

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

JULY 11, 2023

1. DENNIS FIRE STATION 2 BUILDING PROJECT UPDATE

The project momentum continues at the Dennis Fire Station with all trades working toward the substantial completion of the station. The plan is to increase the manpower and days of operation to recover some of the time.

- Mechanical, Electrical, Fire protection and Plumbing filed sub-contractors continue to complete the rough installation of all the required systems for a rough inspection. This will allow the drywall to begin in the building and start to have the finishes within the inside to start.
- Interior metal reframing is complete.
- All the doors and windows have been installed. The siding on the exterior of the head house is nearly complete. Small transition sections are needing final details and are expected to be complete within the next week.
- The roof deck between the training facility and 2nd floor kitchen has been installed
- The bi fold and overhead doors are installed. Wiring and controls are ongoing
- The interior piping associated with the roof drains has been completed and tied into the exterior detention system
- The gas line is scheduled to be installed in the next few weeks.
- The concrete exterior stair well is scheduled to be poured the 1st week of July.
- The paving of the binder is scheduled for the middle of July as long as the gas line has been placed.
- Septic system has been installed and inspected.
- Dennis Fire has performed a walk through to ensure the outlets and data outlets are properly placed for their operation.
- Furniture bids have been received and final selection of colors is ongoing

2. DRAFT CAPE COD 2024 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN RELEASED FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Media Release from Cape Cod Commission - **July 5, 2023**

Planning for the future of Cape Cod's transportation system

The Cape Cod Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) has released the Draft Cape Cod 2024 Regional Transportation Plan for a 21-day public review and comment period.

The MPO also released FFY 2023-2027 TIP Draft Amendment 3, which includes a decrease in funding to match updated project cost estimates for the Bourne Rotary Improvements Project, and an increase in funding

for the purchase of additional transit vehicles through the state’s Mobility Assistance Program. Comments are due by July 17, 2023. More information is available at www.capecodcommission.org/tip.

The Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) is the long-range plan that sets the vision for the region’s transportation system through 2044 and beyond. The RTP sets the priorities for federal and state spending on transportation projects in your community.

"The development of the 2024 Regional Transportation Plan provides a pathway for future significant investment in our region," said Cape Cod Commission Deputy Director Steven Tupper. "Transportation planning not only supports improvements in the way in which people travel to and around the region, but supports regional priorities including economic development, housing, and climate change adaptation and mitigation."

Members of the public are invited to review these documents and provide comments. The Draft 2024 RTP can be found at: www.capecodcommission.org/rtp.

The public is invited to attend an upcoming public meeting to learn more about the RTP and submit public comments.

Monday, July 10, 2023 | 5:30 PM
Bourne Veteran's Memorial Community Center | Room 2
239 Main St, Buzzards Bay
Tuesday, July 11, 2023 | 11:00 AM
Hyannis Transportation Center
215 Iyannough Road, Hyannis
Tuesday, July 11, 2023 | 6:00 PM VIRTUAL

Meeting Link: www.capecodcommission.org/outreach/join, Passcode: join
Comments on the 2024 RTP may be sent via mail, facsimile, e-mail, or online by July 17,2023, as follows:

- **Mailed:**
Cape Cod Commission Transportation Program
Attn: Colleen Medeiros, Transportation Program Manager
3225 Main Street (Route 6A) | PO Box 226
Barnstable MA 02630-0226
- **Sent by facsimile (fax)** to the attention of Colleen Medeiros, Transportation Program Manager, FAX: 508-362-3136
- **Via electronic mail (E-Mail)**, please put "2024 RTP" in the subject line and send to: transportation@capecodcommission.org
- **Via online public comment form:** Fill out an online public comment form by visiting this link: cccom.link/RTP-comments

A virtual public meeting of the Cape Cod MPO is scheduled for July 24, 2023 at 1 PM to hear additional public comments and consider endorsement of 2024 RTP.

Please contact Colleen Medeiros at 508-744-1226 for further information.

3. DENNIS BEACH UPDATE ACCESS RESTRICTIONS -PLOVERS

All of the piping plover nests at West Dennis Beach have hatched. The west end of the main parking lot will remain closed for several more weeks. Other parking areas are open. There are chicks on the resident beach, the main beach and the far west end of the beach which prevents beach raking.

There are plover chicks at South Village Beach and raking there is prohibited.

Beach raking can recommence at Mayflower, Bayview and Corporation Beaches.

Vehicles are still prohibited from Chapin Beach.

There are still active nests and chicks at Crowes Pasture. The Recreational ORV access to the flats was re-opened on July 8th. One active nest remains and may affect the access after it hatches. Recent incidents with bonfires on the beach have destroyed protective plover fencing and could result in another closure if fencing around the remaining nest is compromised.

For informational purposes: beaches are re-opened to vehicles (ORVs, ATVs, rakes, etc.) when plover chicks can fly (fledged). This does not mean that the birds have left the area. The adult birds and their chicks remain for several more weeks. Although the chicks can fly, they are still small and people should take care when they are around these birds.

4. CASHLESS PAYMENTS AT BEACHES FEASIBILITY STUDY UNDERWAY

The Finance Director provided an update on the study underway to analyze cashless payments at the beaches. We first consulted with Stephen Smith at OpenCape for a fiber option. The quote was loosely estimated at over \$1 Million so alternative resources were sought.

Working with Danya Mahota devices were recently configured to begin our testing which kicked off July 2023. These devices operate similar to a hot spot with a module and we are encouraged to learn that they were successful at processing transactions even when there was no cell service or internet available. We will continue to test throughout the summer and will receive a report with testing records and results.

The Town of Orleans uses a Starlink satellite system which they offered to allow us to borrow and test in conjunction with Danya's devices.

We will continue to provide updates as data becomes available.

5. TOWN OF DENNIS POUND POND MVP ACTION GRANT

Presentation to the Climate & Coastal Resiliency Advisory Committee Thursday, July 20, 2023 @ 6-7PM

Topic of Discussion: Improvements to Pound Park are part of Dennis' climate resilience vision. Learn more about progress with the Town plans to use nature-based techniques to improve water quality, habitat and aesthetics of the Pond and to provide opportunities for public education.

This will be a presentation to the Dennis Climate & Coastal Resiliency Advisory Committee. Please be aware space is limited, zoom access is available.

Please see information below to join the meeting in person or online.

You can also phone in at 646-558-8656. At the prompt enter Meeting ID: 730 465 3252

Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7304653252> 2

Meeting ID/Passcode: 730 465 3252

Meeting is at Dennis Town Hall in the Prue Conference Room, or you can attend virtually online

For more information please contact:

Tom Andrade, PE, Dennis Town Engineer

Department of Public Works

120 Theophilus F. Smith Road
South Dennis, MA 02660
Phone: (508) 760-6166

6. JULY 4TH SUMMARY OF ACTIVITY

Despite the weather, we had a very busy July 4th weekend here in Dennis, the beaches, harbor, golf and DNR were all very busy with activity. Overall, all reports are that it was a very busy and crowded weekend. Specifically, From the June 30th to July 9th response for calls included;

Police Department

OUI	3
Noise Complaint	19
Fight in Progress	2
Indecent Exposure	2
Fireworks	17
Disturbance	7
Under 21 possess	18
Crowd Control	13
A&B on Police Ofc.	1
Disorderly	1
Leaving the scene of per. Injury	2
Vandalism	3
Arrests/Criminal Charges Filed	32
Incidents Reports	29
Accidents	25
Total Police Calls	1333

Fire Department

The Dennis Fire Department responded to 205 Calls for Service from Friday June 30th – July 9th:

- 60% were Medical in nature (of which 62% were transports to CCH.)
- 40% were Fire related (including 2 Lightning Strikes)

We respond to an average of 15.33+ Calls for Service on a normal day. For the 10-day period from June 30th to July 9th we averaged 20.50 Calls per day representing an increase of 33.72% for that time period.

Harbor

Dewatering / Salvage – Sesuit Harbor - Vessel capsized in slip – One (1) response

Operation complaints – Nantucket Sound, Bass River, CC Bay – Jet skis - Operation / Speed – Eleven (11) responses

Missing / Overdue – CC Bay - 35’ Cabin cruiser - CC Bay – Good intent call – One (1) response

Missing / Overdue – Nantucket Sound - Windsurfer – Good intent call – One (1) response

Operation complaints – CC Bay – Powerboats within public swim areas - Four (4) responses

Unmanned / Adrift – CC Bay – Kayaks – Three (3) responses

Parking violations – Sesuit Harbor (E/W) – Sixty-two (62) parking citations issued

Disabled vessels – CC Bay, Bass River – Six (6) responses

Assist to other Agencies – CC Bay, Bass River – Three (3) responses

Noise complaint – Sesuit Harbor – One (1) response

The Town is working on after action reporting and will commence operational planning for next year immediately – a number of recommendations will be brought forward to the Select Board including but not limited to citation increases and increases to departmental budgets.

I want to thank all the employees for everything they did leading up to the Holiday weekend and all throughout. Much appreciation to all our Town teams that worked through the holiday weekend, away from their own families, it was a busy weekend here. Simply stated, the staff are all commended for maintaining a safe environment and excellent service to the Community and our visitors.

7. NEXT MEETINGS OF THE DENNIS SELECT BOARD

The Dennis Select Board will meet on July 12, 2023 from 4:30PM – 5:50PM to hold Interviews and Appointments for Select Board appointed Boards/Committees/and Commissions.

The Dennis Select Board will meet on July 25, 2023 at 4:30PM for regularly scheduled business.

All are welcome to attend and participate in our open and public meetings. The agenda for each meeting is posted 48 business hours prior to the scheduled meeting time and can be accessed through the Select Board's webpage or the Town calendar webpage.

Attend in-person at the Town Hall, Stone Meeting Room. Or for alternative public access join the meeting online via zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7660036712> or participate by phone by dialing 1-646-558-8656 and entering Conference ID 766 003 6712 #.

8. WELCOME TO OUR NEW WASTEWATER SUPERINTENDENT!

As you may recall with the support of the Select Board at the Special Town Meeting last fall, funding was added to amend the operating budget to create a Wastewater Superintendent position within the SEIU B Collective Bargaining Unit. The position is a division head position and reports directly to the Director of Public Works. DPW Director makes hiring recommendation on division heads to TA. The position was posted in the winter of 2022/2023. The recruitment yielded two very qualified candidates. Interviews were held by the Director of Public Works, Town Engineer, and HR Director. Second interviews were conducted by Town Engineer, DPW Director and we had our consultants provide a series technical questions. Prior to the second interview - the other candidate withdrew from process.

Both Mike Lavin, DPW Director and Tom Andrade, Town Engineer have recommended to hire Richard Peters as our Wastewater Superintendent. And I could not agree more.

We are extremely pleased to be moving ahead with Richard Peters joining Team Dennis.

Mr. Peters has 39 years of experience in the water and wastewater industry. He has 15 years of experience as a municipal employee with the remainder as a contracted employee managing public water and wastewater systems. He currently holds a 7-C Mass Wastewater license in full. His blend of knowledge working as a contracted and municipal employee make him extremely qualified to become our Wastewater Superintendent. This knowledge base will be instrumental in helping the Town of Dennis as we navigate the next phases of the sanitary sewer system and treatment installation; then implementation and operation. He is very excited about the opportunity to join the Dennis team at this stage of our design. We are very fortunate to have a local candidate with his experience.

I am thrilled to share Mr. Peters will be starting with Dennis next week! Thank you to the Select Board, Finance Committee and the Dennis Town Meeting for the support of this position. In addition, thank you to the Wastewater Implementation Committee and all the various Departments that provide tireless support in furthering this Board goal. We are at a very critical point for wastewater design and next steps and this position is crucial.

9. TOWN OF DENNIS IS HIRING

Town of Dennis is Hiring for year-round and summer seasonal positions. Applications are still open for the 2023 Summer Season. We also have year-round full and part-time openings as well. Apply and View current job openings [here](#).

Have a great week!

Respectfully,
Elizabeth C. Sullivan, Town Administrator

