

# TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

## JANUARY 4, 2022

### **1. BAKER-POLITO ADMINISTRATION LAUNCHES TOOL FOR RESIDENTS TO ACCESS COVID-19 DIGITAL VACCINE CARD**

“My Vax Records” Provides New Option to Access Vaccine History and QR Code to Verify COVID-19 Vaccination.

The Baker-Polito Administration announced a tool that gives residents a new way to access their COVID-19 digital vaccine card and vaccination history. The new tool, called My Vax Records, allows people who received their vaccination in Massachusetts to access their own vaccination history and generate a COVID-19 digital vaccine card, which would contain similar vaccination information to a paper CDC card. The COVID-19 digital vaccine cards produced by the system utilize the SMART Health Card platform and generate a QR code that can be used to verify vaccination.

Access the new tool at [MyVaxRecords.Mass.Gov](https://MyVaxRecords.Mass.Gov)

### **2. DENNIS FIRE STATION 2 GROUNDBREAKING**

The Town will hold a groundbreaking ceremony on January 13<sup>th</sup> at 11:00AM to formally begin construction activities for the new Fire Station 2 project to be held onsite at 350 Paddocks Path, Dennis.

At the Annual Town meeting held in June of 2020 the community approved the funding for Owner's Project Manager (OPM), Design and Engineering services. Within six months an OPM and Designer had been selected. CHA Consulting, Inc. (OPM) and The Galante Architecture Studio (Design). The Dennis Fire Station 2 Committee was selected and added much input for the design of the future Fire Station as well as the selection of the General Contractor B.C. Construction Company, Inc.

Upon completion, the Dennis Fire Station 2 will provide proper coverage and sound response-time for the area as well as provide adequate capacity for Fire Department personnel, fire vehicles and equipment. The new facility, which was approved by a Town Meeting and subsequent ballot vote in November 2021, is designed to meet the current and future needs of the Fire and Emergency Medical Services for the Town of Dennis Community.

If you are interested in learning more about the project, visit [town.dennis.ma.us](https://town.dennis.ma.us). Questions on the project can also be sent to Assistant Town Administrator, Gregory Rounseville at 508-760-6164 or [grounseville@town.dennis.ma.us](mailto:grounseville@town.dennis.ma.us)

### **3. MASSDOT TO HOLD VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARING ROUTE 28 OVER BASS RIVER BRIDGE REPLACEMENT AND INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT MAIN STREET (ROUTE 28)/ NORTH MAIN STREET/ OLD MAIN STREET**

Please be advised that a Live Virtual Design Public Hearing (DPH) for the referenced project will be hosted on Thursday, January 13, 2022, 6:30PM-7:30PM at the following MassDOT website: [www.mass.gov/massdot-highway-design-public-hearings](http://www.mass.gov/massdot-highway-design-public-hearings). The DPH is expected to be advertised in the Cape Cod Times on January 3, 2022, and January 10, 2022, and the Barnstable Patriot on January 7, 2022. Additionally, Cape Cod Public Access TV will run the Notice until January 13, 2022. The municipality has also been asked to distribute the notice and flyer to social media and various local offices and businesses as appropriate. The DPH notice and flyer are attached.

#### **What is happening?**

MassDOT is proposing to replace the Bass River Bridge, which carries Route 28 over the Bass River between the towns of Dennis and Yarmouth and make improvements to the intersection of Main Street (Route 28) at North Main Street and Old Main Street, in Yarmouth. Work is anticipated to begin in 2023. The purpose of this upcoming meeting is to provide the public with the opportunity to become fully acquainted with the project.

#### **How will this affect you?**

During the design public hearing, MassDOT will review the construction activities, schedule, and community impacts. Attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions and offer comments.

### **4. WASTEWATER CWMP RECEIVES MEPA CERTIFICATE UPDATE**

The Town of Dennis has received the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act (MEPA) Certificate indicating approval of the Final Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan (CWMP), a significant milestone for wastewater planning! Thank you to the Wastewater Committee for their multi-year efforts in achieving the approval of the Towns CWMP.

An excerpt of the recently issued MEPA Certificate is below -

#### **CERTIFICATE OF THE SECRETARY OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS ON THE SINGLE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT**

PROJECT NAME : Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan

PROJECT MUNICIPALITY : Dennis

PROJECT WATERSHED : Cape Cod

EEA NUMBER : 15707

PROJECT PROPONENT : Town of Dennis

DATE NOTICED IN MONITOR : November 22, 2021

*“Pursuant to the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act (MEPA; M.G.L. c. 30, ss. 61-62I) and Section 11.08 of the MEPA Regulations (301 CMR 11.00), I have reviewed the Single Environmental Impact Report (Single EIR) for the Town of Dennis’s (Town’s) Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan (CWMP and hereby determine that it adequately and properly complies with MEPA and its implementing regulations. The CWMP describes the Town’s proposed approach to protecting the quality of its water resources and addressing its wastewater needs. As detailed below, the CWMP reflects the Town’s considerable data collection, analysis and planning efforts that were undertaken*

*to identify problem areas and evaluate options for meeting water quality goals. The CWMP outlines a Preferred Alternative consisting of wastewater treatment and conveyance infrastructure, public education, control of fertilizer use and shellfish aquaculture that would be implemented over a 40-year period. However, because none of the infrastructure has been designed, the Single EIR did not include an analysis of the project's construction impacts on wetlands, rare species habitat, parkland, State roadways or cultural resources or identify proposed mitigation measures. Therefore, each phase of the project will undergo MEPA review where the project's impacts and mitigation measures will be disclosed. As noted below, the Proponent is encouraged to consult with the MEPA Office about a potential Special Review Procedure (SRP) to establish appropriate review procedures for future projects."*

For more information on the Town's Wastewater Implementation Program and Committee please visit our website and or contact with any questions here <https://www.town.dennis.ma.us/wastewater-implementation-committee>

## **5. CAPITAL OUTLAY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS & PRESENTATION**

The Capital Outlay Committee will be presenting its recommendations for FY 2023 capital projects at the January 18<sup>th</sup> Select Board Meeting. The Committee has worked diligently and has been meeting weekly since September to develop its recommendations. Thank to you the Capital Committee members for all their time and energy towards this important process. In addition, thanks to ATA Greg Rounseville and the Finance Team including our recently retired Finance Director MaryAnne Gibbs and newly appointed Finance Director Josee cardinal Young for all their tireless assistance with the process.

## **6. REMINDER FROM THE TOWN CLERK - TOWN OF DENNIS 2022 DOG LICENSES**

The Dennis Town Clerk's office is continuing to issue dog licenses for 2022. To date, we have licensed over 500 dogs! Licensing will continue through January 31st, 2022, and dogs licensed on or after February 1<sup>st</sup> will be assessed a \$5.00 late fee and be subject to fines not less than \$50.00.

The following options are available in order to license your dog(s):

**Online** at the following link: <https://unipaygold.unibank.com/Default.aspx?customerid=831>

**Through the mail.**

**Dropped off in our drop box**- large drop box with an American Flag print, located at the bottom of the front steps of town hall (printed applications are available in the plastic container above the drop box).

\*Please note that you can also license your dog using the bottom of the Annual Town Census that was recently sent out. If your dog is already licensed for 2022, you do not have to fill in this information on the bottom of your returned census.

If you no longer live in Dennis or no longer have your dog, please let our office know so we may update our records.

Thank you and stay well everyone!

Respectfully, Elizabeth C. Sullivan, Town Administrator