

Dennis Port/West Dennis Advancement Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: January 21, 2026 6:15 PM

Present: Leah Howlett, Chair, Kate Kane, Josh Brimdyr, Kim Christensen, Ed Chatelain

Public Comments/Announcements

Leah Howlett reported on a visit to Love Farms and what a great space and attraction it is.

Crime Update

Officer Kathleen Keating provided a public safety update. There isn't much to report on as it relates to crime. Much of their work has been focused on mental health calls and unfortunately, fraud incidents involving citizens of the town being the victim of scams, particularly older residents. She is doing a presentation at the Senior Center to help with awareness. There have been some noise complaints and parking complaints with the new Love Farms venue.

Approval of the Minutes from the 12/17/2025 DP/WD Advancement Committee Meeting

Kim Christensen made a motion to approve the minutes and Ed Chatelain seconded and all the members of the committee present voted to approve the minutes from 12/17/2025.

Presentation of Proposed Use of 645 Main Street Dennisport

There was a slide presentation of proposed plans for the development of a beer garden/music venue at the long vacant 645 Main St property by The Foley Group of Boston who were represented by Mike and Pat Foley. The proposed name of the venue is **The Backyard by Foley**. They own one of the oldest family owned bars in South Boston (JJ Foleys Café) and the venue in Dennisport would be a hands on owner operated family experience gathering place with a bar, music venue and outdoor games and food trucks. The property is 33,560 square feet and they have room for on-site parking. They have been working with the Town Planner and Planning Board to refine the proposal and requested a letter of support from the committee.

Ed Chatelain made a motion to provide a letter of support which was seconded by Kate Kane, and all members of the committee present voted in favor of supplying the letter of support to the Town for the project.

Old Business

187 Upper County Road Update

Surveys to vote on the proposed names for the park were distributed to several lists and 130 completed surveys have been returned. The names in the running are: Port Yard

Park, Port Side Park, and Port Park. On Tuesday, January 27th, the results of the survey will be presented to the Select Board, who will ultimately determine the name of the park.

The preliminary design for the park has been done by the Town Engineer and it is anticipated there will be a vote on the Spring Town Meeting agenda.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:35 PM.