

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

FEBRUARY 15, 2022

1. DISTRIBUTION OF COVID-19 HOME TEST KITS FOR DENNIS RESIDENTS

The Town of Dennis will distribute free at home COVID test kits while supplies last beginning **Wednesday February 9, 2022**. 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.

The Town purchased 400 kits, each containing two tests. One individual can pick up kits for other members of their household. Limits will be in place. Households with one or two people will be provided with a single kit with two tests inside while homes with three or more people will receive two kits (4 tests). Proof of residency will need to be provided to secure tests.

For more information, please contact the Dennis Health Department at **(508)-760-6158**.

2. CAPE COD COMMISSION DISTRICT LOCAL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE GRANT (DLTA)

The Cape Cod Commission has recently been awarded Department of Housing and Community Development 2022 District Local Technical Assistance (DLTA) funds to provide technical assistance to member municipalities. DLTA funds must be expended by December 31, 2022.

The State has identified the following priority areas for funding: 1) Planning Ahead for Housing (or to help reach the Statewide Housing Production Goal) and Planning Ahead for Growth; and 2) Supporting Community Compact Cabinet Best Practices, including regionalization.

The Planning Department has filed an application for the Cape Cod Commission DLTA technical assistance grant. We will update once we receive notice on potential award.

For several years the Dennis Community and Economic Development Committee has been working on a Smart Growth Zoning proposal to coincide with the implementation of waste water treatment in Dennis. The zoning is nearing completion, but, over the years there have been changes to Chapter 40R and we are looking for the Cape Cod Commission staff to review the zoning proposal for consistency with the current Chapter 40R requirements.

As required by the state contract, successful applicants shall enter into a Memorandum of Agreement or similar record with the Cape Cod Commission detailing a scope of work and budget for each project. Funds cannot be used for routine administration, nor may DLTA funds be used if other state resources are available.

COMMUNITY COMPACT AREA BEST PRACTICES MET WITH THIS PROPOSAL

Dennis has Community Compact Agreements with the Commonwealth for Smart Growth, Affordable Housing, Waste Water and Age and Dementia Friendly Best Practices. This zoning proposal seeks to support our on-going efforts in all of these areas, with the zoning district being designed to:

- assist with the implementation of the Dennis Waste Water Management Plan by providing a source of future growth to support the costs of the treatment plant;
- promote continued efforts at a future of “live-work-shop” settings meeting Smart Growth Goals;

- promote the creation of housing opportunities that will provide a concentration of affordable and work-force housing that will be in a pedestrian friendly/transit oriented setting;
- provide opportunities for aging in place, by creating housing opportunities that can be accessible to everyone, while at the same time providing a zoning district that accommodated assisted and other living arrangements for all sectors of the population.

We will update on the status of the grant application as information becomes available.

3. WASTEWATER IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE UPDATES

Following the presentation at the February 1 Select Board meeting by CDMSmith and GHD, regarding water quality in Swan Pond, Bass River, and Sesuit Harbor, the WIC met to further discuss the Scope and Cost for the final design of the Phase I Collection System and Water Resource Reclamation Facility (WRRF).

At their meeting last night, the WIC voted to recommend to the Select Board that an article be placed, and supported, on the 2022 Annual Town Meeting warrant for the proposed Phase I Wastewater Collection System and Water Resource Reclamation Facility.

Further, the WIC recommends that the established Wastewater Infrastructure Investment Fund and the Wastewater Stabilization Fund may be utilized to fund a portion of the scope and cost for the final design of the Phase 1 Collection System and Water Resource Reclamation Facility, as outlined in the Town Administrator's memo dated February 11, 2022. And, to recommend that the Select Board utilize any further funding as they deem appropriate.

Respectfully, Elizabeth C. Sullivan, Town Administrator