

WARRANT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

June 23, 2020
TOWN OF DENNIS
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
BARNSTABLE, ss.

GREETING

IN THE NAME OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of said Town, qualified to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the Nathaniel H. Wixon School, 901 Route 134, South Dennis, in said Town, on Tuesday, the 23rd day of June, 2020, at 5:30 in the evening, then and there to act on the following articles:

DENNIS WARRANT WITH FINANCE COMMITTEE & BOARD OF SELECTMEN
RECOMMENDATIONS

ARTICLE 1 - Fiscal Year 2021 Budget

To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds for the operating expenses of the Town for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021.

(By the Finance Committee)

Selectmen: Voted 5-0-0 to recommend a total operating budget of \$39,279,317 for the purpose of this article.

The Finance Committee voted 7-0-0 to:

Recommend to raise and appropriate \$36,096,406 for the purpose of this article.

Recommend to transfer \$100,000 from Overlay Reserve to Finance Committee Reserve Fund, Line Item #7A

Recommend to transfer \$255,900 from Cable Receipts Reserved for Appropriations to Information Technology & Data Management Personal Services, Line Item #28

Recommend to transfer \$15,000 from the Cable Receipts Reserved for Appropriations to Technology & Data Management Purchase of Services, Line Item #29

Recommend to transfer \$10,000 from the Cable Receipts Reserved for appropriations to Property/Liability Insurance, Other Charges, Line Item #51

Recommend to transfer \$821,100 from Ambulance Receipts Reserve for Appropriations to Fire Dept. Personal Services, Line Item #58

Recommend to transfer \$1,000 from the Bass River Receipts Reserved for Appropriations to Beach Purchase of Service Line Item #130

Recommend to transfer \$6,000 from the Cable Receipts Reserved for Appropriations to Fringe Benefits, Worker's Comp. Line Item #150

Recommend to transfer \$5,000 from the Cable Receipts Reserved for Appropriations to Fringe Benefits, Unemployment Insurance, Line Item #151

Recommend to transfer \$45,000 from the Cable Receipts Reserved for Appropriations to Fringe Benefits, Retirement Contribution, Line Item #152

Recommend to transfer \$38,000 from the Cable Receipts Reserved for Appropriations to Fringe Benefits, Group Insurance, Line Item #153

Recommend to transfer \$620,000 from the Community Preservation Act Fund to Long Term Debt Principal, Line Item #146

Recommend to transfer \$85,000 from the Community Preservation Act Fund to Short Term Interest, Line Item #148

Recommend to transfer \$129,069 from the Community Preservation Act Fund to Long Term Debt Interest; Line Item #147 and any unexpended shall be transferred back to the Community Preservation Act Fund.

Recommend to transfer \$20,000 from the Septic Loan Program Account to Long Term Debt Principal, Line Item #146

Recommend to transfer \$74,000 from the Waterways Dredge and Maintenance to Long Term Debt Principal; Line Item #146

Recommend to transfer \$194,252 from the Waterways Dredge and Maintenance to Long Term Debt Interest; Line Item #147

Recommend to transfer \$228,000 from the Beach Capital Improvement Fund to Long Term Debt Principal; Line Item #146

Recommend to transfer \$97,034 from the Beach Capital Improvement Fund to Long Term Interest; Line Item #147

Recommend to transfer \$53,000 from the Golf Capital Improvement Fund to Long Term Debt Principal; Line Item #146

Recommend to transfer \$64,903 from the Golf Capital Improvement Fund to Long Term Debt Interest; Line Item #147

Recommend to transfer \$90,000 from the Solid Waste/Recycle Capital Improvement Fund to the Long Term Debt Principal; Line Item #146

Recommend to transfer \$230,653 from the Solid Waste/Recycle Capital Improvement Fund to the Long Term Debt Interest; Line Item #147

Making a total of \$39,279,317

And further recommend that said appropriations be allocated in accordance with line item amounts defined under the column, Finance Committee Recommended FY2021.

ARTICLE 2 - Cape Cod Regional Technical High School Operating Assessment

To see if the Town will vote to approve an annual school budget for the Cape Cod Regional Technical High School for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2020 and see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds for the operating expenses of the Cape Cod Regional Technical High School system for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2020; or to take any other action relative thereto.

(By the Cape Cod Regional Technical High School)

Selectmen: Voted 5-0-0 to place and support the article in the amount of \$15,504,000 for the Fiscal Year budget and to raise and appropriate \$1,483,660 as the Town's assessment and \$741,934 for debt services for total operating expenses for the Town of \$2,225,594 for the Cape Cod Regional Technical High School for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2020.

Finance Committee: Voted 5-0-0 to recommend the article in the amount of \$15,504,000 for the Fiscal Year budget and to raise and appropriate \$1,483,660 as the Town's assessment and \$741,934 for debt services for total operating expenses for the Town of \$2,225,594 for the Cape Cod Regional Technical High School for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2020.

ARTICLE 3 - D/Y Regional School District Assessment

To see if the Town will vote to approve an annual school budget for the Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School District for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2020 and to see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds for the operating expenses of the Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School District for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2020; or to take any other action relative thereto.

(By the Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School Committee)

Selectmen: Voted 5-0-0 to place and support the article in the amount of \$64,749,044 for the Fiscal Year budget and to raise and appropriate \$17,846,077 as the Town's for the Dennis Yarmouth Regional School District for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2020.

Finance Committee: Voted 5-1-0 to recommend the article in the amount of \$64,749,044 for the Fiscal Year budget and to raise and appropriate \$17,846,077 as the Town's for the Dennis Yarmouth Regional School District for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2020.

ARTICLE 4 - Elected Officials Salaries FY21

To see if the Town will vote to fix the salary and compensation of the following elected officers of the Town for the Fiscal Year commencing July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021, as provided for in Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 41, §108 and acts and amendment thereof, and raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money therefore; or to take any other action relative thereto.

5 Selectmen at \$10,000 (\$2,000 each)
1 Moderator at \$450
1 Town Clerk at \$86,000

(By the Selectmen)

Selectmen: Voted 5-0-0 to place and support article.

Finance Committee: Voted 6-0-0 to raise and appropriate \$96,450 for this purpose.

ARTICLE 5- Budget Supplement

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to supplement the following Fiscal Year 2020 Line Item appropriations under Article 4 of the May 7, 2019 Annual Town Meeting; or to take any other action relative thereto.

A. Fire Department over-time \$194,000

(By the Finance Committee)

Selectmen: Voted 5-0-0 to place the article and support the article.

Finance Committee: Vote 6-0-0 to transfer from free cash \$194,000 for the purpose of the article.

ARTICLE 6 - Fire Department Staffing Stabilization Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to reserve for future budgetary needs at the completion of a 3-year FEMA grant for eight new firefighters. This amount will be set aside in this stabilization fund called "Future Budgetary Needs Stabilization Fund". At the close of the FEMA Safer Grant (3 years) these funds will be transferred to the Fire Department's budget; or to take any other action relative thereto.

(By the Selectmen)

Selectmen: Voted 4-0-0 to place and support article.

Finance Committee: Voted 5-0-0 recommend \$300,000 from raise and appropriate for the purpose of the article.

ARTICLE 7 - Capital Outlay - Raise & Appropriate

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to purchase or fund the following capital outlay items; or to take any action relative thereto.

Department	Project	Amount
155 – Information Technology	Technology Plan Part 2	\$ 75,000
171 – Natural Resources	Replace Shellfish Upweller	\$ 16,500
192 – Municipal Buildings	Replace Garage Doors Bob Crowell Road	\$ 15,000
210 – Police	Ballistic Vests Replacement	\$ 30,000
210 – Police	Officer Safety Equipment	\$ 19,650
210 – Police	IT Replace Hardware for Server	\$ 54,000
210 – Police	Replace Phone System	\$ 46,500
220 – Fire	Replace Pumper 112	\$205,000
422 – Highway	VW Grant- Replace 3 DPW Vehicles	\$225,000
	Total R&A	\$686,650
	Recommended	\$686,650

(By the Selectmen)

Selectmen: Voted 5-0-0 to place and support article.

Finance Committee: Voted 6-0-0 to raise and appropriate \$686,650 for the purpose of the article.

ARTICLE 8 - Capital Outlay - Other Funding Sources

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to purchase or fund the following capital outlay items, and further, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a lease purchase agreement or agreements for a term not to exceed five (5) years; or to take any other action relative thereto.

420 – Ambulance Receipts Fund	Replace Ambulance 105 Lease	\$134,288
	Replace Ambulance 107 Lease	\$113,333
	Subtotal	\$247,621
460 – Golf Course Capital Improvement Fund	Golf Equipment Lease Yr. 3 of 4	\$63,455
	Golf Equipment Lease-Yr. 1 of 4	\$11,158
	Subtotal	\$74,613
	Total Other Funding Sources	\$322,294

(By the Selectmen)

Selectmen: Voted 5-0-0 to place and support the article.

Finance Committee: Voted 6-0-0 to transfer from available funds \$322,294 for the purpose of the article.

ARTICLE 9 - Revolving Accounts

To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to Chapter 44, §53E ½, of the Massachusetts General Laws and §33-1 of the Town By-Laws to establish the spending limits for existing revolving accounts for Fiscal Year 2021; or to take any other action relative thereto.

Program or Purpose	Authorized Representative or Board to Spend	FY2021 Authorization
COA Bus Revolving Fund - 562	Council On Aging Director	\$35,000
COA Revolving Fund - 565	Council On Aging Director	\$120,000
Golf Revolving Fund - 585	Golf Director	\$400,000
Board of Health Revolving Fund - 543	Health Director	\$5,000
Library Revolving Fund - 570	Library Director	\$15,000
Recreation Department Revolving Fund - 590	Recreation Director	\$150,000
Cable Revolving Fund - 591	MIS Director	\$50,000

(By the Selectmen)

Selectmen: Voted 5-0-0 to place and support article, reducing the Board of Health Revolving Fund-543 to \$5,000.

Finance Committee: Voted 6-0-0 to recommend the article, reducing the Board of Health Revolving Fund-543 to \$5,000.

ARTICLE 10 - Community Preservation Committee Budget

To see if the Town will vote to approve a Community Preservation Committee Budget for Fiscal Year 2021 as follows to appropriate or set-aside for future appropriation for the Fiscal Year 2021 Community Preservation Fund estimated annual revenues for each of the following purposes: community housing; open space; and historic preservation; and further, to appropriate sums of money for debt service, and for Community Preservation Committee Expenses; and to reserve for future appropriation from the Fiscal Year 2021 Community Preservation Fund estimated annual revenues a sum of money to be placed in the FY2021 Undesignated Reserve for general Community Preservation Act purposes; or to take any other action relative thereto.

(By the Community Preservation Committee)

Selectmen: Voted 5-0-0 to place and support article.

Finance Committee: Voted 7-0-0 to recommend a Community Preservation Committee Budget for Fiscal Year 2021 as follows to appropriate or set-aside for future appropriation for the Fiscal Year 2021 Community Preservation Fund estimated annual revenues for each of the following purposes:

- 1) **10% Reserved for Community Housing - \$157,768**
- 2) **10% Reserved for Open Space - \$157,768**
- 3) **10% Reserved for Historic Preservation - \$157,768**
- 4) **Debt Service -\$749,069**
- 5) **Short Term Interest - \$85,000**
- 6) **Community Preservation Committee Expenses - \$30,000**
- 7) **FY2021 Budgeted Reserve Undesignated - \$240,307**

for a total of \$1,577,680 for the purpose of the article.

ARTICLE 11 - Surf Rake Reimbursement

To see if the town will vote to transfer from Free Cash \$35,163 and \$24,837 from the Beach Capital Improvement Fund, for a total of \$60,000, to the Finance Committee Budget Reserve Fund account to replenish the amount used to purchase a surf rake, or take any other action relative thereto.

(By the Selectmen)

Selectmen: Voted 5-0-0 to place and support article.

Finance Committee: Voted 5-0-0 to recommend the article as written.

ARTICLE 12 - Service Employee International Union SEIU/Non-Union Management/Administration Classification and Compensation Study

To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$20,000 from free cash for the purpose of funding a classification compensation study of the job classifications in collective bargaining unit, Service Employee International Union (SEIU) units A and B and Non-Union Management/ Administration personnel; or take any other action relative thereto.

(By the Selectmen)

Selectmen: Voted 5-0-0 to place and support article.

Finance Committee: Voted 6-0-0 to recommend to transfer \$20,000 from free cash for the purpose of the article.

ARTICLE 13 - Repurpose Gravel Pit Land for General Municipal Purposes

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the care, custody, control, and management of all or a portion of a parcel of land consisting of 5.5 acres more or less located at 350 Paddocks Path East Dennis, Massachusetts 02641, being further described in a deed recorded at the Barnstable County Registry of Deeds, Book 870, Page 78, that was acquired pursuant to the authorization under Article 67 of the March 1, 1954 Annual Town Meeting, said parcel to be transferred from the Board of Selectmen and currently held for gravel pit purposes to the Board of Selectmen to be held for general municipal purposes including, without limitation, for fire station purposes; or to take any other action relative thereto.

(By the Selectmen)

Selectmen: Voted 5-0-0 to place and support article.

Finance Committee: Voted 6-1-0 to recommend the article as printed.

ARTICLE 14 - Owner’s Project Manager, Design and Engineering for Fire Station

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to pay costs of owner’s project management, architectural and engineering services for developing plans, specifications and bid documents associated with a new Fire Station at 350 Paddocks Path, to replace the Fire Station at 1015 Old Bass River Road; or to take an action relative thereto.

(By the Selectmen)

Selectmen: Voted 5-0-0 to place and support the article.

Finance Committee: Voted 7-0-0 to recommend the transfer of \$1,191,085 from free cash to for the purpose of the article.

ARTICLE 15 - Change Building Department Fee Schedule

To see if the Town will vote, in accordance with the Selectmen’s Fee Limitation By-Law to eliminate the Building Department fees that have been ~~stricken through~~ and to establish new fee items all shown in **bold** and that said fees may be amended from time to time by the Board of Selectmen in accordance with the By-Law; or take any other action relative thereto.

Residential Units Electrical Permits	FEE	Residential Units Electrical Permits	FEE
New Construction/Reconstruction per unit	\$133	New Construction/ Addition/ renovation up to 1200 Sq. Ft per unit	\$100
Additions/Renovations 0-1200 sq. Ft.	\$79	1200-3000 Sq. Ft. per unit	\$150
Over 1200 Sq. Ft.	\$155	Over 3000 Sq. Ft. per unit	\$200
		Service	\$50
Minor alterations/Appliances, etc. existing building	\$44	Minor alterations/Appliances, etc. existing building	\$40

Septic pumps/air conditioners/generators	\$40		
Change of Service	\$47		
Alternative Energy (roof mounted)	\$75	Alternative Energy (roof and ground)	\$75
Accessory Buildings (garage, barn, etc., excluding separate meter)	\$62	Pool (above ground & inground)	\$75
Temporary Service	\$44		
Additional Meters per unit	\$36		
Alarms, Ground/CO	\$36		
Commercial Units Multi-Dwellings (3 or more)		Commercial	
New Construction/ Reconstruction per unit	\$200	New Construction/Addt./Reno./Remodel up to 750 Sq. Ft.	\$135
Additions/Renovations up to 750 Sq. Ft.	\$115	Service	\$65
750-1500 Sq. Ft.	\$155	750-1500 Sq. Ft. per unit	\$165
Over 1500 Sq. Ft.	\$230	Over 1500 Sq. Ft. per unit	\$200
Minor Alterations/ Appliances, Etc., existing building	\$47	Minor changes/ Appliances	\$50
Septic pumps/ air condition units/ Generator	\$46	Alternative Energy (roof) per unit	\$200
Change of Service & Meters	\$64	Alternative Energy (ground) per kilowatt: max \$20,000	\$40
Temporary Service	\$40	Pool	\$200
Additional Meters per unit	\$40		
New Service-one meter	\$115		
Alarms/ Ground/ CO	\$46		
Smoke Detectors per unit	\$22		
Carnival/ Fairs	FEE		
Less than 20 Concession/ Rides	\$73		
Greater than 20 Concession/Rides	\$147		
Other Permits			
Pools-Residential/ Commercial	\$62		
Signs-Residential/Commercial	\$36		
Alternative Energy (free standing residential) per unit	\$53		
Alternative Energy (free standing commercial) per unit	\$105		
Building Permit amendment (after permit issued)	\$34		

Selectmen: Voted 5-0-0 to place and support article.

Finance Committee: Voted 6-0-0 to recommend the article as printed.

ARTICLE 16 - Establish Police Traffic Detail Use of Motor Vehicle Fee

To see if the Town will vote to establish a new administrative fee in the amount of \$20 per hour, in accordance with the Selectmen's Fee Limitation By-Law, Article VII, Section 36-8, and in accordance with G.L. c. 44, § 53C, when a Police Department vehicle, is requested for a "traffic detail" or the Dennis Police Patrol Commander, or his/her designee, determines that a Police Department vehicle is necessary for safety for a requested "traffic detail," provided, however, that a City, Town, District, or the Commonwealth will be exempt from such fee, and further, that said fee may be amended from time to time by the Board of Selectmen in accordance with said By-Law and in accordance with the provisions of G.L. c. 44, §53C; or take any other action relative there to.

(By the Selectmen)

Selectmen: Voted 5-0-0 to place and support article.

Finance Committee: Voted 6-0-0 to recommend the article as printed.

ARTICLE 17 - Volkswagen (VW) Grant – DPW Trucks

To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$399,000 from the Capital Improvement Fund to purchase three vehicles for the Department of Public Works with the intent to replenish this account upon receipt of the Massachusetts VW Open Solicitation Grant proceeds; or take any other action relative thereto.

(By the Selectmen)

Selectmen: Voted 5-0-0 to place and support the article.

Finance Committee: Voted 5-0-0 to recommend \$399,000 from the Capital Improvement Fund for the purpose of the article.

ARTICLE 18 - Vulnerability Assessment on Town Computer System

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds \$19,500 to perform a vulnerability assessment on the Town computer system; or take any other action relative thereto.

(By the Selectmen)

Selectmen: Voted 5-0-0 to place and support the article.

Finance Committee: Voted 6-0-0 to recommend \$19,500 from free cash for the purpose of the article.

ARTICLE 19 - Citizens Petition Chapter 70 Climate Policy

To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following as a general by-law and insert it into the Code of the Town of Dennis, Massachusetts as chapter 70:

Chapter 70 Climate Policy

§70-1. Climate Policy

The Town of Dennis recognizes that the climate emergency, driven by human activity including energy consumption and land use practices and leading to global warming, rising seas, deadly storms, dangerous heat waves, acidifying oceans, and melting ice sheets, poses an imminent threat to the health, safety and economic security of the residents of the Town. The Town of Dennis therefore adopts as its policy the objective of reducing net greenhouse gas emissions from human activity within and by the Town to zero at the earliest technically and economically feasible time, and directs that all officers and departments of the Town take such measures within the scope of their respective responsibilities and authority as may be necessary and prudent to facilitate such policy and objective; or take any other action relative thereto.

(By Citizen Petition)

Selectmen: Voted 5-0-0 to commit to place the article on the next available warrant.

Finance Committee: Voted 6-0-0 to recommend to indefinitely postpone the article.

ARTICLE 20 - Citizens Petition – Climate Resolution

To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following resolution:

Be it resolved that the Town of Dennis recognizes that the climate emergency, driven by human activity including energy consumption and land use practices and leading to global warming, rising seas, deadly storms, dangerous heat waves, acidifying oceans, and melting ice sheets, poses an imminent threat to the health, safety and economic security of the residents of the Town. The Town of Dennis therefore adopts as its policy the objective of reducing net greenhouse gas emissions from human activity within and by the Town to zero at the earliest technically and economically feasible time, and directs that all officers and departments of the Town take such measures within the scope of their respective responsibilities and authority as may be necessary and prudent to facilitate such policy and objective; or take any action relative there to.

(By Citizen Petition)

Selectmen: Voted 5-0-0 to commit to place the article on the next available warrant.

Finance Committee: Voted 6-0-0 to recommend to indefinitely postpone the article.

ARTICLE 21 - Citizens Petition to Prohibit Engine Assisted Braking

To see if the Town will vote to prohibit engine assisted braking. The use of engine or exhaust assisted brakes (Engine Brakes, Jake Brakes) shall be prohibited on all streets in the Town of Dennis. Engine braking is allowed in an emergency situation in order to avoid injury or accident and the truck driver may use that claim as an affirmative defense if cited. Violations shall be enforced by the Dennis Police Department with an issuance of a civil violation and a fine of \$300 per violation; or take any other action relative thereto.

(By the Selectmen)

Selectmen: Voted 5-0-0 to commit to place the article on the next available warrant.

Finance Committee: Voted 5-0-0 to recommend to indefinitely postpone the article.

ARTICLE 22 - Citizens Petition for Commercial Single-use Plastic Water Bottle Ban

To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following as a general by-law and to insert it into the Code of the Town of Dennis, Massachusetts.

Section 1. Sale of Single-use Plastic Water Bottles

Effective on September 1, 2021, it shall be unlawful to sell non-carbonated, unflavored drinking water in single-use plastic bottles of less than one gallon in the Town of Dennis. Enforcement of this regulation will begin September 1, 2021.

Section 2. Definitions

A single-use plastic bottle is a beverage container made from any type of plastic resin.

Section 3. Exemptions

Sales or distribution of non-carbonated, unflavored drinking water in single-use plastic bottles occurring subsequent to a declaration of emergency (by the Emergency Management Director or other duly authorized Town, County, Commonwealth or Federal official) affecting the availability and/or quality of drinking water to residents of the Town shall be exempt from this bylaw until seven days after the declaration has ended.

Section 4. Enforcement

Enforcement of this article shall be the responsibility of the Town Manager or his/her designee. The Town Manager shall determine the inspection process to be followed, incorporating the process into other Town duties as appropriate. Any establishment conducting sales in violation of this article shall be subject to a non-criminal disposition fine as specified in G.L. Chapter 40 § 21D. The following penalties apply:

First violation: Written warning
Second violation: \$150 fine
Third and subsequent violations: \$300 fine

Each day a violation continues constitutes a separate violation, incurring additional fines. Any such fines collected shall be payable to the Town of Dennis. All businesses will be routinely inspected until the Town Manager deems the inspection to no longer be required; or take any other action relative there to.

Rationale:

Single-use plastic bottles impact environmental health, and the health and longevity of other species, who may ingest plastic as food. Ultimately, plastic re-enters the human food chain where the adverse consequences are both known and emerging. Plastics pollute and impact our environment across their lifecycle from production to use to disposal.

Over 1,500 single-use plastic water bottles are used and discarded in the U.S. per second. Elimination of the use of single-use plastic water bottles will have a significant impact on future plastic-based pollution including the nation's greenhouse gas footprint and is consistent with protection of the natural environment in Dennis, Barnstable County, our nation and our earth, which we have a common responsibility to protect and steward; or to take any action relative thereto.

(By Citizen Petition)

Selectmen: Voted 5-0-0 to commit to place the article on the next available warrant.

Finance Committee: Voted 6-0-0 to recommend to indefinitely postpone the article.

ARTICLE 23 - Citizens Petition – to Change the State Flag and Seal of Massachusetts

To see if the town of Dennis will join with most other Cape Cod towns in voting to pass a resolution in support of changing the state flag and seal of Massachusetts.

This resolution asks the citizens of the town of Dennis to request that our senators and representatives, through bills *H.27766* and *S.1877*, and that our Governor appoint a special commission to change the flag and seal of Massachusetts.

Motion: We, the voters of the Town of Dennis, support Bill *H.27766* and Bill *S.1877*, which call for an investigation by a special commission, including members of the legislature and representatives of Native Nations of Massachusetts, to recommend changes to the state seal and flag of the Commonwealth.

Explanation: The history of Massachusetts is full of conflict between the European colonists and the Native Nations who have lived in this region for thousands of years, who first extended their hand of friendship to the colonists on their shores in 1620, and helped them to survive starvation during the settlers' first winters on their land.

In April of 1623, barely two years after the Pilgrims arrived on their shores, members of the Native nation for whom our state of Massachusetts is named were ambushed and killed by Myles Standish,

first commander of Plymouth Colony. The current flag and seal show a copy of Myles Standish's colonial broadsword brandished above the head of a Native man. The belt binding the Native's cloak is modeled after a belt worn by Metacomet, a Wampanoag leader called King Philip by the English, who reluctantly had to fight a war in 1675-76 trying to prevent the increasing numbers of colonial settlers from taking over Wampanoag lands.

The history of relations since colonial times between the colonists and the Native Nations who lived here include forced internment of thousands of Christian "Praying Indians" on Deer Island in Boston Harbor where they died by the hundreds of exposure in 1675, and their subsequent enslavement in Boston, Bermuda and the Caribbean Islands. Starting in 1686, settlers were offered 40lbs. sterling silver for the scalps of Native men, women and children. By 1722, they could get 100 lbs. sterling for scalps of Native men, 50 lbs. silver for scalps of women and children. Native people were kept in a state of serfdom, completely under the control of Massachusetts' leaders until the so-called Mashpee Rebellion of 1833, when they were finally able to govern their own people. From 1675, a law prohibited Native Americans from even stepping foot in Boston. That law was never repealed until 2004!

Whereas, the 400th anniversary of the arrival of European colonists, which gave rise to the long chain of genocidal wars and deliberate policies of cultural destruction of Native Nations of this continent, is this year 2020, each of us has a chance to reflect upon this history. Native Americans have long suffered the many abuses of racism, the diminution and pollution of their ancestral land and the destruction of their sacred places.

We have the opportunity to create better relationships with all of the many Native Americans who are still very much here. A redesign of our state seal and flag is not only long overdue, it is an excellent opportunity for us non-Natives to extend our hands in friendship and respect.

Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Dennis hereby adopts this resolution in support of H.2776 and S.1877, a "Resolve Providing for the creation of a Special Commission relative to the Seal and Motto of the Commonwealth," and that the Joint Committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, after holding a public hearing on the Resolve, report it out favorably, and if the legislation shall pass that the governor shall sign it and work with members of the General Court to ensure its enactment; or take any action relative thereto.

(By Citizen Petition)

Selectmen: Voted 5-0-0 to commit to place the article on the next available warrant.

Finance Committee: Voted 6-0-0 to recommend to indefinitely postpone the article.

**TOWN OF DENNIS
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION**

IN THE NAME OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, you are hereby notified and warned, the inhabitants of the Town of Dennis, who are qualified to vote in elections to meet at several precincts in Dennis at the following places:

- Precinct 1: Carleton Hall, 1006 Old Bass River Road, Dennis
- Precinct 2: Dennis Town Hall, 685 Route 134, South 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

In said Dennis on Tuesday, the thirtieth day of June 2020, at 7:00 a.m. then and there to vote for election of the following officers:

- Two Selectman for three years
- One Dennis-Yarmouth School Committee Member for three years
- One Old Kings Highway Regional Historic District Commissioner for four years
- One Water District Commissioner for three years
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Question

Shall the Town of Dennis accept the provisions of section 39M of chapter 40 of the General Laws, a fair and concise summary of which appears below?

Summary

Section 39M of Chapter 40 of the General Laws of Massachusetts establishes a special “Municipal Water Infrastructure Investment Fund” with a dedicated funding source that may be spent on maintenance, improvements and investments to municipal drinking, wastewater and stormwater infrastructure assets. Town Meeting must approve all spending from the fund. In Dennis, the funding source is a surcharge of one percent on the annual property tax assessed on real property starting in fiscal year 2021, which begins on July 1, 2020. The surcharge is calculated by multiplying the real estate tax on the parcel by the adopted percentage. Real estate parcels that are fully exempt from property taxes are not subject to a surcharge. In addition, taxpayers who receive partial exemptions of the real estate taxes assessed on their domiciles, including certain seniors, veterans, blind persons and surviving spouses, are fully exempt from the surcharge. Taxpayers who receive other exemptions or abatements of their real estate taxes will receive a pro rata reduction in their surcharges.

Non-Binding Public Advisory Question:

Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station on Cape Cod bay in order to protect the public and the environment

Whereas, the high level nuclear waste will remain at Pilgrim for decades or more in dry casks that present safety concerns, each holding half the radioactive cesium released at Chernobyl;

Whereas, the spent fuel pool remains full and is vulnerable to terrorist attack or accident that could cause radioactive contamination rendering our communities uninhabitable;

Whereas, due to a lack of proper security on the property, there as been open access beyond the posted 'No Trespassing' signs to within line-of-sight of dry casks and spent fuel pool;

Whereas, during decommissioning, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission has abdicated its responsibility to protect the public by approving exemptions requested by the new Pilgrim owner Holtec for reduced offsite liability insurance, cybersecurity, and offsite emergency planning;

Whereas, safety is a human right;

Whereas, citizens of the Town of Dennis find this to be an unacceptable threat to our health and safety and must be resolved in the most timely manner;

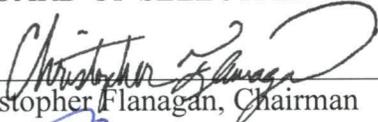
Therefore, shall the people of the Town of Dennis direct the local government to communicate to Governor Baker and the State Legislature to employ all means available to ensure that: (1) spent nuclear fuel is secured in better quality dry casks and hardened onsite, storage; and (2) spent fuel pool and casks are protected with heightened security to prevent intrusion in order to protect the health, welfare, and economic interests of the Town of Dennis and its inhabitants and visitors?

And you are directed to serve this WARRANT by posting up attested copies thereof at EACH OF THE POST OFFICES in said TOWN OF DENNIS at least SEVEN (7) days before the time of holding the said meeting.

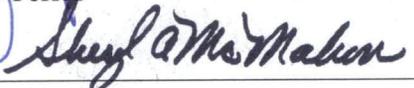
HEREOF FAIL NOT, and make a due return of this WARRANT with your doings thereon to the TOWN CLERK, at the time and place of the meeting aforesaid.

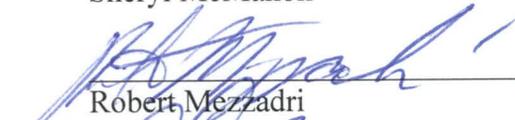
Given unto our hands this 9th day of June in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty.

DENNIS BOARD OF SELECTMEN


Christopher Flanagan, Chairman


John Ferris


Sheryl McMahon


Robert Mezzadri

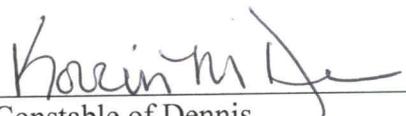

Christopher Lambton

A True Copy, Attest


Theresa T. Bunce, Town Clerk

BARNSTABLE, ss.

PERSUANT TO THE WITHIN WARRANT, I have notified and warned the Inhabitants of the Town of Dennis by posting up attested copies of the same at EACH OF THE POST OFFICES AND ON THE PRINCIPAL BULLETIN BOARD IN THE TOWN HALL OFFICES, SOUTH DENNIS SEVEN (7) days before the date of the meeting, as within directed.


Constable of Dennis

JUNE 10, 2020
Date