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## VISION FELLOWSHIP DIALOGUE DINNERS ARE A HIT!



At the January 23rd inaugural Dialogue Dinner, from left to right, front row: Haven Huck, Melissa Hackney, Casey Blum, Emma Green-Beach, Emily Reddington. Back row: Dick Johnson, Philippe Jordi, Luanne Johnson, Liz Olson and Antone Lima. Attendees not pictured: Julie Fay, Victoria Haeselbarth and Brian Morris

This winter, the Vision Fellowship program introduced its Dialogue Dinner Series to bring people together to build community and inform and engage them on challenging issues. The Advisory Council brainstormed topics and gathered ideas from the Vision Fellowship community and then ranked these topics according to timeliness for group discussion. The initial top two were affordable housing and cultural sensitivity.

Attendees at the first dinner, held on January 23rd on Beach Road Restaurant's porch, discussed the complexities confronting the Island's affordable housing crisis. Philippe Jordi, Executive Director of Island Housing Trust and 2012 Vision Fellow, led the discussion and created the opportunity for the group to engage on the wide-ranging issues facing the affordable housing movement on the Island and more broadly.

"The evening dinner forum was an optimal way to connect with other Fellows, enabling us to receive brief updates on everyone's projects before focusing on our guest speaker," said Victoria Haeselbarth, Outreach Worker for the Edgartown Council on Aging and 2017 Vision Fellow. "Housing is one of the island's most pressing concerns and it was reassuring to know that one of our Vineyard Vision scholars is successfully tackling this challenging issue."

The question posed for the second dinner, held on March 12th, was: How can we support culturally diverse community members on Martha's Vineyard? Leah Palmer, English Language Learner Director for the Martha's Vineyard Public Schools, and April Knight, M.A., LMHC, Doctoral Candidate at The Chicago School of

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Professional Psychology and Vision Fellow 2016, guided the discussion. Jane Sampaio, a Portuguese teacher at the high school who is involved in promoting access to education to the Island's Brazilian students, provided additional insights.

The discussion primarily focused on the school system. Leah made the point that the school system is one of the largest points of access that we have to affect social change in the broader community. She also noted that the Brazilian population on the Vineyard has expanded dramatically over the years. In 2012, 73 English language learners were enrolled in the Island's schools. In 2020, that number is 369. While children from other countries are represented, including Jamaica, Portugal, the Czech Republic and Bolivia, the Brazilian population is the largest.

Leah and April explained that our model of education is subtractive for most immigrant students, meaning that our curriculum policies and practices remove students' culture and language from classroom contexts as a resource for learning or as a source of personal affirmation. Subtractive education assumes that students' academic successes depend on the degree to which they give up their own cultures or language or traditions to assimilate into mainstream culture.

In an additive or enrichment model of education, the student's first language is supported while a second is added. April pointed out that, with the subtractive model, children who come from culturally different backgrounds do not have access to the same education and opportunities to develop to their full potential as the children who are already assimilated. The takeaways from this conversation resonated beyond the school system to the entire Island community. The hope, as expressed by Leah and

“What struck me is that in this time of ever increasing cynicism and unmitigated self-interest, everyone around the table was working for the good of the community, defined in the broadest sense,” said **Dick Johnson, environmental consultant and Vision Fellow 2017**, of the dinner he attended. “A much needed and much appreciated antidote to the wave of negativism and constant focus on “getting mine” so prevalent in our world today.”

and April, is for every aspect of our school system, and of our community, to be inclusive and, at a minimum, culturally aware until we can evolve to be fully culturally responsive. April pointed out that we must understand our own worldview in order to appreciate how it manifests in our thoughts and actions towards others. Cultural sensitivity means holding space for someone else, listening to them, and making space for their worldview.

According to April, “our realities, our belief systems, evolve and change based on the conversations that we have in our subcultures and our broader cultures, in our dialogues and our megalogues. The magic bullet is that we are constantly changing because we are having these conversations, like this one. Because of this, we will all take this information out of this room and into the community, whether it's via clinical work, teaching, building, book groups, whatever we do.”

When our days of physical distancing are behind us, we look forward to offering another Vision Fellowship Dialogue Dinner series. In the meantime, please do submit ideas for future discussion topics.

## The Vision Fellowship's Vision

For 16 years, the Vision Fellowship has been a grassroots catalyst for Island-based emerging leaders and change makers. Its goal is to empower Islanders to pursue further education, professional development and Island-based projects for their own benefit and for the benefit of the Island community. The Vision Fellowship's core focus is on preserving and enriching the Island's environmental and social fabric. The Vision Fellowship encourages collaboration, community building, mentoring and knowledge sharing across disciplines.



## The Vision Fellowship Fair has been postponed

The Fair, which had been scheduled for Saturday, June 20th at The Grange, has been postponed due to the pandemic. Also postponed are the small group breakfast and lunch gatherings. When we receive guidance that it is safe to gather again, events will be rescheduled. In the meantime, we are exploring ways to build community and foster communication among members of the Vision Fellowship community at a distance. We will keep you updated. We welcome your ideas.



## MIDCAREER MILESTONES



### Scott Goldin

Scott Goldin, a 2018 Vision Fellow, recently finished his Masters of Education at Lesley University with a 4.0 GPA. He has since progressed his teaching licensure to Initial status in both math and math/science 5-8th Grade. He is in the process of receiving his licensure in moderate disabilities and K-12 vice principal/principal. During his two-year Fellowship, he has continued teaching math at the Martha's Vineyard Public Charter School and pursuing development of the Composting Program at the Charter School through the School Program and a piloted Family Program. The School Program has surpassed 23,000 lbs in composted materials and the Family Composting Pilot has been a source of valuable data. In the past year, roughly 800 pounds of the total has been composted on site in the Charter School's in-vessel composters for the School Garden. Many families and faculty

continue to take their compostable materials to the school site to be picked up by Island Grown Initiative's Food Rescue Program. In more recent news, Scott has been hired as the Assistant Director of the Martha's Vineyard Public Charter School following the completion of this school year. He looks forward to supporting teachers, students, families, sustainability efforts, and bolstering the social fabric of the Island. Reach out to Scott if you have interest in working with students and sharing knowledge from your area of expertise. The Charter School welcomes the collaboration.

### Mary Sage Napolitan

Mary Sage Napolitan, a 2018 Vision Fellow, earned a Master of Science in Ecological Design from the Conway School of Landscape Design in Northampton, MA. Following her graduation in 2019, she returned to Martha's Vineyard, where she now works planning and maintaining home-scale food gardens for Island homeowners and as a freelance ecological designer and consultant. She also travels periodically for workshops and site visits in order to observe evolving landscape practices and climate change adaptation and mitigation strategies that may be applicable and beneficial for ecological health and resilience on Martha's Vineyard.



### Carrie Fyler

Carrie Fyler, 2019 Vision Fellow and high school biology teacher, oversees the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School's Tick Lab, the only lab on Martha's Vineyard that tests deer ticks for *Borrelia*, the bacteria that causes Lyme disease in humans. The Tick Lab was created in 2018 through the work of Carrie's Science Honors Research students and has been able to continue running because of a component of Carrie's Vision Fellowship award. While dormant now because of the school closure, the lab will start up when they reopen.

"The Tick Lab is a really incredible addition to the school and I would like to keep it up and running for as long as there is student interest and as long as I can get funding," Carrie said. "Having the students trained and then having them intern in the lab is such a unique and wonderful experience for them. The school has even entertained the idea of allowing students to intern in the tick lab as part

Carrie uses a sheet to 'sweep' for ticks.

of a work study. The students in my lab are ones who are really interested in pursuing a future in science and we are sending them off to college with experience and an opportunity like no other. In addition to benefiting students, we are also compiling a long term database for annual tick infection rates on MV. This will be the only dataset of its kind and so important given the huge public health concern Lyme disease poses. This data will help measure the efficacy of projects like the MIT mice against ticks project, which is still underway."



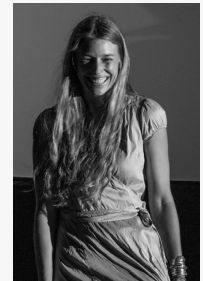
Each of these tubes contains a tick collected and tested by Carrie and her students.

## Vision Fellowship Advisory Council Update

The members of the Advisory Council to the Martha's Vineyard Vision Fellowship Grants Committee are ambassadors of the Vision Fellowship program. They are experts in their fields and are also broad-minded, contributive thinkers. They are knowledgeable about the Vision Fellowship's mission and workings.

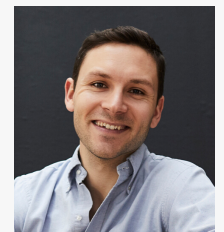


The Council first convened in 2018 at the request of the Grants Committee. Their task was to research and conduct outreach regarding the top Island needs and issues that were at that time underserved or unmet. The Council then informed the Vision Fellowship Grants Committee about those needs. The Council used the Martha's Vineyard Commission's 2009 Island Plan as a starting point because the Vision Fellowship's sustainability areas of interest are derived from the Island Plan. The Council was requested to dig deeper than that, though, and to present any needs they discovered that were not in the Island Plan.



Once they identified the needs, the Council prioritized them according to those which could be advanced through the Vision Fellowship's fellowship-based grant-making model.

The Council ultimately shepherded several proposals through the Vision Fellowship's 2019-2020 grant process. Three of those, described below, received 2020 Vision Fellowship awards.



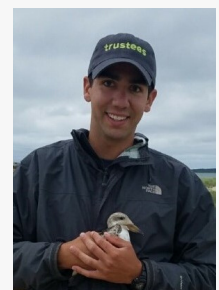
**Construction & Demolition Waste Project:** Woody Filley will manage a project that focuses on the construction and demolition waste portion goal to develop pilot programs to redirect as much as possible to recycling, reuse and other innovative ways of reduction. Woody's first job here in the early 1980s was running the newly created Martha's Vineyard Recycling Committee. Thereafter, he went on to serve as the Edgartown Representative to the Refuse Committee (the precursor to the MV Refuse District). Among other things, Woody served as the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School's Technology Director for 20 years.



**School-based Health Care Project:** Kim Garrison will implement a project to establish a consistent multi-tiered system of support for social-emotional and behavioral wellbeing across the Martha's Vineyard Public School system (MVPS). She will also develop a model for a school-based health center. The framework for this stems primarily from an integration of specific evidence-based approaches to school-based mental health, social-emotional learning, and school climate transformation. Kim has worked in education for 17 years. She has taught at the primary, secondary and post-secondary levels. Since 2013, she has been pursuing her Ph.D. in the field of Human Development.

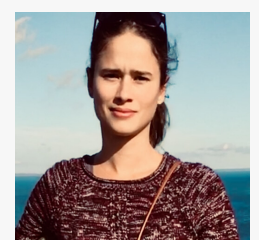


**Infant and Toddler Care Project:** Heather Quinn, Director of Early Childhood Programs for Martha's Vineyard Community Services (MVCS), and Kim D'Arcy, Program Coordinator for the MVCS Family Center, will create and oversee the position of Family Childcare Network Coordinator at MVCS. The Vineyard has a severe shortage of childcare options for infants and toddlers. With the establishment of this position, the new Coordinator will provide crucial concrete supports, emotional supports and access to education opportunities and community resources for family childcare providers in our community and will work to encourage new providers to enter the field.



For more on these new Fellows and the 14 other stellar 2020 Vision Fellowship award recipients please see the website.

The Advisory Council members, in the order that their pictures appear in the right hand column, are Kendra Buresch (2015 Fellow), April Knight (2016 Fellow), Shelley Edmundson (2011 Fellow), Josh Gothard (2017 Fellow) Luanne Johnson (2009 Mentor, 2015 Fellow), Antone Lima (2009 Fellow), and Luiza Mouzinho (2014 Fellow). Each is serving a three-year term, ending in the fall of 2021.





## UNDERGRADUATE UPDATES!

Since awarding its first undergraduate Vision Fellowships in 2006, the Vision Fellowship program has welcomed 38 undergraduate students into the Vision Fellowship community. The program takes a long view regarding these Fellows. Many young students benefit by gaining additional education and experience elsewhere. Thus, a commitment to move home after graduation is not emphasized. However, undergraduates are encouraged to develop strong mentor relationships wherever they go and to maintain meaningful ties with the Island and the Vision Fellowship community.



### Connor Downing, 2016 Vision Fellow **In his own words:**

For the Fall 2019 semester, I had the opportunity to be a part of the Semester at Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution. The program brings in five undergraduate students from around the world to contribute to research happening at WHOI. I was assigned to the ocean chemistry and geochemistry department in Matt Charette's lab.

My research with Matt involved analyzing Radium-226 and 228 isotopes collected during a 2018 cruise in the South Pacific as part of the GEOTRACES program. Radium isotopes are released from sediment and are soluble in water. These properties allow Radium to be an effective tracer of water parcels while also revealing places of high sediment input. My task was to extract and analyze Radium-226 and 228 from cruise samples at the three southernmost stations.

Based on the 'activity' of the samples (higher activity means more radium), hypotheses could be made as to the source of the radium. Radium-226 and 228 activity is generally lower at the surface, and higher towards the bottom of the ocean where the sediment is. The results from the three stations analyzed revealed that one of the stations had a potential hydrothermal input. Hydrothermal plumes contain relatively high activities of Radium isotopes. More investigation is required to confirm the presence of a hydrothermal vent at that station, but the initial evidence is promising.

In total, there are 39 stations worth of samples which are being analyzed as part of the cruise. Post-doc Emilie Le Roy is finishing up the remaining samples and her research will culminate in a publication detailing the Radium-226 and 228 activities of the South Pacific Ocean.

### Camilla Prata, 2017 Vision Fellow

Camilla Prata is enrolled in the honors program at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. She is on the pre-medical track, majoring in Nutrition and minoring in Psychology. After completing her undergraduate studies, she will further her career in medical school in hopes of pursuing her dream of becoming a physician. She was born and raised on Martha's Vineyard.

She attended the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School, where she played varsity tennis on the 2016 state championship team and was an active member of the Portuguese Club.

In 2017, Camilla began her internship at the Martha's Vineyard Hospital under the mentorship of Dr. Karen Casper, an emergency room physician.

She conducts research on opioid overdoses and Naloxone use in all six towns on Martha's Vineyard. Her research consists of collecting prehospital Naloxone run sheets and analyzing the data. In addition to the data collection, Camilla shadows Dr. Karen Casper in the Emergency Department and Dr. Peter Pil in the Surgical Services every summer. She has also worked on various projects throughout her internship. Some of those projects included designing wallet size informational cards on how to properly administer Naloxone, as well as common opioids, and the symptoms of an overdose. Another project she partook in was creating an alcohol fact sheet that illustrated the health risks associated with alcohol use as well as contact information for those seeking help. Last summer Camilla created Naloxone posters for pharmacies, which illustrate the availability of naloxone as well as an educational video in English and Portuguese on how bystanders can properly administer naloxone to an individual experiencing an overdose.



### James Robinson, 2017 Vision Fellow **In his own words:**

I am a Senior at UMass Amherst (finishing my third year) and expecting to graduate in Spring 2021 with a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science and minors in Education and Sustainable Community Development.

In the Summer of 2017 and 2018, I worked on a Summer Basketball Pilot Project, emphasizing social, emotional and



team chemistry, as well as prioritized performance in the classroom. In Summer 2019, I archived and classified historical maps for the Martha's Vineyard Commission. At the University, I combined my interests of public education and political science. I have taken courses in Special Education, and International (comparative) Education. I have studied immigration policy and urban government, as well climate change and sustainable development courses. Currently, I am working on a research paper on the territorial status of Puerto Rico, and the constitutional discourse surrounding the topic. Moving closer to graduation, I will be pursuing graduate studies in Public Policy and Public Management. I have an interest in the future of United States' government, education and social policy, tax policy, and economic development.

## VISION FELLOW ALUMNI: WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

The Vision Fellowship is proud to have supported 128 islanders in their pursuit of advanced education and innovative projects. Of that total, 44 are current Fellows and the remainder are Vision Fellow alumni. The Alumni form the backbone of the Vision Fellowship program. They comprise a powerful community of Islanders who share knowledge of their particular field and of their work towards the shared goal of a sustainable future for Martha's Vineyard.

### **Kaila Allen-Posin** In her own words:

In 2012, I received my M.Ed. with a concentration in Education for Sustainability from Antioch New England, with the incredible support of the Vision Fellowship. For the next 6 years, I worked for Island Grown Schools, first teaching garden- and place-based education for grades K-12, and developing curriculum, and then moving on to manage our staff as the IGS Program Manager. This was truly a dream job, but my life as a mother and a farmer began to expand. In 2018, I stepped out of this role and into one a bit closer to home. I began to focus my work at home at the Allen Farm, raising my family, and exploring new ways of learning for my children and other children on the Island.

In 2016, my sister and I started a homeschool cooperative, called At Home in the Woods, which now guides children ages 2-7 in nature-based education year-round. My work at IGS, my Master's program, and my experience as a farmer continue to overlap in this work, and help to support the growth and learning of not only my children but a group of children as we explore the Island community, and the land and sea that surround us. It is so powerful to see the impacts that place-based learning can have both within and without a classroom, and I will forever hold such deep gratitude to the Vision Fellowship community for supporting not only my path but so many in this community that will shape the learning of my children for years to come.



### **Wes Look** In his own words:

As a Vision fellow, I had the great privilege of contributing to the age-old Island work of fostering local sustainable energy practices. From harvesting cordwood and block ice, to plowing with draft horses and shipping freight under sail, the many ways we've met our energy needs have been at the core of our island culture for generations. Many of these traditions continue to this day, and to them we have added a new set of technologies and practices that align with the vision of island self-sufficiency. This includes solar panels on rooftops and town dumps, wind turbines standing tall on our farms, and increasing the efficiency of our buildings and vehicles.

The fellowship gave me the opportunity to work with town governments—in partnership with the Green Communities Division of the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources—to advance sustainable energy practices for the island. I conducted an inventory of town energy uses, supported efforts to invest in energy efficiency and renewable energy at town facilities, and worked with town leadership to update building codes – thereby deepening our local energy resilience, saving money for town budgets, and demonstrating strong stewardship climate change.

The fellowship also supported me in working as a graduate student fellow in the U.S. Senate over three summers –



where I helped craft clean energy and climate policies for Senator Bernie Sanders (D-VT) in 2011, Senator Maria Cantwell (D-WA) in 2012, and the Senate Energy Committee under the leadership of Senator Ron Wyden (D-OR) in 2013. Furthermore, the fellowship supported my studies in the Master of Public Policy program at the Harvard Kennedy School of Government and the Master of Science program in environmental policy and planning at MIT's Department of Urban Studies and Planning. These programs and my work experience have centered on climate change and energy policy, and have given me the tools to contribute to a sustainable future for the island community and the world at large. After completing graduate school and the fellowship, I worked from 2014 - 2017 as Advisor on Energy and Environment in a joint-staff capacity serving the Senate Finance Committee and the personal office of Senator Ron Wyden. I advised Senator Wyden and the Finance Committee on a range of clean energy and climate policies, including approaches for pricing greenhouse gas emissions from fossil fuels and unlocking the potential of innovative technologies/systems like energy storage, electric vehicles, the smart grid and wave and wind energy generation.

Since 2017, when I left the Hill, I have been working for various non-profit organizations (primarily based in DC and NY) with a mission to advance climate and clean energy policy at both state and federal levels. Much of my work recently has focused on the question of how to navigate a "just transition" for workers and communities dependent on fossil fuel economies, as we move towards a decarbonized world.

I am deeply grateful to the Vineyard Vision Fellowship for supporting my education and for building community around questions of island sustainability.

### **Olivia Gross** In her own words:

Upon graduating from MVRHS in 2010, I knew I wanted to pursue a career in healthcare, to combine my passion for wellness and my goal to help people in need. With the assistance of the Fellowship, I received my B.S. in Dietetics, Nutrition & Food Sciences with a minor in Food Systems from the University of Vermont in 2014. Following this, I applied for my Dietetic Internship, the next necessary step on the path to becoming a Registered Dietitian. I matched at Duke University Hospital in Durham, NC and spent the following year there rotating through different medical subspecialties. Upon completion of my internship in 2015, I returned to MA, sat for the national examination to become a Registered Dietitian, and got a job as a clinical dietitian at Lahey Hospital & Medical Center in Burlington, MA. I worked there caring for patients in the ICU, neurology unit, and ALS clinic for almost 2 years before I found myself eager for a role that would allow me to impact patients on a greater scale, treating the whole patient rather than focusing on their nutrition only. In the Winter of 2018 I was accepted to Boston University School of Medicine's Physician Assistant Program. I will complete my degree in August 2020. My goal is to get a job in a hospital with a high degree of medical acuity and high patient volume so that I can continue to learn and become a master in my field prior to moving to a smaller community, ideally to Vineyard, to have more of an impact. I am lucky to be marrying a companion (on May 30!) who has grown to adore the Vineyard and is excited to return here to raise a family one day soon.



## **FOOD WASTE PROJECT UPDATE**

Food waste is an Island-wide and worldwide problem. According to research here, 6,500 tons of food that has been grown, processed, and transported to or around the Island is shipped back off-Island as waste. It costs Islanders approximately \$622,000 a year to transport and dispose of this waste in off-Island landfills each year. This sum does not include the additional residential tipping fees, pick-up costs or the tax dollars that help to underwrite waste removal. Nor does it include the environmental costs of the greenhouse gasses emitted by food waste as it rots in landfills.

In 2015, the Vision Fellowship convened a group of concerned stakeholders to oversee a project to study possible Island-wide food waste composting solutions and to recommend a plan of action. The Vision Fellowship developed this

project in response to a 2014 state ban on food waste in the trash stream. This ban currently applies only to those producing one ton or more of food waste per week, but it will be expanded over time to include everyone. People will no longer be able to put food waste in their trash barrels. They will be required to separate it into its own container for drop off at transfer stations or for curbside pickup.

In its 2017 Feasibility Study (which you can view at here at the Vision Fellowship's website: <https://bit.ly/2V8Aigx>), the Committee recommended a plan for an in-vessel composting unit to be located at one or both transfer stations (Edgartown and Oak Bluffs). Since then, the Committee has engaged in public policy advocacy work to gain support for that plan.

This past fall, the Martha's Vineyard Commission approved the expansion of the Martha's Vineyard Refuse District to include a central food waste composting facility. Current projections predict that the facility will be accepting food waste by the summer of 2022. The Committee's work has been funded by the Vision Fellowship over the years through a series of three grants, with a final one awarded this winter. A portion of the current grant is being used to commission an engineering consultant to prepare a plan for the Refuse District's expansion project with full financial projections for the food waste recycling program.

The Committee's pilot project to pick up food waste from restaurants that was initiated in 2016 and was later adopted by Island Grown Initiative is now called Island Food Rescue. In its first year, the food waste pilot collected 17 tons of waste which were added to Morning Glory Farm's compost pile. In 2019, the program picked up and composted more than 350 tons at IGI's Thimble Farm.

The pandemic has seriously impacted Island Food Rescue's work. Since the schools and most restaurants have closed, food waste from those sources is nonexistent. The program had 30 clients at the beginning of March and is now down to ten.

For people at home who are seeing an increase in the food waste they generate, please consider separating food waste at home. For those without a home compost pile, five-gallon buckets of waste may be dumped at any town transfer station for \$2. IGI picks up the waste regularly and composts it at Thimble Farm. For more on Island Food Rescue program, including tips on how to reduce food waste, visit IGI's website at <https://www.igimv.org/>.

When the stay-at-home orders are lifted, people may pick up free composting buckets at IGI's Thimble Farm.

## FOOD WASTE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The Food Waste Committee first convened in 2015 and was comprised of **Don Hatch**, Director of the Martha's Vineyard Refuse Disposal and Resource Recovery District; **Michael Loberg**, Chairman of Tisbury Board of Health; **Chris Murphy**, Chilmark Conservation Commission member and former MV Commission member; **Jon Previant** former Executive Director of The Farm Institute; **Richard Toole**, Martha's Vineyard Commissioner and former Vineyard Conservation Society board president; and **Keith Wilda**, Program Leader at Island Grown Initiative.

Since its inception, new members have joined the Committee, including: **Rebecca Haag**, Executive Director at Island Grown Initiative, who replaced Keith Wilda as IGI representative to the Committee and now serves as Chair; **Matt Poole**, Edgartown Health Agent; **Jeremy Houser**, Communications and Ecologist at Vineyard Conservation Society; **Warren Adams**, Strategic Advisor for ReFED, a multi-stakeholder, national nonprofit committed to reducing U.S. food waste; **Richard Osness**, Chair of the Chilmark Planning Board and Chilmark's appointee to the Board of the Refuse District, who also runs the Kitchen Porch catering business with his wife, Jan Burhman; and **Simon Athearn** of Morning Glory Farm, to represent farmers and farm-based composting operations. Two original members, Chris Murphy and Jon Previant, stepped down in early 2019.

## ISLAND FOOD WASTE INITIATIVE

In related news, in spring 2019, an Island Food Waste Initiative was launched here by the Fink Family Foundation. The Initiative's goal is to reduce food waste on the Island by 50% by 2030. One aspect of the Initiative is to support the Food Waste Committee's goal of an Island-wide food waste composting solution. The Committee and the Initiative are now working together, along with Island Grown Initiative, to achieve this objective. For more on the Fink Family Foundation and its support for this project, as well as for its Initiative, see <https://vineyardgazette.com/news/2019/07/04/planting-seed-cultivating-idea>