

**TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT
TO THE SELECT BOARD – JULY 14, 2020**

1. COVID-19 UPDATES –

We urge everyone to follow social distancing guidelines, wear a face covering when social distances cannot be maintained, wash hands frequently, use hand sanitizer, and practice proper respiratory etiquette.

State DPH COVID-19 Numbers

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health reports the number of positive cases and deaths daily on the state's [COVID-19 dashboard here](#).

Town-specific case numbers are published by the state every Wednesday on the [COVID-19 Weekly Public Health Report](#).

2 Dennis cases (7/14/2020)

Phase 3 Began in MA Monday, July 6th

Last week the state announced that Phase 3 of the Reopening Massachusetts plan would begin Monday, with the opening of gyms and fitness facilities, museums and cultural facilities. The Governor also announced revised guidance around the limit on gatherings both indoors and outdoors. Like Phase 2, Phase 3 will have two parts. Phase 3 will also last significantly longer than earlier phases, with Phase 4 not occurring until there is a vaccine. Learn more: <https://www.mass.gov/news/reopening-massachusetts-baker-polito-administration-initiates-transition-to-third-phase-of>

2. DENNIS REOPENING WEBSITE OFFERS LOCAL REOPENING INFORMATION

The Town will continue to post reopening-related updates to a dedicated website at <https://www.town.dennis.ma.us/home/news/reopening-dennis>

Check there for updates as new information is posted as guidance becomes available.

3. STATUS REPORT ON OWNER'S PROJECT MANAGER (OPM) FOR FIRE STATION 2

At the Annual Town meeting (ATM) held on June 23, 2020 the residents of the Town of Dennis approved Article 13 & 14 to continue the process of towards the goal of replacing Fire Station 2.

Article 13 for the repurposing of a Town property from gravel pit to general municipal to allow for the future development of the proposed Fire Station site. Article 14 for OPM, Design and Engineering services.

Prior to that approval a feasibility study had been successfully completed identifying a site location, conceptual design and estimated cost. Pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 149, Section 44A1/2, the Town of Dennis is required to use a qualification-based selection process to procure the services of an Owner's Project Manager (OPM). Upon the positive vote at the ATM, Administration with the assistance of the Fire Department began the process of developing a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) document to procure the services of an OPM.

The document was completed on July 9, 2020 and an advertisement notice was submitted as required by MA General Law (MGL), with a publish date of July 15, 2020. To allow for the prospective vendor time to review the feasibility study and prepare a proper proposal the due date is August 13, 2020. As per MGL the review and selection of the OPM will closely mirror the “Designer Selection Procedure” as adopted by the Board of Selectmen on March 5, 2020 (qualification-based selection process).

It is anticipated that an OPM will be selected by the middle of September and then the process of selecting and Architect will begin soon after that.

4. VETERANS HOME –

As you know, the town through Town Meeting approved a 99-year ground lease for the development of an affordable home for veterans. The five-bedroom, two-story colonial dwelling is all framed. The home has a wrap-around porch and a deck off the rear. Much of the exterior is completed. The Septic is going in this week and the siding is now on order with an expected delivery within the next two weeks. After much work, I am happy to report this project is nearing completion.

If you did not see it already there was a nice article in the Cape Cod Times on the project yesterday.

Thank you to the Cape and Island Veterans Outreach Center for all their work on this important project.

5. DENNIS FIRE RECEIVES GRANT -

I am happy to inform you that the Dennis Fire Department has been awarded \$123,676.19 through FEMA's 2020 Assistance to Firefighters Grants - Supplemental Program (AFG-S).

This will assist the Fire Department with PPE supplies.

Best regards,

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6. UPDATE FROM EVERSOURCE -

I wanted to make sure that you saw the press release below explaining new Eversource health and safety guidelines for the restart of energy efficiency services in customer homes and businesses.

In addition to implementing enhanced health and safety guidelines, Eversource is also increasing incentives for energy efficiency projects with a range of offerings for residential, small business, municipal and commercial & industrial customers.

We encourage all of our customers interested in an energy assessment or other energy efficiency services and rebates to visit the [Save Money & Energy section of Eversource.com](#) for more information.

“We understand this is a challenging time for many customers, and we want to do what we can to make it easier for customers to invest in energy efficiency for customers who aren’t comfortable with a contractor visiting their home or business at this time, we continue to offer virtual assessment options. We will always put the safety of our customers and contractors first, and we’ll continue to use the best available science and data from the experts as we adapt our approach to best safeguard health while serving our customers.”

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Warm regards,

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7. CHAPTER 90 FUNDS FY21

I am very pleased to report MassDOT and the Baker/Polito Administration have confirmed our Chapter 90 FY21 apportionment.

DENNIS	145.57 miles	14,207 population	\$719,759
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MassDOT is committed to working with cities and towns to help fulfill project requests and commitments as expeditiously as possible, so we can have a robust 2020 maintenance and construction season. The District 5 State Aid office is continuing to work remotely, and is able to accept and process projects and reimbursements.

Chapter 90 funds are for roadway projects and capital improvement such as but not limited to; highway construction, preservation and improvement projects. These projects create or extend the life of capital facilities.

Have a great rest of the week, please do stay well!!

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