

# TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

## MARCH 15, 2022

### 1. **CYBERSECURITY: REMINDERS FROM THE IT DEPARTMENT**

Last year, Dennis ranked in the top 25 of the state in our Cyber Awareness! Staff should have received an email from Security Education Platform ([awareness@securityeducation.com](mailto:awareness@securityeducation.com)) from the MA Office of Technology Services and Security.

This is the Cyber Training similar to last year for all staff to complete. There are 4 sessions spaced out over the year. Please contact IT if there are any questions at [dproto@town.dennis.ma.us](mailto:dproto@town.dennis.ma.us)

### 2. **WASTEWATER**

#### **Dennis WIC - "Why Now? Workshop" - March 21st at 5 PM**

The Dennis Wastewater Implementation Committee (WIC) will be discussing all the important reasons why design work is so important to moving forward for Dennis at their March 21st "Why Now? Workshop" - the public is encouraged to attend.

The workshop is part of a regularly scheduled meeting of the WIC, and will be held in a hybrid format; in-person at the Town Hall Stone Hearing Room (on the first floor) and via Zoom. Meeting information is posted on the town calendar.

The design process is the gateway for all future funding and aid. Other Cape Cod towns already have access to these funds and it's a very competitive process.

As everyone can see, the wastewater work is picking up steam in Dennis. The ongoing WIC workshops and the Select Board's unanimous decision to include WIC's recommended articles on this Spring's town meeting warrant is an exciting sign.

Members of the public may also submit their questions about these articles through the WIC page on the town's website - [it's an easy click!](#)

#### **Dennis Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan (CWMP)**

The Dennis CWMP, submitted in November 2021, was determined to be consistent with the criteria set out in the Commission's "Guidance on Section 208 Plan Update Consistency Review," dated April 2018, and thus have determined that the CWMP is consistent with the Cape Cod Area Wide Water Quality Management Plan Update ("208 Plan"). Congratulations!

### **3. POUND POND MUNICIPAL VULNERABILITY PROGRAM (MVP) IMPROVEMENTS WORKSHOP**

JOIN US FOR A VIRTUAL WORKSHOP on Wednesday, March 16 2022 5:00 - 7:00 PM

Town of Dennis 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

Topic of Discussion: Improvements to Pound Park are part of Dennis' climate resilience vision. Learn more about how the Town plans to use nature based techniques to improve water quality, habitat and aesthetics of the Pond. We are looking for suggestions from abutters and users of the site on what improvements will enhance their experience.

Please visit the Town of Dennis Website to join the meeting and learn more about the MVP Action Grant for Pound Pond. Go to <https://www.town.dennis.ma.us/>

### **4. DENNIS LIBRARY HAPPENINGS**

#### **A Tiny Art Display at Dennis Public Library**

In April Dennis Public Library will be displaying tiny artwork, and anyone age 5 and above is welcome to contribute to the show.

Starting Friday, March 11th, come pick up a kit, which includes a 4" x 4" canvas, 6 paint colors, and a paintbrush. Use these materials (plus any others you might have at home) to create your own tiny masterpiece. Your tiny artwork could include themes such as Earth Month, Spring, or another nature subject. Supplies are limited.

Please bring your tiny artwork to the library by Thursday, March 31, 2022. Label the back of your artwork with your full name, age (if under 18), and an email address. The Tiny Art Show will be on display in the library during April 2022. Artwork will be available to pick up in May 2022.

#### **Dennis Public Library presents "Maria Mitchell: Making of a Homegrown Astronomer"**

On Thursday, March 31<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 p.m., in celebration of Women's History month, Dennis Public Library welcomes speaker Anne Speyer, who will discuss the life and achievements of Maria Mitchell, America's first professional female astronomer. Mitchell grew up on Nantucket, where she was fascinated by the night skies and nurtured by a seafaring community with generations of strong women. Starting out as her father's talented teenage assistant, Mitchell eventually became the first American scientist to discover a comet, which brought her international acclaim.

Our guest, Anne Speyer, is the former director of the South Dennis Public Library and a long-time educator with a special interest in the history of women.

Space is limited, so please call the library at 508-760-6219 to register for this event.

**5. TOWN OF DENNIS SEASONAL POSITIONS NOW OPEN**

*Town of Dennis is Now Hiring for summer seasonal positions, including Lifeguards, Police Community Service Officers, Natural Resource Monitors, Golf Rangers and Laborers, Beach Attendants, and Recreation Counselors and Instructors.*

Applications are open for the 2022 Summer Season. Application deadline is March 19th, 2022. Apply online at <https://dennis.munisselfservice.com/employmentopportunities/default.aspx>

**6. TOWN AND SCHOOL BUDGET MEETING DATES**

Both the Cape Cod Regional Technical and Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High Schools are coming before the Select Board on March 15, 2022. The Finance Committee has scheduled their budget review meetings for March 8, 14, 22 and 24.

Respectfully, Elizabeth C. Sullivan, Town Administrator