

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

JANUARY 9, 2024

1. NEW TOWN OF DENNIS WEBSITE AND NEWSLETTER

I am pleased to share that in conjunction with the launch of the new Town website, the Town of Dennis will be publishing a periodical E-Newsletter to update and inform residents on important issues and events. Sign up to receive these newsletters on the Town website, <http://www.town.dennis.ma.us> in the “E-mail Alerts” page, under the “News Flash” section, then “Town of Dennis News”.

To view the most recent newsletter, [click here](#).

2. FAIR SHARE FY 2024 AMOUNTS BY MUNICIPALITY

In December 2023, it was announced that the state’s 351 municipalities would be receiving a total of \$100 million to support local infrastructure. The grant awards come from revenue generate by the Fair Share Amendment.

Letters sent to each municipality certify their Fair Share apportionment for Fiscal Year 2024. The Fair Share Amendment funds are being distributed according to two formulas. The first \$50 million is being distributed using the traditional Chapter 90 formula based on local road mileage (58.33%), population (20.83%), and employment (20.83%). The second \$50 million is being distributed using a formula based on each municipality’s share of road mileage. Each community is receiving a different total amount according to how the two formulas apportion the money. This apportionment is automatically incorporated into a municipalities’ existing Chapter 90 contract with MassDOT with no further action required by the municipality.

CITY/TOWN	\$50M Road Miles	\$50M CH90	Total Apportionment
DENNIS	\$247,301	\$181,335	\$428,636

3. SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL - REMINDERS

When weather events hit that put Dennis on the rain/snow/ice line, residents may see little in terms of accumulation, but these storms require significant resources from the Department of Public Works. For extended duration storms, the Department operates two rotating salt shifts to manage storms. These lingering storms can be challenging and can mean long hours for staff who work to keep the streets safe.

The Town is committed to ensuring roads are safe and passable. Please give the DPW trucks and staff the space to do their work on the streets and in parking lots. Thank you to everyone for their patience during and after these events. After a storm has ended calls and/or messages can be made to the Department of Public Works at 508-760-6220. When leaving a message please be as brief as possible leaving your name, address, phone number and reason for calling. We will make a list of the concerns and address them systematically.

4. TOWN OF DENNIS CHILDCARE SUBSIDY PROGRAM

The Town of Dennis Childcare Subsidy Program was funded to provide financial assistance for 50 local families with children who are under five years old as of August 31, 2023, for the program period September 1, 2023 -August 31, 2024.

As of today, we have approved 28 eligible families who are now receiving assistance childcare leaving 22 available subsidies for this first year of the program. We will continue to accept applications on a rolling basis until the limit is reached.

For more information, an application form and a required document list please visit The Town of Dennis official website or follow the link below:

<https://www.town.dennis.ma.us/699/Childcare-Subsidy-Program>

5. **DENNIS CENTER FOR ACTIVE LIVING – GRAND OPENING!**

THE DENNIS CENTER FOR ACTIVE LIVING

★ *You're invited!*

**DCAL GRAND OPENING
RIBBON CUTTING CELEBRATION**

**January 24, 2024
Noon • Main Ballroom**

Join us for a ribbon cutting at the joining door with the newly remodeled original structure of the Dennis Senior Center.

**Dennis Center
for Active Living**
1045 Route 134
South Dennis

DENNIS CENTER
FOR ACTIVE LIVING

6. **TOWN OF DENNIS SEEKS REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING AT 187 DEPOT ST.**

The Town of Dennis is seeking proposals from qualified bidders to provide **Development and Management of Affordable Housing at 187 Depot Street**. Copies of the Request for Proposals (RFP) document with instructions and requirements are available on the Town's website [here](#).

Proposals must be submitted no later than **4:00 PM on Friday, February 16, 2024**, and must be submitted to Greg Rounseville, Assistant Town Administrator, at Dennis Town Hall, 685 Route 134, South Dennis, MA 02660.

Sealed proposals will be received at the Town of Dennis Town Hall, Town Administrator's Office, 685 Route 134, South Dennis, MA 02660 until 4:00 P.M., **Friday, February 16, 2024** at which time and place proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud for the following:

Development and Management of Affordable Housing at 187 Depot Street.

Eight proposals, one original and seven copies must be received in a sealed envelope, clearly marked "**Affordable Housing**". A USB flash drive containing the Proposal must also be included.

Bids received after the time and date established herein for the opening of bids shall not be accepted or considered, regardless of the cause for delay in the receipt of such bids.

The Town of Dennis reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any informality in bidding, and to make the award as may be determined in the best interests of the Town. Respondents must comply with all applicable civil rights and employment opportunity laws.

"An Equal Opportunity Municipality - AA/MBE"

7. FISCAL YEAR 2025 CAPITAL OUTLAY REQUESTS

The Select Board is scheduled to discuss the FY25 recommendations of the Capital Outlay Committee at their meeting on January 23, 2024 with the Capital Committee. We look forward to the Capital Outlay Committee presentation.

8. NEXT MEETING DATES OF THE DENNIS SELECT BOARD

The Dennis Select Board will meet on January 23, 2024 for regularly scheduled business. Upcoming meeting dates of the Select Board can be found on the [Town of Dennis website here](#).

All are welcome to attend and participate in our open and public meetings. The agenda for each meeting is posted 48 business hours prior to the scheduled meeting time and can be accessed through the Select Board's webpage or the Town calendar webpage.

Attend in-person at the Town Hall, Stone Meeting Room. Or for alternative public access join the meeting online via zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7660036712> or participate by phone by dialing 1-646-558-8656 and entering Conference ID 766 003 6712 #.

9. DENNIS TOWN OFFICES - MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY OBSERVANCE

All Town office buildings and facilities will be closed on Monday, January 15, 2024 in observance of Martin Luther King Day.

The Dennis Transfer Station will be closed on Monday, January 15, Tuesday, January 16. They will be open Wednesday, January 17 at 8am per their regular operating schedule.

The Dennis Highlands Golf Course will be open their normal hours of 8am to 4pm on Martin Luther King Day. The Pines remains closed for the season.

The Dennis Public Library is always closed on Mondays.

10. JOIN THE TEAM – THE TOWN OF DENNIS IS HIRING

Are you or someone you know looking for work? The Town of Dennis is hiring! Several full and part-time positions available. View and apply for current job openings [here](#).

Happy New Year everyone!

Respectfully,
Elizabeth C. Sullivan, Town Administrator