

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

OCTOBER 5, 2022

1. FIRE STATION 2 BUILDING UPDATE

- Infiltration system is installed, and back filling expected to be complete 9/30
- Exterior drainage structures are being installed along with associated piping outside the building
- Interior unground is complete and back filling is ongoing
- Interior slab preparation with training room and apparatus bays
- Structural steel deliveries have begun
- Erection of steel is expected over the next two weeks

Update Shared at September 20th Select Board meeting

Currently, there have been five (5) change orders issued most of the cost involving finding unanticipated quantities of unsuitable material which have been found onsite and subsequent material handling. Working collaboratively with OPM, Designer and Contractor there have been limited impacts. It was acknowledged at the beginning of the project that if unsuitable material was found it may impact up to 50% of contingency (currently at approximately 30%). The onsite screening of existing material and re-use of material greatly reduced expense. The Building Committee continues to review and vote to recommend changes as they are presented from the OPM, Designer and Contractor and follow the final approval process.

We are expecting much activity over the next two months:

- Completion of onsite drainage infiltration
- Installation of plumbing, electrical, drainage conduits
- Delivery and erection of Steel frame
- Delivery and erection of trusses
- Installation of basement walls

There are a number of issues that may have had a negative impact to the schedule. The above-mentioned earthwork, and possible delay with steel delivery and windows due to supply chain issues. The construction team is working diligently to address these issues; expediting site inspections, shifting schedule of site work, expediting approval process all to avoid unnecessary delay. The Contractor has prioritized as much work as possible to be completed by sub-contractors to start gaining time on schedule and as an example has brought in piping from alternate sources to keep the project moving forward.

Update shared at August 24th Select Board meeting

- *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*

2. DENNIS CENTER FOR ACTIVE LIVING – COA RENOVATION UPDATE

The foundation footings are formed, and concrete placement should be next week. The Lower Level framing is about 85% complete with most of the remaining work to be completed on the exterior walls.

The Main Level is about 90% completed. Referring to framing

- Plumbing and electrical rough is ongoing
- Existing underground plumbing reconfiguration and repair
- Exterior wall insulation and repair of existing issues
- Structural steel starting next week
- Site work ongoing

Overall schedule has not changed and we are on Budget.

3. TOWN OF DENNIS EARLY VOTING HOURS

We are excited to announce that all registered voters will be able to vote again, before Election Day in Massachusetts. Early voting will begin on October 22nd and continue through November 4th, 2022.

Unlike absentee voting, early voting is for every registered voter. Registered voters do not need an excuse or reason to vote early.

In the Town of Dennis, early voting can be done in person at the Dennis Town Hall, 685 Route 134, South Dennis, MA 02660 during the following dates and times:

In-Person Early Voting for State Election:

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Hours</u> |
|-----------------|-----------------------|
| Sat. 10/22/22 | 10AM – 4PM |
| Sun. 10/23/22 | No Early Voting Hours |
| Mon. 10/24/22 | 9AM – 1PM |
| Tue. 10/25/22 | 9AM – 1PM |
| Wed. 10/26/22 | 12 noon – 4PM |
| Thurs. 10/27/22 | 9AM – 6PM |
| Fri. 10/28/22 | 9AM – 1PM |
| Sat. 10/29/22 | 10AM – 4PM |
| Sun. 10/30/22 | No Early Voting Hours |
| Mon. 10/31/22 | 8:30AM – 4:30PM |
| Tue. 11/1/22 | 8:30AM– 6PM |
| Wed. 11/2/22 | 8:30AM – 4:30PM |
| Thurs. 11/3/22 | 8:30AM – 4:30PM |
| Fri. 11/4/22 | 8:30AM – 4:30PM |

Please note, however, once a voter has cast an early/absentee voted ballot, the voter may no longer vote at the polls on Election Day.

The first choice all voters will make is which day to vote. Early voting will make the most fundamental right of our citizens more convenient than ever to exercise. We encourage all of our citizens to exercise that right and take advantage of the opportunity to vote on their schedules.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please call the Town Clerk's Office at (508) 760-6112.

4. DISTRIBUTION OF COVID-19 HOME TEST KITS

The Town of Dennis will distribute free at home COVID test kits while supplies last beginning **Wednesday October 5, 2022**. The Town received 3510 kits. Each kit contains two tests. Kits can be picked up at the Dennis Health Department located at 685 Route 134 between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday – Friday. For more information, please contact the Dennis Health Department at **(508)-760-6158**.

5. TRANSFER STATION HOURS

Effective October 10, 2022, the Dennis Transfer Station will begin their new, permanent schedule of operations. Hours of operation are listed below, and **will not change throughout the year**:

- Closed on Mondays and Tuesdays
- Open on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sundays from 8am to 4pm.

Please note the Transfer Station is also closed on all legal holidays and the day after Thanksgiving. For more information, please contact the Transfer Station at (508) 760-6230.

6. DENNIS TOWN OFFICES INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' OBSERVANCE

All Town offices will be closed on Monday, October 10, 2022 in observance of the Indigenous Peoples' Day Federal Holiday.

The Dennis Transfer Station will be closed on Monday, October 10, 2022 and Tuesday, October 11, 2022.

The Dennis Golf Courses will be open their regular hours of 6:30 AM to 6 PM on Sunday, October 9, 2022 and Monday, October 10, 2022. Please visit <https://www.dennisgolf.com/> for more information.

The Dennis Library will be closed on Sunday, October 9, 2022 and Monday, October 10, 2022.

7. SNOW PLOWS & DRIVERS WANTED FOR 2022 WINTER SEASON –

The Dennis Department of Public Works is seeking snow plows and drivers for the upcoming Winter season. Learn more about this opportunity by viewing the [FY23 Annual Snow Packet and Application](#). Extremely competitive wages and guaranteed minimum pay per call. Completed packets submitted by 2:00pm November 30, 2022 will receive a bonus of an additional \$5.00 per hour for each vehicle.

Questions regarding this opportunity can be directed to (508) 508-760-6220 or email Joe at jgreer@town.dennis.ma.us

[Read more](#)

8. HOUSING TO PROTECT CAPE COD

Registration is now open for the official launch and summit of Housing to Protect Cape Cod on November 3rd from 9 -11:30AM at the Cape Codder Resort, Hyannis.

The Housing to Protect Cape Cod initiative was launched by Housing Assistance Corporation in partnership with the Cape Cod and Islands Association of REALTORS®, the Cape Cod Chamber of Commerce, CapeBuilt Companies, and the Homebuilders and Remodelers of Cape Cod to mobilize residents in support of a policy platform to foster year-round housing while protecting our critical environmental resources and community character.

The summit will feature the release of a commissioned report on the intersection of the Cape's economy and housing strategy and feature Tim Cornwell, Principal of the Concord Group, a nationally renowned economist and expert on multi-family and infill development strategy, and affordable housing planning.

9. SAVE THE DATE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

The Dennis Special Town Meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 25, 2022 at 7:00PM in the Nathaniel H. Wixon Innovation School Auditorium. The Select Board will soon be signing the Town Meeting Warrant, and, once signed, it will be posted as required and available on the Town's website and/or hard copies at Town Hall. Please check the Town's website for updates over next two weeks.

Thank you everyone, have a great week!

Respectfully,

Elizabeth C. Sullivan
Town Administrator