

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

AUGUST 23, 2022

1. REMINDER – SPECIAL/ FALL TOWN MEETING DATE–

Special Town Meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 25, 2022, at 7:00 pm in the Nathaniel H. Wixon Innovation School Auditorium. We are underway with the Town Meeting article review process; the Select Board will be reviewing draft Town Meeting Articles for placement on the warrant in September and the Town Meeting Warrant must be posted no later than October 13, 2022.

The deadline to submit Citizens Petitions is September 9, 2022, at 4:00 pm to the Town Clerk's Office. Information on how to submit a Petition can be found on the Town's website: <https://www.town.dennis.ma.us/town-clerk/pages/town-meeting-information>

For more information on the Special Town Meeting, contact the Town Clerk's Office at (508)760-6112 or Town Administration at (508)760-6148.

2. FIRE STATION 2 BUILDING UPDATE –

- Back Filling and compaction of the interior apparatus bays are complete
- Underground Insulation of perimeter of training room is complete
- Back filling and compaction of the training room is currently on going
- Excavation of underground detention is complete
- Civil engineer has been out for base of system inspection
- Excessive material is being relocated to the town pit for future use
- Exterior underground insulation is complete with entire building
- Site drainage is expected to begin shortly

3. ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS UPDATES ON STATE'S DROUGHT STATUS –

Environmental Affairs Secretary Beth Card gave an update on the state's Drought Status on Aug. 9, announcing that conditions have deteriorated across the state, with the drought expanding south and westward. The Cape Cod Region was elevated to Level 2: Significant Drought

Municipalities in the Cape Cod Region, now at Level 2, are advised to limit outdoor watering to hand-held hoses or watering cans, before 9 a.m. or after 5 p.m. The Western and Islands regions (Level 1) are advised to limit outdoor watering to one day a week, also before 9 a.m. or after 5 p.m.

In February, 2022, the Water Commissioners declared a watering restriction limiting customers to no more than two days per week for outdoor watering. In late April, the Commissioners reconsidered (groundwater levels trends were now tracking in the right direction) and modified their declaration to a mandatory restriction based on odd/even day watering.

4. DENNIS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FIREWORKS

The Dennis Chamber of Commerce Fireworks have moved to Sunday, September 4 at West Dennis Beach. Celebrate the summer season with a bang! Live music by Mr. Gotcha, bonfire, roasting marshmallows and a spectacular fireworks display. Admission and parking are FREE. West Dennis Beach, 5:30 - 9:30 pm. Free shuttle from Ezra Baker Elementary School and Graded School House.

5. VOTER TURNOUT TO DATE FROM TOWN CLERK –

We still have a lot of ballots out there for what has been requested, and ask that these be returned so that staff can get them ready for the September 6th State Primary. In-Person Early Voting starts this coming Saturday, from 10-4.

- We have mailed out 2,096 ballots (16.34% of our Voters have requested a ballot already)
- 820 voters have returned their ballot (6.39% have voted)
- We are waiting on 1,276 ballots to be returned to the Clerk's office.

6. INFORMATION FROM TOWN CLERK ON UPCOMING ELECTIONS:

- **State Primary** - September 6, 2022 - polls open 7:00 AM - 8:00 PM
 - Deadline to Register - **August 27, 2022**, Clerk's office will be open until 5:00 PM, online registration opens up until 11:59 PM at the [Massachusetts Secretary of State's Website](#).
 - SAMPLE Ballots (click on party ballot below to view):
 - [Democrat](#)
 - [Republican](#)
 - **In Person Early Voting for State Primary - August 27th through September 2nd, 2022:**

Sat. 8/27/22	10 am – 4 pm (office open until 5 for Voter Reg)
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Sun. 8/28/22	No EV hours
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Mon. 8/29/22	8:30 am – 4:30 pm
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Tues. 8/30/22	8:30 am – 6:00 pm
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Wed. 8/31/22	8:30 am – 4:30 pm
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Thurs. 9/1/22	8:30 am – 4:30 pm
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Fri. 9/2/22	8:30 am – 4:30 pm
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- **State Election** - November 8, 2022 - polls open 7:00 AM - 8:00 PM
 - Deadline to Register - **October 29, 2022**, Clerk's office will be open until 5:00 PM, online registration opens up until 11:59 PM at the [Massachusetts Secretary of State's Website](#).
 - **In Person Early Voting for State Election - October 22nd through November 4th, 2022:**

Sat. 10/22/22	10:00 am – 4:00 pm
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Sun. 10/23/22	No EV Hours
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Mon. 10/24/22	9:00 am – 1:00 pm
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Tues. 10/25/22	9:00 am – 1:00 pm
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Wed. 10/26/22	12:00 pm – 4:00 pm
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Thurs. 10/27/22	9:00 am – 6:00 pm
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Fri 10/28/22	9:00 am – 1:00 pm
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Sat. 10/29/22	10:00 am – 4:00 pm (office open until 5 for Voter Reg)
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Sun 10/30/22	No EV Hours
Mon 10/31/22	8:30 am – 4:30 pm
Tues 11/1/22	8:30 am – 6:00 pm
Wed 11/2/22	8:30 am – 4:30 pm
Thurs 11/3/22	8:30 am – 4:30 pm
Fri 11/4/22	8:30 am – 4:30 pm

Vote by Mail:

To obtain an application for a Vote by Mail Ballot, please [click here](#), or visit the Secretary of the Commonwealth's website. Applications may be sent by mail to the Town Clerk's Office or dropped off in the Official Ballot Drop Box located in the front of Town Hall. Applications may also be submitted electronically by fax to 508-394-8309 or e-mail to clerksoffice@town.dennis.ma.us as long as your signature is visible. Mailed Ballots must be requested in writing at least 5 business days before Election Day. Vote by Mail Ballots may be requested by any registered voter of the Town of Dennis, and a reason is not required. In 2022, Vote by Mail applications will be mailed in July and September to every voter who hasn't already requested a mail-in ballot for the fall elections. These applications will be pre-addressed to your local election office and postage pre-paid. If you fill out and return this postcard, you do not need to also return the above application, and vice-versa. Only one application is required to receive a ballot by mail.

Tracking Your Ballot: [Click here for information on how to check the status of your ballot.](#)

Absentee Voting:

To obtain an application for absentee ballots please [click here](#), or visit the Secretary of the Commonwealth's website. Applications may be sent by mail to the Town Clerk's Office or dropped off in the Official Ballot Drop Box located in the front of Town Hall. Applications may also be submitted electronically by fax to 508-394-8309 or e-mail to clerksoffice@town.dennis.ma.us as long as your signature is visible. Mailed Ballots must be requested in writing at least 5 business days before Election Day. Applications must be received by 12:00 PM the day prior to Election Day for in-person Absentee voting at the Town Clerk's office. Absentee ballots can only be requested by persons who will be out-of-town on Election Day, those unable to vote on Election Day due to illness and for religious reasons.

Ballots need to be returned to the Clerk's Office on Election Day or before.

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For voters residing overseas or Active Duty Military, please visit <https://www.fvap.gov/> for more information on how to apply for an Absentee Ballot.

For any questions on election information please call the Town Clerks office at (508) 760-6112.

Thank you everyone, have a great week!

Respectfully,

Elizabeth C. Sullivan
Town Administrator