

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

NOVEMBER 30, 2021

1. SPECIAL TOWN ELECTION, BALLOT QUESTION FOR FIRE STATION 2 BUILDING

On Tuesday, November 2, 2021, Special Town Meeting voters supported and approved the construction of Fire Station II. A corresponding 2 ½ debt exclusion vote is required as outlined below. The Special Town Election is scheduled for December 7, 2021.

Town Meeting Motion - Approved

That the sum of \$14,946,500 is appropriated to pay costs of designing, constructing, furnishing and equipping Fire Station 2 to replace an existing Fire Station 2, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to G.L. c. 44, §7(1), or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor. Any premium received upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this vote in accordance with G.L. c. 44, §20, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount. No amounts shall be borrowed or expended hereunder unless the Town shall have voted to exclude the amounts necessary to repay the borrowing authorized by this vote from the limitation on property taxes set forth in G.L. c. 59, §21C (also known as Proposition 2½).

Ballot Question

Shall the Town of Dennis be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued in order to pay costs of designing, constructing, furnishing and equipping Fire Station 2 to replace an existing Fire Station 2, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto?

Town Clerk Terri Bunce has outlined the following important information regarding the upcoming Special Town Election:

Date of the Special Town Election: **December 7, 2021**

Polling Hours: **12 noon – 6:00 pm**

Precinct Locations are as follows:

Precinct 1: Carleton Hall, 1006 Old Bass River Road, Dennis

Precinct 2: Dennis Senior Center, 1045 Route 134, East Dennis

Precinct 3: Dennis Public Library, 5 Hall St., Dennis Port

Precinct 4: 1867 West Dennis Graded School House, 67 School Street, West Dennis

Precinct 5: Dennis Police Station, 90 Bob Crowell Road, South Dennis

Choices for Voters:

- 1.) Vote at the Polls on Election Day.**

- 2.) Absentee Vote at the Town Clerk's office in person until 12 noon on Monday, December 6, 2021.
- 3.) Apply for a Vote-by-Mail ballot until 4:30 pm on Wednesday, December 1, 2021.

Vote-By-Mail & Absentee Ballot applications: are available on the Town Clerk's Department page on the Town of Dennis Website and Vote-by-Mail applications are also in front of the Town Hall.

Track my Ballot: This is now available for the Vote-by-mail process through the Secretary of State's Office as a Track-my-ballot system for Local Elections. The website is: www.trackmyballotMA.com

This website will show:

1. That the application has been received.
2. When the Ballot has been mailed from the Town Clerk's Office.
3. When the Ballot has been received by the Town Clerk's office.

Also, Vote-by-Mail & Absentee ballots will be processed at the 5 Polling Locations on Election day.

Should you have any questions, please contact the Town Clerk's office at (508) 760-6112.

2. STORYWALK® AT THE DENNIS PUBLIC LIBRARY

Starting Monday, November 22nd, the Dennis Public Library presents a StoryWalk®, featuring the book *Last Stop on Market Street*. This story, written by Matt De La Pena and illustrated by Christian Robinson, follows CJ as he takes a bus ride with his grandmother, who asks him to look at things a little differently as they go on their way. The Dennis Public Library is thankful for its StoryWalk® partner the Dennis-Yarmouth Coordinated Family & Community Engagement Program. The story begins at the library's main door facing Edwards Avenue and circles around to the front of the building facing Route 28. We hope to keep the StoryWalk® up through the holiday season.

The StoryWalk® concept was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT, and developed with the help of Rachel Senechal of the Kellogg-Hubbard Library.

3. DEPARTMENT OF MUNICIPAL FINANCE

As you all know I updated at your last meeting that Finance Director MaryAnne Gibbs would be retiring this month. I want to again thank MaryAnne for all her years of public service Dennis was extremely fortunate to have the fiscal guidance from MaryAnne and we wish her well in her well-deserved retirement.

I am pleased to formally welcome, and introduce our new Finance Director Josee Young to the Board and the community.

An accomplished Finance Director in her previous role, as the Finance Director for Provincetown, she is experienced in managing all fiscal and financial activities of a Cape Cod municipality, including those duties and responsibilities related to municipal finance.

Josee is an impressive public servant who is more than qualified and ready to assume the Finance Director responsibilities on a permanent basis. She is thorough, demonstrates attention to detail, a

commitment to working collaboratively, and a proficiency in budget management and training. Josee is well versed leading a Department of Municipal Finance including overseeing the departments of Accounting, Assessing, and Treasurer/Collector.

Josee is extremely familiar with our Town and finances and will be an excellent fit for our existing team, the Board, and the Town.

Be well, and have a great week everyone!

Respectfully,

Elizabeth C. Sullivan, Town Administrator