

Town of Dennis, Massachusetts

Recreation Commission

February 2, 2026

Minutes

Attendees: Henry Bowen, Linda Burke, George Levesque, Paul McCormick, Gerrit Murphy, Gary Nowitz, Dustin Pineau, Paul Prue, Ford Stewart(remote), Brad Crowell, James Plath, Cleon Turner

Meeting called to order at 5:05pm.

Minutes of November 17, 2025 reviewed and approved unanimously.

Liaison Reports:

Johnny Kelley Park Clubhouse renovations:

Dustin reported that the renovations are currently on schedule. Completion is still expected on May 22, 2026. Adverse winter weather could impact the completion date.

Recreation budget review is scheduled for February 10, 2026.

Programs:

Gerrit reported that session 2 of indoor Pickleball has approximately 70 registrants. Camp registrations are currently full with a waiting list. Registrations continue for other activities(tennis, swim, sailing) and are expected to be full by summer. He is recruiting staff for summer programs.

Dennis Community Center Feasibility Study:

Brian Hume reviewed the Feasibility Study update that he will be presenting to the Select Board on February 3, 2026. He noted that the study is complete except for the final report. He will incorporate any changes that may arise at the Select Board meeting and can then provide the final report.

Brian noted that the square footage increased from 33,345 to 38,164 primarily Town and Recreation Department storage.

The professional cost estimate was provided by Downes Construction. They have extensive experience in professional cost estimates as well as experience with Community Centers. Downes provided hard costs(sitework and construction) and Brian provided soft costs including a 15% contingency. The estimate also assumes the start of construction in

Spring, 2027. He estimates that each year of delay adds approximately \$1,000,000 to the costs.

Brian offered to be present in person at the Select Board. The commission agreed that in person would be better so Brian will be there for the 4:00pm Select Board meeting.

YMCA update:

Brad reported that the Falmouth YMCA has broken ground. Construction is expected to take 18 months.

There are currently 2 Mid Cape options for a YMCA, Dennis and Harwich.

New Business:

Jim Plath will discuss a meeting with Paul McCormick concerning Recreation use of DCAL.

Next Meeting: TBD

Motion was made and approved unanimously to adjourn at 6:34pm.

Respectfully submitted,

George E. Levesque