nicole Pearsall	Town Accountant	
George Ripley	Library Director	
Beverly Bisch	Council on Aging Director	
Christopher Leonard	Director of Marine Services	
Gary A. Tripp	Assistant Director of Marine Services	
Keith J. Novo	Information Technology Director	
Denise Bouchard	Parking Clerk	
Christopher Leonard	Parking Enforcement Officer	6/30/2024
James Perry	Parking enforcement Officer	6/30/2024
Lieutenant John Couto	Liquor Licensing Agent to the Board of Selectmen	
	Caretaker Maintenance Specialist Town Hall, Annex, Police Station	
Kopelman and Paige	Town Counsel	At Will
Brian R. Legendre	Emergency Management Director	6/30/2024
Carol J. Freitas	Veterans Service Agent	6/30/2024
Carol J. Freitas	Graves Registration Officer	6/30/2024
Ronald Costa	Citizens for Citizens Representative	6/30/2026
Raymond W. White	Sealer of Weights & Measures	6/30/2024
Linda L. Correia	Water Certifying Officer	6/30/2024
John D. Enloe	Cross Connection Surveyor/Backflow Device Tester	6/30/2024
Ralph G. Souza	Building Commissioner	
William Plamondon	Assistant Wire Inspector	6/30/2024
Dane R. Winship	Assistant Wire Inspector	6/30/2024
Paul Burke	Alternate Per Diem Wire Inspector	6/30/2024
Joseph Ferreira	Plumbing Inspector (by Building Inspector)	6/30/2024
Joseph Ferreira	Gas Inspector (by Building Inspector)	6/30/2024
Jason Camara	Assistant Plumbing/Gas Inspector	6/30/2024

MISCELLANEOUS POSITIONS AND/OR OFFICIALS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>
James K. Hartnett	Chief Procurement Officer
James K. Hartnett	Affirmative Action Officer

James K. Harnett	National Organization on Disability Representative
James K. Harnett	Americans with Disabilities Act Coordinator
Carrie Fontaine	Municipal Census Supervisor
Brian R. Legendre	Municipal Coordinator of the "Right to Know" Law
Brian Legendre	Waterways Oil Spill Coordinator
Susan E. Brayton	Custodian of Tax Title Properties
Paul Duhon	E-911 Coordinator
Steven J. Ouellette	Railroad Commissioner
Steven J. Ouellette	Westport River Watershed Council
Vacancy	Southeastern Massachusetts Health Group Representative
James K. Hartnett	Southeastern Massachusetts Health Group Rep. Alternate
Susan E. Brayton	Southeastern Massachusetts Health Group Rep. Alternate
Steven J. Ouellette	MBTA Growth Management Task Force
James K. Hartnett	Health Insurance Portability & Accountability Act Coordinator
Richard W. Brewer	Bristol County Advisory Board
Bernadette M. Oliver	Wellness Coordinator, SE Mass Health Group (SMHG)
Shana M. Shufelt	Selectmen's Representative to the Sick Leave Bank Committee
Nicole Pearsall	Selectmen's Representative to the Sick Leave Bank Committee
Antone C. Vieira Jr.	Diman 5 Year Strategic Planning Committee
James K. Hartnett	Municipal Liaison to the State Ethics Commission
Bernadette Oliver, Town Clerk	Principal Records Access Officer
Brian Legendre, Fire Chief	Secondary Records Access Officer
Christopher Capone, ConCom Agent	Secondary Records Access Officer
James Hartnett, Town Administrator	Secondary Records Access Officer
Nicole Pearsall	Secondary Records Access Officer
Keith Pelletier, Police Chief	Secondary Records Access Officer
Amy Messier	Secondary Records Access Officer

ADA TRANSITION PLAN COMMITTEE

Thomas Aubin (School Representative)	6/30/2024
Gloria Cabral (School Representative)	6/30/2024
Cynthia Brown (Fin Com Representative)	6/30/2024
Gary Carreiro (Fin Com Representative)	6/30/2024
Brian Gallagher (Com Disability Rep)	6/30/2024
Anders Newcomer (Com Disability Rep)	6/30/2024
Brian Gallagher (Com Disability Rep)	6/30/2024
Richard W. Brewer (BOS Representative)	6/30/2024
Ann E. Boxler (BOS Representative)	6/30/2024

AGRICULTURAL/OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION TRUST

FUND COUNCIL (3 YEAR TERM)

Zachary Lebreux (Fin Com)	6/30/2025	Richard Brewer (BOS Rep)	6/30/2024
Jason Powell (Con Com)	6/30/2025	David Cole (At Large)	6/30/2025
Norman Anderson (Ag Com)	6/30/2025	Dudley Millikin (Land Trust)	6/30/2025
Leone Farias (At Large)	6/30/2025	Vacancy (C.I.P.C.)	
John Bullard (Planning Bd)	6/30/2026		

AUDIT COMMITTEE (3 YEAR TERM)

Vacancy (At Large)		Jean Francois Paquin (At Large)	6/30/2026
Cynthia Brown (FinCom)	6/30/2026	Gloria Cabral (School Com)	6/30/2024
Richard W. Brewer (BOS)	6/30/2024		

BEACH COMMITTEE (3 YEAR TERM)

Perry Long	6/30/2024	Sean Leach	6/30/2026
Leone Farias	6/30/2024	Paula Brown	6/30/2024
William Underwood	6/30/2025		

BIKE/WALKING PATH COMMITTEE (1 YEAR TERM)

Keith MacDonald	6/30/2024	Gail Roderigues	6/30/2024
Bette Ann Low	6/30/2024	3 Vacancies	
Steven J. Ouellette	6/30/2024		

BOARD OF APPEALS

5 Year Terms – Regulars

Raymond Elias	6/30/2026
Constance Gee	6/30/2024
Gerald Coutinho	6/30/2027
Roger Menard	6/30/2025
Barbara Pontolilo	6/30/2024

1 Year Term - Associates

George Stelljes	6/30/2024
Cynthia Kozakiewicz	6/30/2024

BUZZARDS BAY ACTION COMMITTEE (1 YEAR TERM)

Amy Messier 6/30/2024
James K. Hartnett (Alternate) 6/30/2024

CABLE ADVISORY BOARD (1 YEAR TERM)

Rene Kochman	6/30/2024	Gloria Cabral (School Rep)	6/30/2024
Donald Krudys	6/30/2024	Steven J. Ouellette (BOS Rep)	6/30/2024
Irene Buck	6/30/2024	Joshua Brum	6/30/2024
Robert Daylor (Planning Rep)	6/30/2024		

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLANNING COMMITTEE (1 YEAR TERM)

Richard Brewer (Selectmen's Representative)	6/30/2024
Melissa Pacheco (School Committee Representative)	6/30/2024
James K. Hartnett (Town Administrator)	6/30/2024
Susan Brayton (Town Treasurer)	6/30/2024
Theodora Gabriel (Assessor's Representative)	6/30/2024
Nicole Pearsall (Town Accountant)	6/30/2024
Gary Carreiro (Finance Committee Representative)	6/30/2024
Muriel T. Kokoszka (Banking, Finance, etc. Representative)	6/30/2024
Brian T. Valcourt (Construction Representative)	6/30/2024
Vacancy (Business Representative)	

CLIMATE RESILIENCY COMMITTEE

Donna Amaral	Wendy Nicholas
David Brown	Raymond Raposa
John Bullar	Mark Rasmussen
Jeff Cantin	Karen Schwalbe
David Cole	Shana Shufelt

Robert Daylor
 Henry Drinker
 Constance Gee
 Laura Hadley
 Sean Leach
 Jake McGuigan
 Jake McGuigan
 Ross Moran

David Sprogis
 Michael Sullivan
 Anthony Vivenzio
 James Watterson
 Philip Weinberg
 James Whitin
 Christopher Wise
 Michael Yogman

COMMISSION ON DISABILITY (3 YEAR TERM)

Raymond L. Phenix	6/30/2025
Richard Grundy	6/30/2024
Kim Legendre	6/30/2024
Anders Newcomer	6/30/2024
Susan Sherman	6/30/2024
Martin W. Costa	6/30/2024
Brian C. Gallagher	6/30/2025

**COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE
 (TERMS VARY – WOULD BE THE SAME AS
 COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT – AT LARGE 1 YEAR)**

Hugh Morton (Finance Committee Representative)	6/30/2026
Elizabeth A. Collins (Housing Authority Representative)	6/30/2025
Garrett Stuck (Historical Commission Representative)	6/30/2025
Timothy Gillespie (Recreation Commission Representative)	6/30/2026
John Bell (At Large)	6/30/2024
Dale Weber (At Large)	6/30/2024
Betty Slade (At Large)	6/30/2024
Mark Schmid (Planning Board Representative)	6/30/2024
Phillip Weinberg (Conservation Commission Representative)	6/30/2025

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION & SOIL
 CONSERVATION BOARD (3 YEAR TERM)**

Philip Weinberg	6/30/2025	Kevin Carter	6/30/2026
Jason Powell	6/30/2025	Burton B. Bryan	6/30/2024
Jacob McGuigan	6/30/2024	Vacancy	
Paul Joncas	6/30/2026		

CONSTABLES – CIVIL PROCESS ONLY (3 YEAR TERM)

Herve W. Vandal Jr.	6/30/2025
Joseph Migliori	6/30/2024
Eric Stubbett	6/30/2024

COUNCIL ON AGING (3 YEAR TERM)

Eileen Moncrief	6/30/2025	Marie Fontaine	6/30/2025
Muriel T. Kokoszka	6/30/2026	Antonio Cestodio	6/30/2026
Irene Buck	6/30/2026	John Cabral	6/30/2025
Vacancy			

EDUCATIONAL FUND COMMITTEE (2 YEAR TERM)

Nancy Tavares (School Committee Rep.)	6/30/2024		
Thomas Aubin (School Superintendent)	6/30/2025		
Tracy Priestner (Finance Committee Rep.)	6/30/2025		
Susan E. Brayton (Town Treasurer)	6/30/2024		
David Vieira (At-Large)	6/30/2025		

ENERGY COMMITTEE (1 YEAR TERM)

Manuel Soares (BOS Rep)	6/30/2024	A. Max Kohlenberg	6/30/2024
Walter Barnes	6/30/2024	Charles Baron (FinCom Rep)	6/30/2024
2 Vacancies		Henry Ritter	6/30/2024

(3) FENCE VIEWERS (3 YEAR TERM)

Donald G. Davidson, Jr.	6/30/2026
2 Vacancies	

HARBOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE (1 YEAR TERM)

John Azevedo	6/30/2024	John W. Borden	6/30/2024
Milton B. Adams	6/30/2024	Edward Carey	6/30/2024
Alexander Preston	6/30/2024		

ASSISTANT HARBORMASTER (1 YEAR TERM)

Jonathan Paull	6/30/2024	Gary A. Tripp	6/30/2024
James Perry	6/30/2024	Richard B. Earle	6/30/2024
Glenn Tripp	6/30/2024	Asa Beaumont Mills	6/30/2024
Richard Hart (Unpaid Volunteer)	6/30/2024	Ransom Morse	6/30/2024
Joshua Mosher	6/30/2024	Raymond Jarvis	6/30/2024
William Shaw Jr.	6/30/2024	Douglas Murphy	6/30/2024

HISTORICAL COMMISSION (3 YEAR TERM)

<u>Regular</u>		<u>Alternates</u>	
Caroline Bolter	6/30/2026	David H. Paddock	6/30/2024
Garrett Stuck	6/30/2024		
William Kendal	6/30/2024		
Ruddick C. Lawrence, Jr.	6/30/2022		
Michael Walden	6/30/2024		
Beverly Schuch	6/30/2025		

INFRASTRUCTURE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (1 YEAR TERM)

Robert Daylor	6/30/2024	Manuel Soares	6/30/2024
Steven Ouellette	6/30/2024	Maurice May	6/30/2024
Gerald Coutinho	6/30/2024	Joseph Amaral	6/30/2024
Lawrence Holsworth	6/30/2024		

INTERNET ADVISORY BOARD (1 YEAR TERM)

Rene Kochman	6/30/2024	David Cole	6/30/2024
Paul Joncas	6/30/2024	Keith Novo	6/30/2024
Shana Shufelt	6/30/2024	Lawrence Holsworth	6/30/2024

LONG-TERM PLANNING TOWN BUILDING EVALUATION COMMITTEE (3 YEAR TERM)

William Gifford	6/30/2026
Robert R. Rebello	6/30/2026
Sean Leach	6/30/2024
Antonio Viveiros (School Com Rep.)	6/30/2024
Cynthia Brown (FinCom Rep.)	6/30/2024
Mark Schmid (Planning Bd. Rep.)	6/30/2024
Ann Boxler (BOS Rep.)	6/30/2024
Christopher Thrasher	6/30/2026

PERSONNEL BOARD (3 YEAR TERM)

Cynthia Brown	6/30/2025	Greg Hardoby	6/30/2025
Gary Carreiro (FinCom Rep)	6/30/2026	Carrie Cunha	6/30/2026
Nancy Holsworth	6/30/2025		

PUBLIC SAFETY STAFFING COMMITTEE (1 YEAR TERM)

Richard W. Brewer (Board of Selectmen Rep.)	6/30/2024
Hugh Morton (Finance Committee Rep.)	6/30/2024
Keith A. Pelletier (Police Chief)	6/30/2024
Brian R. Legendre (Fire Chief)	6/30/2024
James K. Hartnett	6/30/2024

PUBLIC WEIGHER (1 YEAR TERM)

Ana Hubright	Mid City Steel, 548 State Road	6/30/2024
Sonja Forst	Mid City Steel, 548 State Road	6/30/2024
Abraham Melendez	Mid City Steel, 548 State Road	6/30/2024
Chris Kressing	Mid City Steel, 548 State Road	6/30/2024
Maggie D'Aguiar	Mid City Steel, 548 State Road	6/30/2024
Tara Wood	Mid City Steel, 548 State Road	6/30/2024
Amanda Creador	Mid City Steel, 548 State Road	6/30/2024
John Sineiro	Mid City Steel, 548 State Road	6/30/2024
Shawn Correira	Mid City Steel, 548 State Road	6/30/2024
Charlene Garcia	Excel Recycling, 37 Charlotte White Road	6/30/2024
Eric Abate	A & E Metals, 449 American Legion Hwy.	6/30/2024
Amy Abate	A & E Metals, 449 American Legion Hwy.	6/30/2024
Emily Nickerson	A & E Metals, 449 American Legion Hwy.	6/30/2024
Brett Silva	A & E Metals, 449 American Legion Hwy.	6/30/2024

RECREATION COMMISSION (3 YEAR TERM)

Keith Dias	6/30/2025	Timothy Gillespie	6/30/2026
Olivia Carreiro	6/30/2026	Erik T. Reis	6/30/2024
Kimberly Lima	6/30/2024	Stacy Silva-Boutwell	6/30/2024

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS (3 YEAR TERM)

Democrats

Isabel Kochman 4/1/2025
 Kathryn Cayton 4/1/2024

Republican

Pamela Costa 4/01/2026

Unenrolled

Kristin Stinson 4/1/2026

SAFETY REGULATION BOARD (1 YEAR TERM)

(Art. 30 - Section 1, 1978)

Steven J. Ouellette, Selectmen's Representative 6/30/2026
 Christopher Gonsalves, Highway Surveyor 6/30/2026
 J. Daniel Erwin (At-Large) 6/30/2026

SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE (NO EXPIRATION)

Nancy Stanton-Cross	Lawrence Holsworth
Tracy Priestner	Jeffrey Wade
David T. Cass	Joseph Pacheco
Shana M. Shufelt	Michael Duarte

SHELLFISH ADVISORY COMMITTEE (1 YEAR TERM)

Kenneth Manchester 6/30/2024	John W. Borden, Jr. 6/30/2024
Richard E. Smith 6/30/2024	Ronald P. Savaria 6/30/2024
Dora Atwater Millikin 6/30/2024	

DEPUTY SHELLFISH CONSTABLE (3 YEAR TERM)

Jonathan Paull 6/30/2025	Gary Tripp 6/30/2024
James Perry 6/30/2025	Ransom Morse 6/30/2024
William Shaw, Jr. 6/30/2024	Raymond Jarvis 6/30/2024
Joshua Mosher 6/30/2024	Douglas Murphy 6/30/2024
Robert Pierce (Special Deputy Shellfish Constable)	

SRPEDD & SRTA (1 YEAR TERM)

Steven J. Ouellette	SRPEDD - Selectmen's Representative
James Whitin	SRPEDD - Planning Board Representative
Richard Brewer	SRTA - Selectmen's Representative
James K. Hartnett	Joint Transportation Planning Group (JTPG)
Vacancy	Joint Transportation Planning Group Alternate

TAX INCENTIVE PROGRAM COMMITTEE (1 YEAR TERM)

Sue Ann McDermott (Board of Assessors Representative)	6/30/2024
Steven J. Ouellette (Board of Selectmen Representative)	6/30/2024
Susan Brayton (Town Treasurer)	6/30/2024

Manuel Soares (Planning Board Representative)	6/30/2024
Charles Baron (Finance Committee Representative)	6/30/2024
Cynthia Brown	6/30/2024
Vacancy (WEDTF Representative)	6/30/2024

TOWN BEACH LIFEGUARDS
Summer 2023

Michael Croteau	Head Lifeguard
Xander Schenck	Assistant Head Lifeguard
Emily Donatio	Lifeguard
Dan Barnes	Lifeguard
Anton Boxler	Lifeguard
Hunter Brodeur	Lifeguard
Andrew Dunn	Lifeguard
Antonio Dutra Africano	Lifeguard
Marcos Dutra Africano	Lifeguard
Leonardo O. Hachem	Lifeguard
Coltrane McGonigle	Lifeguard
Brandon Medeiros	Lifeguard

WESTPORT AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND (2 YEAR TERM)

Teri Bernert	6/30/2025	Craig Dutra	6/30/2025
Ann E. Boxler (BOS Rep.)	6/30/2024	Betty-Ann Mullins	6/30/2024
James P. Sabra	6/30/2024	Henry D. Lanier	6/30/2025
David Cameron West	6/30/2024		

WESTPORT AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION

<u>3 Year Terms - Regulars</u>		<u>1 Year Term - Alternates</u>	
Jacqueline White	6/30/2026	Tina Nowell	6/30/2024
Shirley D'Agostinho Robbins	6/30/2026	Deanna Lavanti	6/30/2024
Norman Anderson	6/30/2026	4 Vacancies	
Raymond Raposa	6/30/2024		
Seth Lewis	6/30/2025		
Raymond Elias (Vacancy)	6/30/2026		

WESTPORT CITIZENS BETTERMENT COMMITTEE (1 YEAR TERM)

Shirley Desrosiers	6/30/2024	Leone Farias	6/30/2024
Patricia Kershaw	6/30/2024	2 Vacancies	

WESTPORT CULTURAL COUNCIL (2-3 YEAR TERMS)

Ned Daniels	6/30/2025	Carol Vidal	6/30/2026
Rob DelGaudio	6/30/2024	Martha Moffitt	6/30/2026
Midori Evans	6/30/2024	Nancy Whitin	6/30/2026
Tom Pierce	6/30/2024	Paula Gauthier	6/30/2026
Ruth Bourns	6/30/2025		

WESTPORT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TASK FORCE (1 YEAR TERM)

Steven J. Ouellette (Board of Selectmen Representative)	6/30/2024
Maurice May	6/30/2024
Manuel Soares (Planning Board Representative)	6/30/2024
Benjamin Wolbach	6/30/2024
Christopher Thrasher	6/30/2024
2 - Vacancies	

BONDS

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

ONE-DAY LIQUOR LICENSES

Issued 15 (\$50.00 ea.)

TRAILER PERMITS

Issued 99 (\$60.00 ea.)

HIX BRIDGE PERMITS

Issued 424 (\$20.00 ea.)

ENTERTAINMENT LICENSES

Issued 14 (\$150.00 ea.)

COMMON VICTUALLERS LICENSES

Issued 70 (\$75.00 ea.)

INNHOLDER'S LICENSES

Issued 3 (\$50.00 ea.)

AUTOMATIC AMUSEMENT LICENSES

Issued 2 (\$20.00 per machine)

2023 MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSES

CLASS I (New)

Bulldog Fire Aparatus	867 State Road
JP Trailer Manufacturing	758 State Road

CLASS II (Used)

"A" Auto Sales	644 State Road
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Advanced Motors Sales & Service	735 State Road
Affordable Auto Leasing, LLC	222 State Road
Amaral Bus/Truck Sales & Service	1090 State Road
AutoPlus Motorcars	729 State Road
Beaulieu's Garage	497 Sanford Road
Charlie's Auto	956 State Road
Dan's Auto Sales	559 State Road
Distinctive Autobody, Refinishing & Sales, Ltd.	1121 State Road
Ferreira's Auto Body & Sales	85 Forge Road
Ferreira's Auto Sales & Marine Annex	1115 State Road
Ferrine's Sales & Service	914 State Road
Frank E. Brayton, Jr. Auto Sales & Service, Inc.	626 Adamsville Road
Glenwood Auto Sales	10 Glenwood Avenue
Greenwood Park Motors, Inc.	25 Arlington Avenue
G & S Used Auto Sales	924 State Road
G. Souza's Hillside Motors	800D American Legion Highway
Hala Auto Sales	757 State Road
Hometown Motors	620 Sanford Road
Horseneck Auto Sales, Inc.	683A American Legion Highway
I Cars, Inc.	983 State Road
J & L Pond View Auto Sales Corp.	909 State Road
J.B.S. Towing Services Corp.	505 State Road
JK & Sons Auto Sales, Inc.	585 State Road
John Soares Village Garage, Inc.	660 Main Road
John Soares Village Garage, Inc.	660A Main Road
Leclairs Auto Sales	702 State Road
Nu-Way Auto Sales	837 State Road
Omo Ola Auto Sales	1052 State Road
Prestige Auto Mart, Inc.	1175 State Road
Prestige Auto Mart, Inc d/b/a Westport Auto Center	1018 State Road
R & R Auto Body & Sales	800A American Legion Highway
Richard Mendes d/b/a Mendes Auto Sales	130 Plymouth Boulevard
Rob's Auto Care, Inc.	500 Adamsville Road
Samuel Ferreira Used Auto Sales	972 State Road
SoMa Imports, Inc.	15A High Street
State Road Auto Sales, Inc.	327 State Road
State Road Auto Sales, Inc. Annex 1	851C State Road
Sue's Auto Sales, Inc.	585 State Road
Tech Auto World, LLC	237B State Road
Thad's Auto Salvage, Inc.	37 Charlotte White Road
3D Auto Sales Inc.	575 State Road
Top Quality Auto Sales, Inc.	935 State Road
Westport Auto & RV Center	1058 State Road
Windmill Cycles	61 Hix Bridge Road

CLASS III (Junk)

Lantic Salvage, Inc.	58 Charlotte White Road
Mid-City Scrap Iron, Inc.	548 State Road
Robert J. Desmarais	560 Highland Avenue
Thad's Auto Salvage, Inc.	37 Charlotte White Road

GARAGE & SERVICE STATION REPAIR LICENSES

Adamsville Garage	626 Adamsville Road
Advanced Motors Sales & Service	735 State Road
Amaral Bus/Truck Sales & Service	1090 State Road
Barry's Mobile Automotive	137 Forge Road

Beaulieu's Garage	497 Sanford Road
Charlie's Auto	956 State Road
Distinctive Autobody & Refinishing & Sales, Ltd.	1121 State Road
East Coast RV & Auto Repair	131 Old Bedford Road
Fern's Auto Repair	276-280 State Road
Ferreira's Auto Body & Sales	91 Forge Road
Five Star Collision Inc.	683A American Legion Highway
Four Square Village Garage	618 Sanford Road
Glenwood Auto Detailing	10 Glenwood Avenue
G. Souza's Hillside Motors, Inc.	800D American Legion Highway
Integrated Street Performance	800B American Legion Highway
J.B.S. Towing Services	505 State Road
JK & Sons Auto Sales, Inc.	585 State Road
Joe's Auto Repair	468 American Legion Highway
John Soares Village Garage, Inc.	660 Main Road
Lou's Custom Exhaust	727 State Road
Macomber's Garage	1523 Drift Road
Martin's Repair Shop	112 Sanford Road
Mendes Auto Repair	130 Plymouth Boulevard
Nu-Way Auto Repair	837A State Road
Prestige Auto Mart, Inc.	1175 State Road
R & R Auto Body & Sales	800A American Legion Highway
Rob's Auto Care, Inc.	500 Adamsville Road
Roger's Automotive, Inc.	1121 State Road
Rte. 6 Gas	162 State Road
State Road Auto Sales Annex 1	851 State Road
Thad's Auto Salvage & Service	37 Charlotte White Road
Top Quality Auto Sales, Inc.	935 State Road
Westport Auto Clinic	422 Sanford Road
Westport Tire, Inc.	718 State Road
Whaling City Transit, Inc.	92 Sanford Road
Wilfrid's Garage, Inc.	427 Main Road

2023 LIQUOR LICENSES

PACKAGE GOODS STORE – ALL ALCOHOLIC

Country Liquor & Variety	233 Sanford Road
Lees Supermarket	796-800 Main Road
S & H Supreme Liquor, Inc.	787 State Road
Supreme Westport Fuel, Inc d/b/a Supreme Gas	174 State Road
Westport Market	291 American Legion Highway
Westport Wine & Spirits Inc.	655 State Road

PACKAGE GOODS STORE – WINES AND MALT

Cumberland Farms of Massachusetts, Inc. d/b/a Cumberland Farms No. 2234	596 State Road
Harry's Country Store, Inc.	646 American Legion Highway
Pine Hill Gas and Convenience, Inc.	929 Pine Hill Road
Village Market	151 State Road
Star Country Store & Deli	526 Sanford Road

RESTAURANT - ALL ALCOHOLIC

Badkitty Inc. d/b/a The Back Eddy	1 Bridge Road
The Bayside Restaurant Inc.	1253 Horseneck Road
Bittersweet Restaurant Inc.	438-440 Main Road
P. & G. Bowling W., Inc. d/b/a Holiday Lanes	236 State Road
J & S Enterprises, Inc. db/a Kozy Nook Restaurant	645 State Road
House of Chu, Inc. d/b/a Oriental Pearl	576 State Road
OMS, LLC d/b/a Portas da Cidade	235 State Road
Hixbridge Hospitality, LLC d/b/a Ten Cousins' Brick Oven	977 Main Road
Westport Club, Inc.	904 Main Road
The Westporter Plantation & Cookery, Inc.	1031 Main Road
Lafrance Brothers, Inc. d/b/a White's Restaurant	66 State Road

RESTAURANT - WINES AND MALT

Compton Clambakes & Catering	140 Charlotte White Road Ext.
Bootleg Barbecue	778 Main Road
Village Pizza	760 Main Road

HOTEL - WINES AND MALT

Hampton Inn	53 Old Bedford Road
Town Place Suites	41 Old Bedford Road

CLUB - ALL ALCOHOLIC

Holy Ghost Club, Inc.	171 Sodom Road
Acoaxet Club, Inc.	152 Howland Road
W.A. & R. Ouellette Post # 8502	843 State Road

SEASONAL – ALL ALCOHOLIC

Acoaxet Club, Inc. d/b/a The Pro Shop	152 Howland Road
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SEASONAL - WINES & MALT

Bay Breeze Inc. d/b/a Westport Sea Farms	2065 Main Road
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POURING PERMITS – FARMERS SERIES

Buzzards Bay Brewing, Inc.	218 Horseneck Road
Westport Rivers, Inc.	417 Hix Bridge Road



ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION Westport, MA APRIL 11, 2023

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:

<u>Selectman - Three Years</u>		<u>Sworn</u>
Steven J. Ouellette had one thousand thirty-five	1035	4/12/23
Manuel Soares Jr. had one thousand sixty-nine	1069	4/12/23
Write In, zero	0	
Blanks, seven hundred sixty-four	764	
<u>Town Clerk - Three Years</u>		
Kristin M. Stinson had four hundred seven	407	4/19/23
Kayleigh Ann Vieira had seven hundred eighteen	718	
Write In, zero	0	
Blanks, one hundred thirty-four	134	
<u>Assessor - Three Years</u>		
Peter a. McGarr had one thousand two hundred ninety-two	1292	4/14/23
Write In, zero	0	
Blanks, five hundred nine	509	
<u>Board Of Health - Three Years</u>		
Donna M. Amaral had one thousand two hundred ninety-six	1296	4/17/23
Write In, zero	0	
Blanks, five hundred five	505	
<u>School Committee - Three Years</u>		
Evan Gendreau had one thousand two hundred nine	1209	
Write In, zero	0	
Blanks, five hundred ninety-two	592	
<u>Regional School Committee - Three Years</u>		
Paul R. Jennings had one thousand two hundred thirteen	1213	4/12/23
Write-In, zero	0	
Blanks, five hundred eighty-eight	588	
<u>Fish Commissioner - Three Years</u>		
Sean M. Leach had one thousand three hundred fourteen	1314	4/13/23

Write In, zero	0	
Blanks, four hundred eighty-seven	487	
<u>Constable - Three Years</u>		
Arthur G. Caesar had one thousand one hundred fifty-five	1155	4/14/23
Marshall Ronco had one thousand eighty-eight	1088	4/14/23
Write In, zero	0	
Blanks, one thousand three hundred fifty-nine	1359	
<u>Trustee of Free Public Library - Three Years</u>		
Pauline B. Dooley had one thousand one hundred thirty-one	1131	4/12/23
Paul Cabral had six hundred seventy-three	673	
Paula A. Feitelberg had seven hundred seventy-seven	777	4/13/23
Write In, zero	0	
Blanks, one thousand twenty-one	1021	
<u>Landing Commissioner - Three Years</u>		
Wendy W. Henderson had one thousand two hundred seventy	1270	4/14/23
Write In, zero	0	
Blanks, five hundred thirty-one	531	
<u>Planning Board - Five Years</u>		
John K. Bullard had one hundred twenty-four	124	4/14/23
Write In, zero	0	
Blanks, five hundred fifty-eight	558	
<u>Commissioners of Trust Funds - Two Years (Unexpired Term)</u>		
Write In, Gerald Coutinho had sixty-seven	67	4/13/23
Write In, Craig Dutra had seven	7	
Blanks, one thousand seven hundred twenty-seven	1727	
<u>Question 1 – Diman Regional New School</u>		
Yes, one thousand forty-two	1042	
No, six hundred sixty-eight	668	
Blanks, ninety-one	91	
<u>Voter Turnout: 1801 voted (13%)</u>		

A true record,
Attest:

Kristin M. Stinson
Town Clerk

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
TOWN OF WESTPORT
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MAY 2, 2023**

BRISTOL, SS.

To either 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 Junior Senior High School, 400 Old County Road, on Tuesday, May 2, 2023 at 7:00 p.m., and then and there to act on the following articles, viz:

Agreeable to the warrant calling said meeting, the voters of the Town of Westport assembled at the Westport Junior Senior High School on the above date. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Moderator Steven W. Fors. Kristin Stinson acted as timekeeper for the meeting in accordance with a By-Law adopted under Article 45 of the Annual Town Meeting of 1963. All in attendance stood to salute the flag of our nation.

Motion and second to dispense of usage of "second" in all cases except amendments to Articles.
Voted: Carried unanimously.

Motion and second to dispense with the reading of the warrant and the Constable's return of service.
Voted: Carried.

Motion and second to authorize the Moderator to declare that a two-thirds vote has been achieved according to General Law, Chapter 39 §15. Voted: Carried.

Article 1

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

Motion that the Town pass over Article 1. Voted: Carried.

Article 2

To see if the Town will vote to amend the vote taken under Article 4 of the 2022 Annual Town Meeting by transferring from available funds and/or 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, 2022, and/or take any other action relative.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

<u>FROM:</u>	<u>TO:</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Assessors Expenses	Assessors Personnel Services	\$ 8,285
Employee Benefits	Cemetery Personnel Services	\$ 10,000
Employee Benefits	Accounting Expenses	\$ 15,000
Employee Benefits	Police Personnel Services	\$ 50,000
Employee Benefits	Registrar Personnel Services	\$ 8,000
Employee Benefits	Registrar Expenses	<u>\$ 4,000</u>
	TOTAL	\$ 95,285

Motion to amend the vote taken under Article 4 of the 2022 Annual Town Meeting by making the transfers between line items of the FY2023 budget listed in the warrant under Article 2.

Voted: Carried unanimously

Article 3

To see if the Town will vote to transfer certain sums of money, previously approved by Town Meeting, in the amounts and from the warrant articles listed below, to the Capital Stabilization Fund or other accounts listed below, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

<u>FROM:</u>	<u>TO:</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
FY'04, Article 12 (Appellate Tax Hearings)	Capital Stabilization	\$ 1,433.47

FY'12, Article 7 (Environmental Remediation Middle School)	Capital Stabilization	\$ 9,175.00
FY'20, Article 28 (Voting Machines)	Capital Stabilization	\$ 1,000.00
FY'20, Article 30 (Head Landing Groundwater Remediation)	Capital Stabilization	\$ 1,492.16
FY'23, Article 7 (Replace Equipment – SCBA Air Packs)	Capital Stabilization	\$ 149,972.87
FY'23, Article 7 (Capital Improve – Town Hall Garage Roof)	Capital Stabilization	\$ 5,218.00
FY'23, Article 7 (Capital Improve Transfer Station Building)	Capital Stabilization	\$ 4,823.88
	TOTAL	\$ 266,613.23

Motion that the Town transfer to the Capital Stabilization Account \$266,613.23 from the amounts previously appropriated by Town Meeting all as listed in the warrant under Article 3.
Voted: Carried unanimously

Article 4

To see if the Town will vote to fix the salary and compensation of all elected Town Officers for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

FINANCE COMMITTEE/BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Moderator	\$ 917
Selectmen-Chairman	7,269
Board Members (4)	28,585
Assessors - Board Members (3)	19,918
Board of Health - Members (3)	10,365
Town Clerk	<u>75,177</u>
TOTAL	\$142,231

Motion to fix the salaries of elected Town Officers for Fiscal Year 2024 in the amounts as printed in the warrant under Article 4. Voted: Carried unanimously

Article 5

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, 2023 and appropriate the same to several departments and/or take any other action relative thereto.

FINANCE COMMITTEE/BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Motion that the amounts of money set forth in the printed report of the Finance Committee in the columns entitled "FY2024" be appropriated for the several purposes therein itemized, each item being considered a separate appropriation and that the same be expended only for such purposes and that these appropriations be funded as follows:

\$ 49,115,120	from Taxation – Raise & Appropriate
\$ 15,888	from Waterways Fund
\$ 64,555	from Septic Program - Monies Reserved for Debt Payments
\$ 85,000	from Enterprise indirect Cost Transfer
\$ 25,000	from Wetlands Fund
\$ 15,000	from Cemetery Sale of Lots Account
\$ 40,000	from Cemetery Perpetual Care Interest Account
\$ 15,000	from Transfer Station Receipts Reserved
\$ 14,500	from Community TV Reserve
\$ <u>700,252</u>	from Free Cash
\$50,090,315	TOTAL

Fiscal Year 2024
Article 5 Town Meeting
Proposed Budget

		FY24	FY24	FY24	
		Salary	Expense	Total	% of Total
		<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Budget</u>
GENERAL GOVERNMENT					
114	Moderator	\$ 917	\$ -	\$ 917	0.00%
122	Selectmen	\$ 330,814	\$ 50,100	\$ 380,914	0.76%
131	Finance Committee	\$ 4,500	\$ 750	\$ 5,250	0.01%
132	Reserve Fund	\$ -	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	0.20%
135	Town Accountant	\$ 143,965	\$ 73,073	\$ 217,038	0.43%
141	Assessors	\$ 241,844	\$ 42,325	\$ 284,169	0.57%
147	Treasurer/Collector	\$ 319,162	\$ 134,900	\$ 454,062	0.91%
151	Legal	\$ -	\$ 130,000	\$ 130,000	0.26%
152	Personnel Board	\$ 1,000	\$ 300	\$ 1,300	0.00%
155	Information Technology	\$ 74,310	\$ 343,600	\$ 417,910	0.83%
161	Town Clerk	\$ 127,394	\$ 4,880	\$ 132,274	0.26%
163	Registrar of Voters	\$ 96,425	\$ 16,520	\$ 112,945	0.23%
171	Conservation	\$ 128,714	\$ 6,470	\$ 135,184	0.27%
175	Planning Board	\$ 213,790	\$ 37,390	\$ 251,180	0.50%
176	Appeals Board	\$ 9,000	\$ 3,300	\$ 12,300	0.02%
191	High School Upkeep	\$ -	\$ 125,000	\$ 125,000	.25%
192	Town Hall/Annex	\$ 48,000	\$ 161,250	\$ 209,250	0.42%
193	Property Insurance	\$ -	\$ 525,000	\$ 525,000	1.05%
195	Town Reports	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
198	Town Farm	\$ -	\$ 2,400	\$ 2,400	0.00%
		\$ 1,739,835	\$ 1,757,258	\$ 3,497,093	6.98%
PUBLIC SAFETY					
210	Police Department	\$ 3,784,742	\$ 366,400	\$ 4,151,142	8.29%
220	Fire Department	\$ 2,301,382	\$ 268,050	\$ 2,569,432	5.13%
241	Building Department	\$ 135,671	\$ 9,950	\$ 145,621	0.29%
244	Sealer of Weights & Measures	\$ 4,284	\$ 700	\$ 4,984	0.01%
292	Animal Control	\$ 73,203	\$ 16,033	\$ 89,236	0.18%
297	Shellfish	\$ 78,152	\$ 8,025	\$ 86,177	0.17%
298	Parking Tickets	\$ -	\$ 16,890	\$ 16,890	0.03%
		\$ 6,377,434	\$ 686,048	\$ 7,063,482	14.10%
SCHOOLS					
300	Westport Community Schools	\$ 17,576,833	\$ 3,858,329	\$ 21,435,162	42.79%
360	Regional School Assessments	\$ -	\$ 2,021,122	\$ 2,021,122	4.03%
		\$ 17,576,833	\$ 5,879,451	\$ 23,456,284	46.83%
PUBLIC WORKS & FACILITIES					
421	Highway Dept	\$ 610,803	\$ 302,165	\$ 912,968	1.82%
423	Snow & Ice (Storm Account)	\$ 30,000	\$ 120,000	\$ 150,000	0.30%
424	Street Lights	\$ -	\$ 11,000	\$ 11,000	0.02%
433	Transfer Station	\$ 147,558	\$ 191,600	\$ 339,158	0.68%
491	Cemetery Department	\$ 179,765	\$ 38,075	\$ 217,840	0.43%
492	Veteran's Graves	\$ -	\$ 1,750	\$ 1,750	0.00%
		\$ 968,126	\$ 664,590	\$ 1,632,716	3.26%
HUMAN SERVICES					
511	Board of Health	\$ 409,279	\$ 25,540	\$ 434,819	0.87%
541	Council on Aging	\$ 183,668	\$ 50,385	\$ 234,053	0.47%

543	Veterans Services	\$ 57,222	\$ 380,475	\$ 437,697	0.87%
549	Commission on Disabilities	\$ 200	\$ 800	\$ 1,000	0.00%
		\$ 650,369	\$ 457,200	\$ 1,107,569	2.21%
CULTURE & RECREATION					
610	Library	\$ 297,118	\$ 31,725	\$ 328,843	0.66%
630	Recreation	\$ 63,600	\$ 2,000	\$ 65,600	0.13%
691	Historical Commission	\$ -	\$ 1,475	\$ 1,475	0.00%
		\$ 360,718	\$ 35,200	\$ 395,918	0.79%
DEBT SERVICE					
710	Principal Payments	\$ -	\$ 2,921,960	\$ 2,921,960	5.83%
751	Interest Payments	\$ -	\$ 2,099,954	\$ 2,099,954	4.19%
		\$ -	\$ 5,021,914	\$ 5,021,914	10.03%
Assessments					
820	SRPEDD	\$ -	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500	0.01%
		\$ -	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500	0.01%
PENSION & INSURANCE					
911	Pension Assessment	\$ -	\$ 3,364,839	\$ 3,364,839	6.72%
914	Health & Life Insurance	\$ 100,000	\$ 4,447,000	\$ 4,547,000	9.08%
		\$ 100,000	\$ 7,811,839	\$ 7,911,839	15.80%
		\$ 27,773,315	\$ 22,317,000	\$ 50,090,315	100.00%
Total FY23 budget					
				Increase over FY 23	
RAL FUND OPERATING BUDGET		\$ 50,090,315		\$ 2,496,546	5.25%
		\$ 49,115,120	Taxation – Raise & Appropriate		
		\$ 64,555	Septic Program – Monies Reserved for Debt P		
		\$ 25,000	Wetlands Fund		
		\$ 15,000	Cemetery Sale of Lots Account		
		\$ 40,000	Cemetery Perpetual Care Interest Account		
		\$ 15,000	Transfer Station Receipts Reserved		
		\$ 15,888	Waterways Fund		
		\$ 85,000	Enterprise Indirect Cost Transfer		
		\$ 14,500	Community TV Reserved		
		\$ 700,252	Free Cash		
		\$ 50,090,315	Total		

A hold was placed on the following items: Selectman #122, Legal #151, Information Technology #155, Conservation #171, Property Insurance #193, Animal Control #292 and Board of Health #511.

Motion to appropriate the amounts for all other line times as listed. Voted: Carried unanimously

#122: Discussion, Call to Question at 7:57pm, Motion to approve the original appropriation for Selectman. Voted: Carried.

#151: Discussion, Motion to approve the original appropriation for Legal. Voted: Carried.

#155: Discussion, Motion to approve the original appropriation for Information Technology. Voted: Carried unanimously.

#171: Motion to approve the original appropriation for Conservation. Voted: Carried unanimously.

#193: Motion to approve the original appropriation for Property Insurance.
Voted: Carried unanimously.

#292: Discussion, Motion to approve the original appropriation for Animal Control.
Voted: Carried.

#511: Motion to approve the original appropriation for Board of Health.
Voted: Carried unanimously.

Article 6

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds such additional sums of money considered necessary to defray the Town's expenses for a twelve month period beginning July 1, 2023 and appropriate the same to several departments provided, however that the vote taken hereunder shall be expressly contingent upon approval by the voters at an election of a Proposition 2½, so-called, override question, in accordance with G.L. c. 59, §21C, allowing such funds to be raised in excess of the limit otherwise imposed by said law, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

FINANCE COMMITTEE/BOARD OF SELECTMEN

155	Information Technology	Expense Appropriation	\$ 55,000
210	Police Department	Salary Appropriation	\$ 75,000
220	Fire Department	Salary Appropriation	\$ 66,000
241	Building Department	Salary Appropriation	\$ 65,000
300	Westport Community Schools		\$ 405,000
421	Highway Department	Salary Appropriation	\$ 60,000
541	Council on Aging	Salary Appropriation	\$ 5,000
541	Council on Aging	Expense Appropriation	\$ 19,000
	Stabilization Fund		\$ 250,000
		TOTAL	\$1,000,000

Motion that the additional amounts of money listed in the warrant under Article 6 be raised and appropriated for the several purposes therein itemized, each item being considered a separate appropriation, the same to be expended only for such purposes; provided however that the vote taken hereunder shall be expressly contingent upon approval by the voters at an election of a Proposition 2½, so-called, override question in accordance with G.L. c. 59, §21C, allowing such funds to be raised above the limit otherwise imposed by said law.

A hold was placed on the following items: Westport Community Schools #300 and Appropriation for the Stabilization Fund.

Motion to appropriate the amounts for all other line times as listed. Voted: Carried unanimously.

#300: Discussion, Motion to approve the original appropriation for Westport Community Schools.
Voted: Carried.

Stabilization Fund: Discussion, Call to Question (2/3 Majority), Motion to approve the original appropriation for Stabilization Fund. Voted: Carried.

Article 7

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the cost of various capital expenditures, including equipping vehicles, site clearing and demolition required for projects, and all other incidental and related costs, in accordance with the Town's Capital Improvement Planning Program, with each item to be considered a separate appropriation, as follows, to determine whether this appropriation shall be raised by borrowing or otherwise, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLANNING COMMITTEE

<u>Department</u>	<u>Project Description</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Funding Source(s)</u>
Treasurer	Financial Software	\$121,000	Free Cash
Town Hall	Repair Town Hall Parking Lot	\$ 20,000	Free Cash
Fire	Replace Heating System Fire Station # 2	\$ 30,000	Free Cash
Town Hall	Pickup Truck	\$ 45,000	Free Cash
School	Repair Westport Elementary Parking Lot	\$170,000	Free Cash
Highway	Mini Excavator	\$235,000	Free Cash
School	Westport Elementary Master Clock Paging	\$ 80,000	Free Cash
Police	Cruiser	\$ 60,000	Free Cash
	Total	\$761,000	Free Cash

Motion that the Town transfer from Free Cash the amounts specified in Article 7 of the warrant for the capital expenditures listed, in accordance with the Town's Capital Improvement Planning Program, including equipping vehicles, site clearing and demolition required for projects, and all other incidental and related costs, with each item being considered a separate appropriation.

A hold was placed on the following items: Highway Mini Excavator

Motion to appropriate the amounts for all other line items as listed. Voted: Carried unanimously.

Highway Mini Excavator: Discussion, Motion to approve the original appropriation for Highway Mini Excavator. Voted: Carried unanimously.

Article 8

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, 2023 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, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Motion that the Town adopt the provisions of Article 8 as printed in the warrant. Voted: Carried unanimously.

Article 9

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds the sum of \$40,000 to be used by the Board of Assessors to fund the fees and expenses necessary to update the Revaluation Program mandated by Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 797 of the Acts of 1979 to place the Town on a 100% valuation basis, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Motion that the Town adopt the provisions of Article 9 as printed in the warrant with the sum of \$40,000 from Free Cash. Voted: Carried unanimously.

Article 10

To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of MGL c. 59, § 5, clause 41C, which authorizes an annual increase in the income (gross receipts) and asset (whole estate) limits for exemptions granted to senior citizens by increasing income eligibility limits to \$20,000 for single taxpayers and to \$30,000 for married taxpayers, and, further, by increasing the asset eligibility limits for single taxpayers to \$40,000 and for married taxpayers to \$55,000, and, further, to increase the exemption amount to \$1,000, with such increases to be applicable to exemptions granted for any fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2023, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Motion that the Town adopt the provisions of Article 10 as printed in the warrant.

Voted: Carried unanimously.

Article 11

To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of MGL, c. 59, § 5, clause 22F, which will make certain otherwise eligible veterans, or a spouse or a surviving spouse, who have resided in the Commonwealth for 1 year prior to the date of filing for exemptions eligible for exemptions under clauses Twenty-second, Twenty-second A, Twenty-second B, Twenty-second C, Twenty-second D, Twenty-second E and twenty-second F, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

BOARD OF ASSESSORS/VETERANS' SERVICE OFFICER

Motion that the Town adopt the provisions of Article 11 as printed in the warrant.

Voted: Carried unanimously.

Article 12

To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of MGL, c. 41, § 110A, which authorizes the Town Clerk's office to remain closed on all Saturdays and to treat Saturdays as a legal holiday for purposes of calculating the time frame for filing matters in that office, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

TOWN CLERK

Motion that the Town adopt the provisions of Article 12 as printed in the warrant.

Voted: Carried unanimously.

Article 13

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds the sum of \$100,000 to be used by the Board of Selectmen to fund expenses to maintain, sell or reuse the former high school building located at 19 Main Road, including all incidental and related expenses, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Motion and Second to amend to remove the word "Sell" from Article 13.

The Moderator asked for several volunteers to act as tellers if needed for a hand count. Brian Valcourt, David Simcoe, and Tom Schmidt were appointed and were duly sworn in by the Town Clerk at 8:56pm.

Voted: Carried 119-110.

Article 13 (as amended)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds the sum of \$100,000 to be used by the Board of Selectmen to fund expenses to maintain or reuse the former high school building located at 19 Main Road, including all incidental and related expenses, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion that the Town adopt the provisions of Article 13 as amended in the warrant with \$100,000 from Free Cash. Voted: Carried.

Article 14

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$27,900 from Landfill Receipts Reserve to be used by the Board of Health for the purpose of replacing, repairing and maintaining equipment, at the Landfill/Transfer Station, including all incidental and related expenses, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

BOARD OF HEALTH

Motion that the Town adopt the provisions of Article 14 as printed in the warrant.

Voted: Carried unanimously.

Article 15

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds \$180,247 to operate the Marine Services Enterprise for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2023, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

Salaries	\$ 78,152
Expenses	\$ 45,095
Capital Outlay	<u>\$ 2,000</u>
Total	\$125,247
Indirect Costs	\$ 55,000

and that \$180,247 be raised as follows:

User Charges	\$ 180,247	
		BOARD OF SELECTMEN/DIRECTOR OF MARINE SERVICES

Motion that the Town adopt the provisions of article 15 as printed in the warrant.
Voted: Carried unanimously.

Article 16

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$283,050 to operate the Waterline Enterprise for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2023, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

Salaries	\$ 2,500
Expenses	<u>\$265,550</u>
Total	\$268,050
Indirect Costs	\$ 15,000

and that \$ 283,050 be raised as follows:

User Charges	\$283,050	
		BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Motion that the Town adopt the provisions of Article 16 as printed in the warrant.
Voted: Carried unanimously.

Article 17

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds \$105,800 to operate the Town Beaches Enterprise for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2023, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

Salaries	\$ 50,500
Expenses	<u>\$ 40,300</u>
Total	\$ 90,800
Indirect Costs	\$ 15,000

and that \$105,800 be raised as follows:

User Charges	\$105,800	
		BEACH COMMITTEE/BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Motion that the Town adopt the provisions of Article 17 as printed in the warrant.
Voted: Carried unanimously.

Article 18

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from the Cable Television Special Revenue Fund \$ 173,485 to fund the Community Television budget for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2023, and or take any other action relative thereto.

Salaries	\$136,470
Expenses	\$ 22,515
Indirect Costs	<u>\$ 14,500</u>
Total	\$173,485

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Motion that the Town adopt the provisions of Article 18 as printed in the warrant.

Voted: Carried unanimously.

Article 19

To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c.44, §53E½ and **ARTICLE LXVII, REVOLVING FUNDS, Section 6704** to establish new annual spending limits for the revolving funds set forth below, with such limits to apply from fiscal year to fiscal year unless revised by Town Meeting prior to July 1 in any fiscal year as follows.

<u>Revolving Fund</u>	<u>Maximum Expenditure</u>
Fire Department - Ambulance, Ambulance Equipment or Ambulance Expenses	\$180,000
Board of Health - Vaccine Purchases, Supplies & Expenses	\$ 20,000
Library - Programs & Operations, Purchasing & Maintaining Books & Tech	\$ 5,000

and/or take any other action relative thereto.

FIRE DEPARTMENT/LIBRARY DIRECTOR/ BOARD OF HEALTH

Motion that the Town adopt the provisions of Article 19 as printed in the warrant.

Voted: Carried unanimously.

Article 20

To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53E½, to reauthorize revolving funds for certain Town departments and officers for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023 for the purposes defined from which costs are not to exceed the amounts listed for these same services and may be expended without further appropriation, as follows, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS

<u>Revolving Fund</u>	<u>Maximum Expenditure</u>
Council on Aging - Programs	\$ 50,000
Council on Aging- Social Day Care Program	\$155,000
Council on Aging - Outreach	\$ 10,000
Council on Aging - Transportation	\$ 55,000
Fire Department – Ambulance, Ambulance Equipment or Ambulance Expenses	\$180,000
Fire Department - Haz Mat Equipment or Related Expenses	\$ 40,000
Electrical, Plumbing and Gas Inspectors – Fees for Inspections Performed, Mileage, Schooling, Clerical, Assistant Building Inspector Wages & Equipment	\$ 85,000
Planning Board/Zoning Board of Appeals – GIS Database Maintenance	\$ 20,000
Police Department – Cruisers, Associated Equipment or Cruiser Related Expenses	\$ 50,000
Westport Economic Development Task Force - Farmer’s Market Expenses & App	\$ 6,000
Board of Health – Vaccine Purchases, Supplies & Expenses	\$ 20,000
Library – Programs & Operations, Purchasing & Maintaining Books & Tech	\$ 5,000
Energy Conservation – Energy Conservation Projects & Services including Consultants	\$200,000

Motion that the Town adopt the provisions of Article 20 as printed in the warrant.
 Voted: Carried unanimously.

Article 21

To see if the Town will vote to hear and act on the report of the Community Preservation Committee on the Community Preservation budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and to appropriate from the Community Preservation Fund a sum or sums of money to meet the administrative expenses and all other necessary and proper expenses of the Community Preservation Committee for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023; and further to reserve for future appropriation a sum or sums of money for the acquisition, creation, and preservation of open space including land for recreational use; a sum or sums of money for acquisition, preservation, restoration, and rehabilitation of historic resources; and a sum or sums of money for the acquisition, creation, and preservation of community housing; and further, to appropriate from the Community Preservation Fund a sum or sums of money for Community Preservation projects or purposes, all as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

•CPA Funding Sources for FY'24 Annual Town Meeting

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OPEN SPACE/RECREATION

Snell Creek Conservation Restriction	\$ 150,000
Source of Funding:	
FY'24 Estimated Fund Revenues	\$ 150,000
 WYAA Playing Fields Irrigation	 \$ 180,450
Source of Funding:	
FY'24 Estimated Fund Revenues	\$ 180,450
 Town Playgrounds Project	 \$ 350,000
Source of Funding:	
Undesignated Reserves	\$ 350,000

COMMUNITY HOUSING

Affordable Housing Trust Housing Office	\$ 60,000
Source of Funding:	
FY'24 Estimated Fund Revenues	\$ 60,000

HISTORIC PRESERVATION

Town Hall Restoration	\$ 265,000
Source of Funding:	
FY'23 Budgeted Reserves	\$ 151,000
FY'24 Estimated Fund Revenues	\$ 114,000
 Historic Sanford School Restoration and Rehabilitation	 \$ 180,000

Source of Funding:	
FY'24 Estimated Fund Revenues	\$ 180,000
Historic Town Farm Apartment Preservation	\$ 36,625
Source of Funding:	
FY'24 Estimated Fund Revenues	\$ 36,625
COMMUNITY HOUSING RESERVES	\$ 34,000
Source of Funding:	
FY'24 Estimated Fund Revenues	\$ 34,000
ADMINISTRATIVE FUNDS	\$ 35,000
Source of Funding:	
FY'24 Estimated Fund Revenues	\$ 35,000
BUDGETED RESERVES:	\$ 50,000
Source of Funding	
FY'24 Estimated Fund Revenues	\$ 50,000

Motion that the Town adopt the provisions of Article 21 as printed in the warrant.

A hold was placed on the following item: Town Playgrounds Project.

Motion to adopt all provisions of Article 21 not on hold as printed in the warrant.

Voted: Carried unanimously.

Town Play Grounds Project: Discussion, Motion to approve appropriation for the Town Playgrounds Project as printed in Article 21. Voted: Carried unanimously.

Article 22

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds the sum of \$30,000 to be used by the Board of Selectmen to fund the Town's match for state and federal grants, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Motion that the Town adopt the provisions of Article 22 as printed in the warrant with \$30,000 from Free Cash. Voted: Carried unanimously.

Article 23

To see if the Town will vote pursuant to MGL c. 164, §36 to acquire a municipal light plant and to authorize such plant to construct, purchase or lease and maintain such facilities as may be necessary for the distribution or the operation of a telecommunications system for municipal use or for the use of its customers, pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 164, §47E, or as otherwise authorized by law, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

INTERNET ADVISORY COMMITTEE/BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Call to question. Voted: Carried.

Motion that the Town adopt the provisions of Article 23 as printed in the warrant.

A paper ballot vote was taken, and the Board of Registrars counted the vote.
The motion passed. Yes: 180 No: 12

Article 24

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court for the special legislation authorizing the Town to authorize, issue and sell revenue bonds to finance the development of telecommunications facilities, fund any necessary reserves, pledge revenues from the operation of telecommunications facilities and all costs associated therewith, which special legislation shall be in the following form, and further, to authorize the General Court to make changes of form only to such petition unless first approved by the Board of Selectmen and to authorize the Board of selectmen to approve such changes as are within the public purposes of the petition, and/or to take any other action relative thereto.

INTERNET ADVISORY COMMITTEE/BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Motion that the Town Pass Over Article 24.
Voted: Carried unanimously.

Article 25

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds the sum of \$30,000 to be used by the Personnel Board to prepare an employee wage study and Personnel By-Law update, including but not limited to related fees and expenses, and including all incidental and related costs, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

PERSONNEL BOARD

Motion that the Town adopt the provisions of Article 22 as printed in the warrant with \$30,000 from Free Cash. Voted: Carried unanimously.

Article 26

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow and/or transfer from available funds an amount not to exceed \$200,000 to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen for a feasibility study and project manager, to evaluate municipal buildings and the use of the Old High School building and property, 19 Main Road, Westport, for new uses including but not limited to municipal use, educational use, school administration use and housing, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

LONG TERM BUILDING COMMITTEE/BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Motion and second that the Town adopt the provisions of Article 26 as printed in the warrant with \$200,000 from Free Cash. Voted: Carried unanimously.

Article 27

To see if the Town will vote to amend the **TOWN OF WESTPORT BY-LAWS AND REGULATIONS**, entitled "**ARTICLE XXXVII NON-CRIMINAL DISPOSITIONS OF VIOLATIONS**", by deleting in their entirety, the text and title of "**Sections 3702.5, 3702.5A, 3702.5B and 3801**" and/or take any other action relative thereto.

BOARD OF HEALTH

Motion that the Town adopt the provisions of Article 27 as printed in the warrant.
Voted: Carried Yes: 63 No: 37.

Article 28

To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to G.L. c.59, §5 clause 45, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to negotiate and execute payment in lieu of tax agreements (so-called "PILOT agreements") with the owners of solar powered and energy storage systems located in the Town of Westport, and/or take any other

action relative thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Call to question. Voted: Carried by a 2/3rd majority.

Motion that the Town adopt the provisions of Article 28 as printed in the warrant. Voted: Carried.

Article 29

To see if the Town will vote to amend the **ZONING BY-LAWS, SECTION 3** entitled “**DEFINITIONS**” by deleting the ~~strike through text~~ and inserting the **bold underlined text** in appropriate alphabetical order:

Landowner/Owner - The legal or beneficial owner of land, including those holding the right to purchase or lease the land, or any other person holding ~~propriety~~ **proprietary** rights in the land.

and/or take any other action relative thereto.

PLANNING BOARD

Motion that the Town adopt the provisions of Article 29 as printed in the warrant.

Voted: Carried unanimously.

Article 30

To see if the Town will vote to amend the **ZONING BY-LAWS, SECTION 8.6** entitled “**FLEXIBLE FRONTAGE FOR REDUCED DENSITY**” by deleting the ~~strike through text~~ and inserting the **bold underlined text** as follows:

•**8.6** **FLEXIBLE FRONTAGE FOR REDUCED DENSITY**

8.6.1 **PURPOSE AND INTENT**

The purpose and intent of this Section is to encourage ~~reduction in potential residential development density reduce~~ **increased lot size and upland while reducing** future vehicular trips, road congestion, demand for public services and the number of curb cuts onto Town roadways; preserve the natural and cultural resources visible along these roadways; facilitate the movement of wildlife; protect traditional access to backland open space; and improve the design and site planning of smaller residential neighborhoods. To achieve this, the Planning Board may issue a special permit to allow a reduction in the otherwise applicable frontage requirements on a public way, a way approved by the Planning Board under the subdivision control law or a private way that the Planning Board votes to determine has been in existence since prior to the effective date of the Subdivision Control Law in the Town of Westport and has adequate, width, grade and construction within the meaning of G.L. c. 41, §81L for the proposed development, for one or more of the lots proposed, in exchange for a corresponding ~~reduction in development density~~ **increase in lot size and upland** and reliance upon common driveways, if applicable.

8.6.4 **FRONTAGE REDUCTION RATIOS IN PROPORTION TO DWELLING DENSITY REDUCTION**

A special permit may be issued so that the required lot frontage is decreased as a function of average ~~density decrease (average lot size and upland increase)~~ in equal proportions, to a minimum of fifty (50) feet of frontage, based on the following formulas:

Minimum Lot Size = 60,000 x (150 /proposed frontage)

Minimum Upland = .5 x Minimum Lot size

and/or take any other action relative thereto.

PLANNING BOARD

Motion that the Town adopt the provisions of Article 30 as printed in the warrant.

Voted: Carried.

Article 31

To see if the Town will vote to amend the **ZONING BY-LAWS, SECTION 9.5** entitled “**ACCESSORY APARTMENT**” by inserting the following new section and renumbering subsequent subsections accordingly:

9.5.2 **OWNER DEFINITION**

For the purposes of Section 9.5 of these Bylaws, an “owner” shall be a natural person either a) listed as the record owner on a deed on file at the Bristol County Registry of Deeds, Southern District, or b) the owner of at least twenty five percent (25%) of a business entity, including a limited liability company, owning the property.

PLANNING BOARD

Motion that the Town adopt the provisions of Article 31 as printed in the warrant.

Voted: Carried unanimously.

Article 32

To see if the Town will vote to amend the **ZONING BY-LAWS, SECTION 9.6** entitled “**SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS**” by deleting the ~~strike through text~~ and inserting the **bold underlined text** as follows:

9.6.1 **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this Section is to provide as-of-right siting for small scale solar energy systems in all zoning districts and such development may proceed without need for discretionary approval as set forth herein and to limit large scale solar energy systems as set forth herein. The provisions set forth in this section of the Zoning By-Law shall apply to the construction, operation, repair, and/or removal of solar photovoltaic installations, and to physical modifications that materially alter the type, configuration, or size of these installations or related equipment.

The intent of the By-Law is to create a reasonable regulation to ensure that the construction and operation of all solar photovoltaic installations be consistent with all applicable local, state and federal requirements, notwithstanding Chapter 40A, Section 3, including but not limited to all applicable nuisance (noise, odor, lighting etc.), stormwater, safety, construction, electrical, and communications requirements. **Additionally, the By-Law is intended to enhance the Town’s rural and agricultural heritage while enabling installations of photovoltaic and agrivoltaic systems.** All buildings, structures and fixtures forming part of a solar photovoltaic installation shall be constructed in accordance with the State Building Code.

H. Dimensional, Use and Access Requirements for Large Scale Systems (Lot Size, Frontage, Setbacks and Height)

	Residence/ Agricultural District	Business District
Minimum Lot Size	5 Acres	5 Acres

Minimum setbacks from property lines (1)	100 ft.	100 ft.
Minimum setbacks from street lines (1)	250 ft.	150 ft.
Minimum setback from wetlands resource areas (1)	100 ft.	100 ft.
Minimum protected open space (3)	25%	25%
Maximum height (2)	15 ft. a.	15 ft. a.
Maximum clearing areas (4)	12 Acres	12 Acres

EXPLANATORY NOTES TO TABLE OF DIMENSIONAL, USE AND ACCESS REQUIREMENTS FOR LARGE SCALE SYSTEMS

(4) Clearing Area – Shall include all areas of the parcel being disturbed, the access drive shall also be included in this area. Clearing areas may be increased by up to 50% provided the Board finds that **there is no undue impact to the environment and** the visual impact (as described in 24.2.11.d) is not detrimental to the abutters or neighborhood. **Upon Board findings that a solar array is an agrivoltaic system, clearing areas may be increased by an additional 10%. In no circumstance shall total clearing area exceed 60%.**

K. Design Standards

4. Visual Impact

Siting of Large Scale Solar Energy Systems within the Residence-Agricultural District applicants shall consider the residential and farming character of the District, the larger general purpose of the Westport Zoning By-Law to promote land uses compatible with that existing character and the avoidance of visual impacts that large scale solar energy systems, by their commercial or industrial nature, would have on District vistas.

Existing topography, plantings and natural landscaped buffers shall be used to minimize the visual impacts of large-scale solar energy systems from residential uses, public streets or waterways. Large scale solar energy system designs shall not be approved unless the system design provides screening and buffers to protect scenic vistas and viewsheds from residential uses, public streets and waterways

Structures shall be reasonably shielded from view by vegetation and/or joined and clustered to minimize adverse visual impacts. Landscaping, natural features, opaque fencing and other suitable methods shall be utilized. A screening plan shall be submitted ensuring that the solar arrays and any appurtenant structures are screened from roads and from adjacent lots by a minimum twenty-five (25) foot wide and five (5) foot tall staggered and grouped planting of shrubs and small trees within the setbacks. The Planning Board may alter or waive this requirement if such screening would prove to be ineffective for the site. Fences may be required for safety and/or visual screening purposes with appropriate safety signage (see 9.6.3.K.2).

When possible, a diversity of plant species shall be used, with a preference for species native to New England. Use of exotic plants, as identified by the most recent copy of the "Massachusetts Prohibited Plant List" maintained by the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources, is

prohibited.

Such plantings shall use native plants, **pollinators**, and a mix of deciduous and evergreen species and may be located within the setback area. Said vegetative screening shall reach a mature form to effectively screen the installation within five years of installation. Planting of the vegetative screen shall be completed prior to final inspection and approval of the solar energy installation. ~~A landscape maintenance bond shall be required.~~ **The applicant shall provide surety (either through escrow account or other form of surety approved by the Planning Board) for a minimum of two (2) growing seasons to ensure that the site is properly revegetated and that the installed stormwater infrastructure is functioning properly.**

Pre-application clearing may negate the application for Large Scale Systems at the Planning Board's discretion.

7. **Appurtenant Structures**

All appurtenant structures to large-scale ground-mounted solar photovoltaic installations shall, be subject to reasonable conditions concerning the bulk and height of structures, setbacks, open space, parking and building coverage requirements. All such appurtenant structures, including but not limited to, equipment shelters, storage **and battery** facilities, transformers, and substations, shall be architecturally compatible with each other. Whenever reasonable, structures should be screened from view by vegetation and/or joined or clustered to avoid adverse visual impacts.

10. Fencing

Photovoltaic and agrivoltaic systems shall be surrounded by fencing of a minimum six (6) foot height. Fencing required under this section shall be installed six (6) inches above the ground.

11. Utility Connections

All utility connections and electrical transmission lines in service of photovoltaic and agrivoltaic installations and their appurtenant structures shall be installed underground to the greatest extent feasible, depending on appropriate site conditions. Electrical transformers for utility interconnections may be above ground as necessary, to be approved by the Planning Board.

Q. Financial Surety for Removal/Remediation on Municipal Property

The applicant shall provide surety (either through escrow account or other form of surety approved by the ~~Building Inspector or~~ Planning Board) to cover the cost of removal in the event the Town must remove the installation and remediate the landscapes, in an amount and form determined to be reasonable by the Planning Board. Such amount shall not exceed 150% of the estimated cost of removal and compliance with any additional requirements set forth herein. The project applicant shall submit a fully inclusive estimate of the costs associated with removal, prepared by a qualified engineer. The amount shall include a mechanism for calculating increased removal cost due to inflation. The estimate shall be verified by the Planning Board's consultant engineer or other expert

who may be engaged pursuant to Section 9.6.4.

9.6.4 CONSULTANT REVIEW

The ~~Building Inspector and the~~ Planning Board shall establish a procedure for engaging a professional engineers, and/or other technical consultant(s) to advise the Building Inspector ~~and/or the~~ Planning Board, and to review application plans and documents in ~~the~~ application phase and ~~in~~ the construction phase. The applicant shall pay for the cost of the consultant review(s) pursuant to the procedures specified in M.G.L. c. 44, §53G or §53A. Further, ~~the Building Inspector and the~~ Planning Board shall establish a procedure for engaging consultants to inspect and confirm compliance with any requirements during construction and maintenance. Refusal to pay the necessary consultant fees shall be a basis to deny the building permit, site plan, or special permit approval. Such procedure shall include prior notice to the owner or operator of the installation of the cause of such proposed engagement.

and/or take any other action relative thereto.

PLANNING BOARD

Motion to remove the word “or” from Section 9.6.4 as follows: “The Building Inspector and the Planning Board shall establish a procedure for engaging a professional engineers, and/or other technical consultant(s) to advise the Building Inspector and/or the Planning Board, and to review application plans and documents in the application phase and in the construction phase.”

Vote: Carried Unanimously

Motion that the Town adopt the provisions of Article 32 as printed in the warrant after amendment.

Voted: Carried by a 2/3rd majority.

Article 33

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

Item 1.

By deleting under Schedule A – Board of Health, the following:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Group</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Pay Basis</u>	<u>Type</u>
Animal Control Officer	7c	30	Hourly	PT
<u>Position</u>	<u>Group</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Pay Basis</u>	<u>Type</u>
Assistant Animal Control Officer	7c	N	Hourly	PT

and adding under Schedule A – Animal Control, the following:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Group</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Pay Basis</u>	<u>Type</u>
Animal Control Officer	7c	40	Hourly	FT
<u>Position</u>	<u>Group</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Pay Basis</u>	<u>Type</u>
Assistant Animal Control Officer	7c	20	Hourly	PT

BOARD OF HEALTH

Item 2.

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Personnel By-Laws:

By adding under Schedule A – Board of Appeals, the following:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Group</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Pay Basis</u>	<u>Type</u>
Zoning Board Administrator	2	-20	Hourly	PT

Item 3.

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Personnel By-Laws:

By adding under Schedule A – Council on Aging, the following:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Group</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Pay Basis</u>	<u>Type</u>
Assistant to the Director	2	-20	Hourly	PT

COUNCIL ON AGING/PERSONNEL BOARD

and/or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion and second that the Town adopt the provisions of Article 33 as printed in the warrant.

Voted: Carried unanimously.

Article 34

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds \$200,000 to the Stabilization Fund, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

FINANCE COMMITTEE/BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Motion that the Town transfer \$200,000 from Free Cash to the Stabilization Fund.

Voted: Carried unanimously.

Motion to dissolve the Westport Annual Town Meeting at 11:04 p.m.

Voted: Carried unanimously

There were 370 registered voters.

A true record,
Attest:

Kristin M. Stinson
Town Clerk

**SPECIAL ELECTION
JULY 25, 2023**

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:

Question 1 – Assess an Additional \$3,000,000 in Real Estate & Personal Property Taxes for the Purposes of Funding the Operating Budgets of the Town and the Schools for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2023

Yes, one thousand ninety-eight	1098
No, one thousand six hundred sixty-four	1664

A true record,
Attest:

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF APPEALS

The Board of Appeals respectfully submits its report for the year ending December 31, 2023.

During the calendar year, there were 19 applications filed, seeking variances, special permits, administrative appeals, and findings.

Members of the Zoning Board of Appeals spent countless volunteer hours reviewing applications, conducting public hearings, viewing presentations, receiving input from abutters and the general public, deliberating, and rendering decisions.

The following are the results of those hearings:

Administrative Appeals: 6 applications were filed, 3 were denied or dismissed, 2 were granted and 1 is pending, to be resolved in 2024.

Special Permits: 5 applications were filed, 4 were granted and 1 is pending.

Findings: 6 applications were filed, 5 were granted and 1 is pending.

Variances: 2 applications were filed, 1 was denied and 1 was withdrawn.

The Zoning Board of Appeals currently consists of five (5) Regular Members and two (2) Associate Members.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger Menard, Chair
Gerald Coutinho, Vice Chair
Constance Gee
Barbara Pontolilo
Raymond Elias
Cynthia Kozakiewicz, Associate Member
George Stelljes, Associate Member

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

The Board of Assessors respectfully submits the following report for the year ending December 31, 2023 with organization as follows:

Mr. Stephen J. Medeiros, Chairman
Ms. Sue Ann McDermot
Mr. Peter A. McGarr

Ms. Theodora Gabriel, Principal Appraiser – reappointed January 23, 2023

Mrs. Katherine DeNadal, Senior Clerk
 Mrs. Dawn Fontes, Senior Clerk
 Ms. Sharon M. Potter, Assists office as needed

Tax Rate Summary : Fiscal 2024 Tax Rate per m \$7.73

I. Tax Levy Calculation

A.	Total amount to be raised	\$55,752,550.82
B.	Total Estimated Receipts & Available funds	\$17,747,178.24
C.	Tax Levy	\$38,005,372.58
D.	Distribution of Tax Rate & Levies:	

Class	B Levy Percentage	C IC above times each % in Col. B	D Valuation by Class	E Tax Rate	F Levy by Class
Res	92.1961%	35,039,471.31	4,532,918,129	7.73	35,039,457.14
Comm	4.7066%	1,788,760.87	231,406,751	7.73	1,788,774.19
Industrial	0.4283%	162,777.01	21,057,050	7.73	162,771.00
Sub Total	97.3310%		4,785,381,930		36,991,002.33
Personal	2.6690%	1,014,363.39	131,225,130	7.73	1,014,370.25
Total	100.0000%		4,916,607,060		38,005,372.58

II. Amount to be Raised

A.	Appropriations	\$53,392,872.00
B.	Other amounts to be raised:	
	Total cherry sheet offsets	33,839.00
C.	State and County Cherry Sheet charges	1,760,887.00
D.	Allowance for abatements and exemptions (overlay)	428,488.58
E.	Total Amount to be Raised	\$55,752,550.82

III. Estimated Receipts and other Revenue Sources

A.	Estimated receipts – State	
1.	Cherry Sheet estimated receipts	\$ 8,312,862.00
B.	Estimated Receipts-Local	
1.	Local receipts not allocated	4,935,100.00
2.	Offset receipts	0.00
3.	Enterprise funds	569,097.00
4.	Community Preservation funds	1,477,539.24
	Total III. B	\$ 6,981,736.24
C.	Revenue Sources Appropriated for Particular Purposes	
1.	Free Cash	2,061,252.00
2.	Other Available Funds	391,328.00
	Total III. C	\$ 2,452,580.00
D.	Other Revenue Sources Appropriated Specifically to Reduce the Tax Rate	0.00
E.	Total Estimated Receipts and Other Sources	
	Total (111.A through 111.D)	\$17,747,178.24

IV. Summary of Total Amount to be Raised and Total Receipts from All Sources

A.	Total amount to be raised	\$55,752,550.82
B.	Total estimated receipts and other Revenue sources	\$17,747,178.24
C.	Total Real and Personal Property Tax Levy	\$38,005,372.58
D.	Total Receipts From All Sources	\$55,752,550.82

New Growth certified (Real & Personal Property) \$679,395.00

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

Property Class	# of Parcels	Valuation as of 1/1/2023
101-Single Family	6110	\$3,642,528,500.00
102-Condominium	182	\$ 80,509,200.00
Misc-Res 103,109	179	\$ 190,542,500.00
104-Two Family	439	\$ 242,450,700.00
105-Three Family	13	\$ 8,181,800.00
111-125 4-8 Units	29	\$ 29,872,900.00
130-132&106 Vacant Land	1170	\$ 164,058,200.00
300-393 Commercial	274	\$ 188,215,300.00
400-452 Industrial	28	\$ 18,887,500.00
Ch 61 Forest Land	31	\$ 114,000.00
Ch 61A Agricultural	230	\$ 1,890,910.00
Ch 61B Recreational	38	\$ 5,593,360.00
012-048 Mixed Use	74	\$ 212,537,060.00
Total Real Estate	8797	\$4,785,381,930.00
Personal Property	1188	\$ 18,881,770.00
Public Utilities	19	\$ 112,343,360.00
Total Personal Property	1207	\$ 131,225,130.00
Tax Exempt Property	338	\$ 307,093,900.00

Number of Transfers of Property in 2023 513

Motor Vehicle Excise Tax 2023

Number of Vehicles Assessed \$25. per m.	24,306
Excise Assessed	\$ 3,191,029.97
Valuation of Automobiles	\$144,329,281.00

Boat Excise Tax

Number of Boats	2,025
Excise assessed \$10. per m.	\$ 87,416.00
Valuation of Boats	\$8,742,500.00

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

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen J. Medeiros, Chairman
Sue Ann. McDermott
Peter A. McGarr



ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

The Board of Health respectively submits the following report for the year ending 2023.

The Board of Health Organized as Follows

Tanja Ryden	Chair
Philip M. Weinberg	Vice-Chair
Donna Amaral	Secretary

Board of Health Staff

Matthew J. Armendo, M.P.H.	Director
Linda Pierce, R.N.	Part-Time Public Health Nurse
Joseph C. Reis Jr.	Senior Health Agent
John R. Swartz	Health Agent
Nancy J. Paquet	Office Manager
Patricia Kershaw	Principal Clerk
Robert Barboza	Recording Clerk

Special Annual Appointments

Dr. Dennis Callen	Medical Advisor
Kristin Stinson	Burial Agent/Special Agent
Jonathon H. Potter, Jr.	Burial Agent (non-paid)
Shane D. Erickson Potter	Burial Agent (non-paid)
Jennifer Do-Teixeira	Tobacco Control Special Agent (non-paid)

Licensed Funeral Directors

Jonathan H. Potter Jr.
Shane D. Erickson-Potter

Board of Health Responsibilities

In a typical year, the Health Department is responsible for conducting routine inspections of permitted food service establishments, cottage kitchens, semi-public and public swimming pools, body art establishments and recreational camps for children, to ensure safe and sanitary conditions are being maintained and to minimize the risk of an illness or outbreak. Plan reviews are conducted for new food establishments and for renovations to existing ones. Pre-operational inspections are performed to ensure that new construction is consistent with the plans that were submitted and approved. The Department also conducts regular inspections at the seasonal Farmers' Market because products available for purchase now include many prepared foods, meats, dairy products and seafood. Volunteers and non-profit organizations, as well as for-profit organizations are also subject to food safety regulations when they are serving food to the public at temporary food events. Event organizers regularly contact the Department for advice to determine if a temporary food permit is required for their event. The Department enforces the State Sanitary Code, 105 CMR 410.000 Minimum Standards of Fitness for Human Habitation and responds to residents' complaints concerning possible health and safety violations in their homes or dwelling units. If a housing violation is observed during an inspection, an Order Letter for Correction(s) is issued to the property owner and sometimes to the occupant/tenant. The Health Department is often required to facilitate corrective actions between occupants and landlords so that violations can be remedied in a timely manner. However, cases may occasionally require court intervention to achieve desired compliance.

The Board of Health is responsible for subsurface sewage systems in the Town, under the Department of Environmental Protection's (DEP) regulation 310 CMR 15.00-Standard Requirements for the Siting Construction, Inspection, Upgrade and Expansion of On-Site Sewage Treatment and Disposal Systems and

for the Transport and Disposal of Septage, known as "Title 5". Soil testing, plan reviews and oversight of construction are responsibilities of Health Department staff.

In order to protect the public health and environment of Westport, the Board of Health will:

- Promote and protect public health by providing disease awareness and prevention, instituting programs and providing services to improve the general health, physical, mental, and the social well-being of the citizens.
- Continue to promulgate and enforce local and state regulations.
- Conduct Inspections as mandated.
- Issue Town permits related to the Board of Health
- Investigate community-based health/environmental complaints or concerns.
- Support the goals of public health by providing education and community programs.
- Assure that the basic health needs of the community are being met.
- Continue to monitor all food service and retail food establishments.
- Enforce and administer all existing BOH regulations and update/revise them as necessary.
- Continue to find ways to improve the Transfer Station and Recycling Operation and Animal Control
- Utilize the Public Health Nurse with emphasis on community awareness of public health issues along with health promotion and disease prevention.
- Address new Board of Health responsibilities that may arise.

Board of Health Permits & Approvals Processed in 2023

Total Fees collected by the Board of Health: \$242,730

Abandonments:53	Portable Toilet – Short Term: 51
Body Art Establishments: 1	Portable Toilet – Long Term: 83
Body Art Practitioners: 6	Retail Food Permits: 33
Bottled Water Permits: 9	Retaining Wall: 1
Catering Permits: 7	Roll-Off Permits: 297
Cottage Kitchen Permits: 2	Seasonal Food Permits: 5
Day Care Establishments Food: 1	Seasonal Retail Permits: 0
Dumpster Permits: 1348	Seasonal Temporary Food Permits: 3
Equine Permits: 27	Septic NC Applications: 28
Extra Perc Holes: 24	Septic Applications Upgrade: 6
Farmer's Market Permit: 7	Septic Applications Repair: 91
Food Plan Review: 4	Septic Permits Issued - NC: 30
Food Service Establishment Permits: 61	Septic Permits Issued - Upgrade: 3
Frozen Dessert Permits: 2	Septic Permits Issued - Repair: 110 (23 w/Variances)
Funeral Director Certificates: 2	(15 w/ Nitrogen Reducing systems)
Garbage Removal Permits: 12	Septic Repair Permits - Minor: 22
Housing Pre-Insp: 0	Septic Plan Revisions: 19
Installer's Permits: 52	Septic Plan Permit - 1 Year Extension: 1
Mobile Food Permit: 13	Sewage Removal Permits: 29
Motel Permits: 4	Stable Permits: 12
Pasteurization Permit: 2	Shell Permits: 0
Perc Applications-NC: 40	Storm Water Plan Review: 14
Perc Application Upgrades: 9	Temporary Food Permits: 60
Perc Applications-Repairs: 93	Title 5 Inspections: 136
Pig Permits - Large: 5	Tobacco Permits: 16
Pig Permits - Small: 8	Well Permits - New: 33
Pool Permits - Above-Ground: 8	Well Permits - Replacement: 14
Pool Permits - In-Ground: 24	
Pool Permits - Semi-Public: 3	

Board of Health Accomplishments in 2023

The elected Board of Health has taken a lead role in reversing the deterioration of the Westport River's water quality and habitat due to excess nitrogen from septic systems. The Board has continued to implement its 2021 regulation (amended Oct. 2023) requiring all new septic systems to incorporate nitrogen-reducing technology. The regulation also required all cesspools to be upgraded with modern septic systems by February 2028. The Board has identified cesspool owners and advised them of their responsibilities.

The Board is represented on the Climate Resiliency Committee through the participation of its elected members. The CRC was established by the Select Board to advise and help prepare the Town on the impacts of climate change. The Board's members have focused on three areas:

- (a) Addressing the adverse health impacts of excessive heat events on vulnerable populations and risks to the general population from the increase in the types and numbers of disease carrying vectors due to warming climate.
- (b) Assessment and prioritization of the consequences of extreme weather events and sea level rise causing floods and storm surges that will displace families from their homes and overwhelm the Town's infrastructure.
- (c) Public outreach and engagement planning to provide information to residents in order to get their input and participation on the measures the Town should take to prepare and protect the community.

In 2023, Westport applied for and received a \$432,769.21 annual Public Health Excellence (PHE) renewal grant on behalf of the newly formed South Coast Public Health Collaborative (SCPHC). The PHE program is sponsored by the MA Department of Public Health and aims to strengthen the local public health systems by funding local shared services arrangements. This will help improve compliance with statutory mandates and provide a more comprehensive and equitable set of public health services. In addition, the Collaborative is dedicated to fostering a healthier future for our communities by working together to optimize public health initiatives, promote equitable access to healthcare resources, and enhance community well-being. Through collaboration, innovation and inclusive practices, we aim to proactively address health inequities, cultivate resilience and create a supportive environment where every individual can thrive. Westport serves as the lead community for the SCPHC, which includes Freetown, Lakeville, Marion, Mattapoisett, and Rochester. As the host community for this ongoing grant, the Town of Westport is awarded 15% (\$64,915.00) annually for administration.

Mental health is a public health issue and is critical to overall health. Public health includes promoting the emotional, psychological and social well-being of our residents. During Mental Health Awareness month, the BOH collaborated with other organizations to address some of the mental health concerns impacting our community by providing educational events during the month of May.

For all these activities and more, the BOH has continued to share updates and useful health information with the community through its monthly "Health Notes" column published in The Shorelines weekly newspaper and regular health presentations at its bi-weekly meetings (filmed and available online and e-alerts and website postings).

The Board of Health also continues the implementation of the Community Septic Management Loan Program Grant. The Board has recently started to work on updating a one percent (1%) interest septic loan program that will be offered to low and moderate income homeowners who need to upgrade their failed septic system.

In regular business, the Board and their Agents continued their work reviewing septic plans for repairs, upgrades, and new construction, denitrification issues, stormwater management and holding hearings for septic variances, approving new and replacement well locations, building application reviews and other issues as needed, responding to complaints and emergency calls and meeting deliverables for Public Health Emergency Planning, including attending the monthly coalition meetings.

We attribute the continued success of the health department to our dedicated and conscientious staff.

Public Health Nurse Responsibilities & Accomplishments

2023 continued to be challenge due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. COVID, RSV, & Flu Vaccine Clinics were planned and coordinated with the Westport Apothecary throughout the year. They have been a great resource for combating the disease by providing vaccines and boosters and creating such a great partnership with a common goal.

Health promotion, illness prevention and health protection are the core functions of the Public Health Nurse (PHN). A focus on health and wellness, rather than illness, is the basis of all PHN work. The PHN conducted health educational presentations at the televised Board of Health meetings. The office accepted donations of medical equipment to loan to residents in need. Additional responsibilities: vaccine management, referrals, sharps disposal, participation in community health meetings and clerical duties. Specific services provided include:

- Blood pressure clinics, including walk-in service
- Flu vaccine administration
- Mantoux tests, B12 injections, TDAP, dressing changes, suture removals, home blood pressure monitor checks and teaching, filling insulin syringes for homebound clients, throat checks, tic removal, provide immunization records and instructing residents on glucometers.
- Disease reporting, related education and support as well as identifying at risk contacts for COVID-19, babesiosis, ehrlichiosis, human granulocytic, anaplasmosis, vibrio, cryptosporidiosis, viral meningitis, campylobacter and salmonella. Other diseases, which are acknowledged but not reported, include Lyme, hepatitis c, strep pneumonia, influenza and animal bites for possible rabies exposure.
- Distributed free COVID test kits as well as NARCAN (drug overdose reversal) kits to residents.

In 2023, the PHN created "Mom Talk". This is an open forum where new or expecting moms can meet and greet to share their experiences and challenges. The idea is to support perinatal women to feel less alone and become part of a community that may be experiencing similar challenges and difficulties. The program ran every 3rd Monday of the month.

Because of the emergency blood shortage, the PHN has worked with the American Red Cross to coordinate monthly blood drives in Westport. The blood donated in 2023 at the Westport drives has been able to help hundreds of patients.

Transfer Station & Recycling Center

Transfer Station Staff

Timothy Burns
Stephanie Harvey
Lindsey Thibault

Transfer Station Worker
Transfer Station Attendant
Transfer Station Attendant

Center Collections & Accomplishments

640.77 tons of Municipal Solid Waste/bulky/C&D were transferred to E.L. Harvey/WIN Waste/NER/SEMAS during 2023, which cost the Town **\$70,461.99**. In addition to the disposal fees, we contracted with a company to help haul the solid waste due to staffing issues, which cost **\$66,444.06**. The Town received **\$200,543** in revenue from fees collected through punch card sales and bulky items. An additional revenue of **\$78,190** was received from the sale of stickers and day passes.

410 tons of recyclables, which include cardboard, scrap metal, tin, mix paper, newspaper, plastic, textiles and glass. **327** mattresses recycled @ a cost of **\$6,289.50**. CRT/mercury recycling cost **\$5,351.24** Recycling revenue totaling **\$10,405.35** was received during the year 2023 (metal, textiles). Difficult to

manage items that cost the Town to recycle (tires, TVs, glass, mattress & box spring) generated revenue of \$12,572.82 from user disposal fees during the year 2023.

We continue to face challenges for recycling and reduction in revenue. Plastics and mixed paper continue to be a recycling expense, which will continue into 2024. Revenue from metal recycling has fluctuated up and down, however up has been the better part of 2023. The fluctuation is the norm and we will see it going into 2024. Glass also continues to be an expense but is holding steady with the same vendor as the previous year. As always, we continue to search for solutions to reduce the expense while keeping these products out of the waste stream.

We have qualified again for the Recycling Dividends Program under the Sustainable Materials Recovery Program, which has awarded us \$4,550 to use towards recycling improvements/expenses.

The Transfer Station continues to provide an area for bicycle recycling and will continue making improvements in the coming year.

The Transfer Station Staff continue to maintain the facility as well as providing exceptional service to the public and working with other Town departments.

Animal Control Department

Animal Control Staff

Nicholas Vidmar
Vacant

Animal Control Officer
Assistant Animal Control Officer

Animal Events Handled in 2023

- Dog Issues - 353
- Cat Issues - 176
- Quarantines - 33
- Wildlife Issues - 255
- Livestock Issues - 91
- Other Animal Related Issues - 132

Animal Control Responsibilities & Accomplishments

The mission of the Animal Control Department is to provide responsive, efficient, and high quality animal control services that preserve and protect the health, safety and welfare of people and animals.

The Animal Control Officer (ACO) patrols the town's parks, streets and conservation areas. The ACO is responsible for the quarantine of domestic animals for possible exposures to rabies and responds to numerous animal related service requests. Examples of service requests include: wild animal rescues, wild animal euthanasia due to severe injuries, home visits. Additional responsibilities of the ACO include submission of bats and animals suspected of having rabies for testing. The ACO will work with the Health Director to coordinate a community rabies clinic for dogs and cats in 2024.

To ensure the Town will be free from animals-at-large creating hazards of public health, public safety or public order the Animal Control Officer does the following:

1. Ensures that all dogs are properly licensed within the time specified by statute and issues citations for all unlicensed dogs.
2. Patrols for stray dogs and other loose animals or livestock.
3. Receives and responds to all complaints of vicious or loose dogs, feral cats, wild animals, injured animals and all complaints pertaining to animals.

4. Transports animals to appropriate shelter. Documents animals captured for fine purposes and identification.
5. Works with the Division of Massachusetts Fish & Game and private agencies that remove nuisance animals.
6. Verifies claims of livestock killed by animals. Issues warnings for nuisance animals, levies fines and takes animal owners to court for temporary or permanent restraining orders.
7. Removes and disposes of any deceased animals from public roads.
8. Responds to emergency after-hour calls.

The Board of Health has continued to have much success with the reorganized Animal Control Department. A grant was applied and received for \$2,000 to help with spay/neuter. However, the Department is still facing challenges with a decrease in staff and 24/7 coverage will no longer be possible in 2024.

Animal Inspector/Barn Book Inspections

Westport has two state appointed Municipal Animal Inspectors, which are nominated by Westport and appointed by Mass. Dept. of Agriculture (MDAR)

The primary duty of the Animal Inspector is the control of rabies. The Animal Inspector issues quarantines and determines the severity of risk to the virus.

- Domestic mammals that may have come in contact with the rabies virus must either be quarantined or destroyed. This includes all animals with unknown wounds of origin.
- Any domestic mammal which bites or scratches a human or other domestic mammal must be quarantined for a minimum of at least ten days, regardless of their vaccine status.
- The Animal Inspector must ensure that all animals (wild or domestic) which must be tested for rabies are euthanized and submitted for rabies testing at the State Laboratory.
- The Animal Inspector is responsible for annual barn and livestock inspections per Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 129, which are conducted from Sept. thru Dec. each year and reported directly to the MDAR. The Inspector is also responsible for inspections of any out of state imports such as cattle or llamas.
- The Municipal Animal Inspector may also be called to assist with quarantines of domestic animals incase of an outbreak of any particular disease in the local area.
- Questions about Human Exposure Risk to Rabies should be directed to the Bureau of Infectious Disease and Laboratory Sciences (BIDLS) at (617) 983-6800.

We would like to thank the Board of Health, Public Health Nurse, Transfer Station and Animal Control Staff. The Board is proud of the way they have interacted with other departments and residents. They continue to serve the Town well through their hard work and dedication.

Respectfully submitted,

Westport Board of Health



ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BRISTOL COUNTY MOSQUITO CONTROL PROJECT FOR WESTPORT, MA

Bristol County Mosquito Control Commissioners

Joseph Barile, Chairman
Christine A. Fagan

Gregory D. Dorrance
Henry R. Vaillancourt

This year marks the 64th anniversary of the Bristol County Mosquito Control Project and its services to the cities and towns of Bristol County. Our mission is to bring mosquito populations to tolerable levels using a variety of scientifically effective methodologies consistent with applicable laws. Surveillance, water management, biological and chemical controls are performed in an environmentally sensitive manner to minimize potential effects on people, wildlife and the environment. The Project is a regional response to a regional problem, and provides a way of organizing specialized equipment, specially trained employees, and mosquito control professionals into a single agency with a broad geographical area of responsibility.

The Project continues to make investments in new technologies that increase our efficiency and accuracy when fulfilling our mandate. We remain committed to applying environmentally responsible larvicide and adulticide products. Our surveillance program, along with service request data and updated GPS and computer equipment, allow us to focus our pesticide applications to targeted areas.

Disease risk from mosquitoes changes greatly from year to year. Because of this constant change in risk, BCMCP works in close relationship with the MA Dept. of Public Health to analyze disease risk in current and future years.

During the 2023 mosquito season, 14,763 individual mosquitoes in 497 samples were tested for the mosquito borne viruses EEE and WNV. There were 6 isolations of EEE and no human cases in the County. Bristol County had 22 mosquito samples test positive for WNV with no reported human cases. There were no reported equine cases for EEE or WNV.

The Project continues its year round efforts to reduce mosquito breeding areas through water management and source reduction. Our goal is to remove debris, silt and vegetation from drainage ditches to improve water flow, thus eliminating standing water conducive to larval development. Work is conducted using mechanized machines and by hand.

Bristol County Mosquito Control Project completed the following work in the Town of Westport during the time period of January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2023.

- Sprayed over 2,938 acres
- Treated 14.94 acres in 41 locations with *B.t.i.* for mosquito larvae
- Received and completed 270 requests for spraying
- Cleared and reclaimed 2,125 feet of brush
- Treated 1,320 catch basins

Throughout the year, we strive to educate the public concerning mosquito borne diseases and simple ways people can protect themselves and help prevent breeding on their own property. We have many types of outreach programs including speaking at public health events, radio/newspaper interviews, visiting local schools and senior centers, and creating informational handouts for distribution. Be sure to check our website: www.mass.gov/eea/bristolcountymosquitocontrol for updates and information.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Priscilla Matton
Superintendent

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS

I hereby submit my report as Inspector of Buildings for the year ending December 31, 2023.

		Construction Value
44	Single Family Dwellings	\$ 24,137,296.00
48	Foundations	\$ 711,800.00
89	Alterations and Additions	\$ 12,383,174.00
63	Occupancy Permits	N/V
5	Accessory Apartments Attached	\$ 677,792.00
6	Accessory Apartments Detached	\$ 1,484,420.00
20	Garages	\$ 2,897,420.00
2	Pool Houses	\$ 761,990.00
90	Renovations and Repairs	\$ 5,451,373.00
8	Replacement Windows	\$ 1,770,542.00
44	Decks, Porches and Gazebos	\$ 870,020.00
1	Greenhouses and Sun Rooms	\$ 82,796.00
19	Barns, Sheds and Workshops	\$ 1,069,552.00
9	Above-ground Pools	\$ 36,294.00
27	In-ground Pools	\$ 1,491,075.00
18	Demolitions	\$ 190,200.00
24	Commercial	\$ 602,565.00
6	Municipal, State, Churches, Non-Profit	\$ 762,675.00
4	Wind Turbines, Cell Towers, Antennas	\$ 434,000.00
128	Roofs	\$ 2,614,396.00
39	Shingles and Siding	\$ 852,099.00
140	Solar Panels Roof Top	\$ 9,413,288.00
4	Solar Panels Ground Mount	\$ 7,672,315.00
11	Solar Panels Reinstall	\$ 204,089.00
33	Wood stoves, Fireplaces, Chimneys, Pellet Stoves	\$ 162,218.00
16	Signs	\$ 88,765.00
86	HVAC	\$ 1,981,132.00
52	Site Visits, DBA, Lot Letters, Certifications and Misc.	N/V
24	Duplicate Permits	N/V
3	Fires	\$ 291,500.00
134	Weatherization	\$ 694,418.00
14	Tents	\$ 252,869.00

N/V – No Construction Value

Fees to Treasurer - \$ 435,224.00
 Total Building Permits issued – 1,058
 Miles Traveled – 5,188
 Yard Sale Permits - 61

Respectfully submitted,

Ralph Souza
 Building Commissioner
 Zoning Enforcement Officer



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, 2023.

Final Inspections	172
Rough Inspections	153
Re-Inspections/Consultations	14
Underground Line	43
Line Tests	5
Fireplaces	10
Partial Roughs	20
Consultations	4
Vents	4
Meters	28

Total Inspections Made	445
Total Permits Issued	285
Fees to Treasurer	\$27,975.00
Miles Traveled	3061

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Ferreira
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, 2023.

Rough Inspections	150
Final Inspections	130
Re-Inspections	8
Underground Line	20
Ten Foot Out	21
Consultations/Call Out	12
Permit Reviews	107

Total Inspections Made	436
Total Permits Issued	252
Fees to the Treasurer	\$37,940.00
Miles Traveled	2,898

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Ferreira
Plumbing Inspector

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE WIRE INSPECTORS

We hereby submit our report as Wire Inspectors for the year ending December 31, 2023.

Single Family Dwellings, Overhead	16
Single Family Dwellings, Underground	36
Affordable Housing	1
Alterations and Additions	45
New Service Overhead	22
New Service Underground	16
Rewire, Repair, Remodel	67
Barn/Sheds	7
Garages	27
Commercial	61
Alarms – Security/Smoke/Low Voltage	20
Temporary Service	14
Upgrade Service	20
Relocate/Repair/Replace Service	7
Meter Sockets	15
Panel Replacement	10
Septic Pumps	47
Water Pumps	2
Hot Tubs	2
Boilers/Furnaces	7
Pools In-Ground	21
Pools Above-Ground	5
Generators	44
Municipal/State/Federal/Church	18
G.F.I. Lights	31
Air Conditioning	9
Re-Inspections	42
East Beach Inspections	83
Sunrooms	1
Mini Split	15
Solar Panels	155
In Law Apartments	5
Car Charges	8
Miles traveled by Inspectors	10,988
Fees paid to the Treasurer	\$123,616.00
Total Permits issued	815

Respectfully submitted,

William R. Plamondon
Dane Winship
Assistant Electrical Inspectors



ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CEMETERY DEPARTMENT

The Cemetery Department hereby submits its report for the year ending December 31, 2023.

58 graves were sold at Beech Grove. There were 67 full burials, 52 cremations and 78 foundations were put in.

All 42 cemeteries were maintained in 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven Souza
Cemetery Foreman

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COLLECTOR

The Collector's office is responsible for the collection of Real Estate Taxes (including CPA, Community Septic Loan Betterments, Water Liens and Chapter 61 Roll Back Taxes), Personal Property Taxes, Motor Vehicle Excise, Boat Excise, Water Bills and School Improvement Fund Donations. We are also responsible for collection of interest and fees imposed for delinquent payments. This office routinely prepares municipal lien certificates, responds daily to inquiries from banks, mortgage companies, attorneys and the general public, and pursues delinquent taxpayers.

There are now 4 ways to make tax payments for Westport residents.

1. Online at www.westport-ma.com click the "Pay Taxes Online" link at the bottom of the home page. Credit card payments can be made through this site for a 2.95% fee.
2. By mail to our Lock-box - Town of Westport, P O Box 901, Reading, MA 01867-0124
3. By Drop Box – Payments may be placed in the secure drop box in front of Town Hall
4. In person from 8:30-4:00 Monday through Friday

Schedule of Taxes and Fees Collected

Real Estate Tax Collected \$35,229,024.02

Personal Property Collected \$999,083.94

Motor Vehicle Excise Collected \$3,197,966.19

Boat Excise Collected \$42,054.25

Fees Collected \$160,297.56.

Interest Collected \$130,538.35

CPA & Interest on CPA \$707,624.68

Municipal Lien Certificate fees collected \$16,200.00

Community Septic Loan Betterments \$91,780.52

Water liens \$5,660.06

Water Bills \$193,446.46

Roll Back \$31,280.51

School Improvement Fund \$1,588.53

I would like to thank the residents and business owners of Westport for their prompt payment of taxes.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan E. Brayton, C.M.M.C.
Treasurer/Collector

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON DISABILITY

The Commission on Disability hereby submits its report for the year ending December 31, 2023.

Background

The Commission on Disability was established at the 2009 Annual Town Meeting. Ours is one of over 140 Commissions throughout the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. All of the Commissions work under the guidance of the Massachusetts Office on Disability (MOD).

Vision

WWB – Westport Without Borders. We work to reduce or eliminate the barriers that our disabled residents and their families encounter in their daily lives.

Mission

We attempt to do what we can to improve the lives of our disabled residents and help them take advantage of everything that our Town has to offer.

Priorities

- Increase the awareness of disability issues and the challenges faced by our disabled residents.
- Identify areas of concern for our disabled residents. Do what we can to address those concerns and try to make changes where we can.
- Work in cooperation with Town boards and departments to foster maximum participation of our disabled residents.
- Provide information and assistance to individuals, organizations and other towns on matters pertaining to disabilities.
- Assist Town departments in complying with the American with Disabilities Act (ADA).
- Advocate for the rights of our disabled residents and their families and do what we can to improve their lives.

2023 Accomplishments

We continued to work with Town representatives, road department employees and the Westport Land Conservation Trust to ensure the continued use of mobility mats at Nubble (Beach Avenue) Beach. The mats were in place for the summer season.

The GeoGrids which were purchased by our commission and installed by the Westport highway Department in 2022 have worked well to stabilize the handicapped parking spaces. The grids remained firmly anchored in place throughout a busy 2023 storm season.

The GeoGrids and the mobility mats in use at Beach Avenue have made that beach more accessible to our handicapped residents. Mobility mats were purchased by our commission and installed by the Highway Department at North Beach a.k.a Baby Beach. Those mats make the beach more accessible to disabled residents. Due to one of the storms that came through our area there was a gully created by water runoff and the gully undermined part of the mobility mat. The damage was brought to the attention of Chris Gonsalves of the Highway Department and the damaged area was quickly repaired. The Beach Committee has promised to place a wheelchair accessible picnic table at this beach.

Other contributions made by our commission include approximately \$1,500.00 to purchase new handicapped friendly swings for the two town playgrounds. The swings will be used when the two Town playgrounds are updated in 2024. Our commission donated \$5,000.00 to the Town Recreation Department to be used for activities and programs that assist disabled residents. We have agreed to contribute \$5,000.00 to the renovation of the Hix Bridge Landing and new floats to help make them more usable by disabled individuals. We are waiting for that project to be approved before actually donating that money.

At the request of Theresa Pacheco, the Health and Wellness teacher at the Westport Elementary School, we agreed in 2022 to purchase two pieces of adaptive equipment from a company called Flaghouse. The cost is \$1,550.00 and the equipment will be used by students with special needs to help them with certain necessary skills. Those pieces of equipment were purchased and are in use in our school system.

The fines incurred by those people who park in handicapped designated spaces without handicapped license plates or without a valid handicapped placard come to our commission. Even after deducting the \$5,000.00 that was donated to the recreation department our commission still has money in its parking fine account. Those funds continue to accumulate as drivers continue to park in those spaces without displaying handicapped parking placards/plates. Commission members are encouraged to find ways to spend that money on ways to improve the lives of our disabled residents.

Our commission has actively encouraged the support of Senator Michael Rodrigues and Representative Paul Schmid for bills that will improve the lives of or disabled residents.

Other areas where our commission has been involved include: Three of our members are on the ADA Transition Team. Town Planner, Michael Burris spoke to us about accessibility issues in town.

2024 Objectives

Meet with Dana Stewart the Director of the Westport Recreation Department to discuss the proposed changes to the two Town playgrounds and how those changes will make the playgrounds more accessible to disabled residents.

Continue to work with Michael Burris, the Town Planner on accessibility issues.

Continue to advocate for the rights of our disabled residents and their families.

Continue to look for ways to improve accessibility for our residents.

Continue to explore ways to help disabled residents in need.

Membership

The following is the list of our members and when their appointments expire:

Brian C. Gallagher, Chairman – 6/30/25
Anders Newcomer, Vice Chairman – 6/30/24
Martin Costa – 6/30/24
Kimberly Tripp Legendre – 6/30/24
Raymond L. Phoenix – 6/30/25
Rick Grundy - 6/30/24
Sue Sherman - 6/30/24

Respectfully submitted,

Brian C. Gallagher, Chairman

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

Members

A Community Preservation Committee (CPC) was established in April 2002, after voters had approved this action in an annual election ballot question. CPC consists of nine (9) volunteer voting members pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 44B, Section 5. Three at large members are appointed by the Board of Selectmen for one year terms. Other members are selected representatives of the Conservation Commission, Historical Commission, Planning Board, Recreation Commission, Housing Authority and Finance Committee. Our thanks go to all the volunteers serving and who have served on the CPC.

The present membership is Chair Betty Slade (at large), Vice Chair Timothy Gillespie (Recreation Commission), Veronica Beaulieu (Housing Authority), Garrett Stuck (Historical Commission), Hugh Morton (Finance Committee), Mark Schmid (Planning Board), Philip Weinberg (Conservation Commission), John Bell (at large) and Dale Weber (at large.)

Community Preservation Act

The provisions of the Community Preservation Act (MGL.44B) were passed at the 2001 Annual Town Meeting. In adopting the provisions of the Act, taxpayers approved a two percent surcharge on real estate

taxes, starting in February 2003, to fund this program. In addition, each year the State, from a special trust set up for this purpose, allocates funds to all the Community Preservation Act (CPA) communities. In the first several years, the State matched 100% but in the last few years of increased numbers of communities participating, the match has been fluctuating. The State has been allocating additional funding for CPA communities in the last three years and the Governor has shown support for new funding.

CPA funds are restricted to use only for open space (including active recreation), historic preservation, and community housing. A minimum of 10% of the total available funds each year must be devoted to each of these categories as projects or as reserves. The balance of the available funding may be expended in any of the categories listed. If funds are not expended in one year they are carried over to the next years as reserves. Up to five percent of available funds may be allocated for administrative expenses. A portion of remaining available funding may be placed in Budget Reserves in order for them to be available for possible projects in the fiscal year.

At any time after fiscal year FY08 the Town can revoke the Act by following the same procedure that was followed in adopting the Act. That is by a vote of Town Meeting followed by an annual Town election ballot question. Otherwise, the Community Preservation Act remains in place. Past efforts to weaken the CPA in Westport have been defeated and were followed up by a ballot vote giving support to CPA in Westport.

CPC Activities

CPC has an annual public hearing in the fall, normally September, to invite the Town and the public to submit projects and comments. CPC works closely with Town committees and boards as well as with the Agricultural Open Space Trust Fund Council, the Westport Land Conservation Trust, and other non-profits such as the Westport Historical Society to develop and implement projects which will meet CPA requirements and which will contribute to the betterment of the Town. Each project is carefully reviewed and costs closely examined. CPC requires that all projects serve a public purpose that private projects have grant agreements with the Town, and that quarterly reporting back to the CPC is done.

All proposed projects each year must be submitted to and reviewed by the CPC by the December meeting unless there are extenuating circumstances. A public hearing is held in January for all the projects which the CPC will consider for recommendation to the Town Meeting. The CPC submits a warrant article to Town Meeting for voters' consideration. All recommended projects were approved at the 2023 Annual Town Meeting unanimously. These were:

Historic Preservation

Town Hall Preservation, \$265,000 – The Westport Town Hall was built in 1938 under the Works Progress Administration (WPA). The WPA was created in May of 1935 to provide economic relief during the Great Depression.

The Town of Westport has applied for a \$500,000 Green Communities Grant to upgrade the heating and cooling systems. The Town will need to update the electric infrastructure at the Town Hall in order to make the project viable. The cost for the upgrades will be approximately \$150,000. The work will include upgrades of the electrical service and replacement of deficient electrical outlets and wiring throughout the building. In addition, the Town would like to address the deteriorating exterior of the main building and garage. Repair, replacement and preservation will be required including painting, work on exterior stairs and landings as well as handicap accessible railings. The repairs are estimated at \$115,000. This makes the total request to the CPC \$265,000.

Westport Town Farm Ell Apartment Repairs, \$36,625 – The project proposal is vital to the preservation of the north ell and associated north outbuildings of the Historic Westport Town Farm located at 830 Drift Road. While the main house, barn, several outbuildings and 40 acres are maintained by the Trustees of Reservations, the North ell and several adjacent outbuilding are the responsibility of the Town and administered by the Westport Historical Commission. The funds requested are for critical repairs and will help guarantee the continued preservation of these important structures. The CPA funds will help restore and/or replace the east and west eave soffit, fascia and gutters; stabilize screen/storm door by removing deteriorated paint and making door water tight; re-shingle outhouse sidewalls and roof, replacing trim,

repaint carriage shed and tin roof and replace an existing leaking gas hot water heater.

Historic Sanford School Restoration and Rehabilitation, \$180,000 – This project is to address the preservation of a historic school building in the north end of Westport. The building is located at 489 Sanford Road. In the late 1800's and early 1900's it was located directly across the street and was used as a one room elementary school.

The building is now referred to as the Westport American Legion Building. It was also known as the Sanford Road School and Westport School Building #15.

It is not presently handicap accessible and doesn't have ADA compliant bathrooms. The proposed project addresses these needs and provide needed preservation to the exterior: including re-shingling, construction of stairs, a handicap ramp access and a lower ADA compliant entrance.

Outdoor Recreation Space/Recreation

Westport Youth Athletic Association (WYAA), Irrigation, \$304,000 - The WYAA will be able to provide irrigation in the form of three well heads and generators to keep the baseball fields well irrigated especially through the summer drought season.

Town of Westport Playground Improvement Project, \$350,000 - There are two Town playgrounds in Westport: The Annex Playground, built in 1994, and the Bicentennial Playground, built in 1999. Both aging playgrounds are in urgent need of help. They are outdated and not in compliance with current standards, such as accessibility and safety codes. Most play structures can last between 8-10 years before they need to be replaced. The Annex Playground is 28 years old and the Bicentennial Playground is 23 years old.

The Recreation Department plans a total replacement of the Annex Playground. They would demolish and remove the old playground, prepare the land for a new playground and install an up to date playground. They would, at a minimum, upgrade the Bicentennial Playground by removing and/or replacing parts of the playground that need replacing or repair. If possible, with the assistance of other funding sources, they would demolish and replace with a new updated playground.

Open Space and Recreation

Snell Creek Conservation Project, \$150,000 - The Buzzards Bay Coalition requested \$150,000 for purchase of a Snell Creek Conservation Restriction. This project will permanently protect 29 acres of forest along Snell Creek at 559 Main Road. The Town of Westport through the Conservation Commission will hold a permanent conservation restriction on the property which will be owned and managed by the Coalition. The property will be open to public access.

Affordable Housing

Affordable Housing, \$60,000 - The Westport Affordable Housing Trust Fund requested CPA funds to support the Housing Specialist (\$40,000), HAO Clerk (\$10,000), Legal, consulting fees (\$6,000) and Office/Admin Expenses (\$4,000).

State Matching Funds received to date are listed below.

Total Trust Fund Distribution - \$3,988,454

Detailed information about meetings, application procedures, criteria and other source material is available on the Town of Westport Website – Community Preservation Committee. For further information about CPA throughout the State as well as in Westport, go to <http://www.communitypreservation.org/>.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Slade, Chair



ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION/SOIL BOARD

The Conservation Commission/Soil Conservation Board hereby submits its annual report for the calendar year ending December 31, 2023.

Overview

The Conservation Commission is a seven-member volunteer board, appointed by the Board of Selectmen to oversee and protect Westport's extensive inland and coastal wetlands, riverfront and certain other natural resources. Our primary responsibility is to review wetland delineations and permit applications for activity in or near wetland and riverfront areas under the jurisdiction of the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act (WPA) and the Rivers Protection Act, as well as ensuring compliance. The Commission issues decisions and permits after a public hearing and presentations by the applicant.

The Conservation Commission employs professional support to review application filings including septic and building permit requests. The Commission staff works closely with the Board of Health and Building Inspector in these reviews. The Commission is responsible for updating the Town's Open Space Plan every five years and for overseeing Town-held conservation restrictions, which preserve valuable natural areas. The Commission also serves as the Soil Conservation Board for the Town and reviews permit applications for storage, transfer and removal of certain soils and minerals as set forth in Westport's Soil By-Law.

Personnel Updates

The Conservation Commission employs one outstanding Wetlands professional, Christopher Capone. Christopher is the Commission's full-time Senior Conservation Agent. The Conservation Commission is also well supported by the administrative work of Leone Farias, Principal Clerk. Mrs. Farias handles the day-to-day operations of our office and with our agent, assists the public and applicants in moving through the sometimes intricate process of compliance with the requirements of the Conservation Commission.

Conservation Commission members at the close of 2023 were: Paul Joncas (Chairman), Jason Powell (Vice Chairman), and members Burton Bryan, Tom Merchant, Philip M. Weinberg, Jacob "Jake" McGuigan, and Kevin Carter.

Commission Activity & Highlights

The Commission continues to meet bi-weekly (alternate Tuesday evenings). We have continued with a regular review of our compliance worksheet, and have resolved numerous outstanding compliance issues. Policies and procedures continue to be refined and reviewed as appropriate.

The totals for various filings under the state Wetlands Protection Act in 2023 were: 150 Permit Reviews, 40 Notices of Intent, 16 NOI Extensions, 0 Abbreviated Notices of Resource Area Determination, 20 Requests for Determination of Applicability, 14 Certificates of Compliance and 11 Soil Permits.

Coordination with Town Boards

Conservation Commission members also represent the Commission on the Water Resource Committee, Community Preservation Committee, Agricultural Preservation Trust Council and the Westport Economic Development Task Force.

Budget and Wetland Funds

The Conservation Commission is funded partly from taxation and partly from a fund called the Wetlands Fund. A portion of every Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation (ANRAD) and Notice of Intent (NOI) is deposited in the Wetlands Fund. The Department uses these funds to carry out the work of the Conservation Commission and to supplement shortfalls in our funds appropriated at Town Meeting.

On behalf of the Conservation Commission and the citizens of the Town of Westport, I thank both the staff and Commissioners for their dedication and willingness to devote many hours to serving the Town of Westport.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Joncas, Chairman

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE WESTPORT COUNCIL ON AGING

The Council on Aging respectfully submits this report for the year ending December 31, 2023.

<u>Council Members</u>	<u>Appointed</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Irene Buck	July 1, 2022	June 30, 2024
Eileen Moncrief	July 1, 2022	June 30, 2024
Antonio Cestodio	Dec 1, 2020	June 30, 2024
Muriel Kokoszka	July 1, 2020	June 30, 2024
Marie Fontaine	September 1, 2022	June 30, 2024
Richard Brewer (Ex-Officio)	July 1, 2022	June 30, 2024

The COA Board is appointed by the Board of Selectmen to provide guidance and set policies for the Department.

Council on Aging Staffing

Including the Director, there are three full-time employees and twenty-three part-time employees with three (3) vacancies. Approximately 45 volunteers are actively involved in the operation of the Council on

Aging.

Director of Senior Services	Beverly Bisch (40 hours)
Principal Clerk	Joshua Brum (40 hours)
Outreach Coordinator	Andrea Lemos (35 hours)
Supportive Day Program Director	Connie McQuoid (35 hours)

Staffing Changes This Year

- Van Driver - hired 9/25/2023
- Assistant to the Director - new position – hired 9/25/2023
- Transportation Clerk - resigned 4/27/2023
- Transportation Clerk - hired 5/15/2023
- Meal Site Manager position - vacant
- Supportive Day Program Assistant Director - vacant
- Supportive Day Program Aid trainee (20 hrs./wk.) funded by Citizens for Citizens – hired 12/26/2023
- Director and 2 technology Instructors presented “Technology Best Practices” session at this year’s three day MCOA Conference in October
- One WCOA Advisory Board member resigned in December. Two seats are currently vacant.

Mission

The Mission of the Westport Council on Aging is to identify and meet the needs of Westport’s elder population and to inform elders and the community of available services. The Westport Council on Aging is responsible for planning, coordination and providing comprehensive services for Westport residents age 55 and over. The Westport Senior Center is a Town gathering place dedicated to enriching the aging experience for Westport seniors. We provide a rich, diverse environment with a wide range of opportunities, programs and services in the area of health, learning, art, socialization, nutrition and recreation. Our goal is to offer seniors opportunities to be active members of their community while maintaining their independence. We believe wholeheartedly in enhancing growth, dignity and a sense of belonging while encouraging individual contributions and the sharing of life experiences.

Volunteer Department

We applied and received an \$8,000 MCOA Marketing/Outreach grant in preparing for this year’s strategic planning. One Advisory Board volunteer developed and mailed a senior survey to Westport residents ages 50 and older. Our return rate was 23% and we heard from many new to the center. We held 3 focus groups during the spring, and held an Informational Open House on 7/20/2023 from 3-6pm. Most of the attendees were new folks who had replied to the survey and were approaching retirement age. We recruited 12 new volunteers and others registered for activities and exercise classes. We are continuing with the strategic planning process into the spring of 2024, with conclusion expected in early summer 2024. This will be our roadmap for the next 3 – 5 years.

Our volunteer landscaping crew provided the center with lovely spring and summer flowers. These 6 dedicated staff provided 152 hours to maintain and beautify our gardens. This summer’s wet weather made for beautiful summer blooms and fall foliage.

This year we secured a table at the South Coast Harvest Festival to showcase all the senior center services. Our \$500 fee was waived by the festival organizers. The weather was uncooperative on Friday and Saturday, however Thursday evening and Sunday were exceptionally well attended. The festival ran from 9/29 – 10/1/2023.

A Volunteer Appreciation event was held at Bittersweet Farms on September 26, 2023. Forty volunteers attended and were able to enjoy the service and socialization we have missed the past few years. Small gift bags were given to each volunteer with a package of gift cards hand drawn by artist and volunteer

Laura Gifford, and a Westport Council on Aging pocket sized notepad and pen. Everyone enjoyed the buffet style brunch, pastries, beverages and socialization.

Supportive Day Program

This year the Outreach Department provided 3,487 service units to 579 seniors. The service needs varied with the greatest need for medical insurance and prescription information (514), food information with pantry, SNAP and farmer's market coupons (553), fuel assistance application (107), affordable connectivity application assistance, equipment and personal care products, and well checks. This year seniors who participated during Medicare open enrollment saved an estimated \$20,000 by choosing a different Medicare plan or pharmacy partner. (1 of 2 Medicare Counselors tallied, next year we will have both staff tally). Outreach staff provided referrals to over fifty (50) different programs, both local and federal. This department serves a critical need for our most vulnerable seniors, many who live alone with little to no family support and economic insecurity. These outreach workers provide the information and referrals for many of the resources to assist the seniors through these difficult times and help stabilize their situation. While this department is solely grant funded, the senior residents of Westport would be lost without this crucial service.

Outreach Services

This year the Outreach Department provided 3,428 service units to 571 seniors. The service needs varied with the greatest need for medical insurance and prescription information, food information with pantry, SNAP and farmer's market coupons, fuel assistance application, affordable connectivity application assistance, equipment and personal care products, and well checks. They provided referrals to over fifty (50) different programs, both local and federal. This department serves a critical need for our most vulnerable seniors, many who live alone with little to no family support and economic insecurity. These outreach workers provide the information and referrals for many of the resources to assist the seniors through these difficult times and help stabilize their situation. While this department is solely grant funded, the senior residents of Westport would be lost without this crucial service.

Senior Center Program Activities

This year we provided 7,541 activities to 740 individuals totaling 12,071 hours of programming. The largest participation is in our nine (9) different exercise classes. The Drums Alive class is supported with Formula grant funds so seniors can participate free of charge online. We participate in conjunction with four (4) other COA's to divide the full cost of \$175/week (\$35/week for us). The class is offered Monday – Friday mornings to any COA member. Some of our members even participate when they travel to Florida or Arizona in the winter. We continue with educational programs like Technology classes and 1:1 instruction, Chef on a Shoestring, CPR classes, health screenings like Podiatry, Dental and Flu clinics, and professional services like AARP Tax preparation and Legal counseling.

Transportation Services

This year we provided 6,036 rides to 100 seniors. Twenty-five percent (25%) of the rides are for medical appointments and fifty percent (50%) of the rides were for Supportive Day Program. The remaining rides were to the senior center for program participation in activities, exercise or health screenings, with the remaining for errands and shopping.

Financial

This year was all about grant opportunities and community support.

This year the WCOA was awarded the following grants:

- \$5,000 grants from South Coast Community Foundation Senator Michael Rodrigues Fund
- MCOA SIG Grant for \$8,000 for Supportive Day Program Scholarships (12/17/22-6/30/23)
- MCOA SIG Grant for \$8,000 - Marketing and Community Outreach (12/17/22-6/30/23)
- Bristol Elder Services Title III Technology Grant for \$6,400 (10/1/22-9/30/23)
- Bristol Elder Services Title III Technology Grant for \$6,400 (10/1/23-9/30/24)
- AARP Community Challenge Grant for \$10,000-fixed route transportation service (7/1/22-4/30/23)

In Kind

In-kind represents tangible goods or services considered essential for COA operations, but not paid for out of its budget. Please indicate which of the services below were provided to the COA.

- Direct Energy solar credits – \$24,635
- Custodial/Maintenance - \$2,000 (Bristol County Sheriff's office property clean up and painting)
- Snow Plowing/Outside Maintenance - \$3,000
- Durable medical equipment - \$10,000 (walkers/wheelchairs/canes /shower chairs)
- Donated goods - \$8,500 (bladder/incontinence supplies)
- Speakers/presenters – \$1,800
- Luncheons/food - \$4,500 (Friends sponsored SDP lunches, Veterans Breakfast, Christmas gift baskets for Outreach seniors)
- Books/Videos/Magazines – \$1,000
- Senior Nutrition - \$4,500 (food pantry items/Healthy Futures Farm produce donations)
- Professional Instructors - \$6,250 (Chef on a Shoestring/Technology Classes and 1:1 Instruction/CPR instruction)
- TOTAL = \$66,185 In Kind

The support from the community, other Town departments, local professionals, and especially the Friends of the WCOA are instrumental in keeping our senior center the vibrant, active center our seniors deserve. Without these dedicated individuals and community partners we would not be the able to provide the varied and quality services and activities to our members. Maintaining these partnerships is at the heart of keeping the Westport Council on Aging thriving and growing into our next chapter.

Respectfully submitted,

Beverly Bisch
Director, Council on Aging

Irene Buck
Chair, Council on Aging Board



ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TASK FORCE

The Economic Development Task Force consists of Chair Steve Ouellette, Vice-Chair Maury May, Manny Soares (Planning Board), Ben Wolbach (Farmers Markets), and Christopher Thrasher (At Large-appointed July 1, 2023). Liz Collins (At Large) began the year as a member but resigned. Meetings were held on an “as needed” basis only and we held only one meeting. We note that three of our members – Ouellette, May & Soares – are also members of the Infrastructure Oversight Committee that assumed economic development functions of the Route 6 water & sewer project currently underway.

Thus, the primary function of the Task Force in 2023 was to hold the Westport Farmers Markets. Accordingly only one meeting was held on March 9, 2023 to plan for both the Summer & Winter Markets. We successfully held 19 Summer Markets on the south parking lot of the Town Annex on Saturday mornings between 9 am and 1 pm from June 3 through October 7, 2023. We also held five Winter Markets in the Annex Gymnasium on November 11 & 18 and December 2, 9, & 16, 2023 at the same times. Ben & Hannah Wolbach of Skinny Dip Farm were our market managers, while Maury May did the paperwork associated with its administration. Food vendors included Skinny Dip Farms, Renegade Rising, Sweet & Salty Farm, and Neighborhood Farm. Craft vendors included Eileen Broughton, Rhonda Dearing, Ronda Dearing, Erika Hammer, Nancy MacEachem, Sarah Terrell, Amy Thurber, Amy Tripp, and Lori Zanin.

For the fourth consecutive season, the Westport Cultural Council supported our “Music at the Markets” program with funding from the Helen Ellis Trust. Performers included Cal Wingate & Friends, Mike Weidenfeller, Rick Tabit, Carlin Tripp, Rick Allendorf, Hank & Tom Poitras, and the Davolls Jam group. We had music at all 24 of our 2023 markets.

Finally, we note the recent passing of long-time Task Force member Jim Coyne who helped with a wide range of activities in support of the Farmers Markets from media promotion to literally sweeping the Annex Gym floor after Winter Markets. He is missed.

Respectfully submitted,

Maurice E. May, Chair

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

I hereby submit my report as Fire Chief for the year ending December 31, 2023.

The mission of the Westport Fire Department is to protect life, property and the environment from fire, medical emergencies, hazardous materials, natural disaster and terrorist related incidents. We will do this through emergency mitigation, code enforcement, public education and training.

Fire Chief

Brian R. Legendre

Deputy FireChief

Daniel Baldwin

Administrative Assistant

Haleigh Lowney

Captains

Bruce Martin Jr.
Mark Brisk

Keith Nickelson

Lieutenants

Darren Nunes

Robert E. Greene

Firefighter/EMT's

Glenn R. Nunes
Paul Duhon
Andrew Ferrarini
Robert Porawski Jr.
Michael Teixeira
Isaiah Manley
Christopher Pritchard
Matthew T. Farias
Steven Tabares

Matthew Cowell
Anthony Ward
Andrew Raymond
Ann Marie Peckham
Chris Caswell
Weston Thurston II
Todd Nunes
Amy Doar

Call Firefighters

Lt. William Baraby (Fire Investigation Only)
Chad Vaillancourt
Kirk Faria
Dylan Soares
Ryan Silvia
Justin Raulino

Todd Mackay
Ronald Vien
Joe Dupuis
Cody Smeaton
Brody Pelletier
Evan Willard

Emergency Management Director

Fire Chief Brian R. Legendre

Emergency Management - Special Services

Roger Maynard
Bryan Moniz
Susan Maynard
Kate Galop
Jonathan Correira

Kenneth Reilly
Kendall Nickelson
Linda Nickelson
Camden DeMedeiros
Ken Mingola

Fire Prevention Officer

Captain Mark Brisk

Fire Investigator

Lieutenant William G. Baraby

Medical Director

Hank Crowley Jr., MD

EMS Coordinator

Glenn R. Nunes

Fire Department Chaplin

Pastor Kate Galop

Hazardous Material Technicians

Chief Brian R. Legendre
Glenn R. Nunes

Captain Bruce Martin, Jr.
Captain Mark Brisk

Child Passenger Safety Technician

Christopher Pritchard

Weston Thurston, II

Grant Writer

Deputy Chief Daniel Baldwin

E-911 Coordinator

Paul Duhon

Training Division

Deputy Chief Daniel Baldwin
Captain Keith Nickelson
Anthony Ward

Captain Bruce Martin Jr.
EMS Officer Glenn Nunes

Fire & Explosion Investigation Division

Deputy Chief Daniel Baldwin
Captain Mark Brisk

Lieutenant William G. Baraby

Fire & Life Safety Education Division

Ann Marie Peckham
Robert Porawski

Anthony Ward
Weston Thurston, II

Bristol County Tech Rescue Team Members

Lieutenant Robbie Greene
Amy Doar

Anthony Ward

The Westport Fire Department is currently rated as an ISO Class 2/2Y Department. It is a combination department that currently consists of twenty-two (22) full-time firefighter/paramedics and twelve (12) call-firefighters. All our career staff members serve as **both** Firefighters and Paramedics, a position which can take several years to attain due to the amount of required training and education. A full-time firefighter/paramedic works a minimum of forty-two (42) hours per week, providing **both** fire and EMS protection at the Advanced Life Support Level (ALS). There is always at least four (4) firefighter/paramedics on duty, two in each station. Off-duty full-time firefighters and call firefighters supplement the lack of on-duty personnel. Staffing is a constant issue within the department due to the uncertainty and inconsistency with off-duty firefighter and call-firefighter responses. There is no guarantee that the on-duty firefighters will get any help or enough help at emergency scenes to operate safely and effectively. Due to a lack of staffing, the department frequently relies on mutual aid from surrounding communities to mitigate certain fire and EMS incidents. Westport is the fourth largest Community in the Commonwealth (land area) and has little public water supply to speak of, resulting in firefighters having to find and secure their own water supply, requiring additional manpower, apparatus, and equipment.

As a department we continue to do our best to meet current NFPA standards related to equipment certification, training, and staffing. We are attempting to do as many things as possible "in house" to reduce cost and still meet the standards to improve safety and reduce liability to the Town. Outside sources of grant funding, such as ARPA, AFG, DFS and MEMA played a pivotal role this past year in helping us replace or upgrade our equipment to meet the ever-increasing needs of the department and the community. Our staff secured over \$1,000,000 in outside funding during this period. Capital funding has also significantly improved our operations over the last couple of years by upgrading our equipment and providing us with funding to replace our self-contained breath apparatus (SCBA), the most important safety equipment our firefighters use. While we have been very fortunate to benefit from multiple grant awards, they cannot and should not be relied on to keep a public safety department properly funded and equipped.

Fire and EMS training continues to be an important part of our day-to-day operations. Our career and on-call members conduct countless hours of annual training and continuing education to strengthen their knowledge, skills, and abilities. We conducted an impressive amount of training hours, once again logging over 2,000 hours of fire and EMS training in 2023. In addition to in house training, many of our members attended training courses through the Massachusetts Fire Academy, the Massachusetts

Emergency Management Agency, the State Haz-Mat Team, the Bristol County Tech Rescue Team and multiple EMS training sites, such as the PC Institute for Medical Education, which provides state of the art, hands-on medical training, with the use of human cadavers, under the close observation of medical doctors.

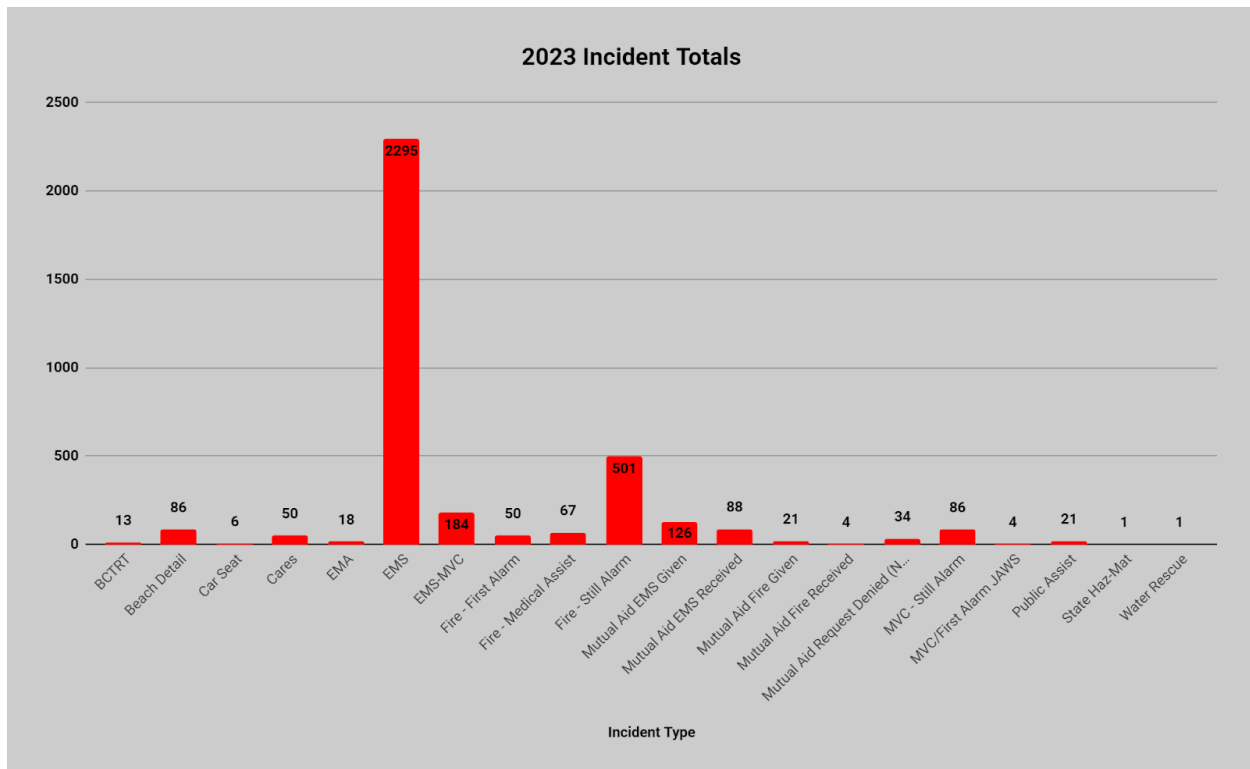
The department has been battling with fleet maintenance issues for several years. We continue to work with local mechanics to properly maintain our aging fleet properly. The average age of our fire apparatus is approaching 20 years, with the oldest piece being a 30-year-old fire engine, which is in immediate need of replacement.

The fire department's role has changed dramatically over the last several decades. Here in Westport, we have done our best to keep up with these changes in an ongoing effort to better serve our community better. Several of our members are on specialized State and County response teams, such as Haz-Mat (State) response, Tech Rescue (County) response, and Wild-land (District) firefighting response, all of which benefit us at the local level. Our EMA staff supports the department with emergency management preparation during times of weather-related emergencies, and rehab support for extended Fire and EMS operations.

The Town of Westport continues to have some of the most dedicated firefighters in the area constantly striving to improve the department and its role in the community. Today, like all other fire departments nationwide, we do much more than fight structure, brush, trash, chimney, vehicle, boat, and equipment fires. We also respond to a variety of medical emergencies, extractions, Haz-Mat, carbon monoxide, structural collapse/damage, severe weather incidents, severe weather preparation, emergency management, water rescue, ice rescue, electrical emergencies, fuel spills, animal rescue, vaccine administration, technical rescue, gas leaks, motor vehicle crash response, investigations, explosive device response, assisting our seniors maintain a safe living environment, fire prevention, pre- planning, public education, junior firefighter explorer training and more.

In Conclusion

The Fire Department responded to over 3,226 individual incidents in 2023. Extra functions, such as Car seat installations, CARES, etc. are NOT included in this total.



Our Fire Prevention Officer handled 1,268 prevention and education related matters in 2023, working with contractors, residents and business owners in our continuing effort to protect life and property from fire related incidents.

The Department generated \$959,030.22 in revenue for the Town in Fiscal Year 2023.

2023 Fiscal Year Revenue Breakdown

Ambulance Revenue:	\$ 835,447.52
Fire Revenue:	\$ 39,680.00
EMA Revenue:	\$ 4,600.00
Haz-Mat Revolving	\$ 0.00
Gift Account/Ambulance Donations:	\$ 6,305.70
Private Details:	\$ 54,997.00
Total Revenue Generated:	\$ 959,030.22

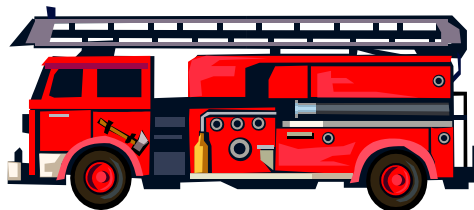
We would like to thank all Town Departments and Boards for their support over the past year. I would especially like to thank the Board of Selectmen, Police Department, Highway Department, Building Department, Town Administrator, and Finance Committee for all the projects they assisted us with.

We would like to thank the business community for their continued support with our mission. Together working as a team, we can make a safer community. Several businesses have once again gone above and beyond to support the mission of the Fire Department. They include Sylvan Nursery, Distinctive Auto Body, Rob's Auto Care, Mid City Steel, Ace Hardware and Bulldog Fire Apparatus.

In closing, the Fire Department will continue to adapt as the Town changes and will continue to be an active part of our community by participating in and sponsoring family-oriented safety events throughout the year. I would like to thank the Westport Permanent Firefighters Association, Westport Call-Firefighters Association and EMA Special Services for their continued support of our department and the citizens of Westport.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian R. Legendre
Fire Chief



ANNUAL REPORT OF THE HARBORMASTER

The 2023 season was busy as usual with many boaters in the Westport River and surrounding ocean. This is the eighth year of the Marine Services Department. This department is a combination of the Harbormaster Department, Shellfish Department, Wharfinger, the 88 State Boat Ramp, and the Hix Bridge Boat Ramp. The Marine Services Department was able to put more officials in more places on the Westport River for public safety. We run seven (7) boats in the Marine Services Department. All of the

personnel working in the Marine Services Department are cross deputized as a Harbormasters as well as Shellfish Wardens.

The Vessel Pump-Out Service funded by the Clean Vessel Act was provided from late April until late November 2023. We pumped approximately 5,000 gallons of boat septage from over 325 vessels. The number of gallons pumped is down from 2022. Monies provided by the CVA grant were in the total of \$15,000 to cover the pump-out operations and equipment maintenance.

Water Way User Fee rates were raised to \$5.00 per foot. Private mooring rates were raised to \$25 and \$60 for commercial mooring permits remained the same. A season on a Town mooring was raised to \$500.00 and the nightly Town mooring fee is \$35.00.

Weekend patrols in the summer and 24/7 year round rescue coverage was provided. The Harbormaster Department launched and hauled floats at Hix Bridge Landing with the help of the Highway Department. The Harbormaster Department takes charge of money collected and parking issues at the 88 State Boat Ramp. There were approximately 2,500 vessels using the 88 State Boat Ramp for the 2023 boating season. The Harbormaster Department responded to 51 emergency calls from the Westport Police Dispatch, the U.S. Coast Guard, Marine VHF calls, and cell phone calls to assist the public boating community. There were many boats towed to safety, capsized vessels with people in the water, environmental related calls, boats aground, distressed sea mammals, and boat collisions. We are on-call 24/7 and we do our very best to help bring everyone home safely.

The following are the revenues collected from boaters in 2023:

Slip & Mooring Fees (approximately 1,250)	\$128,281.00
Private Mooring Permits	7,290.00
Town Moorings Seasonal Permits	3,000.00
State Boat Ramp (Seasonal – 144 x \$45)	6,480.00
State Boat Ramp (Daily - \$5 per day)	10,255.00
Hix Bridge Ramp (Seasonal – 424 x \$20)	8,480.00
State Boat Excise Tax (to Municipal Waterways)	23,285.00
State Boat Excise Tax (to General Fund)	23,285.00
Total Enterprise Fund	\$163,786.00
Total Paid by Boaters in 2022	\$210,356.00

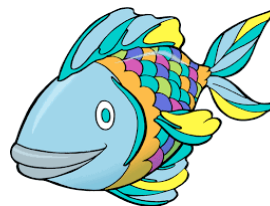
As always, I would like to thank publicly the very dedicated Deputy Director of Marine Services Gary Tripp and Assistants James Perry, Joshua Mosher, William Shaw Jr., Raymond Jarvis, Douglas Murphy, William Chace and volunteers Jonathan Paull and Richard Hart (Sweet Pea), for a job well done and, who, at times when called upon, put their lives at risk for the sake for the boating public and the Town of Westport.

A professional thanks you goes out to the Westport Police Department and its Dispatchers, the Westport Fire Department, everyone working in the Town Hall as well as the Town Hall Annex, the Harbor Advisory Committee (John Azevedo, Chairman), and the Highway Department (Chris Gonsalves). All of these people are a great help with their continuing support for the Westport waterfront. Thank you.

Also, sadly, we must announce the passing at home of Richard Hart (Sweet Pea) on March 5, 2023. He did so many good things for the Harbormaster Department and the Town of Westport. He will be greatly missed.

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher A. Leonard
Director of Marine Services



ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

The Westport Highway Department continues to maintain approximately 137 miles of the 163 miles of roadway in Town. The department currently has a Highway Surveyor, a Clerk/Dispatcher, 1 Mechanic, 4 Special Equipment Operators and 4 Seasonal employees.

The Highway Department has regular duties of:

1. General maintenance and resurfacing of roads;
2. Installation and repair of drainage;
3. Cleaning and installation of catch basins;
4. Inventory of catch basins;
5. Tree trimming and brush cutting;
6. Mowing along sides of roads and landings;
7. Processing of loam, sand, gravel and stone on site;
8. Winter season plowing and sanding and pre-treating roads;
9. Maintenance of vehicles and equipment;
10. Sign making;
11. Street sweeping.
12. Maintaining of retention ponds and easements;
13. Maintaining Town fire hydrants;
14. Assisting the Cemetery Department with plot preparation and expansion of cemetery grounds;
15. Water meter reading;
16. Maintenance of Town landings, parks and playgrounds.
17. Emergency response assistance for Police, Fire and Marine Services.

Chapter 90 Program

Chapter 90 is a 100% reimbursable program for maintaining, repairing, improving and constructing Town ways and bridges, which qualify under the State Aid Highway Guidelines adopted by the Public Works Commission. Additionally, if related to a project, we may be able to purchase road building machinery, equipment and tools.

FY24 Chapter 90 Program

Our roadway improvements this year included overlaying approximately 6,500 LF of roadway and reclaiming and paving of approximately 1,700 LF of roadway. The improvements were completed on the following roadways: Ivy Meadows Lane, Gifford Road, J Drive, and W. Normandin Street.

Town Hall Parking Lot

Overlay Town Hall driveways and parking areas.

Beech Grove Cemetery

Reclaimed and paved approximately 2,100 LF on roadways.

Line Striping

Sanford road, Old Bedford Road, Davis Road, Gifford Road, Old County Road, Main Road, Charlotte White Road, Sodom Road, Forge Road and Reed Road.

The Highway Department has assisted other Town Departments with their projects and undertakings. We continue to look forward to accommodating the needs of the Town of Westport and will remain efficient in this undertaking.

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher Gonsalves
Highway Surveyor



ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE WESTPORT HISTORICAL COMMISSION

The following is a report of the Westport Historical Commission (WHC) for the year ending December 31, 2023.

Regular Members:

Ruddick Lawrence, Chair
William Kendall, Vice Chair
Caroline Bolter, Clerk
Garrett Stuck, Treasurer, CPC Representative
Beverly Schuch
Deborah Ciolfi

Alternate Members:

Recording Secretary

Robert Barboza

The Westport Historical Commission (WHC) is in its 50th year of operation, and its mandate includes a variety of responsibilities.

Westport Mandate: The WHC oversees and maintains the Westport Historic Inventory, a Town-wide list of historic houses, buildings, structures and objects. A complete list of this survey is on file with the state at the Massachusetts Historical Commission (MHC) and is available at <http://mhc-macris.net/Towns.aspx?Page=towns.asp>.

Westport Historic District Operations: Overseeing the Westport Point Historic District continues to be the major portion of the work of the WHC. In 2023, eleven public hearings were held. Fourteen proposals were approved for Certificates of Appropriateness. Fifteen projects were granted Certificates of Non-Applicability, eleven for 'like for like' repairs and four for work not visible from a public way or specifically excluded from WHC review.

The WHC holds meetings generally on the first Monday of each month. WHC agendas, application forms, guidelines and other general information are listed on the Town of Westport website. WHC house plaques for buildings over fifty years old are available at the nominal cost of \$60 per plaque. Applications can be obtained from the WHC website or the WHC bulletin board in Town Hall.

The WHC's annual budget of \$1275 is used for a recording secretary, office supplies, postage, printing costs and meeting notices. Videotapes of WHC meetings are recorded by local cable personnel and broadcast on the local cable access channel.

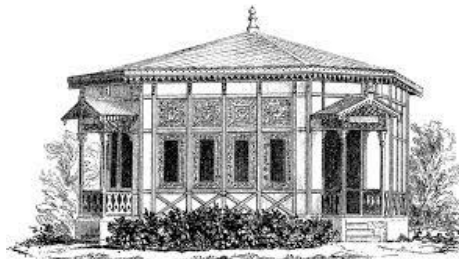
Westport Demolition By-Law: Under the terms of the Westport Demolition By-Law, property owners contemplating demolition of buildings on the Westport Historic Inventory must obtain approval from the WHC before they are issued a demolition certificate from the Westport Building Department. In 2023, WHC received one request for a preliminary review of a house to be demolished. The request was approved.

Preservation Oversight: WHC regularly reviews work at three properties where WHC holds historic preservation agreement oversight on behalf of the Town: Westport Town Farm, Oscar Palmer Farm, and the Handy House. WHC also reviews CPA (Community Preservation Act) project proposals which wish to draw on CPA historic preservation funds.

Help Wanted: At the present time, the WHC has an opening for seven alternate members. Applications are welcome through the Select Board's office.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruddick Lawrence, Chair



ANNUAL REPORT OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

The Infrastructure Oversight Committee consists of Chair Steve Ouellette, Vice-Chair Bob Daylor, Clerk Maurice May, Manny Soares (Planning Board), Joe Amaral (Business-to-Business), Lawrence Holsworth (Finance Committee), Jerry Coutinho (At Large), and Joe Rioux (At Large). Our Town Administrator James Hartnett is an active ex-official member of our Committee, as is our consultant Roger Fernandes of FERN.

During 2023, the Committee held five meetings on February 8, May 10, June 22, September 6, and November 29. The major topic of discussion was Westport's plans for water & sewer trunklines from Whites at the Fall River line to the Dartmouth line. The Planning Board had initiated the planning and Sen. Michael Rodrigues procured a \$1 million ARPA earmark to get the process rolling. With that money the Planning Board engaged Kleinfelder to develop engineering for the project, which resulted in one project with three contracts that are divided by sewer-pump station needs. Toward the end of the year we

focused on efforts to fund and build Contract 1, which would install a sewer line parallel to the existing water line from Whites to Meatworks near Route 88.

Our funding efforts were focused first and foremost on grants. We are sad to report that our efforts were largely unsuccessful. We were refused a MassWorks grant and were not supported for a federal Senatorial earmark. We researched Agricultural Department grants to find us ineligible. Our one success was with Rep. Keating who supported us for a \$960,000 federal earmark, but that is unfortunately hung up in the difficult Congressional budgetary process as this is being written. The bottom line at this point is that we must ask Town voters to support an \$8.5 million debt exclusion to finance Contract 1. With our request for a low-cost state loan from the State Revolving Fund not prioritized and wait listed, we are looking into private municipal bond funding.

We had special guests during the year. Jacqueline Jones, the principal Transportation planner at SRPEDD, discussed a Route 6 traffic study in light of our water & sewer plans. Tanja Ryden, Chair of the Westport Board of Health, discussed the timing of our water & sewer plans and its impact on her Board's cesspool regulation.

During the year we noted the passing of Bob McCarthy (Finance Committee) who was an early member when the Committee was established by the Select Board in June 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

Maurice E. May, Clerk

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE LANDING COMMISSION

The Landing Commission is charged with overseeing the Public and Town Landings in Westport.

Public Landings

The general public is entitled to use these landings on the same basis as the inhabitants of Westport.

1. Head of Westport (both sides) (canoe/kayak access – picnic/recreation area)
2. Hix Bridge (west side)
3. Near Adamsville on west side of Acoaxet River (canoe/kayak access)
4. East Beach near Dartmouth Line
5. Westport Point (east side of road)

Town Landings

Acquired in various ways by Town of Westport. Control and regulations are the same as public landings but inhabitants of Westport may be given preference over general public.

1. Hix Bridge (east side) (boat access - permit required from Selectmen's Office)
2. Horseneck Point Landing (Gooseberry Neck Bar) (Town beach pass required)
3. Emma Tripp Landing (East Beach at the Let) (canoe/kayak access)
4. Central Wharf at Westport Point.

The Landing Commission welcomes everyone to enjoy the landings and we look forward to seeing you there.

We would like to express our gratitude to Brian Pontolilo for his service to the Landing Commission

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Bull
Wendy Henderson
Richard Earle
Susan Brayton



ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE WESTPORT FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Board of Trustees of the Westport Free Public Library hereby submits its report for the year ending December 31, 2023.

Trustees

Donald Davidson, Chair
Laura Bennett, Vice-Chair
Pauline B. Dooley, Secretary

Susan Costa
Susan Czernicka
Polly Feitelberg

Staff

George Ripley
Bonnie Strebel

Amy Medeiros
Daniel Sheahan
Robin Winters
Nancy Mullen
Melissa Ferreira
Roland Dumas

Library Director
Assistant Library Director/
Children's & Young Adult Librarian
Principal Clerk
Principal Clerk
Library Aide II
Library Aide I
Library Aide I
Maintenance Specialist

2023 was a year of transition and growth as the Library adapted to changing needs for a variety of library services and rose to meet the needs of the community. From books to story times to technology help, the Westport Free Public Library strives to ensure every resident of Westport has access to enriching resources and experiences. We began the year by celebrating the career of retiring Assistant Director

Linda Cunha after seventeen years of service to the families of Westport, and then congratulating former Principal Clerk Bonnie Strelbel on her promotion to the Assistant Director position. Melissa Ferreira also joined the team as a Library Aide I.

Funding for the Library in the Town's Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 budget is at a level that enables the Library to qualify for certification by the Massachusetts (MA) Board of Library Commissioners (MBLC), with the Library fully qualifying for certification at fifty hours of service to the public a week. The Library continues to share resources with forty communities throughout Southeastern MA. The Commonwealth Catalog currently extends searches throughout other regional library networks and MA university libraries including a growing availability of downloadable audio and e- book titles. As a member of the SAILS Library Network, patrons have the convenience to place holds on books and other materials directly from home, work and while travelling. Patrons may visit our Library website (www.westport-ma.com/westport-free-public-library) to explore and access these and other services.

Regular library services have been both challenging but also rewarding. We are most grateful for the ongoing work of all staff members. In the last year, we saw approximately 48,600 visits to the Library (our highest ever) with 742 new library cards issued. Total circulation for print and digital materials increased to 89,713 items, our highest on record. 3,983 new items were added to the Library's physical collection. Digital checkouts continue to grow with Libby by Overdrive for downloading ebooks, audiobooks and magazines. Hoopla digital services also offers ebook, audio, music and movie titles that never require a waiting list. Kanopy is a video streaming service that allows Town residents to watch movies, TV shows, documentaries, and children's programs for free with your library card. Staff continued to answer email questions, phone calls, updating patron library cards and helping with online services remotely. Patrons actively ask for assistance with using electronic devices and computer databases. Accurately assessing our community's evolving needs and maintaining a balance between print and electronic resources continues to be an area of focus as we move forward. The public computers at the library are also a vital community resource, especially with so many employers now requiring online job applications. We saw public computers use increase to a total of 940 hours in 2023.

The Friends of Westport Library continue their vital work to support the Library's operating and programming budget. The annual FOWL book sales have returned much to the joy of Town residents. Many thanks are extended to the Friends newsletter committee for continuing publication of the quarterly newsletter. The newsletter is shared through email, post mail, and available at some local businesses that support the Library's efforts. The Friends continue to collect Lees' receipts which provide an important revenue source for programming and the purchase of materials. Thank you, Lees Market. Also our deepest thanks are extended to the Phillip Snyder Foundation for their continuing support of Children's programming.

With the support of FOWL and the Snyder Foundation, we offered a total of 87 Children's programs and storytimes during the year. Much thanks to Assistant Director Bonnie Strelbel for her dedicated work with the children and families of Westport. We also saw the launch of two new adult book clubs, one for mysteries and one for science fiction and fantasy. With these new additions, we saw the highest number of adult programs offered and attended on record. Our total attendance to all programs was 2,063 people!

I speak for all of the Trustees and staff in expressing our most grateful appreciation for volunteers including those who share exhibits at the Library. Their time and dedication to the Library connect us to our community in so many ways.

We look forward to working with and serving the community in the upcoming year.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald Davidson, Chair
Westport Free Public library Board of Library Trustees



ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MODERATOR

In 2023, Westport held its Annual Town Meeting on May 2nd at the Westport Middle High School auditorium. The meeting considered and voted all 34 articles of the warrant in a single session, adjourning shortly after 11:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven Fors, D.C.
Moderator



ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board hereby submits its annual report for the year 2023.

Role

Under the Massachusetts General Laws, the elected five-member Planning Board is charged with formulating and administering Rules and Regulations Governing the Subdivision of Land in accordance with the Subdivision Control Law; with advising on and reviewing plans for proposed subdivisions;

monitoring the installation of subdivision infrastructure and new road construction; conducting public hearings for applications for development; conducting public hearings for the introduction of, and amendments to, Planning Board Rules and Regulations and Town of Westport By-Laws; with reviewing, advising and granting Special Permits and Site Plan Approvals for commercial development; and with developing the Master Plan Update. The Department also implements the guidelines suggested by the Town of Westport Master Plan for sustainable development and redevelopment practices. Also, the Board advises the Town on land use decisions, projects and policies affecting Westport, and tracks current development trends.

The Planning Department’s professional staff supports the Planning Board's mission of creating a broad vision for the community of Westport by administering and monitoring subdivisions; reviewing plans for technical compliance; reviewing, amending and writing by-laws, regulations, policies, and grant proposals; conducting research and analysis to advise and assist the Board; preparing staff reports; performing site visits; attending meetings of the Planning Board and other Boards and Committees as requested by the Planning Board.

Meetings

The Board generally meets every other Tuesday evening in the Town Hall Annex. Planning Board regular meetings and public hearings are televised on the local cable channel and are posted on YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/@westportgovernmenttv>. Administrative work sessions are held in the Planning Department on Tuesday evenings on an as-needed basis. In 2023, the Board held a total of nineteen (19) meetings comprised of the following; eighteen (18) regular meetings, one (1) administrative work session, and three (3) regular meetings were rescheduled. There were five (5) Short-Term Rental Committee meetings and six (6) Climate Resilience Committee meetings. The Assistant Town Planner had six (6) site visits. The Town Planner had five (5) site visits.

Membership

Members serve a 5-year term or fill a vacancy until the next election. A new member is elected to fill the remainder of the term of that seat.

Planning Board Members

<u>Board Member</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Chairman, James T. Whitin	2027
Vice Chairman, Robert Daylor	2024
John Bullard	2028
Mark L. Schmid	2026
Manuel Soares	2025

Staff

Michael L. Burris	Town Planner, AICP
Amy L. Messier	Assistant Town Planner
Nadine M. Castro	Assistant Town Planner II

Revenue

The Planning Department collected a total of \$20,800 in filing fees and \$85 in miscellaneous fees for the calendar year 2023 (see Table 1).

Consultant Engineer fees are administered by the Planning Board and paid for by applicants. Consultant Engineering fees expended totaled \$48,600 during calendar year 2023 (see Table 1).

TABLE 1. Department Revenues and Engineering Fees 2018 - 2023

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Revenue	\$20,800	\$5,825.60	\$13,921	\$23,356	\$23,545	\$10,675
Engineering fees	\$48,600	\$27,560	\$32,852	\$39,132	\$97,612	\$36,894

Development Activity

TABLE 2. SUBDIVISION PLANS SUBMITTED, ENDORSED, AND APPROVED IN 2023

Type	Plans Submitted	Plans Approved/ Endorsed	Plans Withdrawn	Plans Denied/ Not Endorsed	New Building Lots Created
ANRs- Approval Not Required Plans	14	14	0	0	24
Site Plans Submitted	6	3	2	0	0
Large Scale Solar Applications submitted in 2023	0	0	0	---	---
Preliminary Plans	1	1	0		
Definitive Plans	8	1	0	0	3
Pre-Application Consultation	8	---	---	---	---
Definitive Plans submitted in 2022, acted on in 2023	---	---	---	---	---
Total plans submitted in 2023	37				
Total New Lots Created 2023	---	---	---	---	27

Public Hearings and Administrative Actions

The Planning Board did not have any large-scale solar array application submissions for 2023. Compared to the prior year, more subdivisions and Approval-Not-Required division of lots along public ways were applied for. In 2023, there were four (4) subdivisions submitted before the Board

Site Plan Approvals

Low Impact Development (LID)	2
Minor Modifications (Minor)	1
Withdrawals	2

Special Permits

Flexible Frontage	2
Common Driveways	0
Recreational Marijuana	1
Large Scale Solar	0

Inclusionary Housing	0
OSRD	0
STOD	0
Assisted & Independent Living >20	2
Modification to Special Permit Requiring Public Hearing	0

Pre-Application Consultations

PAC	8
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Monitoring

Assistant Planner II, Nadine Castro, administers receipts and payments and monitors the escrow accounts for these as well as previously approved projects. Some Board members and the Assistant Town Planner, Amy Messier conducted numerous site visits and monitored the progress of the ten (10) ongoing projects. Our two consulting engineer firms also monitor ongoing projects and perform reviews and site visits. In 2023, the consulting engineers performed approximately twenty (20) site visits.

Chapter 91 Notifications

As a requirement of 310 CMR 9.00 Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Chapter 91 Waterways License Application, the Planning Board received five (5) applications and plans for the permitting process.

Adopted in 1866, Massachusetts General Law Chapter 91 protects the public's interest in waterways of the Commonwealth. It ensures that public rights to fish, fowl and navigate are not unreasonably restricted and that unsafe or hazardous structures are repaired or removed. Chapter 91 also protects the waterfront property owner's ability to approach his land from the water.

Geographic Information System – Fees

A fee for each new parcel is collected into a GIS revolving account. The revolving account was enacted under Article 48 at the 2004 Annual Town Meeting for the purpose of maintaining the assessor's parcel GIS database. In 2023, GIS fees collected totaled \$5,200.

Grants

The department completed 14 grant applications and 7 were awarded for a total of \$360,675. The department applied for and was selected for a \$959,752 Congressional appropriation, supported by Representative Bill Keating, which is pending finalization of the federal budget in Congress. 4 grants were in progress at the end of 2023. The following provides an overview of the awarded grants:

- Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) 2.0 – \$95,000 – Update to the Town's existing MVP plan with a focus on social resilience. Grant funds will also be used for a seed project, to be determined.
- Hazard Mitigation Grant Program – \$19,800 – Update to the Town's expired Hazard Mitigation Plan, which will outline public policy approaches to mitigate potential loss of life and property from natural disasters.
- Community Compact Cabinet Information Technology Grant – \$146,875 – Upgrade Town departments to incorporate e-permitting and licensing services.
- Buzzards Bay Watershed Infrastructure Support Grant Program – \$25,000 – Support for implementation of the Town's Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System permit requirements.
- Congressional Appropriations Request – \$959,752 – Funds to support development of the Route

6 sewer.

- Southeast New England Program Network Stormwater Planning Program – design assistance award – Design assistance for a stormwater drain and basin on Gifford Road near Mill Pond.
- Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District (SRPEDD), District Local Technical Assistance Program – \$18,500 – SRPEDD staff providing assistance with updating the Town’s Housing Production Plan.
- American Rescue Plan Act – \$55,000 – Contracted with a consultant, BSC Group, to assist with developing a rezoning framework to support the Route 6 sewer project.

Departmental Highlights

Zoning By-Laws:

To continually improve the Town’s Zoning Code, the Planning Board contracted with the BSC Group and held meetings with a Zoning Board of Appeals member and two Planning Board members to prepare zoning amendment articles for the 2024 Annual Town Meeting. The process included a formal public engagement session. The zoning amendment articles included following Sections of the Westport Zoning By-Law; creation of a new Westport Gateway District, rezoning the Unrestricted District to Residential/Agricultural, and modifying the Science and Technology Overlay District to include mixed use. Additionally, the Planning Board is proposing to amend the following: lot width standards, defining “Congregate Living,” and creating standards for short-term rentals. The zoning amendments are in the process to be provided to the Select Board for review and endorsement for the placement on the 2024 Annual Town Meeting warrant.

On Call Peer Review by Consultant Engineering:

Peer-review consulting engineer services primarily fill the need for outside expertise required in reviewing developer’s proposals, permits, applications, and construction monitoring. The Planning Board will periodically issue an RFP for competitive engineering firms skilled in the expertise the Town requires. S.W. Cole Engineering and Field Engineering are the primary consultant review engineering firms utilized by the Planning Department. The Planning Board also issued an RFP for an additional consulting engineering firm, to be selected in 2024.

Climate Resilience:

The Climate Resilience Committee (CRC) was formed in late 2021 and includes members from other Town Departments, Boards, and Commissions. The following Planning Board members serve on the Climate Resilience Committee; James Whitin, John Bullard, and Robert Daylor. The CRC is working on supporting the implementation of the Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness 2.0 and Hazard Mitigation Plan grants and developing a Climate Resilience Report for the Select Board.

Harbor Water Study:

The Town contracted with Weston & Sampson in 2022 with funding from ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) to perform a hydrogeologic study with the intent to locate potential well sites for a community well system located in the Harbor. This study was completed in September of 2023 with well testing results relating to several potential sites with adequate water quality and quantity. After the full expenditure of the allotted ARPA funds, Weston & Sampson privately contracted with residents within the Harbor vicinity to further explore the potential for a community well system.

Route 6:

MassDOT: The Massachusetts Department of Transportation is looking to redesign the entirety of Route 6 in Westport. SRPEDD completed design recommendations that would include enhanced pedestrian accommodations and new accommodations for bicycling.

Town: Kleinfelder was engaged to continue the design trunk sewer from Fall River to the Dartmouth Town line using ARPA (American Recovery Plan Act) funds approved by the Select Board, and an earmark from State Senator Michael J. Rodrigues. The sewer design from Fall River to Route 88 is near 100% design.

Zoning: The Planning Board will be advancing zoning amendments for the corridor between Fall River and Route 88. These amendments were initiated in 2023 and will be considered at Town Meeting 2024. The amendments are intended to allow for greater flexibility in new commercial and residential development,

take advantage of the planned sewer infrastructure and MassDOT Route 6 upgrades, and create a more pedestrian-oriented environment.

Housing Production Plan:

The Town is working with SRPEDD to update its Housing Production Plan, Westport’s proactive strategy for planning and developing affordable housing. The Plan develops a strategy to facilitate meeting the Town’s affordable housing needs in a manner consistent with the Chapter 40B statute and regulation.

MS4:

The Planning Department staff worked closely with Kleinfelder Engineering and the Buzzards Bay National Estuary Project on fulfilling the regulatory requirements for the federally mandated MS-4 Permit. The Town received a \$25,000 grant to support 2024 MS4 work.

Solar Developments:

The following is a list of solar developments in Town, their size, and the development’s status:

ADDRESS	SIZE_MW	STATUS
453 Fisher Road	2.125	Approved, Not Built
0 Division Road (978 Solar Dev)	2.95	Under Construction
202 Pine Hill Road	4	Under Construction
309 Sanford Road	4.2	Withdrawn
0 Sullivan Drive	4.5	Under Construction
536 Old County Road	6.5	Under Construction
136 Old Pine Hill Road	2	Withdrawn
0 Horseneck Road	4	Approved, Not Built
70 Adirondack Lane - A	7.06	Constructed
215 Blossom Road - A	2.8	Constructed
75 Blossom Road - B	6.44	Constructed
0 Soule’s Way	5	Constructed
5 Tootell Way	3.1	Constructed
72 Hix Bridge Road	0.622	Constructed
703 Old County Road	1.827	Constructed
703 Old County Road	1.624	Constructed
826 American Legion Highway	2.5	Constructed
573 Main Road	8	Constructed

Geographic Information System (GIS)

The Westport On-Line GIS (Geographic Information System) Parcel Viewer and Mapping website (<http://host.appgeo.com/westportma/>) has proven a useful tool for looking at over 8,400 Assessor parcels for information such as assessed value, lot size, deed book and page with limited overlays of soils, wetlands, zoning and aerial photos; mapping additional data to the parcel/map; generating lists of abutters and printing mailing labels. The Planning Board continues to work with Applied Geographic and Claus Georges to update the parcel data on an annual basis.

Work With Other Boards and Commissions

In addition to their Planning Board duties, Board members serve as Planning Board representatives in the following capacities:

Board Member	Board Representative
James T. Whitin, Chairman	SRPEDD Commissioner, Climate Resilience Committee, Harbor Water Study
Robert Daylor, Vice Chairman	Cable Advisory Board. Climate Resilience Committee, Chair of the Infrastructure and Safety Sub-committee, Vice Chair for the Infrastructure Oversight Committee, Harbor Water Study, Short-Term Rental Committee
John Bullard	Agricultural/Open Space Preservation Trust Fund Committee, Climate Resilience Committee
Mark L. Schmid	Community Preservation Committee, Long-term Building Evaluation Committee, Short-Term Rental Committee
Manuel Soares	Tax Incentive Program Committee. Economic Development Task Force, Infrastructure Oversight Committee

Respectfully submitted,

James T. Whitin, Chairman



ANNUAL REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

I herein respectfully submit for your information and review the Annual Report of the Police Department for 2023. At the present time, the Department is made up of 29 permanent Officers.

ORGANIZATION

Chief Of Police

Keith A. Pelletier

Deputy Chief

John J. Bell

Administrative Assistant

Hillary J. Harris

Lieutenant(s)

Johnny P. Couto

Sergeants

Christopher M. Mello
 Gary L. Cambra
 Bryan C. McCarthy
 Ryan Nickelson

Christopher A. Dunn
 Scott W. Arrington
 Robert P. Rebello

Regular Police Officers

Sarah Pacheco
 Todd C. Oliver
 Scott N. Davis
 Fernando A. Goncalves
 Luc Sauvé
 Ryan Williams
 Sean Munzing

David B. Arruda
 Douglas Wenson
 Jarrod Levesque
 Corey Mack
 Michael Chicca
 Michelle Donovan

Robert J. Reed
 Kyle Fernandes
 Barry F. Beaulieu
 Nicholas B. Frustaci
 Turner Ryan
 Jean Lopez

E-911 Dispatchers – Full-Time

Sara E. Carvalho
 Raquel Rodrigues

Makenzie DeVoll
 Vallery Belliveau

E-911 Dispatchers – Part-Time

Vacant

Reserve Police Officers

Brian D. Souza
 Francois A. Napert III
 David M. Leite
 Samantha Maguire

Thomas Plourde
 Antonio J. Cestodio
 Julius Rosario
 Mike Martin

Stephen D. Kovar Jr.
 Amy-Lyn Smiddy
 David Simcoe

Community Service Officers

Michael R. Roussel
 Michael Borden
 Jacob Martin

Richard J. Rodrigues
 Eric Vanasse

Michael Kelley
 Maggie Norvosa

We continue to work with and receive support from our neighboring communities and in addition to being a member S.E.M.L.E.C. (Southeastern Mass Law Enforcement Council comprised of 30+ cities and towns), we signed mutual aid agreements with the Town of Tiverton, R.I. and Little Compton, R.I.

YEAR	# OFFICERS	CITATIONS	ACCIDENTS	SERVICE CALLS	MILES PATROLLED	POPULATION
2023	29	1,901	346	23,279	304,435	16,413

YEAR	INCIDENTS	ARREST/SUMMONS	M.V. CITATIONS	RESTRAINING ORDERS
2023	657	177	1,901	77

YEAR	GROUP (A) CRIMES:			GROUP B CRIMES:
	CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS	CRIMES AGAINST PROPERTY	CRIMES AGAINST SOCIETY	Disorderly, family non-violent, trespass, liquor and all other
2023	119	282	32	181

Department Goals & Objectives

Purpose:

The purpose of the Westport Police Department is to provide the best possible police service to the community, in the most cost effective manner possible, reducing not only crime, but the fear of crime and improving the overall quality of life of the citizens we serve.

In order to accomplish our mission we must:

1. Protect the lives and property of our citizens of the Town.
2. Preserve peace and order in the community.
3. Prevent and detect crime, limiting increases in criminal activity and reduce occurrences of all forms of unlawful activity, as measured by analysis of records.
5. Promote the safe and efficient use of the streets and highways and reduce the number of traffic accidents through selective enforcement, as measured by an analysis of records.
6. Emphasize teamwork within the Department; maintain the highest professional standards possible. Provide the necessary training for our officers to handle all aspects of modern public safety challenges.
7. Promote collaboration and cooperation with all other departments/agencies involved with public safety.
8. Promote community-policing initiatives within the department and with members of the community interested in taking an active part in assisting with public safety.

Goals and Objectives:

Goal 1: To promote highway safety.

Objective 1: Increase traffic enforcement initiatives.

Objective 2: Increase traffic enforcement educational opportunities for personnel and outline departmental objectives.

Objective 3: Selective traffic enforcement patrols dedicated to aggressive driving, speed enforcement, seat belt compliance and driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

Goal 2: To emphasize teamwork and cooperation with the community, the Department will maintain community-policing efforts despite loss of community policing funds from the state.

Objective 1: Continue basic community policing training to departmental personnel.

Objective 2: Encourage department members to cultivate more positive interactions with the public.

a. Identify the needs for the Police in the community.

b. Create a workable program addressing these needs utilizing available resources.

c. Attend meetings and continue to work with other departments in the Town, which respond to the needs of the community.

d. Continue the School Resource Officer Program in the School and continue to monitor its effectiveness and strive to continually improve it.

Objective 3: Encourage community involvement in the reporting of criminal, suspicious, and illegal activities.

Objective 4: Maintain North End Sub-Station.

Goal 3: To emphasize teamwork within the Department, the Department will increase internal communication and employee involvement in the decision making process.

- Objective 1: Conduct quarterly supervisor meetings with Administration.
- Objective 2: Conduct an internal employee job satisfaction survey. Promote employee participation in the formulation of departmental goals and objectives and the methods in which they are to be accomplished.
- Objective 3: Implement desired achievable goals and objectives.
- Objective 4: Conduct quarterly efficiency and productivity sessions between supervisors and their staff.
- Objective 5: Continue to work together to find cost saving methods of providing and maintaining quality service and training.

Goal 4: To ensure interagency cooperation and collaboration on local and regional issues.

- Objective 1: Narcotics/drug investigation on local, state and federal levels.
- Objective 2: Commercial vehicle enforcement.
- Objective 3: Strategic community threat assessment regarding all aspects of potential terrorist threats.
- Objective 4: Underage drinking enforcement and coordination with UMASS Police with respect to off campus housing.
- Objective 5: Addressing domestic violence issues.
- Objective 6: Elder abuse awareness and intervention.

Our Goals and Objectives are a living document to grow and change as the community in which we serve grows and changes.

Departmental Program Fighting the Opioid Crisis

While it is critical to continue to arrest those who sell deadly drugs; it is also critical, to help those that are affected by them. Every patrol car carries Narcan along with a defibrillator and a basic first aid kit. This is just one more way in which the Department is growing to face the never ending challenge.

Medication Disposal Box

In cooperation with CVS Pharmacy, we began providing a safe receptacle for the public to dispose of unwanted medication. The box is located in our lobby and is accessible 24 hours a day. ***For safety reasons we cannot accept needles or liquids.**

The Whistle Defense Program - It's Not a Toy"

The "Whistle Defense Program" is a signal system that enables you to assist police in preventing and even deterring crime. Each whistle is made out of brass to last a lifetime and comes complete with instructions for use and safety advice.

- If you are attacked or confronted in any way that makes you feel uncomfortable on the street, blow the whistle, create distance and call the police as soon as possible.
- If you fear trouble on the street, blow the whistle, keep a safe distance, and call the police.
- If you see trouble on the street, blow the whistle, keep a safe distance, and call the police.

- If you see trouble from your home, call the police, state address and nature of trouble, open window and blow whistle.

Under no circumstances should this whistle take the place of a trained police officer or offer you a false sense of security. This whistle's sole purpose is to startle your attacker into believing you are not worth the risk. You could easily get hurt if you believe otherwise. Police Officers are highly trained individuals capable of handling such situations. You can do your part of helping them by steering clear of danger.

Inform kids about your whistle and its proper usage. A whistle to your kids could be considered a toy. By allowing your child to treat the whistle as a toy you ultimately are diminishing its' effectiveness in the event of an emergency. The goal of this program is to cut down on crime while reducing the fear of being a victim.

My personal goal as Chief of Police is to ensure that everyone who feels vulnerable to crime can feel safer carrying an alert whistle especially around the holidays. Many of the people who have been given a whistle have reported back to me that they carry it on their key chain and hold it in their hand ready to use whenever they are walking to and from their car in a mall parking lot or a dark street. There is no doubt in my mind that any predator would think twice about attacking someone who summons the piercing sound of the alert whistle. **You can get your whistle at no charge by stopping by the Westport Police Department.**

Field Training & Evaluation Unit – Sergeant Gary L. Cambra

Field Training is universally described as the most important stage in the process of becoming an independent police officer. During this period, Field Training Officers present recruits with two challenges: to learn practical aspects of law enforcement and community service as well as to assimilate into the professional culture of the police department.

During Field Training, the recruit must complete 12 weeks of training that consists of three phases. Phase One consists of 75% training and 25% evaluation. Phase Two consists of 25% training and 75% evaluation. Phase Three, the sole phase consists of 100% evaluation.

During 2023, Officer Sean Munzing and Officer Ryan Williams successfully completed their respective Field Training programs conducted by members of the Westport Police Department. The Field Training Unit would like to congratulate the officers and look forward to them having long and successful careers.

Additionally, the Field Training Unit spent a considerable amount of time training Reserve Officers and Community Service Officers during this time period.

The Field Training & Evaluation Unit Consist of the following personnel:

Deputy Chief John Bell	Field Training & Evaluation Coordinator
Sergeant Gary Cambra	Field Training & Evaluation Supervisor
Officer Fernando Goncalves	Field Training Officer
Officer Nicholas Frustaci	Field Training Officer
Officer Luc Sauvé	Field Training Officer

Police Training Report - Sergeant Gary L. Cambra

In addition to the officers yearly in-service training they each had the following hours of training over the past year:

Detective Sergeant McCarthy	137 hours	Officer Levesque	48 hours
Detective Donovan	83 hours	Officer Chicca	89 hours
FTO Goncalves	48 hours	Officer Beaulieu	48 hours
FTO Frustaci	62 hours	Officer Fernandes	48 hours
Detective Ryan	52 hours	Officer Lopez	54 hours

Sergeant Cambra	51 hours	SRO Davis	67 hours
Officer Pacheco	50 hours	Sergeant Nickelson	52 hours
Sergeant Rebello	91 hours	Officer Mack	48 hours
Officer Sauve	108 hours	Sergeant Arrington	59 hours
Officer Wenson	54 hours	Officer Chicca	8 hours

Our dispatchers are required yearly to obtain 16 hours minimum of continued education training.

Strategic Traffic Enforcement Program (S.T.E.P.) - Detective Sergeant Bryan C. McCarthy

Raising traffic safety awareness is a priority for the Westport Police Department. By implementing traffic enforcement initiatives, offering tips on sharing the road, and participating in regional programs, the Westport Police Department is improving safety on the streets for walkers, bicyclists and drivers on an ongoing basis. It is important for everyone to share the road so we can all arrive to our destinations safely.

Westport Police is utilizing high visibility enforcement strategies and elements incorporated into everyday enforcement. Integrating high visibility traffic enforcement is a standard practice that lets the public know that traffic enforcement is a priority. It also assists in reducing other crimes and creates general deterrence that encourages voluntary compliance of traffic laws.

Officers aggressively participate in both State and National Safety Campaigns such as “Click it or Ticket,” “Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over” and “Distracted Driving Enforcement.” Officers maintain and deploy portable speed displays for neighborhood driver feedback when speeding is occurring, large variable message boards for communicating safety messages to the public, marked and unmarked radar-equipped police vehicles for speed enforcement and they assist with the implementation of various Traffic Calming methods when conflicts occur in neighborhoods.

Every year it is our goal to minimize the number of crashes and fatalities on our roadways. Officers issued 1398 traffic related citations, 734 were issued for excessive speeds and 165 were issued for stop sign/light violations. Unfortunately, officers still responded to 320 crashes. This year’s crash analysis statistics indicated most crashes occurred at 4pm with an average posted speed of 35 MPH.

Traffic safety is the responsibility of everyone using streets and roadways: pedestrians, bicyclists, motorcyclists and vehicle operators. We feature current traffic-safety initiatives, educate residents on traffic safety and provide resources that you can use and share with others.

Grant Management – Sergeant Robert Rebello

The Westport Police Department received and implemented multiple grants this year. The Fiscal 2023 Municipal Road Safety Grant was awarded to the Town of Westport in the amount of \$20,963. This provided funding for high visibility patrols on town roads where residents and the police department have identified traffic concerns. These also included patrols for Distracted Driving, Impaired Driving and Seat Belt Violations. This grant also allowed the department to acquire four LiDAR units for speed acquisition. This equipment was utilized during the grant to assist offices in traffic enforcement. The campaigns for this grant included:

- Winter Impaired Driving Campaign
- Distracted Driving Campaign
- Click It or Ticket Campaign
- Summer Speeding Campaign
- Summer Impaired Driving Campaign

During these high visibility patrols, officers from the Westport Police Department achieved the following result:

- Traffic Stops 390

- Citations 41
- Warnings 244
- Arrests/Summons 11

Detective Report – Detective Sergeant Bryan C. McCarthy

The Detective Division investigated 85 incidents in 2023, which resulted in 26 arrests and 48 criminal applications. The Division consists of four detectives: Michelle Donovan, Turner Ryan, Detective Sergeant Bryan McCarthy and Detective Sergeant Christopher Dunn who is currently assigned to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Safe Streets Gang Task Force. The Detective Division is responsible for investigating crimes within Westport that require additional time and investigative techniques.

Two highlights of this past year include a multi-jurisdictional effort that interrupted an international stolen car ring and arresting a leader of the “Grandparent Scam” that was responsible for stealing millions of dollars from unsuspecting elderly victims. This Division is the liaison between the court system and the Police Department. Detectives are responsible for collecting evidence requests, conducting criminal and civil hearings as well as handling of evidence used at trial.

The Division maintains a strong working relationship with numerous local, state and federal agencies. The Department shows a committed to this effort by assigning Sergeant Dunn to the FBI Task Force, which is a collaborative effort to combat the problem of violent crime and drug trafficking in and around the Westport Community.

Westport Police Domestic Violence H.A.R.T. Program – Detective Michelle Donovan

Westport Police is involved with the High At-Risk Team (HART) through the Bristol County District Attorney’s Office. The multidisciplinary team, led by led by the Chief of the Domestic Violence Unit of the Bristol County District Attorney’s Office consists of Police Agencies, District Attorney’s Office, Clerk’s Office, U.S. Attorney’s Office, Probation and Parole, Advocacy Agencies, Department of Children and Families and Department of Transitional Assistance. The team meets bi-monthly at the DA’s office.

A Civilian Police Advocate is assigned through the DA’s office to work with Detective Michelle Donovan, who is Westport’s Domestic Violence Officer. The CPA works directly out of the Women’s Center in New Bedford, which is a women and children’s shelter made for victims of domestic violence. The CPA and Detective Donovan work together to keep records of every domestic violence incident in Westport, restraining order applications, restraining order violations, and repeat domestic violence offenders. The CPA offers various resources, assistance in the court process, and continued outreach for victims.

This past fall, the CPA and Detective Donovan went to various businesses in town passing out stickers that contained QR codes. We asked businesses to post them for people to scan the code to spread awareness and offer resources.

Westport Police do a clothing and toy donation drive for the Women’s Center every December. Hundreds of items are donated from townspeople and staff. This year, the Westport Fire Department, Westport Dental and Lees Market have donation bins for the Women’s Shelter in their facilities to expand donations through Westport Police.

Firearms Licensing – Sergeant Scott Arrington

The following is a report from the Westport Police Department firearms licensing division for the year of 2023:

<u>License Type</u>	<u>Number of Licenses</u>
Resident Class A Large Capacity License to Carry Firearms	359

Law Enforcement Officer (\$25) – Resident Class A Large Capacity License to Carry Firearms	1
Renewal License for Law Enforcement Officer Employed By This Agency (No Fee) – Resident Class A Large Capacity License to Carry Firearms	7
Over 70 Years of Age, Renewal of FID, LTC or Machine Gun License (No Fee) - Resident Class A Large Capacity License to Carry Firearms	58
License to Sell/Rent/Lease Firearms, Rifles, Shotguns or Machine Guns	4
Resident License to Possess a Machine Gun	1
Firearms Identification Card	8
License to Sell Ammunition	4
Gunsmith License in Conjunction With Active license to Sell, Rent, or Lease (No Fee) – License to Sell Ammunition	2
Total Licenses Issued	444
Commonwealth General Fund	\$ 28,250.00
Local Agency	\$ 9,450.00
Total	\$ 37,700.00

Child Passenger Safety – Sergeant Robert Rebello

The Westport Police Department hosted a National Child Passenger Safety Certification course in the training room of our station. During the training, several members of local public service organizations either renewed their training credentials or had certified for the first time. As part of the course, a free car seat check event was held at the Westport Police Station where members of the community had their child safety seats checked or installed.

This year trained officers with the Westport Police Department installed or checked many child safety seats. Individuals not only from Westport but surrounding communities took advantage of this free service provided by these officers to ensure their children were properly and securely fastened in their child safety seats. We would like to remind everyone, requests for seat installations can be made through the Westport Police Department’s business line. Trained officers are available to install child safety seats throughout the year as well as answer any questions about the next steps regarding your child’s safety.

The Westport Police Department would like to congratulate all new parents this year. We would also like to applaud their efforts, along with caregivers, to ensure the safety of children riding in motor vehicles.

Speed Evaluator Report – Lieutenant Johnny P. Couto

The Police Department purchased a Jamar Radar Recorder funded through the Traffic Enforcement Grant. The Radar Recorder is utilized by the Department to evaluate traffic issues. The Radar Recorder allows the police department to gather hard evidence of whether or not a problem really exists. The data produced can be used to find where stepped up enforcement is really needed, or to end arguments over speeding traffic.

The Speed Enforcement Evaluator is a simple, one-page report that concisely displays whether or not a speeding problem exists, based on the percentage of enforceable violations.

During the 2023 calendar year, the Speed Evaluator was placed at the following locations in Town to address speeding complaints:

- Hix Bridge Road
- River Road

Westport Public Schools Schools Resource Officers - Detective Sergeant Bryan McCarthy

The Westport Police Department is committed to the youth within our community. The two officers assigned, full time to the school system are Officer Scott Davis and Officer Sarah Pacheco. Officer Davis is responsible for the High School/Middle School and Officer Pacheco is assigned to the Elementary School and the Macomber School. Both officers hold certification through the National Association of School Resource Officers in addition to various other training provided to enhance their roles as a School Resource Officer.

During the school year, these officers engage with the students on a professional level as well as on a personal level. This program is designed to help bridge the gap between the youth and the police. They use various methods to include High 5 Friday, Halloween Gift Bags, One on One Talks, Spring Cookouts and Prom Safety Tips. You can always find one of these officers at school related events and numerous sports games.

The School Resource Officer Assignment requires a certain type of officer that can maintain safety security within the school system as well as having and building relationships with students and their parents.

2023 Fees, Fines and Reimbursements Received – Administrative Assistant Hillary Harris

The following fees, fines, and reimbursements were received by the Westport Police Department and turned over to the Town Treasurer, Susan Brayton, during the fiscal year of 2022.

For Grants- 911/Traffic/Pedestrian/Bullet Proof Vests	\$113,297.20
For Court Default/Subpoena/Witness fees	\$ 0.00
For Firearms Licenses/Permits Issued	\$ 9,500.00
For Firearms Safety Class Fee	\$ 180.00
For Administrative Service Charges (Off-Duty Details)	\$ 30,065.04
For Police Cruiser Fees (Off Duty Details)	\$ 20,608.00
For Fines and Restitution (Fall River District Court)	\$ 4,442.50
For Motor Vehicle Citations (Registry of Motor Vehicles)	\$ 70,376.38
For Parking Violations	\$ 25,610.00
For Police Career Incentive Program (Quinn Bill – C. 41, Sec. 108L)	\$ 0.00
For Federal Drug Forfeiture Account	\$ 47,825.60
For Police Department Gift Account	\$ 100.00
For Police Explorer Gift Account	\$ 195.00
For Reimbursements to Budget Line Items	\$ 0.00
For Vehicle Insurance Account	\$ 0.00
For Small Claims Court Fees/Interest Reimbursed	\$ 0.00
For By-Laws Fees	\$ 775.00
 TOTAL MONIES	 \$322,974.72

Police Fleet

Unit No.	Year	Make	Model	Mileage 1/1/2023	Mileage 12/31/2023	Total Miles Traveled
Car # 120	2020	Dodge	Durango SS	17,923	25,871	7,948
Car # 116	2016	Ford	AWD Utility	62,815	66,086	3,271
Car # 118	2018	Chevrolet	Pick-Up	57,513	67,464	9,951
Car # 123	2023	Chevrolet	Tahoe	1,825	12,718	10,893
Car # 216	2016	Ford	AWD Utility	101,897	105,532	3,635
Car # 217	2017	Ford	AWD Utility	59,932	73,088.50	13,156.50
Car # 218	2018	Ford	AWD Utility	60,238	66,919	6,681
Car # 219	2019	Ford	AWD Utility	46,851	48,175.80	1,324.80
Car # 223	2023	Chevrolet	Tahoe	0	1,319	1,319
Car # 311	2011	Ford	Crown Vic	109,717	110,152	435
Car # 313	2013	Ford	AWD Utility	137,523	139,035	1,512
Car # 314	2014	Ford	AWD Utility	117,782	121,844	4,062
Car # 316	2016	Ford	AWD Utility	95,545	107,085	11,540
Car # 317	2017	Ford	AWD Utility	85,739	100,807	15,068
Car # 318	2018	Ford	AWD Utility	72,017	88,003.50	15,986.50
Car # 319	2019	Ford	AWD Utility	48,044	62,934.20	14,890.20
Car # 320	2020	Ford	AWD Utility	25,076	38,548	13,472
Car # 322	2022	Dodge	Durango	1,130	13,339	12,209
Car # 323	2023	Chevrolet	Tahoe	0	8,250	8,250
Car # 410	2010	Ford	Crown Vic	149,313	149,413	100
Car # 411	2011	Ford	Crown Vic	104,795	105,323	528
Car # 413	2013	Ford	AWD Utility	54,947	60,487.90	5,540.90
Car # 416	2016	Ford	AWD Utility	111,065	115,558	4,493
Car # 419	2019	Ford	AWD Utility	57,618	72,697.80	15,079.80
Car # 421	2021	Ford	Interceptor	16,788	28,235.60	11,447.60
Car # 422	2022	Dodge	Durango	1,083	11,600	10,517
Car # 423	2023	Chevrolet	Tahoe	0	965	965
Car # 511	2011	Ford	Crown Vic	120,309	122,222	1,913
Car # 517	2017	Ford	AWD Utility	62,473	6,837	4,364
Car # 521	2021	Dodge	Durango SS	17,473	23,404	5,391
Car # 522	2022	Dodge	Durango	245	6,731	6,486
Car # 523	2023	Chevrolet	Tahoe	0	272	272
Car # 611	2011	Ford	Crown Vic	80,563	82,778	2,215
Car # 617	2017	Ford	AWD Utility	73,688	85,144	11,456
Car # 621	2021	Dodge	Durango	16,078	27,879	11,801
Car # 622	2022	Dodge	Durango	0	12,490	12,490
Car # 711	2011	Ford	Crown Vic	136,855	137,544	689
Car # 714	2014	Ford	Explorer	88,348	98,398	10,050
Car # 717	2017	Dodge	Durango SSV	55,136	69,004	13,868
Car # 718	2018	Dodge	Durango SS	43,065	51,472	8,407
Car # 811	2011	Ford	Crown Vic	65,396	66,348	952
Car # 817	2017	Dodge	Durango SS	81,672	90,694	9,022
Car # 1011	2011	Ford	Crown Vic	103,895	104,141	246

			Total Traveled			304,435

Community Outreach Unit – Sergeant Robert Rebello

The Westport Police Department had another great year working in the community at various events. Officers participated in numerous events hosted by the Recreation Department (Easter Egg Hunt and Halloween Happenings) as well as self-initiated events. Coffee with a Cop was a great success as was the Halloween Safety Event at the Macomber School and Elementary School. Additional patrols were put in place on Halloween night to ensure the safety of all children participating in Halloween festivities. These officers would patrol high foot traffic areas and interact with the ghosts and goblins they came across.

New this year, the Westport Police Department participated in the Westport Free Public Library's Touch-A-Truck event. The event was a huge success as it saw over 200 participants. Officers had a great time interacting with the youth attending the event and speaking with them about our job and equipment. Kids had fun putting on vests and helmets and sitting in patrol vehicles. The library received a tremendous amount of positive feedback on the event from the community.

Working with resources outside the Town, the Community Outreach Unit participated in the Children's Advocacy Center Trunk-or-Treat event. This was their first event of this nature with organizations from throughout Bristol County participating. This event allowed the Westport Police Department to support the Children's Advocacy Center for all the hard work they do throughout the year while helping the community they serve.

We again had a wonderful outpouring of support for the Women's Shelter and the Westport Food Pantry this year. Two truckloads of items were delivered to the Women's Shelter. Individuals there helped us unload the trucks and were overwhelmed by the amount of items received. The Westport Food Pantry received a truckload of items as well. Everyone was very appreciative of the efforts of those helping us to help others. We would like to thank everyone who came out and donated.

The Community Outreach Unit continues to educate the community of the dangers of scams and what tactics scammers use to deceive people. There are resources available throughout Town at various locations (Lees Market, BayCoast Bank, Cumberland Farms and Westport Federal Credit Union just to name a few) and at the Westport Police Station highlighting key aspects of scams. Along with these resources presentation were made at the Westport Senior Center as well.

Anyone requiring additional information or looking to have a presentation made at an event can contact the Westport Police Department at (508) 636-1122. Trained officers would be more than happy to speak with members of the community to warn them about what to be on the lookout for before they fall victim to a scam.

Having the ability to expand the work the Community Outreach Unit does allows officers to meet with members of OUR community and those around us to foster positive interactions with police. It is refreshing to see the positive influence our officers have not only with the youth attending these events but also the parents and caregivers in attendance. Meeting with community members to provide them with resources they can utilize to better themselves or help others is one of our primary goals. Please reach out if you need assistance in any way. If we do not have what you are looking for chances are we know exactly where we can get you assistance.



Officers attend the "Coffee with a Cop" event at Lees Market



Halloween event at the Adamsville Conservation Area with Westport Recreation Department



Honor Guard at Veteran's Day Ceremony



Christmas donations for the Women's Shelter

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Townspeople of Westport. As of January 06, 2024, after over 34 years of service, I will retire. Fortunately or unfortunately, depending on your perspective, the structure of the retirement system makes it a prudent decision at that time, to pass the baton, despite my love for the job, the people I work alongside and the public I serve.

I intend to travel, to nurture relationships of past, present and future friends and family, and continue my journey towards physical and spiritual enlightenment.

This is not an easy decision, as I still feel great fervor, zest and zeal for the job, although calling it a job is a gross understatement; it is an honored profession. I cannot recall the last time I answered to my given name. I have responded to the moniker of "Chief" for the past twenty-two years. I continue to be inspired every day by my extraordinary coworkers both sworn and civilian. I take comfort in the fact that I am leaving the Police Department better than I found it, immersed in the customer service model, with the seeds planted to continue to grow well into the future.

The year 2002 seems like it was just yesterday, at the age of 33, you saw something in me that I hope held true. At the age of 54, I will bid you Adieu. We all suffer from the human condition and that makes no one perfect. However, I believe our Police Department is comprised of the best Officers and 911 Dispatchers around. Their level of commitment, volunteerism and professional service is a testament to their character.

We would not have the Police Department we have today without all the support from the many Town Administrators, Selectmen and Finance Committee members who served alongside me throughout my tenure. The Police Department of today is truly a shared success.

In safety, I remain.....

Your Chief,

Keith A. Pelletier



ANNUAL REPORT OF THE RECREATION DEPARTMENT

The Recreation Department hereby submits its annual report for the calendar year ending December 31, 2023.

Recreation Commission:

Tim Gillespie, Chair
Stacy Silva-Boutwell, Vice Chair
Kimberly Lima
Keith Dias
Cindy Wilson
Olivia Carreiro
Andrea Dunbar
Amanda Mazzaferro

Recreation Department Staff:

Dana Stewart, Recreation Director

Recreation Department Mission

To provide superior recreation programs and services in order to improve the quality of life for individuals, families and the community at large.

Recreation Programs

With every year the Recreation Department continues to grow and develop. We offer a variety of programs and events year round for all ages. Our programs are open to any residents in the Town of Westport and any non-residents coming from other nearby towns that may want to attend. All of our programs and events are run by contracted staff or volunteers who have been CORI checked and interviewed by the Recreation Director. The Recreation Director runs our larger special events and ultimately oversees all programs.

Our department uses an online recreation software system through MyRec.com. This allows us to have our own website (link is also on the Town's website) and offer online registrations and payments for all of our recreation programs and events. This is a great way to advertise our programs and services, increase participation and streamline administrative aspects. Please feel free to visit the site at WWW.WESTPORTREC.COM. You can also see what we offer through social media on Facebook or

Instagram at our “Westport Recreation” page or visit the Recreation Department page on the Town of Westport website at www.westport-ma.gov.

Programs Offered

Winter 2023

Adult Pick-Up Basketball, Afternoon Watercolor Workshop: Shapes & Brushwork, Afternoon Watercolor Workshop: Creating Texture in Watercolor, Afternoon Watercolor Workshop: Choosing Subjects & Composition, Afternoon Watercolor Workshop: Washes, Art Workshop: Watercolor Holiday Cards & Ornaments, Art Workshop: Poppies in Watercolor, Play & Learn, Parents Night Out (Jan, Feb, Mar), Babysitting Workshop, Children’s Dining Etiquette Workshop, Children’s Social Skills Workshop, Jewelry Making: Valentine’s, Kinderdance, Kinderdance Ballet One, Kinderdance Combo Ballet & Tap, Kinderdmotion, Kindertots & Tumble, Lego Club, Mediumship Gallery, Pizza & Bingo, Pizza & Ping Pong, Westport Holiday Pageant (Weekly Program), Final Performance of Westport Holiday Pageant.

Spring 2023

Adult Pick-Up Basketball, Afternoon Watercolor Workshop: Controlling Watercolor Paint & Understanding Pigments, Afternoon Watercolor Workshop: Exploring Watercolor Papers & Finding Your Favorite, Afternoon Watercolor Workshop: Abstract Landscape – Using Textures in Watercolor, Afternoon Watercolor Workshop: Balancing Water to Pigment Ratio, Afternoon Watercolor Workshop: Reserving the White & Light in Watercolor, Afternoon Watercolor Workshop: Brushwork & Linework, Afternoon Watercolor Workshop: Understanding Watercolor Terms & Methods, Art Workshop: Loose Daisies, Art Workshop: Spring Forest, Easter Gnome Painting, Spring Peat Pots, Play & Learn, Parents Night Out (April, May), Improv for Kids, Kinderdance Ballet One, Kinderdance Combo Ballet & Tap, Kindertots & Tumble, Lego Club, Pizza & Ping Pong, Rise & Shine Yoga, Circle of Friends (Kids), Circle of Friends (Teens), Community Youth Rowing (Advanced), Tennis Lessons for Kids, Tennis Lessons for Teens, Two Day Tennis Clinic for Kids, Two Day Tennis Clinic for Teens, Tennis Lessons for a Homeschool Group, Rise & Shine Yoga, Easter Egg Hunt (special event, 400-500 people in attendance).

Summer 2023

Adult Pick-Up Basketball, Afternoon Watercolor Workshop: Balancing Water to Pigment, Afternoon Watercolor Workshop: Watercolor Washes & Building Up a Composition, Afternoon Watercolor Workshop: Capturing the Light, Art Workshop: Flower Meadow, Play & Learn, Parents Night Out (June, July, Aug), Tennis Lessons for Kids, Tennis Lessons for Teens, Cardio & Fitness, Yoga (Sat), Yoga (Wed), Circle of Friends (offered into June), Theatre Camp Week, 4th of July Week Camp, Animals Week Camp, Around the World Week Camp, Art Week Camp, Disney Week Camp, Splish Splash Sea Week Camp, Sports Week Camp, End of Summer Week Camp, Nature Camp (offered for 3 weeks in July), Afternoon Adventures Camp, Tennis Camp for Kids, Tennis Camp for Teens, Offered Westport Recreation Baseball for Kids & Teens (cancelled due to low enrollment), Special Event for 21 FriendS group: Outdoor Movie Night – Sing 2, Outdoor Movie Nights (3 dates), Summer Concert Series (8 dates, but one cancelled due to weather).

Fall 2023

Adult Pick-Up Basketball, Afternoon Watercolor Workshop: Balancing Water to Pigment Ratio, Afternoon Watercolor Workshop: Sky Paintings, Afternoon Watercolor Workshop: Negative Painting, Afternoon Watercolor Workshop: Landscapes, Afternoon Watercolor Workshops: Perfecting the Water to Pigment Ratio, Afternoon Watercolor Workshop: Learn How to Paint Animals, Afternoon Watercolor Workshop: Developing Depth in Landscape, Afternoon Watercolor Workshop: Capture Movement & Texture with Brushstrokes, Paint Night: Flower Bouquet, Paint Night: Holiday Watercolor Ornament & Cards, Play & Learn, Tennis Lessons for Kids, Tennis Lessons for Teens, Pizza & Ping Pong, iStroll Fitness Class, iStroll Holiday Fitness Class, iStroll Pop Pilates, Halloween Readings with the Cat & Raven, Holiday Chakra Sound Bath, Kids Scenework FUNdamentals, Variety Show (by Kids Scenework FUNdamentals), Outdoor Movie Nights (2 dates), Halloween Happening (special event, 300-400 people in attendance), Holiday Tree Lighting (cancelled due to rain).

Program Statistics

Total number of programs offered:	127
Total number of participants in programs that pre-registered online:	1,026
Estimated number of participants that attended programs and did not pre-register, but came the day of the event (*Usually events offered outside, free programs, or programs that allow drop-ins (such as: Adult Pick-Up Basketball, Summer Concert Series, Outdoor Movie Nights, Holiday Tree Lighting, etc.):	1,000+
Total number of people that have an online account in the Westport Recreation Department software system through our website at www.westportrec.com: • 997 from Westport • 410 from surrounding communities	1,407

Annex Gym Rentals:

- Gym rentals are open to anyone in the community and are \$25 an hour for a Westport resident and \$35 an hour for a non-resident. There is a two hour minimum on rentals and no maximum. A \$100 security deposit is required but refundable after the event if the gym is in good condition. For more information, community members can visit our website at www.westportrec.com or the Recreation Department page on the Town website at www.westport-ma.com.
- We continue to have a strong demand for people wanting to rent the gym for birthday parties, basketball, indoor soccer drills, special events such as coin shows, baby showers, Girl Scout events, Westport Farmers Market, etc.

Town Playgrounds/Outside Park Areas

- In 2023 we used allocated Community Preservation Committee (CPC) funds to continue renovation/improvement of the back, outside area of the Town Hall Annex. We still have \$5,511.03 left of these funds to possibly repair part of the fence and re-pave the basketball court. What we accomplished with these funds in 2023:
 - We painted the large wall to the outdoor stage black so it looks better.
 - We updated the wheelchair accessible entrance to the gym, adding a wheelchair button, new railings and a better paved path from the parking lot to the door.
- We still have \$6,931.22 in allocated CPC funds for Annex Gym Rehab and Access. Possible uses for these funds in 2024 could include:
 - Improve the inner step to the back entrance to the gym
 - Repair wall damage and possibly paint walls
 - Wax or refinish gym floor
 - Improve the inside stage in the gym
- Annex Playground Replacement
 - The current Annex Playground (856 Main Rd., Westport) is a 30 year old wooden playground that is in need of total replacement due to rot, rust, and not being up to code for current ADA and safety standards.
 - The Recreation Dept. has worked hard to gain funding to replace the Annex Playground, get quotes/designs from various playground companies, construction companies and fencing companies.
 - The Recreation Dept. chose MRC/GameTime Playground Company and their playground design to replace the current Annex Playground. The contract was signed in November 2023 and the new playground will be installed in spring 2024.
 - Funding was made possible through Community Preservation Committee (CPC) funds and a large, generous donation from an anonymous foundation, both of which are very much appreciated! We estimate that the total project of demo of the old playground, prep of land for the new playground, installation of the new playground and installation of a fence around the playground will be \$641,510.86.
 - The new playground will have a nautical theme, in colors of blue, grey, brown and white, and will have a large whale and sea turtle that kids can climb. This playground will be all inclusive and have a ramp system so that anyone in a wheelchair can go up into the playground. Many

- sensory elements were chosen such as a “roller slide” that gives kids sensory feedback when they slide down, many sensory and musical panels, several climbing features and so much more. There is an in-ground spinner, handicapped accessible swings, and a multi-person see saw. The ground will be a rubberized surface for easy access and low maintenance. You can visit our website at www.westportrec.com to view 3D renderings of the new playground.
- We plan to have a ribbon cutting when the new playground opens to the public. We are very excited to offer this great improvement for the Town of Westport for the benefit of all!
 - Bicentennial Playground Replacement
 - The current Bicentennial Playground (192 Gifford Rd., Westport) is a 25 year old playground that is in need of total replacement due to corrosion, rust, disrepair and not being up to code for current ADA and safety standards.
 - The Recreation Dept. is currently working to replace this playground too, getting various quotes/designs from playground companies. For this playground it has been discussed that the Recreation Dept./Recreation Commission would like to have some different features from the Annex Playground, such as a zip line, taller slides, and a different theme. Ideas are still being discussed and example designs established.
 - A CPC application for \$350,000 in funds was turned in December 2023 and presented to the Community Preservation Committee. At their following meeting in January 2024 the CPC voted in favor of these funds for this purpose and it will now go to Town Meeting in May to be voted on by the Town.
 - The Recreation Department will be able to use any leftover funds from the donation from the anonymous foundation for the Annex Playground, as well as apply for more grants through those that might be available.
 - We hope to be able to install a new Bicentennial Playground before or by spring 2025.

Professional Memberships/Training

- Member of Massachusetts Recreation & Park Association (MRPA)
- The Recreation Director attended the MRPA State Conference in March 2023 in order to network with other professionals in the Recreation field and attend educational sessions.
- The Recreation Director became certified in Basic Life Saving (BLS) and CPR in November 2023.

Partnerships/Meetings

- Collaborative programs with the Westport Land Conservation Trust (WLCT) to offer large community events at the Westport Woods property which included:
 - Easter Egg Hunt (Outdoor Egg Hunt with different areas for various age ranges, candy/prizes, games, craft table, food vendors, Police and Fire Depts. there too with decorated vehicle)
 - Halloween Happening (Outdoor Trick or Treat Trail with candy/prizes, games, craft table, food vendors, Police and Fire Depts. there too with decorated vehicle)
 - Holiday Tree Lighting (Outdoor vendor, Wild Honey Café, selling treats to eat/drink, Ornament Making, Santa & Mrs. Claus, Police and Fire Depts. decorated vehicles and handing out gifts to kids, Live music from Greater Tiverton Community Chorus, Double Bar Music students) – This event although planned had to unfortunately be cancelled due to rain and was not able to be rescheduled. Will try again next year.
 - Nature Camp (one month camp in summer 2023, families can sign up weekly)
 - NEW – Offering a Winter Break Nature Camp in February 2024 and possibly a Spring Break Nature Camp in April 2024.
- Collaborative program with Dharma Voyage to offer a Community Youth Rowing program for advanced students that happened spring 2023. Dharma Voyage volunteers taught advanced teens how to row on the Westport River as a group, launching once a week from the Hixbridge Landing.
- Recreation Commission Meetings – Monthly meetings
- Westport Land Conservation Trust – Land Connection Working Group meetings
- Westport School District – Using the WMHS tennis courts for our tennis program offerings in spring, summer and fall
- Had a Westport Recreation information booth and/or experiential activities at the following events:
 - Westport River Watershed event at the Head of Westport
 - WES/MAC PTO Holiday Fair

- Presented to the Westport Women's Guild
- Collaborated with the Beach Committee in spring/summer 2023 to help them hire lifeguards for Cherry & Webb Beach
- Partnered with iStroll Southcoast to offer parent/child fitness classes
- Partnered with FanCheesical and BBQ yMas to have their food trucks at our Halloween Happening event
- Partnered with StacyCakes to sell bakery goods at our Easter Egg Hunt and Halloween Happening events
- Westport Board of Health – Have helped promote their mental health awareness programs
- Perfect Smiles Dentistry – They have helped out at large scale events, offering give-aways
- Partnered with the Cat & Raven, a local shop here in Westport, to offer programs through the Recreation Dept.

Recreation Grants/Funding

- 5/4/23 the Recreation Dept. was awarded funds from the Westport Cultural Art, Helen E. Ellis Charitable Trust Grant administered by Bank of America:
 - \$5,500 for the Summer Concert Series. Live concerts offered to the public on the outdoor stage behind the Annex, every Thursday evening from 6-8pm in the months of July and August. Bands included: That 60's Band, Calamity Brain, Moxie, Wild Nites, Loose Screws, The Oh Nos!!!, NB Rude Boys, Noise in the Basement
 - \$3,500 for the Outdoor Movie Nights. Free outdoor movie nights offered to the public on a large, professional movie screen that was set up on the wall of the outdoor stage behind the Annex. Offered these once a month on a Saturday night. Included movies were: Jaws, The Super Hero Mario Bros. Movie, Goonies, Minions: Rise of Gru, E.T.
- Westport Community Preservation Committee (CPC) & Town Meeting (in 2020) approved funding to improve the back, outside area of the Annex (basketball courts, wooden stage, fencing, etc.): \$44,000 – Accomplished much of this work in 2021, 2022 and 2023. Will continue in 2024 with \$5,511.03 left to use.
- Have \$6,931.22 left to use in allocated CPC funds for Annex Gym Rehab and Access. Worked on improvements in 2022, 2023 and will continue in 2024.
- Westport Community Preservation Committee (CPC) & Town Meeting (in 2022) approved \$350,000 in funding to use in order to improve our two Town playgrounds. Currently working on this.
- A \$500,000 grant from an anonymous foundation was agreed upon and will be given to the Recreation Dept. in order to replace the Annex Playground with a new one. Leftover funds will be used toward a new playground for Bicentennial Park.
- \$5,000 from the Disability Commission was given to the Recreation Dept. to use toward hiring aides to help any children/people with disabilities in our recreation programs, using it toward purchasing adaptive equipment and in general helping those with disabilities.

Recreation Program Revenue/Expenses

All Recreation Program Revenue and Expenses come in and out of the Recreation Revolving Account.

- Program revenue made from FY23: \$60,765.75
- Gym rental revenue made from FY23: \$15,722
- Total revenue with added revolving amount from last FY is equal to: \$125,301.16
- Recreation Expenses from FY23: \$44,506.28
- Total in Recreation Revolving Account after Expenses: \$95,794.88
- Total revenue with added grants/donations from last FY is equal to: \$140,301.16
- CPC funding for Recreation Dept. from 2015-2023: \$369,656.94
- Grant from an Anonymous Foundation to help replace our aging playgrounds with new ones: \$500,000

In closing, I would like to thank all of the Town Departments, Boards, Committees, Town Administrator, Select Board, Recreation Commission, local partners and community members for their continued support

of the Recreation Department. Our department will continue to strive to do our best to serve the community and its residents, providing positive programs, events and opportunities to bring people together to enjoy the many benefits of recreation, which include: improvement of physical and mental health, increased socialization, being creative, enjoying music, getting out in nature, reducing stress, creating a sense of accomplishment, developing personal growth, increasing life satisfaction and so much more!

Respectfully submitted,

Dana Stewart, Recreation Director/

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, 2023.

<u>Scales</u>	
Over 10,000 lbs.	3
5,000 to 10,000 lbs.	6
1,001 to 5,000 lbs.	1
101 to 1,000 lbs.	6
0 to 100 lbs.	50
<u>Weights</u>	
Apothecary	3
<u>Automatic Liquid Measuring Devices</u>	
Gasoline	100
<u>Other Auto Measuring Devices</u>	
Reverse Vending	5
<u>Complaints</u>	5
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Respectfully submitted,

Ray White
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, 2023 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.

Ray White
Sealer of Weights and Measures

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SHELLFISH DEPARTMENT

The following is the Shellfish Department's annual report of projects and events throughout the calendar year 2023.

This is the seventh year of the Marine Services Department. This Department is a combination of the Shellfish Department, Harbormaster Department, Wharfinger, 88 Boat Ramp, and the Hix Bridge Boat Ramp. All of the personnel working in the Marine Services Department are cross deputized as a Shellfish Wardens as well as Harbormasters. We run seven (7) boats in the Marine Service Department. Having dual deputized coverage we are able to put more officials on the water for public safety.

The Shellfish Gift Fund had another excellent year. We have received several nice donations from many foundations, along with individuals, local businesses, and people's wishes to donate in lieu of flowers. Thank you to all that have donated.

We had our 6th annual Shellstock Fundraiser at the Westport Fair Grounds. A big thank you to all our volunteers, the Westport Fair Grounds Committee, and the Funky White Honkies. We were able to net \$40,336.00 for this event. All of the shellfish put into the Westport River filter the water, put people to work, and give people many days of enjoyment on the water shellfishing. In Westport shellfishing is a family tradition. Shellfishing also helps the local economy through the purchase of gas, boats, and gear used.

This year we were able to plant a total of 5,000 bushels of adult quahogs split between Half-Moon Flat Relay, Ship Rock to Sunk Rock Relay, Great Island to Upper Spectacle Island Relay and 294 River Road Relay. We also planted 100,000 year old bat scallops from Ship Rock to the Fontaine Bridge. We also planted 275,000 field plantable quahogs near the federal channel along White's Flat. I would like to thank all of the volunteers who helped plant shellfish. If you are interested in volunteering please contact the Marine Service Department. We have 81 acres of aquaculture in Westport waters. 6 acres in the river as well as 75 acres East of Gooseberry Island.

A thank you also to the very dedicated Deputy Director of Marine Services Gary Tripp and assistants James Perry, Joshua Mosher, William Shaw Jr., Raymond Jarvis, Douglas Murphy, and volunteer Richard Hart (Sweet Pea). Thank you to the Shellfish Advisory Committee (Chairman John Borden).

A professional thank you to the Police Department, Fire Department, Highway Department, everyone working in Town Hall, and Town Hall Annex. Thank you also to everyone that turned in Lees Supermarket receipts. These receipts in turn create money to buy shellfish for the Westport River. All donations to the Shellfish Gift Fund are tax deductible.

Remember, when going shellfishing always call the Shellfish Status Hotline at 508-636-1104. This Hotline gives updated openings and closures to the shellfishing areas in the Westport River.

Also, sadly we must announce the passing of Richard Hart (Sweet Pea) on March 5th, 2023 at home. He did so many good things for the Shellfish Department, and the Town of Westport. He will be greatly missed.



LICENSES AND PERMITS ISSUED

The following is the Shellfish Departments Catch Report and statistics of revenue.

LICENSES AND PERMITS ISSUED

TYPE FEES COLLECTED	NUMBER ISSUED	FEES COLLECTED
Commercial Scallop	0	\$ 0.00
Commercial Shellfish	57	\$ 11,400.00
Student Commercial	1	\$ 60.00
Duplicate Shellfish	0	\$ 0.00
Family Scallop	2	\$ 100.00
Family Shellfish	256	\$ 8,960.00
Non-Resident Shellfish	16	\$ 3,200.00
Non-Resident Scallop	0	\$ 0.00
14 Day Shellfish Permit	1	\$ 100.00
Senior Citizen Shellfish	194	\$ 1,940.00
Senior Citizen Scallop	0	\$ 0.00
TOTAL	527	\$ 25,760.00

ESTIMATED COMMERCIAL SHELLFISH CATCH

SPECIES	HARVEST IN TOWN BASKETS	VALUE
Oysters	816	\$ 47,328.00
Mussels (Ribbed & Blue)	0	\$ 0.00
Quahogs (Chowders)	690	\$ 17,250.00
(Little Necks & Cherrystones)	2,214	\$ 221,400.00
Scallops	0	\$ 0.00
Soft-Shelled Clams	1	\$ 137.00
Surf Clams	0	\$ 0.00
Other (Conch-Winkles-Decker's)	0	\$ 0.00
SUBTOTAL	3,721	\$ 286,115.00

ESTIMATED RECREATIONAL SHELLFISH CATCH

SPECIES	HARVEST IN TOWN BASKETS	VALUE
Oysters	7	\$ 406.00
Mussels (Blue & Ribbed)	0	\$ 0.00
Quahogs (Chowder)	124	\$ 3,100.00
Littlenecks & Cherrystones)	148	\$ 14,800.00
Scallops	0	\$ 0.00

Soft-Shelled Clams	3	\$ 411.00
Surf Clams	0	\$ 0.00
Other (Conch-Winkle-Decker's)	0	\$ 0.00
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SUBTOTAL	282	\$ 18,717.00
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Shellfish Gift Account Donations		\$ 113,828.00
Shellfish Equipment Gift Fund Account Donations		\$ 0.00
Grant Projects and Lease Sites		\$ 2,025.00
Shellstock Fundraiser Net Amount		\$ 40,336.00
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	SUBTOTALS	\$ 156,189.00
	GRANDTOTAL	\$ 486,781.00

Anyone interested in donating to our tax deductible SHELLFISH GIFT FUND or SHELLFISH EQUIPMENT FUND can do so through the Selectman's Office. Also, visit the Shellfish Department webpage on the Town's website. When shellfishing, always remember to always call the SHELLFISH STATUS HOTLINE for up to date shellfish bed closures @ 508-636-1104. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher A. Leonard
Director of Marine Services

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (SRPEDD)

The Town of Westport is a member of the Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District. Originally founded in 1956, SRPEDD (pronounced "sir-ped") is one of 13 regional planning agencies (RPAs) across the state and one of approximately 550 across the country.

SRPEDD serves 4 cities and 23 towns in southeastern Massachusetts. Through our work, we address common issues facing the region, including economic development, growth and land use, safe and efficient transportation, environmental stewardship, municipal partnerships, community development and affordable housing, and general planning. A Commission of local mayors, selectmen, planning board members, and at-large members govern SRPEDD. Federal and state grants, local assessments, and local contracts fund our activities. In 2023, the Town of Westport paid \$3,295 to SRPEDD, based upon an assessment of 20.172 cents per capita. SRPEDD's annual budget in 2023 was \$5,045,223.

SRPEDD also serves as the region's staff for the Southeastern Massachusetts Metropolitan Planning Organization (SMMPO) and the regional Economic Development District (EDD) with the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA). In both roles, SRPEDD works with numerous partners to program tens of millions of dollars to directly invest in our region's infrastructure and community development.

Please visit SRPEDD's agency website at www.srpedd.org to review our work, read our 2023 Annual Report, and tour new projects, including: our Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS); our work to support communities as they comply with the new Section 3A of Chapter 40A; our ongoing

Regional Resilience Plan; our Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) and diverse Environmental Planning work program; our Regional Transportation Plan; our Complete Streets and Multi-Use Path transportation projects; our Safe Streets For All (SS4A) Action Plan; our work with the Southeastern Region Homeland Security Advisory Council (SRAC); our work with school districts and public safety officials to create Active Shooter/Hostile Event (ASHE) Response Tools; our collaboration with communities to update Priority Development Area (PDA) and Priority Protection Area (PPA) designations; and various municipal projects, such as Redevelopment Studies, Business and Marketing Guides, Community Master Plans., and Open Space and Recreation Plans. Our website also includes departmental web pages, staff profiles, a calendar of events, and recent news.

Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions, concerns, or project ideas.

Local citizens/officials representing Westport in SRPEDD activities:

Steven J. Ouellette and James T. Whitin are on the SRPEDD Commission.

James Hartnett and Michael Burriss are on the Joint Transportation Planning Group (JTPG).

In 2023, SRPEDD provided technical assistance to Westport in the following areas; please note that funding sources are indicated in parentheses:

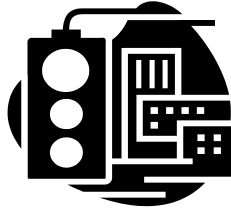
Project Name	Funding Source(s)	More Information
Complete Streets Prioritization Plan	MassDOT	https://srpedd.org/transportation/complete-streets/westport-complete-streets/
Housing Production Plan (Tier 1, Phase 1)	DLTA, Local	https://srpedd.org/comprehensive-planning/housing-community-development/housing-production-plans/
MVP 2.0 Technical Assistance	Local, MVP	https://srpedd.s3.amazonaws.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/13213146/Westport-MVP-Plan-060118.pdf
Traffic Counts on Several Roadways (Details Available by Request)	MassDOT	

Highlights from SRPEDD's general 2023 Work Program include the following:

Project Name	Funding Source(s)	More Information
Arts and Culture Community Development Initiative	DLTA	https://srpedd.org/justice-equity-and-community-development/arts-and-culture/
Assawompset Ponds Watershed Plan Priority Action Implementation	DER, TNC	https://srpedd.org/environment/watershed-planning/apc-nemasket-river-watershed-management-and-climate-action-plan/
Brownfield Community Wide Assessment Grant	EPA	https://srpedd.org/environment/brownfields-redevelopment/
Bus Stop Capital Investment Plan	MassDOT	https://srpedd.org/transportation/public-transit/
Bus Stop Inventory Update	MassDOT	
Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG)	U.S. EPA	https://srpedd.org/cprg/

Coastal Resilience	NOAA, Mass	
Project Planning Support	Audubon	
District Local Technical Assistance (DLTA) and DLTA – Augmentation Project Development and Grant Writing	SRPEDD	<u>www.srpedd.org/DLTA</u>
FFY20 Homeland Security Program and Project Management	MAPC	<u>https://srpedd.org/homeland-security/</u>
FFY21 Homeland Security Program and Project Management	MAPC	<u>https://srpedd.org/homeland-security/</u>
FFY22 Homeland Security Program and Project Management	MAPC	<u>https://srpedd.org/homeland-secu</u>
Freight Action Plan	MassDOT	<u>https://srpedd.org/freight-action-plan/</u>
Green Communities Annual Reports and Competitive and Designation Grant Applications	EOEEA	<u>https://srpedd.org/environment/climate-resilience-planning/green-communities/</u>
Joint Transportation Planning Group (JTPG)	MassDot	<u>https://srpedd.org/transportation/regional-transportation-planning/jtpg/</u>
Justice, Equity and Community Development (JECD) Initiative	DLTA	<u>https://srpedd.org/justice-equity-and-community-development/</u>
Mass. Assn. of Regional Planning Commissions (MARPA)	RPAs	<u>https://massmarpa.org/</u>
Massachusetts Broadband Institute (MBI) Asset Mapping And Digital Equity Planning Enrollment	Mass tech/MBI	<u>www.srpedd.org/Digital-Equity</u>
MBTA Multi-Family Zoning Support	DLTA, EOHLIC	<u>www.srpedd.org/MBTA-Communities</u>
Open Space Residential Design (OSRD) Regional Study	EOEEA	<u>https://srpedd.org/environment/osrd/</u>
Pavement Management Federal Aid Road Network	MassDOT	<u>https://srpedd.org/transportation/transportation-infrastructure/#pavement-management</u>
PDA/PPA Update for MBTA Communities	MBTA, DLTA	<u>www.srpedd.org/Priority-Areas</u>

Regional Evacuation Route Study	MassDOT	
Regional Pedestrian Plan	MassDot	https://srpedd.org/transportation/bicycle-and-pedestrian-networks/
Regional Stormwater Management Planning and Technical Assistance	USM/U.S. EPA, NBEP	
Rural Community Section 3A Compliance	EOHLC	www.srpedd.org/MBTA-Communities
Rural Policy Advisory Council	DLTA, Sister RPAs	https://www.mass.gov/service-details/rural-policy-advisory-commission-rpac
Safe Streets For All (SS4A) Action Plan	U.S. DOT/ MassDOT	https://srpedd.org/transportation/ss4a-safety-action-plan/
South Coast Administrators Committee	SRPEDD	
South Coast Bikeway Technical Assistance	MassDOT	
Southeastern Massachusetts Metropolitan Planning Organization (SMMPO)	MassDOT	https://srpedd.org/transportation/regional-transportation-planning/smmpo/
Southern New England Program (SNEP) Network Technical Assistance Provider	USM/U.S. EPA	https://srpedd.org/environment/snep-network-projects/
SRPEDD Regional Resilience Plan (SRRP)	DLTA, CCC EDA, MassDOT	https://srpedd.org/regional-resilience-plan/
Taunton River Trail	MassDOT	
Technical Assistance Planning and GIS	GATRA	https://srpedd.org/transportation/public-transit/
Title VI Program Report	MassDOT	https://srpedd.org/title-vi-compliance/
Traffic Counting and Turning Movement Counts	MassDOT	https://srpedd.org/transportation/transportation-infrastructure/traffic-counting/
Trails Mapping (Off Road)	MassDOT	https://srpedd.org/transportation/bicycle-and-pedestrian-networks/regional-trails-mapping-project/
Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Workshop	MassDOT	https://srpedd.org/transportation/regional-transportation-planning/



ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TOWN ACCOUNTANT

I hereby submit my annual report for the year ending June 30, 2023. Our records are available for review.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole Pearsall
Town Accountant

TOWN OF WESTPORT
Balance Sheet
June 30, 2023

ASSETS:

Cash	8,601,693.52	
Petty Cash	600.00	
Personal property 2007	168.53	
Personal property 2008	27.80	
Personal property 2009	7.97	
Personal property 2010	9.03	
Personal property 2016	257.68	
Personal property 2017	392.76	
Personal property 2018	1,180.70	
Personal property 2019	942.25	
Personal Property 2020	1,122.40	
Personal Property 2021	1,709.25	
Personal Property 2022	3,028.73	
Personal Property 2023	7,833.69	
Real Estate 2021	1,395.51	
Real Estate 2022		1,324.28
Real Estate 2023	522,720.64	
Allowance for Abatements/Exemptions		1,122,381.16
Tax Title Liens Rec.	766,543.61	
Taxes in Litigation	3,718.17	
Motor Vehicle 2015	4,380.76	
Motor Vehicle 2016	6,296.69	
Motor Vehicle 2017	7,830.13	
Motor Vehicle 2018	9,999.78	
Motor Vehicle 2019	12,590.38	

Motor Vehicle 2020	12,039.50
Motor Vehicle 2021	27,407.99
Motor Vehicle 2022	65,384.54
Motor Vehicle 2023	176,592.92
Boat Excise 2019	4,199.00
Boat Excise 2020	4,194.50
Boat Excise 2021	1,668.83
Boat Excise 2022	1,715.33
Boat Excise 2023	3,381.00
Ambulance Rec.	67,803.83
Tax Foreclosures	20,975.64
Town Owned Possessions	49,134.11
Conservation Owned Possessions	39,582.84

LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY:

Tailings and Unclaimed Items		2,640.52
Payroll Tailings		1,121.98
Deferred Real Estate & PP Tax	582,908.50	
Deferred Taxes(41A)		0.00
Deferred Town Owned Possessions		49,134.11
Deferred Tax Liens		766,543.61
Deferred Tax Foreclosures		20,975.64
Deferred Taxes in Litigation		3,718.17
Deferred Conservation Owned Possessions		39,582.84
Deferred Motor Vehicle Excise		322,522.69
Deferred Boat Excise		15,158.66
Deferred Departmental		67,803.83
Deferred Prepaid Taxes	3,762.50	
Fund Balance Reserved-Encumbrances		2,093,353.88
Fund Balance Reserved-Cont.		
Appropriations		1,542,189.33
Fund Balance Reserved-Expenditures		700,252.00
Fund Balance - Reserved for Compensated Absences		101,077.56
Fund Balance Reserve for Debt		63,241.65
Undesignated Fund Balance		4,102,179.10
Unreserved Fund Balance-Charter School		0.00
Fund Totals	<u>11,015,201.01</u>	<u>11,015,201.01</u>

School Lunch:

Cash	254,873.88	
Undesignated Fund Balance		254,873.88
Fund Totals	<u>254,873.88</u>	<u>254,873.88</u>

Highway:

Due from the Commonwealth	403,233.57	
Cash		403,233.57
Fund Totals	<u>403,233.57</u>	<u>403,233.57</u>

School Grants:

Cash	352,740.14	
ESSER II - FY22		11,819.49
SPED EC FY23		69.00
Math Acceleration Academics		8,726.84
Credit for Life		1,138.19
Title II FY23		9,656.94
Title IV FY23		0.50
Title I FY23		7,312.97
SPED Entitlement FY23		8,284.26
ESSER III - FY22		27,769.91
FY22 Foundation Reserve		20,793.46
Rural Aid FY22		0.73
Rural Aid FY23		5,578.43
Hate Crime Prevention		11,200.00
Genocide Education FY23		1,164.00
Project Bread		1,887.58
SR High Student Dinner		469.63
CFSEMA-WM-HS Wildcat Newspaper		73.00
SCCF-WMS-HS Promo		82.04
Circuit Breaker FY23		201,815.82
CFSEMA-MS Robotics		267.01
Westport Cultural Council	300.00	
GFRDC		22,015.92
PLTW		9,191.24
CFSEMA-MAC Robotics		1,088.00
Big Yellow School Bus		250.00
NE Dairy Council		342.18
CFSEMA-WES Drama Club		320.00
CFSEMA-SAT Prep		1,723.00
Fund Totals	353,040.14	353,040.14

TOWN GRANTS:

Cash	2,362,993.03	
Wpt River Watershed All Gift		586.64
ARPA Federal Funds		792,808.72
Wpt Head Stormwater Project		1,255.72
BC ARPA Funds		278,650.00
ARPA Hix Bridge		50,000.00
Hix Bridge Landing Eng	33,863.00	
MCOA SIG FY22	3,128.50	
SCPHC Grant FY23	27,437.92	
COA Formula		42,251.38
15K Financial Structure Analys		241,450.00
Library /Incentive		25,682.08
MA Cultural Council		9,157.28
Complete Streets Project	22,307.82	
Route 177 Upgrades		143,671.63
Library Municipal Equalization		25,796.66
Library-Nonresident Circulation		1,461.78

Green Comm Energy Grant		67,167.00
State Ext. Election Hrs		12,762.70
Police Traffic Enforcement		1,542.88
2012 CPS Equipment Grant-Car S		1,545.00
Rural & Sm Twn Devel Fund		34,257.95
COA S Cst Community Foundation		4,353.77
Police Bulletproof Vests	4,982.97	
Spay/Neuter Grant		2,202.36
Shellfish Propagation		20,000.00
EMPG Grant	19,000.00	
Fire-Public Safety Equip		28.36
WRAP FY23	3,960.00	
Haz Mat Em Response Team		2,103.06
50K Head Town Landing Improvement		30,137.83
Clean Vessel Act	2,729.86	
MVP Planning FY17-16K		5,382.34
Wpt Twn Landing Imp Project	167.00	
911 Support Incentive		7,040.61
S.A.F.E - Fire		4,015.14
SETB 911 Police Training Grant	7,712.39	
Recycling Dividends Program		9,574.64
Ped/Cyclist Safety Grant		787.24
Fire Dept - EMPG Grant	4,600.00	
ARPA Rt 6		406,450.49
SRPEDD HPP FY23	1,528.84	
CDBG Re-captured funds		45,326.54
Bristol Elders Tech Review	370.39	
Fire Dept - Comm Impact Grant		78.60
COA - ARAW		11,984.25
Walmart Foundation 2K		135.82
FEMA Pandemic Reimb		210,627.64
BOH-MAHB Phone Award		4,505.61
Fund Totals	<u>2,494,781.72</u>	<u>2,494,781.72</u>

RESERVED FOR APPROPRIATIONS:

Cash	180,605.14	
DP Utilities TNC Surcharge (uber/Lyft)		3,407.70
Municipal Waterway Improvement		86,808.00
Sale of Cemetery Lots		32,650.00
Weights & Measures Fines		112.50
Landfill Closure		57,626.94
Fund Totals	<u>180,605.14</u>	<u>180,605.14</u>

SCHOOL REVOLVING:

Cash	269,653.30	
School Day Care		84,394.77
School Choice Tuition		219.00
Lost Supplies/Materials		2,622.80
Student Athletic Activities		36,321.35

Use of School Property		125.00
Adult/Continuing Education		102,308.48
School Scholarship		13,046.43
Transportation/Reimbursement		30,615.47
Fund Totals	269,653.30	269,653.30

TOWN REVOLVING:

Cash	2,172,708.14	
MA Cultural Council		222.76
BOH/ Beach Testing		3,451.65
Septic vs Well Test/BOH		81,801.00
Nedeiros/Maya Way Surety		5,567.15
Fire Explorer Post 774		287.12
Economic Development Farmer's Markt		5,392.43
Head Town Landing Improvement		1,216.66
Board of Health Vaccination Fees		12,527.17
Wetland Filing Fees		149,482.63
COA/ Activities		8,367.47
COA/ Transportation Revolving		24,140.28
Library Gift		177,013.71
Salvador Gift COA		113,334.75
Ambulance Revolving	111,895.27	
Shellfish/Equipment Gift		1,083.27
Fire Works Gifts		7,038.67
GIS Mapping Revo		10,406.77
Shellfish Propagation Gift		307,050.64
Water & Sewer Project Gift		18.00
Police Explorer Post 305		4,672.50
Police Gift Account		6,868.88
Library Expansion Gift Account		68,888.01
Fire Dept Gift Account		11,965.45
Town Wharf Improvements		2,716.08
Westport Agricultural Gift		60.28
Town Waterways Improve Fund		6,141.64
COA Gifts / Donations		52,750.31
Police Cruiser Revolving		10,677.36
Cable TV Revolving		754,381.47
Veteran's Grave Markers Gift		1,500.00
Commission on Disability Gift Account		2,391.71
Handicapped Parking Program		18,399.46
Senior Day Care Revolving		61,676.61
Recreation/Comm Ctr Rev		78,424.98
Animal Gift Fund		4,242.34
Library Fines/Lost Books		3,355.02
Playground Gift Account		3,500.00
Powder House Gift Account		39.23
Fire Insurance Reimbursement		13,355.15
Insurance Reimbursement		32,379.11
Recreation Gift Account		100.00

COA - SNAP Program		2,698.85
Veteran's Food Pantry Gift		3,345.96
Veteran Monument Gift		7,625.33
Energy Conservation		159,573.65
Tax Title		24,472.00
Building-Gas-Plumbing-Electrical		39,999.90
Fund Totals	<u>2,284,603.41</u>	<u>2,284,603.41</u>

BETTERMENTS:

Cash	140,481.76	
Undesignated Fund Balance		140,481.76
Fund Totals	<u>140,481.76</u>	<u>140,481.76</u>

BETTERMENTS I:

Cash	260,491.42	
Septic System Liens Rec	765.92	
Septic System Repair Rec	133,340.87	
Interest Added to Septic	52,715.93	
Septic Liens Deferred Rev		765.92
Septic Assessment Deferred Rev		133,340.87
Septic Interest Assessment Deferred		52,715.93
Fund Balance Reserved for Expenditures		180,606.27
Fund Balance Reserved for Debt Service		27,879.48
Fund Balance Reserved for Interest		25,936.67
Undesignated Fund Balance		26,069.00
Fund Totals	<u>447,314.14</u>	<u>447,314.14</u>

BETTERMENTS III:

Cash	105,636.18	
Septic System Repair Rec	50,991.50	
Interest Added to Septic	16,627.84	
Septic Assessment Deferred Rev		50,991.50
Septic Interest Assessment Deferred		16,627.84
Undesignated Fund Balance		105,636.18
Fund Totals	<u>173,255.52</u>	<u>173,255.52</u>

BETTERMENTS II:

Cash	130,864.37	
Septic System Repair Rec	354,721.23	
Interest Added to Septic	126,082.09	
Septic Assessment Deferred Rev		354,721.23
Septic Interest Assessment Deferred		126,082.09
Fund Balance Reserved for Expenditures		74,025.71
Fund Balance Reserved for Debt Service		30,757.58
Undesignated Fund Balance		25,081.08
Fund Totals	<u>611,667.69</u>	<u>610,667.69</u>

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION:

Cash	1,731,715.33	
Levy Year 2021		84.61
Levy Year 2022	1,154.20	
Levy Year 2023	10,122.15	
Tax Liens Rec	13,267.46	
Taxes in Litigation	74.36	
Tax Foreclosures	259.79	
Deferred CPA Real Estate Tax		11,191.74
Deferred CPA Tax Liens		13,267.46
Deferred CPA Tax Foreclosures		259.79
Deferred CPA Taxes in Litigation		74.36
CPC/Open Space		473.71
CPC /Community Housing		630.25
CPC/Historic Preservation		92,978.89
FB Reserved for FY15 Projects		6,931.22
FB Reserved for FY17 Projects		5,554.52
FB Reserved for FY18 Projects		20,671.00
FB Reserved for FY19 Projects		42,031.60
FB Reserved for FY20 Projects		4,637.40
FB Reserved for FY21 Projects		5,511.03
FB Reserved for FY22 Projects		50,028.36
FB Reserved for FY23 Projects		350,000.00
Budgeted Reserves		451,000.00
Undesignated Fund Balance		701,267.35
Fund Totals	<u>1,756,593.29</u>	<u>1,756,593.29</u>
AGRICULTURAL OPEN SPACE		
Cash	6,597.63	
Bond Anticipation Notes Payable		695,000.00
Undesignated Fund Balance	688,402.37	
Fund Totals	<u>695,000.00</u>	<u>695,000.00</u>
CAPITAL PROJECTS		
School Roof		
Cash		212,325.86
Undesignated Fund Balance	212,325.86	
Fund Totals	<u>212,325.86</u>	<u>212,325.86</u>
School PCB Clean Up		
Cash	93,497.85	
Reserved For Expenditures		93,497.85
Fund Totals	<u>93,497.85</u>	<u>93,497.85</u>
Town		
Cash	9,175.00	
Reserved For Expenditures		9,175.00
Fund Totals	<u>9,175.00</u>	<u>9,175.00</u>

New School Construction		
Cash	2,516,751.76	
Bond Anticipation Notes Payable		2,500,000.00
Undesignated Fund Balance		16,751.76
Fund Totals	<u>2,516,751.76</u>	<u>2,516,751.76</u>

WATER ENTERPRISE:

Cash	388,768.95	
User Charges Receivable	9,797.05	
Service Charges Receivable	1,304.98	
Deferred User Charges		9,797.05
Deferred Service Charges		1,304.98
Fund Balance Reserved-Encumbrances		26,589.40
Fund Balance Reserved-Cont.		
Appropriations		13,574.38
Undesignated Fund Balance		348,605.17
Fund Totals	<u>399,870.98</u>	<u>399,870.98</u>

HARBOR ENTERPRISE:

Cash	111,518.37	
Fund Balance Reserved - Encumbrances		5,653.60
Fund Balance Reserved-Cont.		
Appropriations		12,197.86
Undesignated Fund Balance		93,666.91
Fund Totals	<u>111,518.37</u>	<u>111,518.37</u>

BEACH ENTERPRISE

Cash	324,323.17	
Fund Balance Reserved-Encumbrances		39.99
Fund Balance Reserved-Cont.		
Appropriations		6,635.78
Undesignated Fund Balance		317,647.40
Fund Totals	<u>324,323.17</u>	<u>324,323.17</u>

NON-EXPENDABLE TRUST:

Restricted Cash	1,549,710.26	
Salisbury Memorial		52,966.53
W.B. Hicks Library		500.00
I. Weeks Library		1,000.00
Perpetual Care		1,152,898.66
Nancy Fenn Music Scholarship		33,342.00
R.W. Mullaney Library Trust		26,000.00
Library Trusts		14,791.00
Ron Desrosiers Mem Trust		20,355.02
Mary Brown Library Trust		5,000.00
Pelletier Public Library Trust		2,500.00
E.W. Brightman Scholarship		10,000.00
H. Hoyt Library		10,000.00
Hazel Tripp Library Trust		200,000.00

Tripp High School Library Trust	5,000.00
Dr & Mrs Kirkaldy Library Trust	2,255.00
Lisa Chase Tripp Library Trust	13,102.05
Fund Totals	<u>1,549,710.26</u> <u>1,549,710.26</u>

EXPENDABLE TRUST:

Cash	2,378,209.34
Law Enforcement	59,777.71
The Educational Fund (Sch Imp)	21,320.14
Grimshaw/Gudewicz Sholarship	8,463.31
Salisbury Memorial Trust	4,091.67
Ambulance Trust	883.33
Wm B Hicks Library Trust	108.19
I. Weeks Library Trust	587.97
Town Farm Trust	7,251.43
Landing Commissioners	93,466.80
Bicentennial Playground	477.59
Conservation Trust	18,384.01
Veterans Memorial	1,757.78
Perpetual Care	973,915.34
Open Space	293.35
Westport Betterment/Fuel	413.41
Nancy Fenn Music Scholarship	7,876.30
L.B.Bowman Library Trust	4,457.66
R.W. Mullaney Library Trust	2,572.08
Chadwick Impaired Vision Library Trust	50,156.36
Library Trust	2,121.92
R. Desrosiers Memorial	3,277.09
Mary Brown Library	714.60
Westport Betterment/Community Ctr	1,436.40
Pelletier/Public Library Trust	89.72
E.W. Brightman Scholarship	5,191.82
Westport Betterment	3,557.20
Westport Historical	19,202.70
Helen Ellis Trust	54,630.05
H.Hoyt Library Trust	1,424.28
Tripp Senior	26,261.76
Hazel Tripp Library	39,513.44
Tripp H.S. Library	12,962.96
Appeals Brd/Comp Permits	9,753.94
Dr & Mrs Kirkaldy Library Trust	546.56
Lisa Chase Tripp Library Trust	1,270.08
Wolf Pit School Trust	8,219.96
Amanda Tripp Memorial Scholarship	2,497.06
Wpt Betterment-Town Hall Maintenance	860.98
Wpt Betterment-Kowalczyk Renewable	
Energy	895.00
Virginia E. Lash Library Trust	84,348.20
Affordable Housing Trust Fund	838,842.51

Calvin Hopkinson Mem Schp		4,336.68	
Fund Totals	<u>2,378,209.34</u>	<u>2,378,209.34</u>	
OTHER TRUST:			
Cash	5,257,016.53		
Capital Improvement Stabilization		219,391.52	
Stabilization Fund		1,548,661.98	
OPEB Liability Trust Fund		3,488,963.03	
Fund Totals	<u>5,257,016.53</u>	<u>5,257,016.53</u>	
AGENCY :			
Cash	1,575,316.93		
Sped/Medicaid		14,790.69	
SHMG/Medicare		1.00	
LaFrance Sewer Agency Account		18,000.00	
Special Police/Firearm Detail		1,187.03	
Police X-Detail	44,172.58		
School Special Details	530.25		
Fire Special Details		22,463.36	
Con Comm Ad fees		7,719.83	
Miscellaneous		49,629.00	
Emp/Ret Contributions		110,601.62	
Firearm Licenses		12,850.50	
Deputy Collector Fees		3,643.62	
Planning Board Review Fees		68,067.76	
Meal Tax		70.78	
Collector Over/Overage		101.77	
Performance Bonds/Passbooks		1,256,143.43	
H.S Student Activity		50,986.87	
Tailings		2,640.52	
Payroll Tailings		1,121.98	
Fund Totals	<u>1,620,019.76</u>	<u>1,620,019.76</u>	
OUTSTANDING DEBT	66,248,210.00		
Fire Station Bond		2,000,000.00	
School Buildings-Remodel(Green Project)		100,000.00	
School Buildings-Energy Conservation(PCB)		1,705,000.00	
Police Station Bond		7,165,000.00	
School Buildings-Middle/HS Construction		52,840,000.00	
School Buildings-WES Roof		1,445,000.00	
MWPAT		993,210.00	
	<u>66,248,210.00</u>	<u>66,248,210.00</u>	

STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES
FISCAL YEAR 2023

<u>ACCOUNTANT</u>	AVAILABLE	EXPENDED	ENCUMBERED	RETURNED
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Salaries	143,088.00	137,187.24		5,900.76
Expenses	82,515.00	81,793.03	631.17	90.80
23 Computer				
Software/Hardware	121,000.00	10,194.35	110,805.65	0.00
Encumbered	1,979.79	1,979.79		0.00
<u>ANIMAL CONTROL</u>				
<u>OFFICER</u>				
Salaries	67,255.00	51,363.48		15,891.52
Expenses	16,533.00	14,700.05		1,832.95
Encumbered	972.00	936.00		36.00
<u>APPEALS</u>				
Salaries	9,200.00	9,142.69		57.31
Expenses	3,200.00	2,456.94		743.06
<u>ASSESSORS</u>				
Salaries	218,762.00	209,733.89		9,028.11
Expenses	30,465.00	27,580.05	584.51	2,300.44
22 Computer				
Software/Hardware	100,000.00	27,260.00	72,740.00	0.00
22 Revaluation				
Program	17,460.00	15,750.00	1,710.00	0.00
23 Revaluation				
Program	60,000.00	18,027.50	41,972.50	0.00
24 Revaluation				
Program	40,000.00		40,000.00	0.00
Encumbered	2,081.45	1,500.43		581.02
<u>BOARD OF HEALTH</u>				
Salaries	402,535.00	380,218.23		22,316.77
Expenses	25,490.00	22,083.14	2,859.31	547.55
22 Household				
Hazardous Waste Day	8,007.98		8,007.98	0.00
Encumbered	980.91	942.38		38.53
<u>BUILDING</u>				
Salaries	130,755.00	130,755.00		0.00
Expenses	7,925.00	7,244.28	366.00	314.72
Encumbered	70.00	65.30		4.70
<u>CEMETERY</u>				
Salaries	181,721.00	176,816.90		4,904.10
Expenses	20,405.00	19,268.93	209.70	926.37
21 Feasibility Study	25,000.00		25,000.00	0.00
22 Replace Equipment	16,823.05	9,301.79	7,521.26	0.00
Encumbered	475.95	328.31		147.64
<u>COMMISSION ON</u>				
<u>DISABILITIES</u>				
Salaries	200.00			200.00

Expenses	800.00			800.00
<u>CONSERVATION</u>				
Salaries	122,416.00	121,426.42		989.58
Expenses	6,520.00	4,907.29		1,612.71
<u>COUNCIL ON AGING</u>				
Salaries	177,815.00	177,815.00		0.00
Expenses	45,375.00	45,375.00		0.00
20 Elevator Repair	60,000.00		60,000.00	0.00
<u>ELECTION & REGISTRATION</u>				
Salaries	102,624.00	86,202.94		16,421.06
Expenses	20,311.00	19,742.74	568.26	0.00
<u>EMPLOYEE BENEFITS</u>				
Sick Leave/Vacation Buyout	150,376.05	49,298.49	101,077.56	0.00
		2,735,403.0		
Health Insurance	3,211,000.00	6	2,000.00	473,596.94
Life Insurance	5,000.00	3,840.48		1,159.52
Medicare	370,000.00	405,236.26		-35,236.26
Unemployment Workers Compensation	150,000.00	28,956.59	18,557.00	102,486.41
OPEB Contribution	215,000.00	200,989.85		14,010.15
14 IOD Medical Expenses	80,000.00	80,000.00		0.00
Encumbered	2,356.38		2,356.38	0.00
	5,339.80	5,339.80		0.00
<u>FINANCE COMMITTEE</u>				
Salaries	4,500.00	1,628.32		2,871.68
Expenses	747.00	214.00		533.00
Reserve Fund Transfers	109,184.00	13,000.00		96,184.00
<u>FIRE DEPARTMENT</u>				
		2,216,674.7		
Salaries	2,216,805.00	3		130.27
Expenses	263,250.00	254,618.93	7,988.80	642.27
23 Site & Bldg Improve	30,000.00		30,000.00	0.00
23 New Vehicles	55,000.00	55,000.00		0.00
23 Replace Equipment	199,596.53	199,596.53		0.00
Encumbered	50,177.46	49,808.46		369.00
<u>HIGHWAY</u>				
Salaries	532,103.00	481,902.62		50,200.38
Expenses	312,165.00	246,455.81	45,395.41	20,313.78
18 Article-New Truck	17,034.72	17,034.72		0.00

19 Highway Bucket Truck Replace	97.48	97.48		0.00
20 Article-New Truck	9,509.00	9,509.00		0.00
21 Highway Front End Loader	4,778.63	4,778.63		0.00
23 New Vehicles	235,000.00	235,000.00		0.00
23 Main Rd/Point Landing	50,000.00	31,628.39	18,371.61	0.00
Encumbered	19,235.80	18,324.12		911.68
<u>HIGHWAY/SNOW & ICE</u>				
Salaries	30,000.00	13,065.35		16,934.65
Expenses	120,000.00	55,373.02		64,626.98
<u>HISTORICAL COMMISSION</u>				
Expenses	1,275.00	1,275.00		0.00
<u>INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY</u>				
Salaries	33,637.00	33,637.00		0.00
Expenses	279,555.00	278,880.36	668.10	6.54
17 Computer Software/Hardware	95,527.54		95,527.54	0.00
22 Fiber Optic Cable	468,135.00	468,135.00		0.00
22 Telephone Replacement	20,898.70	20,898.70		0.00
23 Computer Software/Hardware	40,000.00	11,633.00	28,367.00	0.00
23 Information Technology	150,000.00	128,125.52	21,874.48	0.00
Encumbered	4,779.90	4,679.90		100.00
<u>LEGAL</u>				
Legal Expense	105,000.00	85,992.25	19,004.75	3.00
Encumbered	17,720.29	17,720.29		0.00
<u>LIBRARY</u>				
Salaries	262,722.00	261,175.23		1,546.77
Expenses	29,150.00	28,435.50	714.50	0.00
Encumbered	604.48	604.48		0.00
<u>MODERATOR</u>				
Salaries	899.00	899.00		0.00
<u>OLD HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING</u>				
Expenses	100,000.00	91,671.97	7,092.49	1,235.54
23 Old High School Exp	200,000.00	64,312.80	135,687.20	0.00
24 Old High School Exp	100,000.00		100,000.00	0.00

PARKING TICKETS

Expenses	16,400.00	10,199.94	900.00	5,300.06
Encumbered	943.16	943.16		0.00

PERSONNEL BOARD

Expenses	290.00	275.00		15.00
23 Wage Study	30,000.00		30,000.00	0.00

PLANNING BOARD

Salaries	198,361.00	184,803.98		13,557.02
Expenses	25,390.00	9,547.67		15,842.33
Encumbered	36,774.11	26,771.47		10,002.64

POLICE DEPARTMENT

		3,577,568.9		
Salaries	3,595,831.00	6		18,262.04
Expenses	356,400.00	280,489.09	45,354.23	30,556.68
20 New Cars	1,138.69	1,138.69		0.00
23 Cruisers	60,000.00		60,000.00	0.00
23 New Vehicles	112,000.00	112,000.00		0.00
Encumbered	24,148.69	12,156.10		11,992.59

PROPERTY
INSURANCE

Expenses	470,000.00	394,422.00		75,578.00
Encumbered	15,053.00	15,053.00		0.00

RECREATION

Salaries	62,343.00	62,342.96		0.04
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REGIONAL SCHOOLS

		1,745,394.0		
Diman	1,745,394.00	0		0.00
Bristol Aggie	90,076.00	90,076.00		0.00

RETIREMENT

		3,246,146.0		
Expenses	3,246,146.00	0		0.00

SCHOOL
DEPARTMENT

		11,059,104.		
Gen Ed Salaries	12,091,969.27	23	1,032,865.04	0.00
		1,444,677.6		
Gen Ed Expenses	1,576,847.33	9	132,085.58	84.06
		1,368,374.7		
Gen Ed Salaries Enc	1,369,000.29	3		625.56
Gen Ed Encumbered	290,528.79	285,159.06		5,369.73
Gen Ed Trans				
Salaries	57,091.00	57,091.00		0.00

Gen Ed Trans Expenses	1,194,656.76	1,118,560.76	76,096.00	0.00
Gen Ed Trans. Encumbered	229,103.00	235,098.29		-5,995.29
18 Site & Bldg Improve	41,605.10		41,605.10	0.00
20 School Feasibility Study	1,108.00		1,108.00	0.00
23 Capital Improvements	170,000.00		170,000.00	0.00
23 Site & Bldg Improve	80,000.00		80,000.00	0.00
		3,904,582.64		
Spec Ed Salaries	4,389,163.60	4	484,580.96	0.00
Spec Ed Expenses	421,203.89	265,149.22	156,054.67	0.00
Sped Ed Salaries Enc	625,505.75	624,129.30		1,376.45
Sped Ed Expenses Encumbered	264,763.82	263,442.82		1,321.00
Sped Ed Trans Expenses	604,437.15	584,487.15	19,950.00	0.00
Sped Ed Trans Expenses Encumbered	19,773.00	19,688.94		84.06
<u>SEALER OF WEIGHTS MEASURES</u>				
Salaries	4,200.00	4,200.00		0.00
<u>SELECTMEN</u>				
Salaries	322,795.00	319,324.75		3,470.25
Expenses	29,450.00	22,844.99	650.00	5,955.01
16 Economic Plan & Co-ord	4,206.71		4,206.71	0.00
19 Grant Matcing Funds	20,000.00	4,786.00	15,214.00	0.00
23 Grant Matching Funds	30,000.00		30,000.00	0.00
23 Feasibility Study Encumbered	200,000.00	4,589.38	200,000.00	0.00
	6,589.38			2,000.00
<u>SHELLFISH</u>				
Salaries	80,598.00	70,184.68		10,413.32
Expenses	7,025.00	6,339.96	685.04	0.00
Encumbered	2,666.36	466.36		2,200.00
<u>STREET LIGHTING</u>				
Expenses	9,000.00	8,479.00	521.00	0.00
19 Streelight LED Replacement	107.20	107.20		0.00
Encumbered	681.71	651.23		30.48

<u>TOWN CLERK</u>				
Salaries	128,364.00	106,661.77		21,702.23
Expenses	2,880.00	2,359.49	140.23	380.28
Encumbered	712.58	712.58		0.00
<u>TOWN FARM</u>				
Expenses	14,500.00	7,580.78	195.00	6,724.22
Encumbered	130.00	130.00		0.00
<u>TOWN HALL & ANNEX</u>				
Salaries	47,500.00	41,406.23		6,093.77
Expenses	141,675.00	126,181.29	12,762.34	2,731.37
19 Assessment of Town Buildings	10,000.00		10,000.00	0.00
20 Feasibility Study	25,000.00		25,000.00	0.00
23 Capital Improvements	9,782.00	9,782.00		0.00
23 Site & Bldg Improve	20,000.00		20,000.00	0.00
23 New Vehicles	45,000.00		45,000.00	0.00
Encumbered	14,019.93	13,688.61		331.32
<u>TOWN REPORTS</u>				
Expenses	100.00			100.00
<u>TRANSFER STATION</u>				
Salaries	138,652.00	117,080.22		21,571.78
Expenses	197,100.00	158,180.35	5,100.80	33,818.85
22 Capital Improvements	17,750.00	17,750.00		0.00
23 Capital Improvements	25,176.12	25,176.12		0.00
23 Site & Bldg Improve	27,900.00	17,786.08	10,113.92	0.00
Encumbered	30,271.81	27,359.38		2,912.43
<u>TREASURER/COLLECTOR</u>				
Salaries	296,637.00	290,710.25		5,926.75
Expenses	131,800.00	103,731.38	15,336.99	12,731.63
Encumbered	13,705.69	13,126.66		579.03
<u>VETERANS GRAVES</u>				
Expenses	1,700.00	1,535.20		164.80
<u>VETERANS SERVICES</u>				
Salaries	56,100.00	56,100.00		0.00
Expenses	5,275.00	5,124.01		150.99
Veteran Benefits	375,000.00	309,909.64	3,829.00	61,261.36
Veteran Services	3,300.00	3,244.82		55.18
Encumbered Benefits	5,546.41	4,085.34		1,461.07

Encumbered Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00
<u>LONG TERM DEBT</u>			
Campground	280,000.00	100,000.00	180,000.00
Fire Station	300,000.00	300,000.00	0.00
Agricultural Open Space	101,500.00	101,500.00	0.00
School Green Project	100,000.00	100,000.00	0.00
School PCB Project	165,000.00	165,000.00	0.00
Police Station Non-excluded	85,000.00	85,000.00	0.00
MWPAT Principal Police Station Excluded	43,512.00	23,287.00	20,225.00
	400,000.00	400,000.00	0.00
		1,010,000.0	
5-12 School	1,010,000.00	0	0.00
Santos Farm	400,000.00	400,000.00	0.00
Bristol Aggie	179,390.00	167,430.48	11,959.52
WES Roof	115,000.00		115,000.00
MWPAT Water Mgmt Plan	7,500.00	7,500.00	0.00
Diman Reg Voc HS	5,000.00		5,000.00
<u>LONG TERM INTEREST</u>			
Campground	8,000.00	3,603.96	4,396.04
Fire Station	75,963.00	75,962.50	0.50
Agricultural Open Space	764.00	763.57	0.43
School Green Project	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00
School PCB Project	46,239.00	46,238.75	0.25
MWPAT Principal	15,126.00	4,272.07	10,853.93
Police Station Non-excluded	35,925.00	35,925.00	0.00
Police Station Excluded	185,000.00	185,000.00	0.00
		1,560,862.5	
5-12 School	1,560,938.00	1	75.49
Santos Farm	5,000.00	2,074.22	2,925.78
WES Roof	37,000.00	36,608.67	391.33
MWPAT Water Mgmt Plan	3,064.00	2,850.00	214.00
<u>STATE ASSESSMENTS</u>			
Charter Tuition Assessment		789,171.00	-789,171.00
School Choice Assessment		498,401.00	-498,401.00
Mosquito Control Project		125,756.00	-125,756.00
Air Pollution Control		6,291.00	-6,291.00
Trans Auth Gatra		48,787.00	-48,787.00

RMV/Non-Renewal			
Surcharge		12,860.00	-12,860.00
SPREDD	3,295.00	3,295.00	0.00
<u>COUNTY</u>			
<u>ASSESSMENT</u>			
County Tax		384,994.40	-384,994.40
			-230,168.04

STATEMENT OF REVENUE
BUDGET VS ACTUAL
FISCAL YEAR 2023

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	
<u>Taxes & Local Receipts:</u>			
Personal Property	1,006,956.00	999,007.72	-7,948.28
Real Estate	35,510,351.00	35,233,211.41	-277,139.59
Conveyance Taxes	0.00	0.00	0.00
Roll Back Taxes	0.00	31,168.87	31,168.87
Elderly Deferred Taxes	0.00	0.00	0.00
PILOT Taxes	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Time PILOT Payment	0.00	0.00	0.00
Tax Liens Redeemed	0.00	66,887.05	66,887.05
Litigated Taxes	0.00	0.00	0.00
Motor Vehicle Taxes	2,716,100.00	3,197,511.33	481,411.33
Boat Excise Taxes	21,000.00	21,024.12	24.12
Rental/Codimonk	5,758.00	6,180.00	422.00
Rental/Town Farm	7,780.00	8,350.00	570.00
Rentals/Land/AnnexSch Gym	16,463.00	17,670.00	1,207.00
Public Hearings	536.00	500.00	-36.00
Liquor License	31,440.00	30,637.49	-802.51
Other Licenses	4,207.00	4,100.00	-107.00
Entertainment	2,042.00	1,990.00	-52.00
Auto Repair	8,209.00	8,000.00	-209.00
Common Victualler	5,259.00	5,125.00	-134.00
Auto Licenses	9,338.00	9,100.00	-238.00
Trailer Permits	5,911.00	5,760.00	-151.00
Yard Sales/Flea Market	513.00	500.00	-13.00
Selectmen Misc.	0.00	125.00	125.00
Sale of Surplus Equipment	0.00	0.00	0.00
Assessors Misc.	0.00	166.00	166.00
Tax Title Release	14.00	12.69	-1.31
Treasurer Misc	0.00	4,622.74	4,622.74
Investment Interest	100,000.00	302,483.05	202,483.05
Collector Interest-Taxes	95,590.00	109,324.73	13,734.73
Collector Interest-Excise	18,996.00	21,725.15	2,729.15
Collector Demands-Taxes	27,693.00	31,672.38	3,979.38
Collector Demands-Excise	97,722.00	111,765.00	14,043.00

Collector Interest-Liens	35,000.00	40,027.63	5,027.63
In Lieu of Taxes	0.00	0.00	0.00
Municipal Liens	17,352.00	16,200.00	-1,152.00
Release Fees	14,694.00	13,718.00	-976.00
Collector Misc.	0.00	1,413.00	1,413.00
Collector Interest Earned	0.00	0.00	0.00
Town Clerk Misc.	0.00	5.00	5.00
Zoning By-Laws	0.00	0.00	0.00
Town Clerk Charges	26,003.00	24,276.00	-1,727.00
Raffle, Junk, Hawkers	585.00	570.00	-15.00
Voting List	0.00	0.00	0.00
Election Misc.	0.00	0.00	0.00
ConCom Misc.	0.00	0.00	0.00
ConCom Filing Fees	2,715.00	2,535.00	-180.00
ConCom Soil Permits	3,856.00	3,600.00	-256.00
Planning Board Fees	12,693.00	11,850.00	-843.00
B.O.A. Fees	6,626.00	6,186.47	-439.53
Other Gov't Misc.	0.00	32,413.58	32,413.58
Police Misc.	0.00	275.00	275.00
Police Reports	0.00	0.00	0.00
Administrative Fees	29,522.00	20,895.35	-8,626.65
Fire Arms/ID Cards	8,838.00	8,612.50	-225.50
Non-Criminal Fines	0.00	0.00	0.00
Court Fines	6,109.00	5,755.00	-354.00
Registrar Fines	83,424.00	78,587.65	-4,836.35
Parking Fines	27,441.00	25,850.00	-1,591.00
By-Law Fines	0.00	0.00	0.00
Marijuana Fines	1,062.00	1,000.00	-62.00
False Alarm Fines	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fire Dept Fees	39,391.00	27,880.00	-11,511.00
Ambulance Charges	430,000.00	421,235.35	-8,764.65
Building Permits	245,120.00	414,013.00	168,893.00
Gas Permits	4,149.00	7,006.52	2,857.52
Plumbing Permits	5,630.00	9,508.85	3,878.85
Sealer of Weight & Measure Permits	4,869.00	4,546.00	-323.00
Electrical Permits	19,853.00	33,531.32	13,678.32
Dog Reclamation	537.00	380.00	-157.00
Dog Licenses	10,267.00	10,005.00	-262.00
Dog Fines	1,964.00	1,850.00	-114.00
Aqua-culture Licenses	410.00	400.00	-10.00
Shellfish Licenses	25,439.00	24,790.00	-649.00
Shellfish Fines	0.00	0.00	0.00
Education Misc.	1,500.00	94.83	-1,405.17
Highway Misc.	0.00	0.00	0.00
Scrap Iron/Tin	6,826.00	7,655.49	829.49
Tires	934.00	1,048.05	114.05
Paper/Magazine	112.00	125.46	13.46
Cardboard	852.00	955.44	103.44
Clothing	965.00	1,082.84	117.84
Televisions	3,456.00	3,876.00	420.00

Miscellaneous	187.00	210.12	23.12
Mattresses	4,521.00	5,070.25	549.25
Bulk Trash Permits	27,887.00	31,277.02	3,390.02
Punch Cards	127,896.00	143,444.25	15,548.25
Landfill Day Passes	2,353.00	2,638.50	285.50
Landfill Stickers	60,512.00	67,868.25	7,356.25
Cemetery Interment	57,350.00	69,000.00	11,650.00
Cemetery Foundations	12,830.00	15,436.00	2,606.00
Cemetery Saturday/Sunday Burial	4,821.00	5,800.00	979.00
Veterans Misc.	0.00	0.00	0.00
Board of Health Permits	227,791.00	221,980.00	-5,811.00
BOH-Anti Smoking	0.00	0.00	0.00
Board of Health Misc. Fees	0.00	924.00	924.00
Nursing/Shots	154.00	109.25	-44.75
Nursing/Medicare Shots	0.00	0.00	0.00
Nursing Charges	0.00	0.00	0.00
COA Misc.	0.00	0.00	0.00
Library Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00
Beach Stickers	0.00	0.00	0.00
Historical Comm/Hearing	643.00	600.00	-43.00
Misc Town Revenue	40,000.00	254,296.07	214,296.07
Other Financing Sources	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL LOCAL RECEIPTS	41,337,017.00	42,311,027.77	974,010.77

State Aid:

Hotel/Motel Taxes	315,000.00	370,672.30	55,672.30
Abatements to Veterans	0.00	0.00	0.00
Abatements to Blind	0.00	0.00	0.00
Abatements to Elderly	92,647.00	25,100.00	-67,547.00
Cannabis	0.00	9,277.90	9,277.90
School Aid Chapter 70	4,696,172.00	4,696,172.00	0.00
Charter School Reimbursement	117,154.00	174,499.00	57,345.00
School Homeless Transportation	0.00	18,547.00	18,547.00
Local Option Meals Tax	195,000.00	252,681.21	57,681.21
Veterans Benefits	316,080.00	164,031.00	-152,049.00
Unrestricted General Govt Aid	1,409,341.00	1,409,341.00	0.00
State Owned Land	990,441.00	990,441.00	0.00
Medical Reimbursement	75,000.00	113,969.50	38,969.50
Misc State Revenue	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL STATE AID	8,206,835.00	8,224,731.91	17,896.91

49,543,852.00	50,535,759.68	991,907.68
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MARINE ENTERPRISE
STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES
 FY2023

	<u>Available</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>To Fund Balance</u>
<u>Marine</u>			
Salaries	81,909.00	71,793.34	10,115.66
Expenses	44,995.00	40,370.19	4,624.81
Capital	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00
Encumbered	14,099.00	6,610.09	7,488.91
Article – New Vehicle	6,437.90	6,437.90	0.00
Article – Replace Equip	809.88	809.88	0.00
Article – Replace Boat	4,950.08	4,950.08	0.00
Indirect Costs	55,000.00	55,000.00	0.00
Totals	210,200.86	187,971.48	22,229.38

MARINE ENTERPRISE
STATEMENT OF REVENUES
BUDGET VS ACTUAL
 FY2023

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	
<u>Marine</u>			
Penalties	0.00	50.00	50.00
State Ramp	27,988.00	30,671.00	2,683.00
Dock & Slip Fees	124,312.00	136,231.65	11,919.65
Permits	7,428.00	8,140.00	712.00
Wharfage	20,708.00	22,693.50	1,985.50
Service Charges	3,468.00	3,800.00	332.00
Totals	183,904.00	201,586.15	17,682.15

WATER ENTERPRISE
STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES
FY2023

	<u>Available</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>To Fund Balance</u>
Salaries	2,500.00	1,562.60	937.40
Miscellaneous Expenses	29,300.00	40,679.00	-11,379.00
Water Purchases	250,000.00	200,493.49	49,506.51
Capital Outlay	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00
Encumbered	26,345.92	26,345.92	0.00
Article - Software	89,221.01	89,221.01	0.00
Indirect Costs	15,000.00	15,000.00	0.00
Totals	414,366.93	373,302.02	41,064.91

WATER ENTERPRISE
STATEMENT OF REVENUES
BUDGET VS ACTUAL
FY2023

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	
Water Usage	274,566.00	178,459.25	-96,106.75
Service Charges	24,234.00	15,751.10	-8,482.90
Meters	0.00	0.00	0.00
Interest	0.00	6,271.33	6,271.33
Totals	298,800.00	200,481.68	-98,318.32

BEACH ENTERPRISE
STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES
FY2023

	<u>Available</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>To Fund Balance</u>
Salaries	50,500.00	30,605.39	19,894.61
Expenses	30,300.00	25,035.05	5,264.95
Article Capital Improve	23,135.78	23,135.78	0.00
Encumbered	587.82	471.14	116.68
Indirect Costs	15,000.00	15,000.00	0.00
Totals	119,523.60	94,247.36	25,276.24

BEACH ENTERPRISE
STATEMENT OF REVENUES
BUDGET VS ACTUAL
FY2023

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	
Beach Passes	95,800.00	117,001.00	21,201.00
Totals	95,800.00	117,001.00	21,201.00

REVOLVING ACCOUNTS AUTHORIZED
FY2023

	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
COA - Activities	7,398.03	31,609.47	30,640.03	8,367.47
COA - Transportation	29,146.31	20,509.24	25,515.27	24,140.28
COA - Senior Day Care	31,526.80	123,479.67	93,329.86	61,676.61
Ambulance	5,456.19	167,450.81	284,802.27	-111,895.27
Cable Advisory	732,295.44	228,100.22	206,014.19	754,381.47
Planning Board - GIS	10,606.77	4,300.00	4,500.00	10,406.77
Fire Dept Haz Mat Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Bldg-Elec-Plumb-Gas	40,000.00	203,921.00	203,921.10	39,999.90
Police Cruiser Fees	43,917.36	8,360.01	41,600.00	10,677.37
BOH Vaccine Fees	7,345.31	16,541.21	11,359.35	12,527.17
Totals	907,692.21	804,271.63	901,682.07	810,281.77

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TOWN TREASURER

I hereby submit my annual report as Treasurer, Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2023.

Year End Cash Report – Fiscal Year 2023

A. Cash & Checks in Office	0.00
B. Non-Interest Bearing Checking Account	0.00
C. Interest Bearing Checking Account	10,340,433.33
D. Liquid Investments	8,400,238.32
E. Term Investments	2,765,835.62
F. Trust Funds	9,444,181.39
Total Cash and Investments	30,950,181.39

TOWN OF WESTPORT DEBTS ACCOUNT

June 30, 2023

Amount to be provided for the retirement of general long-term debt \$65,848,210

Fire Station	2,000,000
School – Green Project	100,000
School – PCB Remediation	1,705,000
MCWT – Septic Betterment No. 1	150,000
Police Station (Excluded Debt)	6,000,000
Police Station (Non Excluded Debt)	1,165,000
MCWT – Septic Betterment No. 2	208,210
MCWT – Water Management	135,000
School 5-12	45,545,000
School 5-12	7,295,000
School Roof - Elementary	1,445,000
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	\$65,848,210

SCHEDULE OF DEBT & INTEREST OUTSTANDING

June 30, 2023

	Date of Issue	Purpose	Rate	Due Date	Interest	Principal
#1)	8/1/10 3.06%	Fire Station		08/01/22 02/01/23 08/01/23 through 08/01/29	40,325 35,637.50 247,062.50	300,000 2,000,000
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					\$ 323,025.50	\$2,300,000
#2)	1/15/13 2.21%	School – Green Project		07/15/22 01/15/23 07/15/23 through 01/15/24	2,500 2,500 3,000	100,000 100,000
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					\$ 8,000	\$ 200,000
#3)	1/15/13 2.22%	School - PCB Remediation		07/15/22 01/15/23 07/15/23 through 01/15/32	23,119.38 23,119.37 223,607.50	165,000 1,705,000
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					\$ 269,846.25	\$1,870,000
#4)	1/7/15 0.00%	MA Clean Water (Septic) No. 1		01/15/23 07/15/23 through 01/15/35		12,500 150,000
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						\$162,500
#5)	11/08/17 NIC 2.721687%	Police Station (Excluded Debt)		11/01/22 05/01/23 11/01/23 through 11/01/37	96,500 88,500 1,355,500	400,000 6,000,000

					\$1,540.500	\$6,400,000
#6)	11/08/17 NIC 2.721687%	Police Station (Non Excluded)	11/01/22 05/01/23 11/01/23 through 11/01/37		18,812.50 17,112.50 248,562.50	85,000 1,165,000
					\$ 284,487.50	\$1,250,000
#7)	9/12/18 2.00%	MA Clean Water (Septic) No. 2	01/15/22 07/15/23 07/15/23 through 07/15/38	Adm. Fee 164.25 156.16 <u>2,640.91</u> \$2,961.32	2,189.97 2,082.10 <u>35,212.54</u> \$39,484.61	10,787 <u>208,210</u> \$218,997
#8)	9/12/19 BAN	Ag Open Space (Excluded Debt)	09/11/23		763.57	101,500 100,000
						\$ 201,500
#9)	1/14/21 BAN	Ag Open Space (Excluded Debt)	01/14/23		2,074.22	400,000 00
						\$ 400,000
#10)	1/14/21 BAN	Campground (Non Excluded)	01/14/23		3,603.96	250,000 345,000
						\$ 595,000
#11)	11/1/20 2.06%	School 5-12 (Excluded Debt)	11/01/22 05/01/23 11/01/23 through 11/01/49		663,593.75 638,343.75 16,084,706.25	1,010,000 45,545,000
					\$ 17,386,643.75	\$46,555,000
#12)	5/11/21 2.00%	MA Clean Water (Mgmt Plan)	07/15/22 01/15/23 07/15/23 through 07/15/41	Adm. Fee 106.88 106.88 <u>1,923.74</u> \$2,137.50	1,425.00 1,425.00 <u>25,650.00</u> \$28,500.00	7,500 <u>135,000</u> \$142,500
#13)	6/10/21 BAN	School Roof – Elementary	06/10/23		2,590.00	1,065,000 00
						\$ 1,065,000

#14)	6/10/21 BAN	School 5-12 (Excluded Debt)	08/03/22	99,450	9,945,000 00
					\$9,945,000
#15)	8/1/22 3.89%	School 5-12 (Excluded Debt)	08/01/22	00	00
			02/01/23	159,475	
			02/01/23 through		
			08/01/52	5,556,475	7,295,000
				\$5,715,950	\$7,295,000
#16)	8/1/22 3.89%	School Roof Elem (Excluded Debt)	08/01/22	00	00
			02/01/23	34,100	
			02/01/23 through		
			08/01/42	760,000	1,445,000
				\$794,900	\$1,445,000

TOWN OF WESTPORT BALANCE SHEET
TRUST & INVESTED ACCOUNTS
June 30, 2023

FUND BALANCES:

Non-expendable:

Elton W. "Mickey" Brightman Trust	\$10,000.00
Mary Brown Library	5,000.00
Ronald Desrosiers Memorial Fund	20,355.02
Nancy Ring Fenn Music Scholarship	33,342.00
Hicks Library	500.00
Harry Hoyt Library	10,000.00
Kirkaldy Trust	2,255.00
Library Trusts:	
(R & R Tripp, Arline Gifford, Rhoda Sheehan, Alice Dennett Tripp, Lockwood Towne, and Isabelle Bowen)	14,791.00
Edythe M. Pelletier Library	2,500.00
Rosemary Woodman Mullaney Trust	26,000.00
Salisbury Scholarship	52,966.53
Hazel Tripp High School Library	5,000.00
Hazel Tripp Public Library	200,000.00
Lisa Chase Tripp Trust	13,102.05
Imogene Weeks Library	1,000.00

Cemeteries:

Point Cemetery	8,232.00
Hicks Lot	2,000.00
Private Cemetery	6,907.00
Peleg Peckham	6,430.00
Irene Poole	2,190.00
Linden Grove	16,715.00
Beech Grove	1,008,352.00
Maple Grove	96,972.66

Total Non-expendable \$1,544,610.26

Expendable:

Affordable Housing Trust	\$ 841,542.51
Agriculture/Open Space Preservation Trust	3,223.67
Amanda Tripp	2,445.51
Ambulance	7,916.44
Appeals Board	9,647.92
Bicentennial Playground	467.73
Bowman Library Trust	4,365.63
Brightman Trust	4,878.17
Mary Brown Library	596.62
Calvin Hopkinson Memorial Trust	4,247.15
Capital Improvement Stabilization Fund	315,415.13
Chadwick Impaired Vision Trust	49,562.50
Community Center	1,436.40
Conservation Trust	18,004.46
Conservation Open Space	287.29
Educational Fund	20,299.47
Helen Ellis Trust (Arts Lottery)	68,246.35
Fenn Music Scholarship	7,025.32
George A. Salvador Legacy	110,994.88
Grimhaw-Gudewicz Trust	788.58
Hicks Library	95.63
Historical Commission	19,242.26
Hoyt Library	1,188.42
Kirkaldy Trust	314.87
Landing Commission	91,600.36
Law Enforcement	26,124.34
Library Trusts	1,946.59
Mullaney Trust	1,982.19
OPEB Trust Fund	3,495,791.27
Pelletier Public Library	23.68
Perpetual Care	774,779.96
Planning Board Engineering	65,735.49
R. Kowalczyk Betterment	895.00
Ronald Desrosiers Trust	2,789.19
Salisbury Trust	3,920.54
Stabilization Fund (General)	1,516,688.78
Town Farm	7,101.72
Town Hall Maintenance	843.20
Hazel Tripp High School Library	12,592.10
Hazel Tripp Public Library	34,568.52
Hazel Tripp Senior Center	25,719.57
Lisa Chase Tripp Trust	973.36
Veterans Memorial	1,721.49
Virginia Lash Library Trust	82,606.77
Imogene Weeks Library	555.19
Westport Citizens' Betterment-Fuel Assistance	413.41
Westport Citizens' Betterment	3,552.50
Wolf Pit School	8,050.21

Total Expendable \$7,623,208.34

Respectfully submitted,

Susan E. Brayton, C.M.M.C.
Treasurer/Collector

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE VETERANS' SERVICE DEPARTMENT

I herewith submit my report for 2023 as Director/Agent of Veterans Services.

Mission

The mission of the Westport Veterans' Service Officer (VSO) is to provide eligible Westport veterans and/or their dependents/survivors, with financial assistance for shelter, heat, and/or medical expenses in accordance with Massachusetts General Law (MGL) Chapter 115 and 108 CMR (Code of Massachusetts Regulations).

VSO's are trained and accredited by the Massachusetts Executive Office of Veterans' Services (EOVS). The VSO is a Town employee and must be an honorably discharged veteran. The Veterans' Service Officer is Carol Freitas, a Marine Corps veteran, who has been in this role since April 1, 2019. The VSO's certification by EOVS is not due until 2025.

History

For over 160 years a VSO has been available in every Massachusetts community to provide an array of services to Massachusetts' veterans and their eligible dependents. VSOs are knowledgeable about federal, state, and local benefits to which veterans and dependents may be entitled. The job of the VSO is to help veterans in the community learn about, apply for, and in some cases, receive benefits, and to be an advocate for veterans and their dependents. They are liaisons for all veteran-related issues.

Benefits

There are myriad benefits that may be available to eligible veterans or their survivors, including state benefits through the Executive Office of Veterans Services (EOVS) and federal benefits through the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). The Westport VSO scheduled over 300 appointments with veterans and/or their family members to discuss these benefits. This number does not include people who came in without an appointment, numerous phone calls, and conversations at meetings and events.

Massachusetts Benefits

MassVets Financial Assistance Program

One of the primary responsibilities of the VSO is to administer the MassVets program, which is governed by MGL Chapter 115. This is a needs-based, financial assistance program that provides veterans with the necessary support to live with the dignity to which they are entitled in view of the sacrifices they made in service to this country. Eligible dependents of deceased veterans are provided with the same benefits to which the veteran would be entitled if still alive.

The VSO interviews the applicant and determines eligibility based on income, assets, veteran status, dependent status (if applicable), and residency. If the applicant qualifies, the VSO will provide them with financial assistance from the Town in accordance with financial limits set by DVS, which take into account the household size, income, and certain qualifying expenses. Authorized expenditures are reimbursed by the state at 75%.

Recipients are assigned to a one of three budget categories based on their income, *Single or Married* (which may entitle the recipient to financial assistance to pay for shelter, heat, and reimbursement of medical expenses), or *Medical Only* (which entitles the recipient to reimbursement of medical expenses only). Medical expenses include medical premiums for health insurance, Medicare Parts B, D, or C (Medicare Advantage), and Medicare supplement plans, as well as prescription co-pays and doctor and

hospital bills. (Please note that recipients are required to have medical and prescription coverage). Recipients may also be reimbursed, partially or wholly, for eye glasses, hearing aids, and dental treatment up to amounts set by the state and with prior authorization by EOVS.

The income limits change at the start of the fiscal year on July 1. The monthly income limits as of July 1, 2023, were \$2,430 for single recipients and \$3,287 for married recipients. However, if an otherwise qualified recipient's income exceeds the limit, they may fall into a *Spend Down* category in which the amount of income over the limit is deducted from medical premiums and the remainder is reimbursed to the recipient along with all qualifying medical expenses.

Eligibility is also based on assets. In 2023, the asset limit remained at \$8,400 for a single recipient and \$16,600 for married recipients. Assets do not include a recipient's primary residence and vehicle.

There were 35 cases at the start of 2023, and 31 cases at the end of the year. There was a loss of 4 cases, which consisted of 3 recipients who passed away and one widow who became ineligible due to the passing of her veteran spouse and being over the asset limit for a single recipient. The breakdown of the 31 recipients on the rolls at the end of 2023 is 10 single/widowed veterans, 15 widows of veterans, and 6 married veterans who also receive benefits for their spouse – for a total of 37 Westport residents receiving assistance. Below is a monthly breakdown of the amounts expended by the Town, authorized by EOVS, and reimbursed by EOVS:

Month	Expended	Authorized	Reimbursed
January	\$23,698.84	\$23,698.84	\$17,774.13
February	25,062.41	25,062.41	18,796.81
March	27,012.13	27,012.13	20,259.10
April	22,160.67	22,160.67	16,620.50
May	29,135.72	29,135.72	21,851.79
June	29,469.70	29,469.70	22,102.28
July	24,919.55	24,919.55	18,689.66
August	22,086.81	22,086.81	16,565.11
September	22,688.90	22,688.90	17,016.68
October	24,252.46	24,252.46	18,189.35
November	20,751.64	20,751.64	15,563.73
December	19,914.65	19,914.65	14,935.99
TOTALS	\$291,153.48	\$291,153.48	\$218,365.13

The following is a breakdown of MassVets veteran recipients as of December 31, 2023, by their service era:

Era	Wartime Periods	Number
World War II	December 7, 1941 – December 31, 1946	0
Korea	June 27, 1950 – January 31, 1955	2
Vietnam	February 28, 1961 – May 7, 1975	10
Gulf War/Global War on Terror	August 2, 1990 – Present	1
Peacetime	All dates between wartime periods	3

Several MassVets recipients submitted applications for the Medicare Savings Program, known as Mass Health Buy-In (MHBI) in Massachusetts. This is a program for Medicare Part B enrollees who fall under certain income and asset limits. These income limits are lower than MassVets income limits, which makes some recipients ineligible for MHBI. Enrollment of MassVets recipients in this program results in a substantial savings to the Town as the recipients' monthly benefits decrease due to their Medicare Part B premium not being reimbursed by the Town. Of the 37 active recipients, 23 of them are enrolled in MHBI, and two are not covered by Medicare Part B. The Medicare Part B premium for 2023 was \$164.90 per month, resulting in a monthly savings to the Town of \$3,792.70. It is important to note that MHBI is available to anyone enrolled in Medicare Part B, regardless if they are a veteran or not, if they meet the income and asset limits.

In addition, recipients who are enrolled in MHBI pay either a reduced premium or no premium for their Medicare Part D coverage, have lower prescription co-pays, and are not subject to the “donut hole” for prescriptions, which also results in a savings to the Town in the form of reduced premiums and prescription co-pays reimbursed to or paid on behalf of recipients.

The arrangements with the Westport Apothecary and CVS for automatic billing continued in 2023. Currently 22 of the 37 active recipients receive their prescriptions from one of these pharmacies and do not have to pay out of pocket for their prescriptions and wait for reimbursement.

Currently there are 8 dental practices in the area who will accept MassVets recipients and have agreed to accept the allowed reimbursement rate set by the state. There is only one dentist in Westport who has agreed to this arrangement, but the practice is not accepting any new MassVets clients other than the one currently enrolled there.

A separate benefit under MGL Chapter 115 and 108 CMR is that funeral expenses for eligible low income Westport veterans or their spouses can be paid by the Town if the veteran or spouse does not have the means to pay for the funeral. Funerals can be paid up to a limit of \$4,000 provided the total cost does not exceed \$5,000. This benefit is not limited to MassVets recipients. In 2023, one burial was paid out under this benefit, for the maximum amount of \$4,000.

State Annuity

MGL Chapter 115 and 108 CMR allows for 100% service-connected disabled veterans and surviving spouses or eligible parents of veterans who died from a service-connected disability to receive an annuity in the amount of \$2,000 from the state paid in bi-annual installments of \$1,000. The VSO submitted 8 annuity applications in 2023. As of December 31, 2023 there were 84 residents receiving this annuity.

Property Tax Exemptions

MGL Chapter 59 allows for either a partial or full exemption of property taxes due to a veteran’s service-connected disability rating or cause of death. In an effort to save time for both the Assessor’s office and applicants, the VSO has implemented a system by which applications can be complete electronically through the Veterans office. From July 1 through December 31, 2023, the VSO completed 99 applications. This new system has resulted in a couple of applicants receiving a higher exemption than they previously received due to a change in their circumstance.

For fiscal year 2023 (7/1/22-6/30/23), 196 residents applied for this exemption, totaling \$132,280.18, of which \$33,250 was borne by the Town and the remainder (\$99,030.18) was borne by the state. The breakdown by the specific clause is:

Clause (description)	Number of Recipients	Amount	Total Exemption
Clause 22 (rated between 10% & 90% service-connected disabled)	132	\$400	\$52,800
Clause 22C (rated permanently & totally disabled and has specially adapted housing)	1	\$1,500	\$1,500
Clause 22D (died from service-connected condition, surviving spouse receiving exemption)	6	100%	\$20,980.18
Clause 22E (rated 100% service-connected disabled)	57	\$1,000	\$57,000
TOTALS	196		\$132,280.18

VA Benefits

The VSO met with many veterans or family members to discuss federal VA benefits, such as disability compensation, pension, Aid & Attendance, burial, and survivor's benefits. On August 10, 2022, the PACT Act was passed by the President, which expanded access to VA healthcare for certain veterans of the Vietnam and Post-9/11 eras. This act also established new presumptive illnesses for these veterans, which resulted in a number of new applications for disability for veterans who were previously not granted presumptive exposure to Agent Orange and burn pits.

Below is a breakdown of VA monetary benefits received by Westport residents as of 12/20/2023:

Benefit	Number of Recipients	Monthly Amount Received	Average Monthly Amount Per Recipient
Disability	298	\$512,454.46	\$1,719.64
Veterans Pension	3	\$3,357	\$1,119
Dependency & Indemnity Compensation (DIC)	28	\$50,065.60	\$1,788.05
Survivors Pension	7	\$5,635	\$805
TOTALS	336	\$571,512.06	\$1,700.92

Westport Veterans Monument

The Westport Veterans Monument was chosen as one of the stops on the 2023 Tour of Honor (<https://www.tourofhonor.com/>).

Military-related Holidays

The veterans' organizations based in Westport rotate the hosting duties for both Memorial Day and Veterans Day ceremonies and the American Legion Post 145 was the host organization for 2023.

Memorial Day

The VSO extends heartfelt thanks to the local Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops for their assistance with the flagging of veterans' graves at Beech Grove, Linden Grove, and Maple Grove Cemeteries for Memorial Day.

The wreath-laying ceremonies took place on Saturday, May 27, 2023. This annual observance takes place at five locations throughout Westport: Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 8502, American Legion Post 145, Latessa Square, Fontaine Bridge, and Westport Point. At each location, a prayer is recited and a wreath is placed, with the exception of Westport Point, where a bouquet is tossed into the water in remembrance of those service members lost at sea.

The Town held a parade and ceremony for Memorial Day on Monday, May 29, 2023. Introductory remarks were provided by Carol Freitas, Westport VSO. The keynote speaker was Father Peter Scheffer, a retired Army Lieutenant Colonel and Pastor of the Catholic churches in Westport. The wreath was placed by married couple Janice Hughes, retired Navy veteran, and Larry Cabral, Marine Corps veteran. This year's ceremony also included the reading of an invocation by Sara Waters, the widow of World War II Navy veteran, John "Jack" Waters, who wrote the prayer. The names of all Westport veterans who passed away in the previous 12 months were read by State Representative and Marine Corps veteran Paul Schmid III. The Town lost 35 veterans from May 2022 to April 2023. Below is the breakdown of their service era:

Era	Dates	Number
World War II	December 7, 1941 – December 31, 1946	5

Korea	June 27, 1950 – January 31, 1955	4
Vietnam	February 28, 1961 – May 7, 1975	16
Gulf War/Global War on Terror	August 2, 1990 – Present	0
Peacetime	All dates between wartime periods	5
Unknown		5

Flag Day

The VSO and VFW co-hosted a ceremony on June 10, 2023, for the proper disposal of unserviceable American flags at the American Legion Post. Unserviceable flags can be dropped off in the red, white, and blue boxes at the Town Hall Annex (front porch), American Legion on Sanford Road (barrel on side of building), and VFW (under the stairs in back of building).

Fourth of July

The VSO coordinated veterans' participation in the Town's Fourth of July parade and led the veteran's contingent of vehicles.

Veterans Day

The Veterans Day ceremony was held at Beech Grove Cemetery. Welcome remarks were provided by Carol Freitas, Westport VSO. The keynote speaker was Judge Joseph Macy (retired), an Army Veteran who served in Vietnam and was awarded the Combat Infantryman's Badge, Parachutist's Badge, and Vietnam Service Medal. The wreath was placed by two Westport veterans – Korean War era veteran Claude Ledoux and Army Veteran Lawrence Holsworth, who served in the 82nd Airborne Division in the 1980s. The video of the ceremony can be viewed at https://youtu.be/VabLmg2_aK4?si=h9DQ6_zlvJ2Hu21U.

Veterans Day Events Around Westport

The VSO attended the Friends of the Westport Council on Aging (FWCOA) Veterans Breakfast on November 7. There were approximately 50 people in attendance, including veterans and spouses.

On November 9, 2023, the VSO and 17 Westport veterans attended ceremonies held by Westport Elementary School and Westport Middle School 5th through 8th grade students. This year, the VSO was asked to give a short speech to the students. Veterans were also invited to a ceremony at Macomber School, in which students sang patriotic songs.

The VSO would like to thank everyone who attended these events, the members of each of the veterans' organizations for taking part in the various ceremonies, the staff and students of all three Westport schools for welcoming the veterans, and the FWCOA for hosting the Veterans breakfast.

Outreach

The VSO held several outreach events in 2023, including continuing with monthly visits to the Council on Aging. Additional outreach events included:

- Attended Vietnam Veterans Remembrance Day Ceremony
- Coordinated elder law class for veterans and spouses with attorney Michael Lahti
- Had an information table at Westport Council on Aging Open House
- Attended POW/MIA Recognition Day Ceremony
- Had an information table at the Brockton VA Veterans Expo
- Held the 3rd Annual Veterans Appreciation Cookout
- In conjunction with VFW, VVA, and American Legion, began a Veterans weekly coffee social on

Friday mornings

Westport Vets Newsletter

The VSO sent out 120 issues of the electronic newsletter “Westport Vets.” Subscribers can sign up and/or view past issues of the regular editions at <https://www.westport-ma.com/veterans-services/pages/westport-vets-newsletter>. Topics covered in newsletters in 2023 include the new VA life insurance program for disabled veterans, PACT Act, free military lifetime passes at National Parks, property tax exemption applications, VA healthcare eligibility, and the new Camp Lejeune “elective option” in lieu of lawsuits.

Elder Law Class

The VSO coordinated with attorney Michael Lahti to hold a class that discussed advance directives, will-based trusts, revocable and irrevocable trusts, and the interplay between nursing home and veterans’ benefits. There were approximately 25 attendees.

Veterans Appreciation Cookout

In conjunction with the veterans’ organizations, the VSO held the 3rd Annual Veterans Appreciation Cookout on September 28, 2023, at the VFW (rescheduled from September 16 due to weather). This event was a success with approximately 80 veterans/family members in attendance. This year we invited several vendors to attend and talk about the services they provide to veterans. The vendors were:

Veterans Association of Bristol County
Coastal Neighbors Network

Massachusetts Veterans Bonus Division
CapTel Closed Captioned Phones

The VSO would like to give a special thanks to the Westport Federal Credit Union for their donation to the Westport VFW to cover the cost of the food, which allowed guests to attend the cookout at no cost.

Weekly Veterans Coffee Social

The VSO and the three veterans’ organizations in Westport (American Legion, VFW, and VVA) started a weekly veterans coffee social in November called “Coffee, Camaraderie, & Conversation,” which is held on Friday mornings at the VFW from 9 to 11 AM. This coffee social is open to veterans from Westport and surrounding communities and is a way for veterans to connect with one another and talk about their shared experiences. The VSO is available to answer any benefits questions that may come up.

Meetings & Trainings

Westport Veterans Advisory Council

The VSO held several meetings throughout 2023 with the leadership of the three veterans’ organizations in Westport in order to coordinate veteran-related events and ceremonies.

Southeastern Massachusetts Veterans’ Service Officer Association (SMVSOA)

The VSO is an active member of the Southeastern Massachusetts Veterans’ Service Officer Association, and serves as the Webmaster. The VSO attended as many of the in-person and weekly conference calls as her schedule permitted.

Massachusetts Veterans’ Service Officer Association (MVSOA)

The VSO is also an active member of the MVSOA, as well as serving as an elected member of the Executive Board. Throughout 2023, the VSO multiple in-person and virtual meetings and trainings. The MVSOA annual conference was held as an in-person event in June in Hyannis.

Massachusetts Department of Veterans' Services (DVS)

The VSO attended the October training in Leominster. In addition, EOVS continued to hold weekly virtual meetings and the VSO attended as many of these virtual meetings as possible in order to stay up-to-date with changing policies.

Training Webinars

The VSO attended several virtual training sessions, on topics such as veterans benefits, Agent Orange exposure, Camp Lejeune toxic water exposure, and "Translating the Numbers," which discussed comparison of census numbers to the number of residents receiving VA compensation or pension to determine if there is a gap between those receiving benefits and those who may be eligible for benefits.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol Freitas
Veterans' Service Officer



ANNUAL REPORT OF THE VETERANS' GRAVE REGISTRATION OFFICER

I herewith submit my report for 2023 as Veterans' Graves Registration Officer.

The Veterans' Graves Registration Officer position is held concurrently with the Veterans' Service Officer (VSO), and is responsible for the upkeep of the graves of deceased veterans as well as ensuring that each of these graves is marked with an American flag for Memorial Day. There are presently over 1,300 known veterans' graves over 20 cemeteries in Westport, stretching from Westport Point at the southern end of town to Blossom Road at the northern end of town, and from Reed Road to the east and Sanford Road to the west.

The VSO flagged 17 of these cemeteries personally. Due to the age and condition of some of the headstones and the inability to read the inscription, it was not possible to flag each individual gravesite, so a flag was placed at the entrance to a couple cemeteries to indicate that a veteran is buried there.

The VSO would like to thank the Boy Scout and Girl Scout Troops in Westport for their assistance in the flagging of Beech Grove, Maple Grove, and Linden Grove cemeteries. Combined, these three cemeteries contain the gravesites of over 1,000 veterans. The VSO relies on the cemetery website (<http://westportmacemetery.org/home.cfm>) to identify newly interred veterans in order to place a flag at their gravesite. In 2023, the VSO used a web- and smartphone-based app, called Airtable, which can be shared with others. The goal of using this app was for volunteers to mark a gravesite as flagged as they actually placed the flag. Ideally, this would allow the VSO to check that each gravesite has a flag.

The Veterans' Graves Registration Officer has a modest budget in which to purchase cemetery flags, flags for the flag poles, grave markers, and other miscellaneous supplies. The salary is rolled into the base pay for the VSO. There was a total expenditure from this account in January 2023, totaling \$1,535.20. Once per fiscal year, EOVS reimburses 75% of the cost of cemetery flags.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Freitas
Veterans Service Officer



ANNUAL REPORT OF THE VETERANS ORGANIZATIONS

There are presently three veterans' organization in Westport:

American Legion James Morris Post 145

This post has been in continuous existence in Westport for over 100 years and is based at 489 Sanford Road.

Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) W. A. & R Ouellette Post 8502

This post has been in existence for over 75 years and is named for three members of the Ouellette family – Wilfred, Arthur, & Raymond – all of whom were killed in service in World War II. The post is located at 843 State Road.

Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA) Chapter 207

This chapter holds their meetings in Fall River, but use the Westport VFW as their base of operations. The VVA continues to provide support for Westport's events honoring our veterans. Many of their members are Westport residents.

The Westport Veterans' Service Officer (VSO) works closely with all three of these veterans' organizations and attends their monthly meetings. During these meetings, the VSO provides an update on the activities of the VSO office as well as informs members about upcoming veteran-related events and new or updated benefits they may be entitled to.

The VSO keeps an open line of communication with the leadership of each organization between meetings and continues to host the Westport Veterans Advisory Council (WVAC) on a quarterly basis. Membership is made up of the VSO and the Commander of the Westport American Legion and Westport VFW, as well as the President of the VVA. There were three meetings in 2023 in order to coordinate events.

In conjunction with the veterans' organizations, the VSO held the 3rd Annual Veterans Appreciation Cookout on September 28, 2023, at the VFW (rescheduled from September 16 due to weather). This event was a success with approximately 80 veterans/family members in attendance.

The VSO would like to thank the three veterans' organizations for their continued support, especially for their participation in the Memorial Day, Flag Day, Fourth of July, and Veterans Day events.

The reports from each of the three organizations follow.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol Freitas
Veterans' Service Officer

2023 Annual Report Of The American Legion James Morris Post 145

Elected Officers

Commander: Antone C. Vieira
Chaplain Father Peter Scheffer
Adjutant: Thomas Flynn
Sergeant at Arms: Wilfrid Marios

Senior Vice Commander: Paul Schmid
Junior Vice Commander: George Stelljes
Financial Officer: James Cusson
Judge Advocate: Maurice Brousseau

The Executive Board includes Donald Ouellette, Ed Hara and the officers listed above.

Westport American Legion Post #145 for the year 2023 has 113 Westport Veterans listed on the Massachusetts Membership Register. There have been a number of members who have passed away during 2023 and we have had some transfers into Post 145, as well as a number of new members.

This year marks the 5th year in a row since Post 145s 100th year anniversary that membership in Westport's American Legion Post has increased. Though by the close of the year we were at 100 members due to veterans passing and National catching up on deceased members they were listing.

Mobility challenges and health concerns are a constant consideration moving forward for many members but their spirit and support for other veterans remain constant as well.

The membership meets every Thursday at 10 AM at the Legion building at 489 Sanford Road in Westport. On the first Thursday of each month there is a formal meeting and formal agenda to conduct any formal votes and provide members the opportunity to discuss or present any business they would like to bring before membership. In addition, throughout the year we have informal breakfast, lunch, and dinner sessions with speakers and guests. Those are normally with spouses and are very well attended.

Recently our Post has been able to sponsor two individuals to Boys State/Girls State. One young lady, after finishing that activity, went on to the Naval Academy and returned recently to visit the Legion. She wanted to express her appreciation and she shared her experience at the Naval Academy with the Westport community. This year we plan on expanding the program and we have met with the Westport High Principal and guidance department. We expect at least two High School juniors will be attending this summer.

Veteran Noelle Briand, now living in Key West FL, wrote to us last week about her son who spoke to veterans at a local FL Post. He mentioned about his family experience with the American Legion and VFW in Westport and why he was inspired to apply for Boys State. Citing the many activities like Memorial Day, 4th of July, Veterans Day, and our flag burning gatherings where all veteran groups and neighbors got together.

The Legion building has a now-approved Town CPC Committee project for some needed maintenance repairs and ADA compliance upgrades that should take place in the summer of 2024.

Thomas Flynn and Donald Ouellette have been elected by a statewide group to the executive board of State American Legion District #9. Those District meetings also are held monthly. This is the first time in many years that Westport is represented on the District Committee's executive board.

We look forward under your Veterans Service Officer leadership. We also plan to participate with all Westport veterans groups to help support the needs of our Westport veterans and their families.

Thanks for all you do!

Respectfully submitted,



Antone Vieira
Commander, AL Post 145

2023 Annual Report Of The VFW W. A. & R Ouellette Post 8502

Elected Officers

Commander: Thomas Grant
Junior Vice Commander: Ronald Duquette
Adjutant: Don Davidson
Service Officer: George Tavares
Surgeon: James Coyne (Deceased November 2023)

Senior Vice Commander: Don Normore
Quartermaster: Brian Beaulieu
Chaplain: Don Davidson
Judge Advocate: John Medeiros

Trustees

1 year: Paul Durette
2 year: John Loughran
3 year: Alfred Soares (Deceased February 2023)

In 2023 The W. A. & R. Ouellette VFW Post 8502 again saw a slight increase in membership. We are encouraging the many eligible Westport veterans that still do not belong to any organization to join.

We continue to work with the community as Boy Scouts of America Troop 3 & 33 and Pack 3 meet at the post weekly. The Narragansett Council meets at the post monthly. The Westport Lions Club, with the American Red Cross, held a blood drive twice last year in the hall.

VFW Post 8502 is having outdoor music events that are open to the public. That will continue into 2024. Our events are posted on our Facebook page Westport VFW.

The 3rd annual Veterans Cookout was held in September, bringing the Veterans Organizations in Town, along with veterans that do not (yet) belong to a group, together for an afternoon with family. (Many thanks to Carol, our Veterans Service Officer, for coordinating this.)

As we look forward to what 2024 brings, we will strive to increase our footprint in the community. We express our sincere thanks to those that support, and have supported us.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Beaulieu
Quartermaster, VFW Post 8502
Veterans of Foreign Wars



2022 Annual Report Of The Vietnam Veterans Of America Chapter 207

Elected Officers

President: Justin Latini
Treasurer: Harold Tripp

Vice President: George Tavares
Secretary: Don Elbert

Board of Directors

Thomas Quinn
Wilfrid Marois

Walter Wisz
Maurice Brousseau

Our Chapter meets on the second Wednesday evening of each month (excluding July & August) at 5:30 pm. Our meetings are held in the UMass building, 151 Martine Street, Fall River.

During 2023, VVA #207 held four major events in Westport and throughout the Bristol County area. VVA

Honor Guard provided Military Honors Funerals for those veterans who have passed in the Bristol County area, including burials at the National Cemetery in Bourne. Chapter #207 provided 26 military funerals this year.

Other veteran events included Vietnam Remembrance Day on March 24th and MIA/POW Day on September 15th. We also participated in the Veterans Day Massachusetts State ceremony.

In 2023, #207 lost 3 members and expanded our membership by 2 new VVA members. We are no longer associated with the Fall River Veterans War Council but we continue to support the veterans' organizations and the VSO office in Fall River. Our base of operation at the VFW on State Road in Westport, storage of equipment, our bus and sponsoring events with the VFW this past year has been amazing. The working relationship with the VFW and their leadership team has resulted in a positive experience for all. We are committed to providing services and support to the town of Westport, their veterans and community.

Respectfully submitted,

Justin Latini
President, VVA Chapter 207
P.O. Box 1214, Westport, MA 02790



ANNUAL REPORT OF THE WESTPORT AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND

The following is a report of the Westport Affordable Housing Trust Fund for the year ending December 31, 2023.

Members

James Sabra, Chair
Ann Boxler, Select Board Liaison
Henry Lanier
Betty Ann Mullins
David C. West
Craig Dutra
Teri Bernert

In 2023, the Westport Affordable Housing Trust Fund continued to coordinate the community's efforts to create more affordable housing opportunities in the Town of Westport for its residents, and to work to preserve the shrinking existing inventory of affordable homes in Town. These efforts began in earnest in 2012, when the Select Board voted to partner with the non-profit Community Builders Inc. to construct 50 quality affordable apartments in six townhouse style buildings on town-owned land off American Legion Highway. The community investment in that development eventually resulted in the 2019 opening of Noquochoke Village, the high point of Town's continuing effort to meet the affordable housing needs of residents.

As in past years, the Affordable Housing Trust continues to seek new opportunities to partner with the public and private sectors to create more affordable housing opportunities for residents with the help of continuing CPA funding, recovered funds from loan programs, and grant sources. The Trust's recent transfer of a five acre parcel of acquired land on Sodom Road to the Buzzards Bay Area Habitat for Humanity resulted in the successful construction of two affordable condominium units for local families, which should be completed in early 2024. As funding permits, the Trust is looking for new sites for new

initiatives with such partners who are willing to respond positively to the Town's requests for worthwhile affordable housing development proposals.

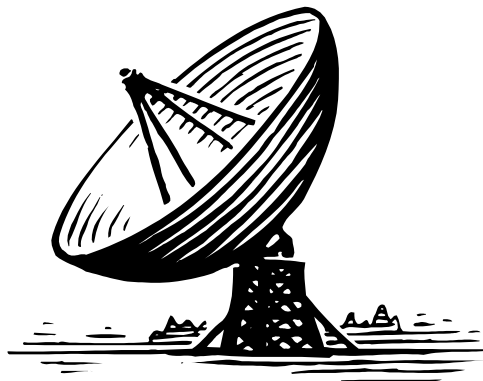
As this patient work continues, the Trust continues to maintain a Housing Assistance Office (HAO) in Town Hall to offer information, referrals, and other assistance to residents seeking affordable housing, rental opportunities, home rehabilitation assistance, and home purchase opportunities for income-qualified residents. The HAO is open to the public on Wednesday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., with information on programs available on the Town website. The office is staffed by a part-time Housing Specialist who oversees the Trust's affordable housing programs. An outside consultant also helps to administer Trust programs, develop proposals for new initiatives, and seek every opportunity to help meet the state's mandate that the Town work to make at least 10 percent of the community's housing inventory be affordable. This good faith effort to meet that mandate gives the Town some power to reject inappropriate Chapter 40B proposals from developers if those plans are not in the best interests of the community.

Current Trust programs include the Housing Opportunity Purchase Program (HOPP), offering grants to eligible low-income families for the purpose of "buying down" the selling price of existing market rate homes in Westport. The homes are included in the Town's Subsidized Housing Inventory (SHI), with a recorded deed rider permanently restricting the resale price of the home to affordable levels. CRE-HAB, a Housing Rehabilitation Program, offers forgivable loans up to \$40,000 to income and asset qualified households for the purpose of making improvements or repairing safety issues in existing eligible homes in Westport. The SEED Program offers some financial incentives to private sector developers proposing worthwhile large-scale affordable housing developments in Westport.

The Trust will continue these public advocacy efforts in 2024 to support the community housing goals and strategies outlined in the new Housing Production Plan being prepared by SRPEDD consultants working in concert with the Planning Board, the Town Planner, and other key Town officials. Hopefully, the Trust's advocacy campaign and financial commitments to support more affordable housing in Westport will pay off in 2024 with more good news about the next steps in our collective progress in this area.

Respectfully submitted,

James Sabra, Chair
Westport Affordable Housing Trust



ANNUAL REPORT OF THE WESTPORT COMMUNITY TELEVISION

The following is a report of the Westport Community Television for the year ending December 31, 2023.

Through Westport Community Television Town residents will be able to obtain information about Town issues, entertainment and knowledge about Westport's past, present and future. We hope that our programs will be a valuable resource. At Westport Community Television we strive to provide programs that are interesting and informative. We provide a full schedule of a wide range of programming on television and on the Internet. We also offer training to Town residents on how to use the cameras and the production facilities and assist them in getting their shows to the viewers.

Town Government Access Channel (190)

Channel 190 is the Town's Government Access Channel.

In 2023 we presented gavel-to-gavel coverage of the Beach Committee, Bike Walking Path Committee, Board of Health, Cable Advisory Committee, Capital Improvement Planning Committee, Climate resilience Committee, Conservation Commission, Community Preservation Committee, Disability Commission, Energy Committee, Finance Committee, Harbor Advisory Committee, Historical Commission, Housing Authority, Infrastructure Oversight Committee, Internet Advisory Committee, Landing Commission, Library Trustees, Long Term Building Committee, Personnel Board, Planning Board, Select Board and Zoning Board of Appeals meetings. Some were held virtually and some were held in person at the Town Buildings.

Other meetings and specials aired during 2023 were Board of Health working meetings. Planning board Zoning Amendments, Route 6 Rezoning Forum, Town Meeting and others. All were recorded and presented on You Tube. Camera operators this year were students Henry Gillet, Olivia Hok and Tyler Gillis.

We keep archives of the meetings and meetings can be viewed on our YouTube site. Search Westport Government TV.

Public Access Channel (192)

Channel 192 is the Town of Westport's Public Access Channel. It is offered free of charge for residents to air programs that they have produced. Any Town resident can take advantage of the cameras and editing facilities available for use regardless of cable television subscription. Producers using their own equipment and making programs at home or at surrounding area access centers can turn in their programs for airing on the local channel.

Programming runs 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Each show runs several times so viewers can watch the shows at their convenience. In 2023 we continued to offer programming that is local and community-based.

Programs produced by Westport Community Television included specific specials that were aired on Channel 192 including Boat Building 2023, Candidates for Selectmen, Candidates for Town Clerk, Candidates Forum, COA Indoor Picnic, Concert Oh Nos, Concert Basement, Election Results, Fourth of July Parade, Flag Retirement Ceremony, Guide to 2024 Elections, French Canadian Families of Westport, Haunted Real Estate, I Make House Calls, Memorial Day Wreath Laying and Ceremony, Mental Health Youth, Override Forum, Peri-Natal Post-Partum Presentation, Pet Photo Contest, Recycling Event Press Conference, Scams, Senator Rodrigues hosts DCR, Stories in Stone, Undressed at the Handy House, Veterans Day Ceremony, Walk for Westport, Water Power Mills, Westport Swordfishermen, Your Town and others.

Programs that were submitted by local residents and area organizations included Diman Groundbreaking, Massachusetts House of Representatives Sessions, State Library Author Talks, Sheriff's Office, Lamb of God Church and others

Organizations represented in 2023 included the Bristol County Sheriff's Department and the Westport Historical Society among others.

Our Bulletin Board features community notices from area non-profit organizations, and other messages of

interest to the community. Area organizations, churches, as well as, Town Departments use the Bulletin Board extensively to inform the public about events and notices. Messages to be posted to the Community Bulletin Board can be e-mailed to cable@westport-MA.gov.

To find out more, contact us by any of the following ways, Phone (508) 636-1038, e-mail: cable@westport-MA.gov, Address: Town Hall Annex, 856 Main Road, Westport, MA, 02790. Hours may vary and times are available by appointment.

Submitted by Valerie Bain
Westport Public Access Coordinator

Educational Access Channel (191)

The Westport Educational Channel - Spectrum channel 191 showcases the happenings in the school district to the community.

All School Committee meetings are aired and replayed multiple times.

Featured shows include Wildcat Productions, a high school student run broadcast news program. The show features news happening around the school and community along with student and staff features and opinions on various topics.

The Educational channel also has shown events such as Chorus and Band concerts at both the Elementary, Junior and Senior High levels, Graduations, the Junior/Senior High talent show, sports, including softball, soccer and basketball and lacrosse games. We live stream all home basketball games and have student announcers.

The students in the Westport School District have their own channel. Programming will continue to grow as more students become involved.

Respectfully submitted,

John Rezendes
Director, Westport Community Television
jrezendes@westportschools.org

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE WESTPORT CULTURAL COUNCIL

The Westport Cultural Council (WCC) hereby submits a report of its work for the year ending December 31, 2023.

Members

Carol Vidal
Ned Daniels
Nancy Whitin
Martha Moffitt
Paula Gauthier
Robert Del Gaudio
Tom Pierce
Ruth Bourns

Chairperson
Secretary
Communications
Member
Member
Member
Member
Member

Term Expires

Second Term Ends 2026
First Term Ends 2025
Second Term Ends 2026
First Term Ends 2026
First Term Ends 2026
First Term Ends 2024
First Term Ends 2024
First Term Ends 2026

We thank the Massachusetts Cultural Council and the Helen E. Ellis Charitable Trust administered by the Bank of America for their support and to all the grantees for their contribution to our community. We also like to thank Representative Paul A. Schmid III and Senator Michael J. Rodrigues for their support of the arts and culture in our state and our local community.

Local Cultural Council Grants for 2023 (Total Amount Granted \$8,925.00)

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Project Title</u>	<u>Decision</u>
Westport Historical Society, Inc.	Childrens Book: Abbott & the Doctor	\$ 300.00
Westport Art Group, Inc.	First Tuesday at WAG, Visual Artist Demonstrations	\$ 400.00
Old Dartmouth Historical Society	Whales Today & History on the Hill Programs	\$ 600.00
Westport River Watershed Alliance	WRWA Annual Art Show	\$ 1,000.00
Your Theatre, Inc.	11th Annual New Bedford Jazz Fest	\$ 600.00
New Bedford Festival Theatre, Inc.	Go, Go, Go! N.B. Festival Theatre's Summer Academy 2023	\$ 600.00
New Bedford Fishing Heritage, Inc.	Histories & Mysteries: Local Fishing History & Mythology	\$ 250.00
Tri-County Music Association, Inc.	Complimentary Senior Tickets	\$ 200.00
Chace, Karen A.	Carving Out Your Story	\$ 300.00
The Art Drive	The Art Drive 2023	\$ 1,000.00
Westport Music Boosters Association	N.B. Symphony's Learning in Concert Program	\$ 1,375.00
South Coast Artists, Inc.	South Coast Artists Open Studio Tour	\$ 1,000.00
Gnome, Inc.	Happy Camp at Horseneck Beach	\$ 500.00
Westport Historical Society, Inc.	The Wreck of the Whaling Ship Industry	\$ 500.00
Westport Public Schools	Community outings to the Zeiterion	\$ 300.00
	Total	\$ 8,925.00

Helen E. Ellis Grants for 2023 (Total Amount Granted \$58,000.00)

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Project Title</u>	<u>Decision</u>
South Coast Artists	Open Studio Tour	\$ 1,900.00
Westport Art Group	WAG Kid's Summer Art Camp Scholarship	\$ 800.00
Westport Cultural Council	Film Series 2023	\$ 7,575.00
Friends of the Westport Library	Candida Rose Concert at Westport Annex	\$ 950.00
Westport Writing Group	Monthly Writing Group	\$ 480.00
New Bedford Fishing Heritage Center	Histories & Mysteries	\$ 250.00
Westport Economic Development Task Force	Music at the Farmer's Market	\$ 2,608.00
Westport Cultural Council	Artist in Residence	\$ 7,850.00
Westport Land Conservation Trust	Wampanoag Experience Mishoon Burn	\$ 5,000.00
Greater Tiverton Community Chorus	Concert at Westport Middle/High School	\$ 488.00
Paskamansett Bird Club	Projector	\$ 650.00
UMass Dartmouth	Women, Life, Freedom: Visual Chronicle	\$ 2,550.00
Concerts at the Point	Borreomeo String Quartet	\$ 1,000.00
Westport River Watershed Alliance	River Day: The Wampanoag Experience	\$ 4,500.00
No Strings Marionette Company	Artist in residence Puppetry Program	\$ 2,500.00
Deborah Coderre	Poetry Slam	\$ 500.00
Westport Wildcats Pep Band	Assistant Director Stipend	\$ 300.00
Westport Grange # 181	Stage Curtain	\$ 2,500.00
Westport Recreation	Outdoor Movie Night	\$ 3,500.00
Westport Recreation	Summer Concert Series	\$ 5,500.00
Westport Middle/High School	Drama Club Production of Spongebob The Musical	\$ 3,100.00
Bayside Restaurant	Samba Capoeira	\$ 1,000.00
The Art Drive	15th Annual Studio Tour	\$ 1,700.00
Westport Historical Society	Westport Heritage Map	\$ 800.00
	Total	\$58,000.00

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Vidal
Chairperson

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE WHARFINGER

The following is the Wharfinger's report for the year ending December 31, 2023.

Revenue generated into the Harbor Enterprise Fund from the 30 commercial fishing vessels that tie up at the Town Dock was approximately \$23,736.00. The 989 feet of commercial vessels are charged \$24 a foot. Our Commercial Fishing Fleet is made up of boats ranging in size from 15' to 65'. The wharfage collected pays dock expenses, and is also put away for future repairs to the Town Dock in the form of the Harbor Enterprise Fund's Retained Earnings. This year we have replaced several dock planks, reattached rub rails and filled pot holes with stone, concrete, and asphalt cold-patch. We also upgraded 12 shore power pedestals on the dock with Seaport Grant money totaling \$27,776.00. The last total refurbish of this dock was 24 years ago and it needs constant repair. We also have a six-year old 24 hour camera surveillance system. These cameras are still in excellent working condition. Theft targeted at commercial fishing boats is a major setback for everyone. These cameras protect all of the hard working people, and their property that tie up at the Town Dock. Thank you.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christopher A. Leonard
Director of Marine Services



Annual Town Report
of the
WESTPORT COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

All Schools & Departments

2022 - 2023

Westport School Committee

<u>Member</u>	<u>Residence</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Antonio Viveiros	20 Sandpiper Drive	2024
Nancy Stanton-Cross	15 Stonewall Court	2024
Melissa Pacheco	18 Dias Avenue	2025
Gloria M. Cabral	139 Briggs Road	2025
Evan Gendreau	1 Hershey Way	2026

Regular School Committee meetings are usually held on the first and third Thursday of every month and are open to the public. The School Administration Offices are open from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday throughout the school year and 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. during school vacations.

Admission into school involves consideration of both chronological age and readiness to approach the challenge of a school program. The School Committee has established the following chronological minimum age requirements for entry into school:

- Children who will be three years of age on or before September 1 of the school year during which they wish to enroll will be eligible to enter the pre-school program;
- Children who will be five years of age on or before September 1 of the school year during which they wish to enroll will be eligible to enter kindergarten in September;
- Children who will be six years of age before January 1 of the school year will be considered for entry into grade one in September.

Transfer students from private and/or public kindergarten programs who have completed less than three months in a kindergarten setting will be required to follow the same entrance criteria.



Westport Community Schools
Introduction
Thomas F. Aubin, Superintendent
2022 - 2023

It is an honor to present our Westport Community Schools’s 2023 Annual Report to you.

Based on the large footprint that every school district has relative to the community it serves, it is no exaggeration to suggest that the health of a school district is a direct measure of the health of a community and vice versa. As such, I am happy to report that despite our many challenges, the 2023 school year was a success by any objective measure, confirming the health of our school district and community. It is a credit to the strength and commitment of our staff, combined with our facilitation of partnerships with families and community leaders. It is also a credit to the understanding district-wide that we take seriously our responsibility to improve the community through high-quality education. While the events embedded in this annual report make clear that our strategies have resulted in tremendous growth in our students and staff this year, we still have much to do.

2023 marks the second consecutive year where enrollment increases were realized at our Westport Community Schools. This is in no small measure to the recognition by school personnel that we are in unprecedented times in the 2023 school year and that focusing on each student’s needs would continue to win the support of families and community members, resulting in a positive perception change of our school community. Factors impacting this recognition include effectively navigating the effects of the COVID pandemic and its deleterious impact on our students and their families’ academic and emotional well-being. Additionally, despite the district’s financial and societal challenges, we successfully removed or overcame instructional barriers to foster innovation and continuous improvement in our teaching and learning strategies. Furthermore, whether the obstacles include access to technology, funding concerns, personalized learning, managing an unprecedented mental health crisis, or myriad other issues plaguing our communities and schools, you will see throughout this report that the staff recognize these issues and develop strategies that emphasize the professionalism and compassion of our school family.

We could not have had the success we experienced in 2023 without the help of so many community friends. The Westport Education Foundation, School and Sports Booster, and numerous other groups and entities were critical to carrying out our mission effectively. We also owe a debt of gratitude to our legislative delegation, Senator Michael Rodrigues and Representative Paul Schmid, for their work obtaining funding for the expansion of learning opportunities in our schools and their support in helping us improve the infrastructure of our school buildings and grounds. Additional thanks go out to the Greater Fall River Development Corporation, whose generous grant awards allow us to expand experiential learning opportunities to our middle and high school students. Thanks also go out to our area businesses and families who continue to recognize the economic challenges we face and without whose support we would struggle to offer our students such a unique, enriching, and varied educational experience at our various schools.



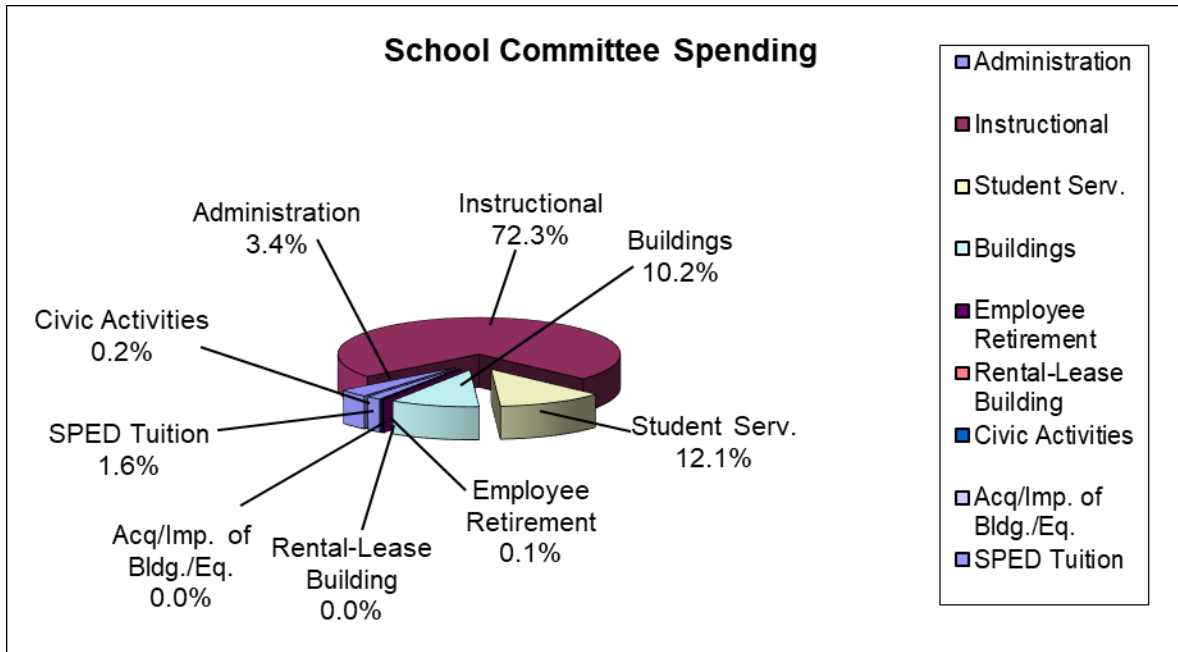
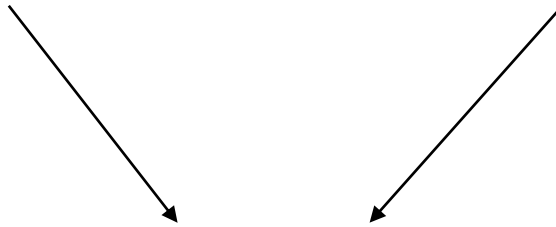
School Attending Children as of January 1, 2023

Grade Level	Local Public Schools	Academic Regional Schools	Vocational Technical Regional Schools	Collaboratives	Charter Schools	Out-of-District Public Schools	Home Schooled	In State Private and Parochial Schools	Out-of-State Private and Parochial Schools	Total
Kindergarten	105	0	0	0	1	1	3	13	2	125
Grade 1	108	0	0	0	1	5	4	14	3	135
Grade 2	108	0	0	0	1	2	11	16	2	140
Grade 3	110	0	0	0	2	2	13	8	1	136
Grade 4	117	0	0	0	4	6	5	11	2	145
Grade 5	118	0	0	1	1	4	6	20	4	154
Grade 6	123	0	0	0	5	3	4	15	4	154
Grade 7	134	0	0	0	4	3	8	18	4	171
Grade 8	138	0	0	0	5	6	5	17	3	174
Grade 9	69	0	32	0	4	17	3	14	2	141
Grade 10	91	0	34	0	1	16	6	24	8	180
Grade 11	84	0	43	1	8	28	3	17	4	188
Grade 12	70	0	36	0	6	14	1	27	4	158
Total	1375	0	145	2	43	107	72	214	43	2001



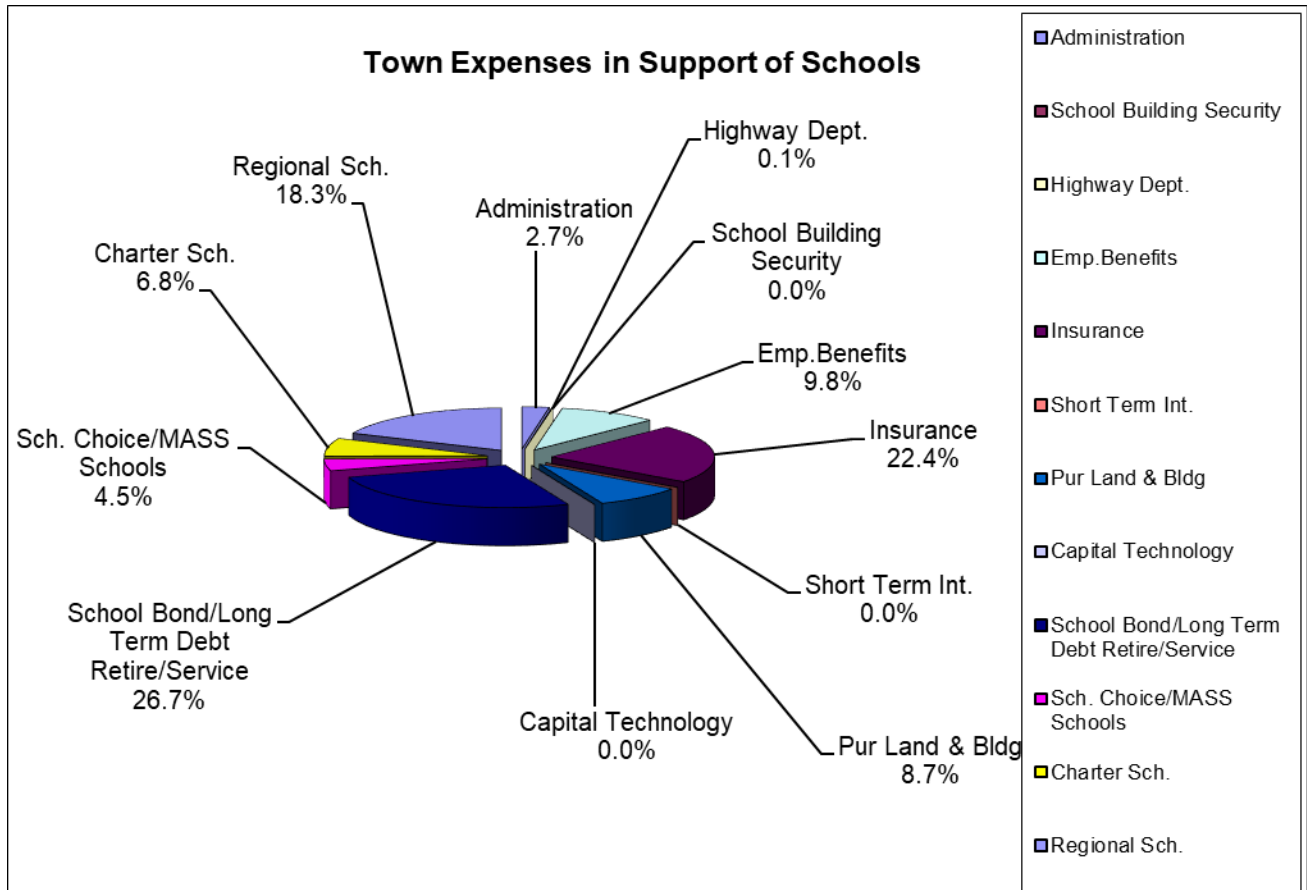
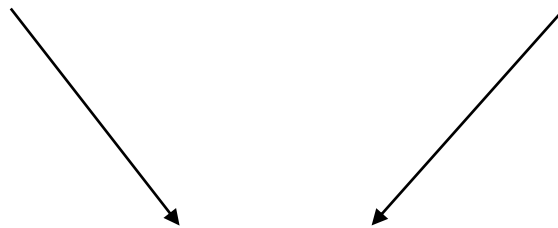
FISCAL 2023 ACTUAL EXPENDITURES

<u>Expenses by School Committee</u>	FY23 Expended
1000 Administration	691,729
2000 Instructional	14,706,158
3000 Student Services	2,466,852
4000 Buildings	2,075,232
5100 Employee Retirement	25,260
5300 Rental-Lease Building	0
6000 Civic Activities	35,247
7000 Acquisition/Improvement of Buildings/Equip.	0
9000 Special Needs Tuition	<u>334,807</u>
 Total School Committee Appropriation	 20,335,285



Expenses by Town Hall

1000 Administration	293,753
4000 Highway Department	7,500
4225 School Building Security	0
5100 Employee Retirement Benefits	1,071,228
5200 Insurance	2,455,994
5450 Short Term Interest	0
7200 Purchase Land & Buildings	953,700
7350 Capital Technology	0
8000 School Bond/Long Term Debt Retire/Service	2,923,710
9100 Tuition – School Choice/MASS Schools	489,258
9120 Tuition – Charter Schools	744,444
9500 Regional Schools	<u>2,002,900</u>
Total Expenses by Town Hall	\$10,942,487
Total Town/School Expenses	\$31,277,772



**Federal & State Revenues
2022-2023**

Federal Grants	Revenue Awarded
SPED 94-142 Evaluation & Therapy	409,191
Title I	281,966
Title IIA – Teacher Quality	45,473
Title IV	17,149
ESSER II	314,031
ESSER III	751,327
SPED Early Childhood	17,869
Math Acceleration	68,110
Hate Crime Prevention	43,235
Emergency Connectivity	273,594
Genocide Education	12,760
Earmark – Technology - ZSpace	410,000
Mask Reimbursement	13,160
Total Federal Grants	2,657,865
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State Grants	Revenue Awarded
Rural Aid	31,548
Financial Education Innovation	2,500
Mass Grad	23,000
Total State Grants	57,048
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Private Grants	
Community Foundation of Southeastern Massachusetts	320
WES Drama	5,538
WMS Robotics	1,000
WHS Senior Dinner	2,000
WMS & WHS Drama	4,620
WHS SAT Preparation	500
WHS Wildcat Newspaper	
Westport Community Engagement- MS-HS Promotion	8,200
Project Bread	1,657
Greater Fall River Educational Fund	25,000
Total Private Grants	48,835
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Total Federal & State & Private Grants	2,763,748

Revolving Account Balance June 30, 2023	
School Day Care Revolving	84,436
Use of School Property Revolving	125
Reimbursement Lost Supplies/Materials Revolving	2,623
Student Athletic & Activities Revolving	36,321
Adult & Continuing Ed/Community School Revolving/Extended Day	102,309
Insurance Claims Revolving	0
School Choice Revolving	219
Scholarship Revolving	13,046
Transportation Reimbursement Revolving	<u>30,615</u>
Total Revolving Accounts	269,694

ALICE A. MACOMBER PRIMARY SCHOOL
Stacey Duquette - Principal
2022 - 2023

General Statement

The Alice A. Macomber Primary School includes grades from Preschool through Kindergarten. It was responsible for educating 178 students in the 2021-2022 school year. Students in Preschool (age 3), Pre-Kindergarten (age 4), and Kindergarten (ages 5 & 6) are given early learning experiences for cognitive, social, physical, and emotional development and growth to set the foundation for lifelong learning.

Model

Each classroom at the Alice A. Macomber Primary School includes a Massachusetts-certified Teacher for all academic areas and a Classroom Teaching Assistant to provide additional supervision and learning support to all students. Students who require and qualify for more intensive services are provided a Special Educator, and Service Providers that carry out specialized instruction and therapies. Students also participate in Physical Education, and Integrated Arts focusing on Art, Music, and STEM activities. Students also have outdoor recess time daily.

Curriculum

Kindergarten teachers utilized the Wonders Reading Program to support English Language Arts teaching and learning. Wonders has components to assess student knowledge and understanding of characters, settings, and main ideas of stories.

Students in Kindergarten utilize the Foundations multisensory program to support handwriting and letter development skills. Students also use computer-based reading programs to develop and strengthen their critical reading skills through individualized learning paths at each student’s learning level. Kindergarten Teachers have completed Units using the UBD model (Unit By Design) in major subject areas.

The GoMath program supports math concepts for Kindergarten students. They also participate in the ST Math program to build and develop problem-solving skills. ST Math provides visual and conceptual instruction at each student’s individual skill level.

Student Achievement Assessments

The i-Ready Online Diagnostic Assessment was administered during the Fall, Winter, and Spring to all students. i-Ready assessments help determine how to best support each student's learning. Student progress is monitored by classroom teachers and intervention services were provided to students who were identified as having much difficulty identifying letters, sounds, word development, and sentence writing. Dibels 8th edition was also initiated in the Spring to provide another look at student progress.

Technology

In past years the Westport Community Schools issued a Chromebook to each student for home and school use. This year Administration and staff reflected on that practice and came to the decision to keep all Chromebooks in school so screen time could be monitored.

Students were encouraged to complete set times on ST Math as well as other programs to practice at their own individual learning levels.

Social Emotional Learning

Social Emotional Learning classes led by the School Adjustment Counselor were added to the weekly schedule for all students. This initiative was noted by students, staff, and parents as an instant benefit to community building in classrooms and the school as a whole.

Staff also participated in RULER Training which provided insight into understanding the value of emotions, building the skills of emotional intelligence, and creating and maintaining positive school climates.

Learning Partners

The Westport River Watershed Alliance continues to send their staff to the Alice A. Macomber Primary School to offer interactive, educational experiences that complement each grade level's curriculum. The Westport Education Foundation supports initiatives by granting funds to extend daily teaching and learning.

The WES-Mac PTO also funds field trips throughout the year and Promotion ceremonies for our Kindergarten students. The PTO also provides opportunities for family outings and fundraisers to help support the students and staff of the Alice A. Macomber Primary School.

Meal Initiative

Massachusetts continues to be a part of the National Breakfast & Lunch Program. Students are provided the opportunity to have breakfast and/or lunch free of charge.

Snack time was provided in each class in which students were encouraged to bring a healthy snack from home.

During lunch, students all went to the cafeteria and either received a free lunch or brought a chosen lunch from home.

Overall Summary

The Alice A. Macomber Primary School continued to uphold the mission to provide a child-centered learning environment and a developmentally appropriate school experience for the young learners in our care.

WESTPORT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Stacey Duquette – Principal
Summary Completed by Kevin Aguiar, Current Principal
2022 – 2023

General Statement

Westport Elementary School has an enrollment of 447 students.

The school has 6 classrooms for grades 1 and 2. Teachers in grades 1 and 2 teach all four subjects. There are 6 classrooms in grade 3 and 4. The teachers in grade 3 and 4 teach two subjects (Math/Science or English/Social Studies). All students are enrolled in the following elective courses: Art, Health/Physical Education, Music, STEM and Technology.

Two classrooms per grade level were designated Inclusion Rooms which had a Special Educator working with the Regular Educator to make learning accessible for all students. Students that required more intensive services were in an additional classroom that consisted of a Special Educator, trained Teaching Assistants, and Service Providers that carried out therapies and instruction.

Breakfast & Lunch continued to be provided free of charge to all students in the state.

After school programs were provided by Start Em' Young as well as the PTO sponsored activities.

Infrastructure Investments

The students enjoyed the opening of our improved playground during this school year. The entire roof was replaced during the 2022 23 school year. The entire parking lot was scheduled to be resurfaced prior to the next school year.

Curriculum

The WES has two interventionists on staff that provide extra support to our students outside the classroom.

The English Curriculum is called Wonders and Lexia is a supplement.

The Math Curriculum is called I Ready Math and it is supplemented by ST Math.

Student Achievement Assessments

The WES monitors student progress in several ways throughout the school year. Data is collected and utilized as the basis for decision making throughout the year.

The MCAS Math and ELA assessments for students in grades 3 & 4 are administered every Spring.

Technology

The Westport Community Schools provide each student in the district with a Chromebook for school use.

Social Emotional Learning

Our two School Adjustment Counselors implement periodic lessons that support community building and social emotional learning.

Learning Partners

The Westport River Watershed Alliance sent their staff to Westport Elementary to offer interactive, educational experiences that complimented each grade level's curriculum.

The Westport Historical Society offered various opportunities to provide learning experiences and a school-wide celebration of Captain Paul Cuffe's contributions to the start of learning in Westport. The Westport Education Foundation supported initiatives by granting funds to complement daily teaching and learning.

The WES-Mac PTO funded end of the year field trips and promotion ceremonies for our 4th graders. The PTO also provided opportunities for family outings and fundraisers to help support the students and staff of Westport Elementary.

Overall Summary

Westport Elementary School continued to uphold the mission of promoting a love of lifelong learning for all students. The school community, through nurturing, team work, dedication, and creativity, sets high expectations and fosters success in all children.



WESTPORT MIDDLE - HIGH SCHOOL
Mrs. Laura Charette - Principal
2022 – 2023

Opening Statement

The mission of Westport Middle High School is to educate all students to become 21 st century learners, to seek and value knowledge, and to emerge as productive citizens in a global community. As technology and globalization combine to create situations of constant innovation, the traditional skills of reading, writing and arithmetic will be supplemented with more up-to-date skills in technological literacy, creative thinking, critical thinking, collaboration and communication. Westport Middle High School remains committed to focusing on teaching particular skills that will help students survive and thrive not only at the workplace but also in personal life.

During the 2022-2023 school year, grades five through eight focused on their core academic subjects along with exploratory classes. The exploratory classes available during the 2022-2023 school year included Band, Chorus, General Music, Project Lead the Way, STEAM, and Foundations of Research. Students also received targeted interventions in the areas of reading and writing.

Grades nine through twelve continue to prepare students for college, employment and/or the military. The Advanced Placement program has expanded and students can take a variety of electives to meet their interest with collaboration with Mass Insight. The online platform, Edgenuity, also provided students with additional course offerings that students could select to expand their learning opportunities or utilize for remediation purposes. In addition, our School to Career initiative to promote career readiness with local employers and partnerships with the MassHire Youth Connection and Boat Building in collaboration with Dharma Voyage. Finally, students had the opportunity to participate in dual enrollment classes in partnerships with UMass Dartmouth and Mass Maritime.

School Program

Westport Middle High School is composed of grades five through twelve. Grades five through eight are classified as the Middle School. Grades nine through twelve are classified as the High School. In the 2022-2023 school year, the student enrollment at the High School was 314. This consisted of 68 seniors, 85 juniors, 90 sophomores and 71 freshmen. In the 2022-2023 school year, the student enrollment at the Middle School (Grades 5-8) was 521. This consisted of 118 fifth graders, 126 sixth graders, 139 seventh graders, and 138 eighth graders. Class size ranged from 1 to 38. In 2022-2023, the staff consisted of 34 high classroom teachers, 43 middle school classroom teachers, 1 Library/Media specialist, 21 teaching assistants, 3 clerks, 2 executive secretaries, 2 nurses, 3 guidance counselors, 3 school adjustment counselors, 1 Director of Athletics/Activities, 2 Assistant Principals, and 1 Principal.

Westport Middle High School Accountability Analysis School Year 2022 - 2023

All Massachusetts public schools and districts with sufficient data are classified into one of two categories: schools and districts that require assistance or intervention, and schools and districts that do not require assistance or intervention. Accountability reports include information on each district and school's performance against improvement targets, as well as information about each school's overall performance compared to other schools in the state.

2023 Official Accountability Report - Westport Middle-High School

Organization Information	
DISTRICT NAME Westport (03310000)	TITLE I STATUS Title I School
SCHOOL Westport Middle-High School (03310515)	GRADES SERVED 05,06,07,08,09,10,11,12
REGION Coastal	FEDERAL DESIGNATION -

Accountability Information

Overall classification Not requiring assistance or intervention	
Reason for classification Moderate progress toward targets	
Progress toward improvement targets 36% - Moderate progress toward targets	Accountability percentile 63

Highlights for Westport Middle High School

- Grade 5 ELA had a TEN PERCENT increase over 2022 scores.
- Grade 7 Math had an average SGP of 73%!
- In Science, we outperformed the state in three out of four categories: Tech/Eng, Life Science, and Earth and Space.
- In 6, 7, & 8 grade, 65-69% of our students met or exceeded grade level expectations in reading, as opposed to less than 40% nationwide.
- In Grades 6 & 8 math, we saw nearly double digit increases in performance year over year.
- In Grades 7 & 8 ELA, we had the highest SGP average compared to DART Districts.

Opportunities for Growth for Westport Middle High School

- Writing at all levels; while the average increases over time, we remain below the state average across the district.
- Reading Comprehension - Even though we are above the state average, we want to be at 80% meeting or exceeding expectations.
- All Sophomore ELA and Math classes were held in semester 1 last year, which ended in January.
- Move more students to Meeting and Exceeding Expectations at ALL Grade levels in Math and ELA.
- Increase fluency, foundational skills, and conceptual and application practice in Math at all grade levels.
- Improve our writing instruction at all grade levels.

Success Indicators

Currently, twenty seniors qualified for the John and Abigail Adams Scholarship. However, additional students in the Class of 2023 participated in the November 2022 MCAS test administration to potentially qualify for the Adams Scholarship. This scholarship recognizes high academic achievement on the MCAS tests, entitling the student to four years of free tuition at a state or community college.

Eighty-three percent of the graduating class of 2023 indicated that they would be continuing their education. Fifty percent planned to attend a four-year college and thirty percent planned on attending a two-year college. This year's graduates received over \$200,000 in scholarships at the annual awards night. Scholarships were supported by community organizations, local businesses and local citizens. Forty percent of juniors and seniors participated in Advanced Placement (AP) Exams in May.

Athletics

This past year was a successful one for the Wildcats. We had 6 teams win 2023 Mayflower Comprehensive Championships and 7 teams compete in the MIAA State Tournament. Last winter season, both of Westport's basketball teams qualified for the postseason. Our varsity girls' basketball team finished the season 16-4 and were Mayflower Conference Comprehensive Champions. The team hosted Ayer Shirley in the Preliminary Round and defeated them by a final score of 62-47 to advance to the Round of 32. The Wildcats then faced Sutton and were defeated 46-35. Head Coach Jennifer Gargiulo was named Mayflower Coach of the year and senior Leah Sylvain ended her career scoring over 1000 points.

The varsity boys' basketball team finished the regular season with a record of 13-7. The boys also played Ayer Shirley in the preliminary round of the MIAA State Tournament and won 63-57, then hosted Mt. Greylock in the first round and fell 55-52. The Westport cheerleading squad, made up of 16 team members, continued to bring energy and atmosphere to the court for our home basketball games in the winter.

In the spring season, the varsity baseball team finished the regular season 15-5 overall and were crowned co-champions of the MAC Comprehensive Division. In the Preliminary Round of the state tournament,

Westport defeated Mt. Everett final score of 3-2, they went on to play Greenfield in the first round of the tournament and lost 4-2. Varsity softball went 8-10 in the regular season, and won the Mayflower Comprehensive league with a record of 7-0. Our girls' tennis team finished the season with a record of 4-10 and the Boys tennis ended with a 7-7 regular season record. Boys lacrosse had their inaugural season and finished with a record of 6-12. They won their very first game 8-0 vs Cape Cod Tech. There were 18 players on the team.

This fall season was a success for our fall sports. We celebrated 3 Mayflower Championships, had 4 out of 5 teams compete in the MIAA State Tournament and our Boys Soccer team achieved the unimaginable, by bringing home a Division 5 State Championship Title.

Volleyball had a rebuilding year, finishing 6-12, although the future is promising with JV finishing with a record of 14-3. Two players were selected to play in the Mayflower All-Star game, Juniors Jayda Pequita and Zoey Sylvain. Boys Golf finished the season 7-4-3 with 2 golfers selected as Mayflower Conference All-Stars. (Owen Boudria and Cooper Spirlet). They competed as a team in the MIAA Division 3 South Sectional Tournament and were given the Mayflower Conference South Division Sportsmanship Award.

Field Hockey had a great season, finishing 12-6. They were crowned Mayflower Champions. Head Coach Jacquelyn Legendre received the Coach of the year honor and Senior Avery Avila was named conference MVP. They played Frontier Regional in the first round of the MIAA Championship.

Girls Soccer had a record-breaking season, achieving the most goals and wins in a season, making the MIAA Tournament for the first time in 9 years, as well as hosting the first round of the State Tournament. They finished with a record of 13-5-1. Seventh grader Lily Veraka led the team in goals with 19 on the season. They eventually lost to Maynard High School in the second round of the MIAA Tournament. Head coach Gary Muello was named Coach of the Year and Senior Korynne Holden was named MVP of the comprehensive division. Korynne was also selected as a Boston Herald All-Scholastic honoree.

Boys Soccer had an extraordinary season, finishing 20-0-1, winning the Mayflower Championship, and battling several higher seeded teams, as the 8th seed to claim the Division 5 State. They hosted 2 State tournament games, then traveled to beat 1[#] seeded Sutton, #4 Boston International and finally #2 Douglas. They won 2 games in penalty kicks, including the State Championship game. Head Coach Chris Parker was the Mayflower Conference Coach of the year, Senior Marcos Dutra-Africano was the league MVP and 5 other players received conference all-star honors. Ben Novo also received Boston Herald All-Scholastic honors and was selected to play in the Eastern Massachusetts Soccer Coaches Association (EMSCA) All Star Game and the South Coast Classic game. State Tournament falling 1-0. They had 5 players selected as Mayflower Conference All-Stars.

Six student-athletes played on the Co-op football team with Atlantis Charter, 2 were consistently on varsity, while the other 4 played mostly with JV.

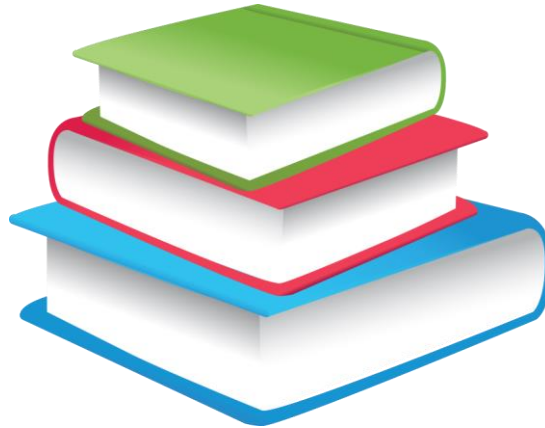
Student Activities

The 2022-2023 school year saw Westport Middle-High School in the second year in the new building. The school was able to get many similar clubs and activities back up and running from the year before. Club offerings included: Student Council, National Honor Society, International Exchange Club, Newspaper Club, Math Club, Medical Club, Drama Club, Environmental Club, GSA (Gay/Straight Alliance), Yearbook Club, DECA, STEEL, and our Pep Band. Under the guidance of our dedicated advisors, our students enjoyed many memorable moments throughout the school year and really took initiative in helping to plan many student activities and functions within our school and community.

Our students continued to design and produce our yearbooks for both the middle and high school. Various clubs got back to selling school spirit items and clothing, as well as sponsoring food drives, volunteering at soup kitchens, the Senior Center and the Westport Community Schools during various events and holidays. It should be noted that the WMHS school community was very generous throughout these drives. International Exchange Clubs' trips abroad over February included an ambitious trip to Belize and the group enjoyed an amazing trip to Japan in April of 2023. The Homecoming Dance returned to White's of Westport in November and 250 students attended that evening. Also, the Junior/Senior Prom returned in June and was held at Rosebrook in Wareham.

Closing Statement

Westport Middle High School administration, faculty and staff work hard to provide rich meaningful instruction from a robust standards based curriculum to the students of Westport and provide them with an education to prepare them for college, for employment and/or the military.



2022 - 2023 PROFILE
WESTPORT MIDDLE HIGH SCHOOL
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ADMINISTRATION

Mr. Thomas Aubin, Acting Superintendent	Ext. 4202
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Mrs. Laura Charette, Principal	Ext. 1055
Mr. Sean Persico, Middle School Asst. Principal	Ext. 1054
Mr. Michael Grandfield, High School Asst. Principal	Ext. 1012

COUNSELING STAFF

Marie Fallows, Guidance Counselor	Ext. 2017
Jennifer Borelli, School Adjustment Counselor	Ext. 2019
Shawn Thomas, School Adjustment Counselor	Ext. 2026
Christina Borges, Guidance Counselor	Ext. 2020
Mary Jo Medeiros, School Adjustment Counselor	Ext. 2016
Leslie Ruel, Guidance Counselor	Ext. 2015

SCHOOL INFORMATION

Comprehensive 4-year public high school
Enrollment: 314

Faculty: 34 (9 students: 1 faculty) (100% of teachers are licensed in teaching assignment)
Accreditation: New England Association of Schools and Colleges

Westport High School is located approximately 60 miles south of Boston and serves the south coast community of Westport, Massachusetts. Westport is a town of farms, beautiful scenery, and people who live from the water and the land. It consists of small businesses and quaint homes. Each of these aspects of the community is characterized and strengthened by the superb natural resources to be found within the Town's borders.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Total credits to graduate: min. of 150

English:	20 credits
Social Studies:	20 credits
Math:	20 credits
Science:	20 credits
Health/PE:	10 credits
World Language:	5 credits
Government:	2.5 credits
Personal Finance:	3 credits
Technology:	2-3 credits

COLLEGE ADMISSIONS TEST RESULTS

(2022 - 2023)

% of seniors taking SAT:	15%
% attending 4-year college:	50%
% attending 2-year college:	30%

MEAN SAT SCORES

(2022 - 2023)

School Composite -	1099
State Composite -	1113

A.P. Test Results

(2022 - 2023)

18% of students participated in the AP Program

% of students scoring a 3+

Art:	100%
Biology	77%
Calculus AB:	33%
English Composition:	84%
English Literature:	100%
Statistics:	6%
US History:	100%

SENIOR PROJECT

Graduation requirement of an independent, topic-oriented research project culminating with an oral presentation.

GRADE POINT AVERAGE SCALE

<u>Grade</u>	<u>AP</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>CP</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>AP</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>CP</u>
A+ 100	5.5	5.0	4.5	C+ 81	3.6	3.1	2.6
99	5.4	4.9	4.4	80	3.5	3.0	2.5
98	5.3	4.8	4.3	79	3.4	2.9	2.4
A 97	5.2	4.7	4.2	78	3.3	2.8	2.3
96	5.1	4.6	4.1	C 77	3.2	2.7	2.1
95	5.0	4.5	4.0	76	3.1	2.6	2.0
A- 94	4.9	4.4	3.9	75	3.0	2.5	1.9
93	4.8	4.3	3.8	C- 74	2.9	2.4	1.9
92	4.7	4.2	3.7	73	2.8	2.3	1.8
B+ 91	4.6	4.1	3.6	72	2.7	2.2	1.7
90	4.5	4.0	3.5	D+ 71	2.6	2.1	1.6
89	4.4	3.9	3.4	70	2.5	2.0	1.5
88	4.3	3.8	3.3	69	2.4	1.9	1.4
B 87	4.2	3.7	3.2	68	2.3	1.8	1.3
86	4.1	3.6	3.1	D 67	2.2	1.7	1.2

	85	4.0	3.5	3.0		66	2.1	1.6	1.1
B-	84	3.9	3.4	2.9		65	2.0	1.5	1.0
	83	3.8	3.3	2.8	F	64	0.0	0.0	0.0
	82	3.7	3.2	2.7		63	0.0	0.0	0.0

CLASS RANK is calculated by using a weighted system based on the academic rigor of the course; all courses are included in determining a student's rank in class.

INSTRUCTIONAL LEVELS

AP ADVANCED PLACEMENT: Designed for students who excel in a particular subject and have demonstrated exceptional ability and motivation to do advanced work. Students are expected to successfully participate in the College Board Advanced Placement examination at the end of the course.

H HONORS: Designed for students whose academic performance has been reflective of very strong ability, laudable motivation and strong work habits. Research projects, writing activities that challenge critical thinking skills and independent study will be a fundamentally important part of this achievement that challenge critical thinking presented in depth and at an accelerated pace.

CP COLLEGE PREPARATORY: Designed for students with average ability who are planning to further their education upon graduation at two or four-year institutions of higher learning. Regular homework assignments and an emphasis on the fundamental academic skills of reading, writing, and computing are the cornerstones of this instrumental level.

DUAL ENROLLMENT: Students in grades 11 and 12 are allowed to participate in college courses at the following institutions of higher learning:

- Bristol Community College
- Massachusetts Maritime Academy
- University of Massachusetts-Dartmouth

ADVANCED PLACEMENT

Art
Biology
Calculus AB
English Language & Composition
English Literature
Government
Physics I
Psychology
Statistics
US History

HONORS

Algebra II
Anatomy & Physiology
Biology
Chemistry
English 9, 10, 11
Geometry
Physics
Portuguese 3, 4, 5
Pre-Calculus
Spanish 3, 4, 5
US History I & II

COLLEGE PREPARATORY

Advanced Comp. App.
Algebra I & II
Anatomy & Physiology
Biology
CAD
Chemistry
Chorus
College Writing
Computer Science
Concert Band
Creative Writing
Digital Music
Drawing and Painting
Earth Science/Ecology
English 9, 10, 11, 12
Environmental Science
Film as Literature
Fitness & Training 1 & 2
Food & Nutrition
Forensics
Genocide
Geometry
Government
History of Rock & Roll
Intro to Accounting
Intro to Art
Marine Science
Multimedia I & II
Personal Finance
Photography
Portuguese I & II
Psychology
Public Speaking/Debate
School to Career
Sculpture & Ceramics
Sociology
Theatre
21st Century Life Skills
US History I & 11
Women's Studies
World History

College Acceptances (2022 - 2023)

American International University	Plymouth State University
Assumption University	Providence College
Barry University	Quinnipiac University
Bennington College	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Bridgewater State University	Rhode Island College
Bristol Community College	Rivier University
Catholic University of America	Roger Williams University
Chaminade University of Honolulu	St. John's University
Clark University	Salem State University
Colby Sawyer College	Salve Regina University
Curry College	Seton Hall University
Dean College	Simmons University
Elmira College	State University of New York
Emerson College	Syracuse University
Emmanuel College	UMass - Amherst
Fisher College	UMass - Dartmouth
Framingham State University	University of Colorado - Boulder
Gettysburg College	University of Connecticut
Hawaii Pacific University	University of Hawaii - Manoa
Johnson & Wales University	University of Maine
Keene State College	University of New England
Lasell University	University of New Hampshire
Loyola University - Chicago	University of New Haven
Mass College of Liberal Arts	University of Northern Vermont
Mass College of Pharmacy and Allied Health	University of Rhode Island
Mass Maritime Academy	University of Southern Maine
Merrimack College	University of Vermont
MTTI	Western New England University
Nichols College	Westfield State University
Nova Southeastern University	Wheaton College
Pace University	Worcester State University
Palm Beach Atlantic University	
Penn State University	

WESTPORT HIGH SCHOOL
Graduation Exercises
Class of 2023

Class Valedictorian	Lily MacDonald
Salutatorian	Noah Sowle
Class President	Tyler Simonin
Certification of Class	Thomas Aubin

*=National Honor Society

Carlos Eduardo Andretta	Peyton Shirin Mahjoory*
Tyler Richard Arraial	Coltrane Markham McGonigle
Megan Bevin Avery	Maxwell Miranda
Guinevere Morgan Bates	Braylin Annallyse Montigny
Benjamin Scot Boudria*	Maxwell Robert Morotti

Michael Joseph Braga*	Olivia Emily Cordeiro Morris*
Hunter Michael Brodeur	Shelby Jean Orr
Xander Gregory Carpenter	Kimberly Marie Orrell
Olivia Regina Carvalho	Taylor Christine Perry*
Cote Michael Couto	Sean Hadley Poliquin
Renato De Campos Ferreira Neto	Justin Frederick Rego
Emily Lorraine Delcampo	Mikhaela Louise Rego
Shaun Matthew DesRoches	Camryn Alexa Rezendes*
Nicholas Elliot Dos Vais*	Victoria Rodrigues
Colin John Duclos	Lily Anne Rymut
Antonio Dutra Africano	Jacob Tyler Silver
Kyleigh Soleil Finglas	Tyler Gerald John Simonin*
Lexie Bella Flanagan	Matthew Christopher Smith
Alison Lee Francouer	Tiago Jose Sousa
Owen Chaseley Friedrichsen	William Alan Souza
Lindsey Jae Gaughan	Noah Benjamin Sowle*
Angelo Manuel Gonzalez	Tabitha Lynn Olson Steele
Ayden Joseph Gorman	Jasmin Aaliyah Summers
Vorsika Hak	Leah Alexandra Sylvain
Brady Douglas Albuquerque Huard	Max Jung Taber
Noah Russell Lacey*	Samuel James Taromina
Shawn Stephen Lavoie	Cadence Helena Tavares
Cameron Jack Leary*	Avery DeCoteau Viveiros
Christine Renee LePage	Abbigail Elizabeth White
Lily Marie MacDonald*	Briana Eliuzabeth Woollam

Book Awards

Harvard Book Award	Avery Carvalho
University of Pennsylvania Book Award	Madison Plourde
Brown University Book Award	Avery Avila
St. Michael's Book Award	Sarah Perry & Olivia Joaquim
Salve Regina University Book Award	Charlie Rae Lees
Clarkson University Award	Kaelyn Jones & Korynne Holden
Alfred University Award	Marcos Dutra Africano & Samuel Van Saun
Smith College Book Award	Meghan Molloy
Bridgewater State University Book Award	Meghan Molloy
Worcester Polytechnic Book Award	Alden Priestner
Wells Leadership Awards	Madelyn Chandler & Ella Turenne
Suffolk University Award	Hannah Therrien

Scholarships

Westport Fair Scholarship	\$ 500	Nicholas DosVais, Cameron Leary & Noah Sowle
Grimshaw-Gudewicz Scholarship	\$1,500	Kyleigh Finglas
Grimshaw-Gudewicz Scholarship	\$1,000	Benjamin Boudria, Coltrane McGonigle
Grimshaw-Gudewicz Scholarship	\$ 500	Nicholas Dos Vais, Alison Francoeur, Angelo Gonzalez, Cameron Leary, Christine Lepage, Maxwell Morotti, Shelby Orr, Taylor Perry, Noah Sowle
Clyde T & Yvonne Salisbury Scholarship	\$ 500	Lily MacDonald, Camryn Rezendes, Tyler Simonin, Avery Medeiros
Westport Music Boosters Peter Habib Memorial Scholarship	\$1,000	Michael Braga
Westport Music Boosters Jane Dufault Scholarship	\$1,000 \$1,250	Taylor Perry, Cadence Tavares Tyler Simonin
Betsy Taber Scholarship	\$2,500	Angelo Gonzalez, Christine LePage
Potter Funeral Service Award	\$ 500	Nicholas DosVais
Chelsea Ann Ponte Memorial Scholarship	\$1,000	Noah Sowle
Domingos-Silva Scholarship	\$3,000	Taylor Perry, Tyler Simonin
Domingos-Silva Scholarship	\$1,000	Benjamin Boudria, Christine LePage
Westport PTO	\$ 250	Benjamin Boudria, Nicholas DosVais Avery Viveiros
Lisa Branco Bellavance Memorial Scholarship	\$1,000	Tyler Simonin
Health Science Award	\$1,000	Alison Francoeur
Lydia Poole Barker Art Scholarship	\$1,500	Tyler Simonin
Nancy Ring Fenn Scholarship	\$1,500	Taylor Perry



OFFICE OF CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION & ASSESSMENT
Lisa H. Kaminski, Director
2022 - 2023

Department Overview

The Office of Curriculum, Instruction, and Professional Development works with building leaders and school staff to develop and implement exemplary curriculum and instruction in the Westport Community Schools, in alignment with the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks and our Mission and Vision. Collaboration around research-based best practices is a hallmark of our work, with a focus on high achievement for all our learners.

Curriculum and Instruction

This year, we worked on elevating our curricula and instruction at each grade span. We implemented Foundations at the Pre-K level so that students in our early learning program can enter Kindergarten with the requisite pre-literacy skills and knowledge. We also convened a Literacy Steering Committee that explored newly available information around the Science of Reading, in order to adjust our instruction in effective ways.

We held two very popular and very effective “Math in Motion” math camps over February and April vacation last year. These were funded by grants from DESE, and over sixty students in grades 3-8 spent the weeks on hands-on math and STEAM activities. 100% of our “campers” indicated that they felt more confident about tackling math problems than they did before they attended camp. Additionally, their MCAS SGPs outranked peers who did not participate in the camp(s). Additionally, we made the decision to adopt iReady Classroom Mathematics for grades K-2 in 2023-2024.

The district continued its collaboration with the Marion Institute to bring “Grow Education” to grades 1-4, where students learn agricultural science and nutrition through hands-on gardening and research.

At the middle school, our students participated in STEM coursework through Project Lead the Way, in courses like Design and Modeling, Medical Detectives, and more. Our eighth graders completed their Civic Action Projects.

Additionally, at the middle and high school, we continued to prepare for the NEASC visit that was scheduled for December 5 and 6, 2023. That work involved lots of self-reflection and data analysis around our programming, scheduling, and teaching and learning.

Professional Development

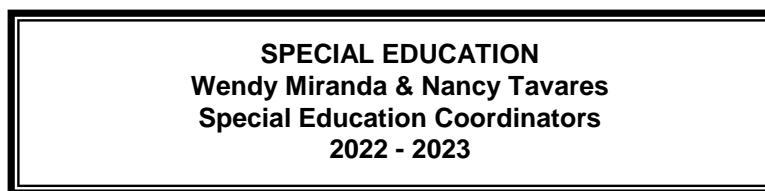
Professional development consisted of lots of work around the Science of Reading, and the necessary curricular adjustments that need to happen when we use the science as our springboard. We continue to provide resources for our staff to pursue professional development activities that align with their professional goals and content expertise. Our high school staff participated in school-wide professional development around best practices for engaging every learner. Grades K-2 staff participated in iReady Classroom Mathematics training to begin preparing for its adoption in 2023-2024.

Accountability & Assessment

The Office of Curriculum works with district and school leaders to make certain that the district is in compliance with important state and federal regulations, and also to ensure that the district maintains a strong reputation in the eyes of all stakeholders, from parents and families to DESE. Overseeing the district's implementation of the Educator Evaluation System is an important accountability component, as is ensuring that the district prepares for and administers the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) exams to demonstrate students' mastery of the state's challenging content standards. In the spring of 2022, students in grades 3-8 resumed taking the full MCAS battery of assessments. High school students completed the full assessment, and qualified for DESE's pandemic-related modified competency determination. The data from these assessments revealed that the learning that was interrupted by the pandemic did result in lower scores, as compared to pre-pandemic achievement.

Grants Management

Several grants fall under the purview of the Office of Curriculum, including program-specific grants such as Project Lead the Way and ST Math. Westport also receives money from the federal government through Title I, Title II, and Title IV, and the funds are targeted to help students meet the state's challenging content standards, in addition to providing professional development to teachers and administrators. The Office of Curriculum supported the administration of the federal ESSER I, II, and III grant funds. This year, our district received several grants to assist us in providing exemplary programming, including a Hate Crime Prevention Grant, a Genocide Education Grant, a Math Acceleration Academies Grant, a Financial Credit for Life Grant, and a HQIM - Mathematics Grant for '23-'24.



The Special Education Department provides specialized instruction and related services, such as speech, occupational therapy, physical therapy and vision services to eligible students who reside in Westport or attend a private school within Westport's geographical boundaries. When a student is determined eligible for special education, an Individual Education Plan (IEP) and placement are proposed by the district. The parent, or student if s/he is 18 years old, must accept the proposed plan before services can be provided.

Special education services are required by law to be provided in the most appropriate, least restrictive educational setting. In Westport, the least restrictive setting is the regular education classroom where students with and without disabilities learn side-by-side, working individually and in groups. In this setting, called inclusion, special education students may be taught by special and/or regular educators, sometimes supported by a supervised teaching assistant.

In some cases, the IEP Team has determined that the student can only be educated if s/he is removed from the regular education setting to a special education classroom for instruction. Depending on the

severity of the educational disability, a student may be removed for varying portions of the day. For these students, special education services may be provided in and/or out of the regular education classroom. When students are removed to a special education setting for instruction, they are taught by special education teachers and support staff.

During the 2022-2023 school year, sixteen students have disabilities that require services that cannot be provided within the district. These students usually attend specialized special education schools or programs that are so intensive or of such low incidence that it is more appropriate and cost effective for the district to pay tuition to a school outside of the district rather than to develop its own program.

The frequency and duration of time a student receives special education services are defined in the student's Individual Education Plan. In addition, any time the student is separated from the regular education setting a statement justifying the removal and describing its benefit must be written in the IEP.

The district has a legal obligation and moral commitment to provide services in the least restrictive environment and within the Westport Schools whenever possible. On July 1, 2022, the Student Management System recorded 334 special education students. This enrollment included 16 students placed in schools outside of Westport.

A history of students in out-of-district placements is as follows:

July 1, 2018	July 1, 2019	July 1, 2020	July 1, 2021	July 1, 2022
9	7	9	12	16

The individual schools within the district continue to provide and improve upon the development of high quality special education programming and staffing.

The Macomber Primary School contains classrooms for students in Preschool and Kindergarten, and has maintained a stability of programming and services. Students receive their initial educational experiences in a nurturing environment where they are taught to interact with other students and adults, to follow rules and work within a classroom setting, and to develop social skills through play and structured activities. A major focus of the curriculum is the development of language, with a particular emphasis on language processing skills which are vital to all learning. Preschool teachers are duly certified in regular and special education. A special education teacher is assigned to Kindergarten. This expertise allows staff to provide individualized interventions as needed within the general education setting while monitoring learning and progress based on developmental norms.

The Macomber Primary School has one classroom to support students with severe disabilities. An integral part of this program is the integration of students into the general education classrooms as social and academic skills develop.

The Westport Elementary School provides special education services within small groups and inclusion models in and out of the general education classrooms. A substantially separate class and a resource room address students who have varying degrees of needs. Staff supported mainstream integration is available as students are able to meet mainstream expectations. This approach allows the most challenged students to take advantage of exposure to the general curriculum and peer socialization, interactions and relationships, while receiving individualized and specialized instruction or small group support in accordance with their IEPs.

At Westport Middle High School, special education students receive their instruction in inclusion, resource or substantially separate settings. Substantially separate classes are available to more severely disabled students as determined by the student's IEP Team. The Focus classroom is a multifaceted program which includes direct special education services within the small group setting, as well as supportive services within the inclusion classroom for at-risk students. This program targets practicing respectful behaviors, being a productive member of the high school community, and improving academic skills. Two substantially separate classrooms provide pre-vocational programming in the classroom or supported community-based sites to ensure students generalize skills to those settings. All students take one class per semester in the general education setting with support.

TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT
Anthony Tomah, Director of Technology
2022 - 2023

Technology is the vital part of educating the students of Westport Community Schools as they are prepared to be responsible digital citizens. Our Instructional Technology and Curriculum aligns with the Massachusetts State Frameworks and the Common Core Standards.

The Technology Department is committed to providing excellent customer service for a diverse population of faculty, staff, and students.

The technology department currently consists of 2.5 technicians, 1 network manager, and 1 technology director.

The 2022-2023 school year saw the School District make investments in classroom technology with Z-Space 3D laptops. The Middle and High School students have access to 2 laptop carts tailored with different 3-D apps designed for a true 3-D immersive experience. These laptops and associated software will allow us to incorporate new and emerging technology into the classroom that adds virtual and augmented reality experiences.

During the 22-23 school year, the District also enrolled in a second year of cybersecurity training for the entire faculty and staff. The training was offered by the State of Massachusetts and its cybersecurity division. Staff were “tested” multiple times throughout the year with simulations and quizzes to complement the training.



STUDENT TRANSPORTATION SERVICES
Michelle A. Rapoza, Student Services Coordinator
2022 - 2023

The Westport Community Schools’ student transportation program provides three types of service: regular school bus transportation, specialized van transportation for students with special needs, in compliance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 71B, and individualized service plans for homeless students, in compliance with the federal McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act.



Regular School Bus Transportation

The district offers school bus transportation to all students who are residents. Transportation for students in grades K-6 is **paid entirely** by funds from the annual school budget. Grade 7 through 12 students purchase bus passes, entitling them to transportation to and from school for the entire school year. Bus pass fees helped make transportation costs manageable. **Grades 7 through 12** bus passes for the 2022-2023 school year cost **\$200 per student** or a maximum of **\$400 per family**. Fees are waived for students whose family incomes meet Federal Guidelines set for the National School Lunch Program.

School bus transportation was provided by Amaral's Bus Company of Westport, MA, this was year two of a two-year contract. The company maintains a yard and dispatch office in the Town and runs 15 bus routes in two tiers, carrying high school and middle school students from 6:30-7:30 a.m. and transporting elementary school and kindergarten students from 7:30-8:30 a.m. The system takes students home after school in the same way. Each bus carries between 55 and 77 students with 2 to 3 students to a seat based on age and size of child; the district provided school bus service to about 664 Middle High School students and approximately 483 Kindergarten to 4th grade students, with average daily route ridership about 79% of students. We are charged at a rate of 15 routes @ 443.00 X 180 days, includes performance bond, for a total **Regular Education Transportation cost of \$1,196,100** (2nd year of a 2-year contract). Routes are designed for maximum fuel efficiency while ensuring that no route is more than one hour in length.

Special Needs Transportation

Massachusetts General Law Chapter 71B helps ensure that children with disabilities receive equal opportunities for education. The law requires towns to provide disabled school-age children with accessible transportation to and from local schools or special schools outside the Town, where children can access special services and accommodations. The state reimburses the local school district for **some** of these special transportation costs. Special needs transportation in Westport was provided by Whaling City Transit of Westport, MA. During the year, the district utilized six specially-equipped vehicles as well as specially-trained drivers and monitors to transport **29 students** to Westport schools and other public, private and collaborative schools in the region. Most special needs students attend classes year-round and on weekends.

Transportation For Homeless Students

The federal No Child Left Behind (NCLB) regulations require school districts to arrange transportation and cover or share coverage of the costs for homeless students who may no longer be able to live in the school district but still want to complete the school year in their community. Westport schools paid or shared the cost of transportation services for up to **30 homeless students** in the 2022-2023 school year. This mandate to transport homeless is declared an unfunded mandate by the state auditor.

Transportation Financial Report Fiscal Year 2022 - 2023

Regular & Special Ed Transportation Salaries & Support Services	\$57,091
Regular Education Transportation Expenditures	\$1,194,657

Regular School Bus Transportation	\$1,130,558
Extra Curricular Transportation	-----
Transportation for Homeless Students	\$63,887
Other Expenses	\$212
Special Education Transportation Expenditures	\$604,437
Special Needs Transportation (provided by the district)	\$603,473
Special Needs Transportation (reimbursements to parents)	\$426
Sped Other Expenses	\$538
Total	\$1,856,185



<p>FOOD SERVICES Michelle A. Rapoza, School Business Administrator 2022 – 2023</p>

The Westport Community Schools’ food services program is completely self-supporting, generating revenue through meal, vending sales, reimbursements from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), and the Massachusetts Department of Secondary & Elementary Education (DESE). Revenues fund all day-to-day operations, finance the replacement of aging equipment and cover the costs of implementing new technology in food service operations; including computerized point-of-sale systems at four schools.

All Westport schools participate in the National School Lunch Program, providing nutritionally balanced, low-cost or free lunches to Westport children during the year. School districts participating in the lunch program receive cash reimbursement and donated commodity foods from the USDA for each meal they serve. In return, schools must serve lunches that meet Federal nutrition requirements and they must offer free and reduced-price meals to eligible children.

Children with family incomes below 130 percent of the poverty level are eligible for free meals. Those between 130 and 185 percent of the poverty level are eligible for reduced-price meals. During the year, our schools served **154,776** lunches and **39,692** breakfasts. The percentage of Free and Reduced lunches for the 2022-2023 was 75% with the total student enrollment of **1,446**. Applications for free or reduced-priced meals are available throughout the year. The privacy of students who receive these meals is protected; their participation is anonymous. Meal costs at Westport Schools are slightly **lower** than state and national averages: lunch at the Middle High School is **\$3.00** and **\$3.00** at the Elementary School and Macomber School. Reduced-price meals are \$0.40. Westport Community Schools is providing free meals to all students under the USDA’s Child Nutrition Programs. Children enrolled in the district are eligible for these free meals regardless of eligibility through June 30, 2023.

Although school lunches must meet Federal nutrition requirements, decisions about what specific foods to serve and how they are prepared are made by our local school food services staff. All meals meet the

Dietary Guidelines for Americans. Each meal provides at least one-third of the recommended daily allowances for protein, Vitamin A, Vitamin C, iron, calcium and calories. Our schools actively support local growers through SEMAP's "Buy Fresh Buy Local" consortium, buying fresh and/or organic produce. Westport Community Schools started a Farm to School Initiative. The Westport Elementary School has a garden where students will learn the process of farming.

During the year, our 14-member staff served **154,776** lunches and **39,692** breakfasts, with a 29% increase from last year due to Universal Free Meals. Staff members participated monthly in food and industrial safety training, and all food preparation facilities and recordkeeping procedures were inspected monthly by a private compliance contractor. Facilities were also inspected at least two times by the Board of Health. Most staff members are ServSafe, Allergy and CPR certified.

Vending sales at Westport Schools are confined to healthy, reduced-calorie snacks and beverages that meet the nutritional guidelines of our Wellness Policy. The school district is a partner with Pepsi Beverages Company, the exclusive provider of our bottled water, fruit and vegetable juices (our schools do not offer any soda products to students or products that contain Splenda products).

Food Services Financial Report Fiscal Year 2022 - 2023

Beginning Balance		\$433,716
Revenues		940,289
Sales		132,647
State and Federal Reimbursement		806,202
Adult Meals Sales Tax		1,440
Expenditures		(1,119,061)
Salaries		(392,923)
Food		(405,869)
Contracted Services/Supplies & Materials/Other Exp. & Taxes		(320,269)
Equipment		(0.00)
Ending Balance		\$254,945
	<u># of free lunches</u>	<u># of reduced lunches</u>
	460	41

**WESTPORT COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
OUT OF SCHOOL TIME PROGRAM
Jennifer Chaves, Director
2022 - 2023**

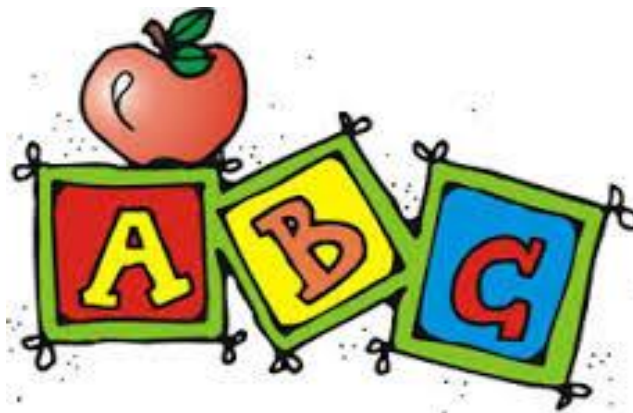
The Westport Community Schools Out Of School Time Program has provided before and after school care to students at both the Westport Elementary, Macomber Primary Schools and the Westport Middle School since 2014.

Jennifer Chaves has been the Program Director since August 2019. Each year, the program consistently provides services to approximately 85 students before and after school. All children are transported by bus to the Former Middle/High School after school. The ability to utilize the former high school has been a

wonderful experience for both the students and their families. The gymnasium is used daily for physical activity, and with the additional space, students have a wide variety of choices to choose from, such as yoga, art lessons, and music. Morning care, however, remains at the Westport Elementary School. Children in Kindergarten are transported daily to the Macomber Primary School each morning.

The Out of School Time Program employs the Director, a Program Coordinator, four Child Care Teachers, one Lead Teacher and four Child Care Assistants. In 2022, we began collaborating with the Westport High School, and have since hired three students. This has been extremely valuable, as so many of the children at the program look up to them as role models. Staff participate in ongoing professional development opportunities provided by the Department of Early Education Care (EEC), which covers various topics such as de-escalation techniques for children with behavioral difficulties, health and safety protocols, and other topics surrounding childcare and out of school time programs. All are CPR and First Aid certified. Additionally, we address each child’s social and emotional needs, assist children with homework as needed, participate in dramatic play, and plan weekly projects that are developmentally appropriate for each age group.

The program operates Monday through Friday, offers care during February and April vacations, and also remains open for eight weeks throughout the summer. Morning care is accessible to families at 7:00 am, and the after school program remains open until 5:30pm. During school vacation weeks, care is provided from 8 am to 4:30 pm. The Program does not provide care if the school district is closed due to inclement weather.



<p>SCHOOL DISTRICT PERSONNEL 2022 - 2023</p>

POSITION	NAME
Superintendent of Schools	Thomas Aubin
School Business Officer	Michelle Rapoza
Director of Curriculum & Instruction	Lisa Kaminski

Director of Technology	Anthony Tomah
Superintendent's Secretary	Karen Augusto
Human Resources Director	Kristin McDaniel
Human Resources Assistant	Jill Cipollini
Special Education Coordinator Grades PreK - 4	Nancy Tavares
Special Education Coordinator Grades 5 - 12	Wendy Miranda
Out of School Time Director	Jennifer Chaves
Out of School Time Coordinator	Deserie Sambun
Executive Assistant for Business Services	Melissa Sousa
Business Services Assistant (Accounts Payable)	Sheila Kenyon
Business Services Assistant (Payroll)	Lucy Hassey/Kimberly Westgate
Administrative Clerk (Transportation/Nutrition/Technology)	Holly Moreau
Supervisor of Facilities & Custodians	Kimberly Ouellette
Head of Maintenance & Facilities	Michael Duarte/Emanuel "Manny" Moniz
Maintenance Assistant	Peter Sarza
Maintenance Assistant	Jacob Sarza
Courier/Custodian	Lori Deston
Network System Administrator	Judith Graham
Technology Support Technician	John Kenepp
Technology Support Technician	Aiden Halliwell
Technology Support Technician .5	John Cabral (contract)
LPN	Kerri Taylor
Special Education Executive Secretary	Crystal Enos
Registrar	Felicia Pacheco
School Resource Officer (Town)	Scott Davis (Town)
School Resource Officer (Town)	Alberio "Junior" Medina (Town)

Alice A. Macomber Primary School 2022 - 2023

Stacey Duquette - Principal

Integrated Pre-K Teachers	Teacher Assistants	School Adj. Counselor
Korie Oliver	Tricia Aguiar	Elizabeth Harrington
Melissa Parker	Nicole Anderson	
Karen Sigman	Heather Branco	Nurse
Samantha Westgate	Lucy Cordeiro	Tracy Pereira, RN
	Kelly Dean	
SPED Ed Teachers	Jeanine Deveau	Secretary
Stacy Rivera – PK Sub Separate	Christine Dias	Judith Oliveira – Exec. Secretary
Amy Sousa – Kindergarten Inclusion	Kathryn Flanagan	
	Rachel Fortier	Food Services
Kindergarten Teachers	Kara Hermenegildo	Maria Fatima Silva
Allison Correia	Jennifer Lavoie	Sherrie Giovannini – Manager
Sienna Flynn	Gorrett McAvoy	
Karen Lavenda	Rebecca Moniz	Custodians
Jennifer Medeiros	Tammy Pimentel	Renata Araujo

Michelle Thomas	Paula Raposa	Casey Jones
Specialist Teachers		
Gary Parziale – Physical Education		
Kelly Thiboutot – Integrated Arts		

Westport Elementary School 2022 - 2023

Stacey Duquette – Principal
Kevin Aguiar – Assistant Principal

Teachers	Specialist Teachers	Teacher Assistants
Grade 1	Cynthia Bell – STEM	Jennifer Aguiar
Donna Edwards	Marlo Dennis – Music	Felicia Amaral
Tammy Gluchacki	Terry Pacheco – Health & Wellness	Hannah Brodeur
Robin Morin	Susan Viveiros - Technology	Jessica Carvalho
Karen Salva	Chantal Zmuda – Art	Stacey Farias
Kristin Shott		Ashley Ferreira
Andrea Willard	Intervention	Barbara Gesner
	Kelly Araujo	Kimberley Legendre
Grade 2	Amanda Melo – Reading Specialist	Susan Martin
Kristy Almeida		Alex Mattos
Rebecca Boyle	ELL	Kendra Pimentel
Lindsey Gosson	Ann Hathaway	Korryn Pinard
Jennifer Merchant		Alexandra Souza
Aimee Rapoza	Special Education Teachers	Janet Vachon
Ashley Rodrigues	Lindsay Cabral – Grade 2	
	Jaclyn MacDonald – Grade 1	Secretaries/Clerks
Grade 3	Johanna Marcel – Spec Ed Teacher	Michelle Vieira – Clerk
Shayma Braga	Kara Raposo – Grade3	Lori Melo – Executive Secretary
Erin Connors	Renee Rego – Sub Separate	Natalie Branco – Spec Ed Secretary
Jill Davenport	Avery Smith – Grade 4	
Julie Morotti		Food Service
Eric Plant	Counselors	Karen Arruda
Susan Porter	Anne Mueller – Guidance/SAC	Roseanne Correia
	Rebecca Kearney – SAC	Janice Machado
Grade 4		Maria Raposo – Manager
Elizabeth Chouinard	Nurses	
Cheryl Guild	Nicole Machado, RN	Custodians
Alison Higham	Corey Pereira, LPN	Jacob Mauk
Nicole Martel		Kevin Richard
Shelley Rego		Mark Thibodeau
Jody Williams		

Westport Middle School 2022 - 2023

Laura Charette - Principal

English Teachers	Specialist Teachers	In School Suspension TA
Jonathan Bernier – 7 th /8 th Grade	Melissa Avila – Computer Science	Natalia Silva
William Bernier – 7 th /8 th Grade	Elizabeth Carvalho – Music	
Betheny Borges – 7 th Grade	Rebeckah Gendron – STEAM	Secretaries/Clerks
Kelly Croft – 6 th Grade	Matthew Kamper – Physical Education	Amy Arruda – Special Ed Clerk
Brandi Daviski – 5 th Grade	Deborah Milton – STEM	Jacqueline Corey – Guidance Clerk
Michelle Tripp – 5 th /6 th Grade	Richard Monast – Library/Media	Michael Harrison – Exec Secretary
Nancy Tripp – 7 th /8 th Grade	Renne Monteiro-Bernard – 5 th -8 th Grade	Audrey Henry – School Clerk
	Christopher Nunes – 5 th -8 th Music	
Math Teachers	Amy Teixeira – 5 th /6 th Physical Education	Food Service
Andrea Cotteill – 5 th /6 th Grade		Jean Couto
Andrew Cottrill – 6 th Grade	Special Education Teachers	Rebecca Desa
Jennifer Gargiulo – 7 th /8 th Grade	Dianne Pereira Aldrich – 5 th -8 th Grade Sub Separate	Jennifer Friar
Judith Jennings – 7 th Grade	Derek DaSilva – 7 th /8 th Grade	Cheryl Gifford
Mary Catherine Santos – 8 th Grade	Linda Ferreira – 5 th -8 th Grade Resource Room	Crystal Maltais
Elizabeth Texeira – 5 th Grade	Katie Mahoney – 5 th /6 th Grade	Ronda Pereira – Manager
	Andrea Medeiros – 7 th /8 th Grade	Ana Vidinha
Social Studies Teachers	Patrick Sullivan – 5 th -8 th Grade	
Amy Dubois – 7 th Grade	Patricia Sommer – 5 th /6 th Grade	Custodians
Thomas Flanagan – 5 th /6 th Grade	Mark Ward – 5 th -8 th Grade	Jamie Barton
Michael Ponte – 8 th Grade		John faria, Jr.
Matthew Shunney – 5 th Grade	Counselors	Jeffrey Levasseur
Ryan Struthers – 5 th /6 th Grade	Marie Fallows – Guidance	William Menard
Amanda Tetzloff – 7 th /8 th Grade	Jennifer Borelli – SAC	Justin Perry
	Shawn Thomas – SAC	Paul Rhuda
Science Teachers		Glenn Souza
Nathaniel Brown – 7 th /8 th Grade	Nurse	
Jodi Ferreira – 5 th Grade	Teresa Babb, RN	
Elton Pacheco – 8 th Grade		
Holly Pacheco – 7 th Grade	Teacher Assistants	
Trisha Paiva – 5 th /6 th Grade	Sherry Amaral	
Nicole Sirois – 6 th Grade	Nick Avilla	
	Rebecca Avilla	
Business Teachers	Carol Beaupre	
David Carulli – CAD Teacher	Ksthleen Cummings	
Brendan Magalhaes – 5 th /6 th Grade	Debra Darkow	
	Annette Degagne	
Interventionists	Nadine Fournier	
Betheny Borges 7 th Grade Reading	Jonathan Guild	
Nancy Tripp – 7 th /8 th Grade Reading	Scotty Hayes	
	Sherrie Lees	
Reading Specialist	Paula Mello	
Mary Andrade	Keri Pierce	
	Jaime Soares	
ELL	Robin Sullivan	
Amanda Rowley - ELL		

Westport High School 2022 - 2023

Laura Charette - Principal
 Michael Grandfield – Assistant Principal
 Jason Pacheco – Athletic Director

English Teachers	Specialist Teachers	In School Suspension TA
Thomas Clerk – 9 th -12 th Grade	Celia DaLuza – Health/wellness	Natalia Silva
Regina Mercer – 9 th -12 th Grade	Scott Frost – CAD Video Game Design	
Nicole Phenix – 9 th -12 th Grade	Melissa Lambert – Art	Secretaries/Clerks
Amanda Rowley – 9 th -12 th Grade	Daniel Marques – School to Career	Amy Arruda – Special Ed Clerk
Matthew Shivers – 9 th -12 th Grade	Benjamin Marshalek – Health/Wellness	Jacqueline Cory – Guidance Clerk
	Richard Monast – Library Media Center	Michael Harrison – Exec Secretary
Math Teachers	John Rezendes – Film/Video	Audrey Henry – School Clerk
Ian Burrows - 9 th -12 th Grade	Liam Sullivan – Music	
John Cipollini – 9 th -12 th Grade		Food Service
Daniel Cox – 9 th -12 th Grade	Special Education Teachers	Jean Couto
Laura McMeniman – 9 th -12 th Grade	Cindy Arruda – 9 th -12 th Grade	Rebecca Desa
Amy Silva – 9 th -12 th Grade	Darcy Cohen – 9 th -12 th Grade	Jennifer Friar
	Monique Jones – 9 th -12 th Grade	Cheryl Gifford
Social Studies Teachers	Erin Mello – 9 th -12 th Grade Self-Contained	Crystal Maltais
Norman Abrahamson – 9 th -12 th Grade	Julia Moisiades – 9 th -12 th Grade	Ronda Pereira – Manager
Rebecca Mekshes – 9 th -12 th Grade	Joseph Souza – 9 th -12 th Grade Focus Room	Ana Vidinha
Katherine Silva – 9 th -12 th Grade		
Sheldon Thibodeau – 9 th -12 th Grade	Counsellors	Custodians
	Christina Borges – Guidance	Jamie Barton
Science Teachers	Mary-Jo Medeiros – SAC	John Faria, Jr.
Daniel Harrington – 9 th -12 th Grade	Leslie Ruel – Guidance	Jeffrey Levasseur
Andrew McGinnis – 9 th -12 th Grade		William Menard
Zoe Boza (LTS) – 9 th -12 th Grade	Nurse	Justin Perry
Jordan Silva – 9 th -12 th Grade	Suzanne Walinski, RN	Paul Rhuda
		Glenn Souza
World Language Teachers	Teacher Assistants	
Edneuzia Farias – Portuguese	Hannah Ayotte	
Caroline Pavao – Spanish	Kristen Bernard	
	Wendi Charbonneau	
Business Teachers	Heidi Charest	
Kevin Clark	Karen Giblin	
	Stephanie Pacheco	
	Kimberly Perry	
	Deserie Sambun	
	Sharon Skov	

District Related Special Education Services 2022 - 2023

Position	Name
Psychologist	Martha Brewster
Psychologist	Julie White
COTA	Yamarie Vazquez
Behavior Teacher	Sandra Mauk
Behavior Specialist TA	Crystal Carreiro
Physical Therapist	Jessica Randall

Teacher of Visually Impaired & Orientation & Mobility	Karen Stiles
Reading Specialist	Terri Ierman
Speech Language Pathologist	Cynthia DeFreitas
Speech Language Pathologist	Lynn Volk
Speech Language Pathologist	Shannon Whalen
Speech Language Pathologist Assistant	Rachel Flynn
Speech Language Pathologist Assistant	Hailey Suarez
Occupational Therapist	Ginger Cameron
Occupational Therapist	Cristine Morrissette

Out of School Time Staff 2022 - 2023

Extended Day Staff
Noah Amaral
Delia Barroso
Gianna Borges
Benjamin Cross
Bethany Deveau
Emma Gifford
Katherine McGonigle
Rebecca Moniz
Leyla Nascimento
Nathan Nascimento
Kendra Pimental
Abbigail White

