

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

MAY 17, 2022

1. 2022 DENNIS ANNUAL TOWN MEETING COMPLETED

Town Meeting voters wrapped up the [2022 Annual Town Meeting](#) Tuesday May 3rd. Over the course of just over three hours, Town Meeting voters approved the Fiscal Year 2023 budget, funding for the renovation of the Dennis Senior Center Building, funding for the Wastewater Phase 1 Survey and Preliminary design, seven labor contracts and much more. You can watch the proceedings in their entirety via the Dennis [Channel 18](#). Thank you to all those who helped make Town Meeting a success.

2. FIRE STATION 2 BUILDING PROJECT UPDATE –



- 12-15-22 Contract Signed with General Contractor – B.C. Construction
- 1-7-22 Initial Kick-off Meeting with OPM, Designer, Contractor and Administration
Weekly Construction meetings/monthly Fire Station 2 Committee initiated
- 1-13-22 Groundbreaking Ceremony
Excavation/Site work commences
- 5-3-22 Placement of Concrete basement slab
- 5-10-22 See above picture – rebar placement ongoing for basement walls

Currently on schedule and costs within budget. The Construction team is working well together and continues to seek the best solutions within budget constraints. Thank you to the Building Committee and town staff for their dedication and energy towards this important project.

Owner's Project Manager – CHA Consulting, Inc.
Designer – The Galante Architecture Studio
General Contractor – B.C. Construction Company, Inc.

3. DENNIS CENTER FOR ACTIVE LIVING (SENIOR CENTER) BUILDING PROJECT UPDATE –

- Both OPM & Designer extension contracts have been reviewed by legal counsel and signed.
- Hope to have Notice of Intent signed today for Contractor to obtain documents for contract preparation.
- 5-17-22 Select Board Meeting – Seek authorization for Town Administrator to sign not-to-exceed contract.
- Hope to have signed contract prior to Memorial Day.
- Meeting with OPM, Designer and Contractor may happen prior to Memorial Day regarding schedule of events.

4. MEET THE DENNIS POLICE DEPARTMENT MENTAL HEALTH TASK FORCE -

Subject: Public Relations Event, May 19th

Contact: Sergeant Ryan Carr, Community Operations Unit Supervisor

Phone: 774-352-1528

In the spirit of Mental Health Awareness Month, which is the month of May, the Dennis Police Department will be showcasing their new Mental Health Task Force. Unveiled at the end of 2021, the group of three clinicians, a victim advocate, and specially-trained officers, have charted a new course of policing during this era of police reform. Searching for ways to better and more suitably serve the community, the new team has already found success in jail diversion, resource referrals, education, and establishing new relationships.

On Thursday, May 19, 2022, the team will be hosting a “meet-and-greet” at the Dennis Public Library at 5 Hall Street in Dennis Port from 5:30pm to 7:00pm. There will be pizza and refreshments provided.

This will be an opportunity to speak to the clinicians, victim advocate, and officers in a relaxed setting. Various non-profit agency partners will be in attendance to meet with as well, all in an effort to spread information and resources to any member of our community that has concerns about mental health, substance use disorder, and the available local resources to provide support.

5. NAMI VISIT AND INFORMATION SHARE AT DENNIS PUBLIC LIBRARY

On Saturday, May 21st at 12:30, in honor of Mental Health Awareness Month, Dennis Public Library has asked NAMI to visit and share information with its patrons. NAMI is the National Alliance on Mental Illness, the nation's largest grassroots mental health organization dedicated to building better lives for the millions of Americans affected by mental illness. NAMI works to educate, support, and advocate to improve the lives of people with mental illness and their loved ones.

At this session, come and learn about the opportunities for education, support, and resources on Cape Cod. If you are managing a mental health issue, or you are a family member supporting and advocating for a loved one, or you simply want to know more about NAMI, we invite you to attend.

Please call the library to register: 508-760-6219.

6. SUMMER IS ALMOST HERE – BEACH OPENING DATES -

As we approach the start of the 2022 Beach Season, here are some key dates and information for the public to be aware of:

- Mayflower Beach, West Dennis Beach, Corporation Beach will open starting the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend. (we will expand to Cold Storage Beach and Bayview Beach if we have the staffing). They will be open Memorial Day weekend, May 28, 29, 30.....And the following weekend of June 4 and 5th 2022.
- We will open all beaches 7 days a week starting Saturday, June 11, 2022
- Bathrooms and concessions will follow the same schedule
- The season for staffing and concessions will end on Labor Day Monday, September 5, 2022
- The bathrooms will be open 7 days a week from June 11th until Columbus Day Monday, October 10th, 2022. The portable rest facilities will remain out from Memorial Day weekend through Veteran's Day in November.

7. SAVE THE DATE CAPE LIGHT COMPACT CAPE LIGHT COMPACT WILL BE IN DENNIS MAY 31ST - JUNE 2ND –

Through the Main Streets effort, Cape Light Compact, in partnership with the Cape and Vineyard's Towns and Chambers of Commerce, offers local businesses no-cost, on-the-spot energy assessments. The Compact and its Vendor(s) will be visiting businesses in a designated area of selected towns in a specified time period to do brief energy assessments and install instant savings measures such as screw-in LED lamps, programmable thermostats, faucet aerators, and more, *all at no cost!*

There will also be enhanced incentives available for additional measures that are recommended during these assessments.

- **100% - LED screw-in lamps, faucet aerators, spray valves, smart strips, showerheads, and programmable thermostats**
- **Up to 100% for additional recommendations which may include lighting, refrigeration, and custom measures.**

While the Main Streets effort is designated for specific areas, businesses can sign up for a no-cost assessment by calling **1-800-797-6699** or signing up online **here**. Some restrictions may apply.

The Compact is offering increased incentives up to 100% on select lighting, refrigeration, and other eligible electric energy-efficiency upgrades as part of this event. Meet with us for a no-cost energy assessment to learn more and make.

Respectfully,

Elizabeth C. Sullivan
Town Administrator