

APPLICATION SUBMITTED BY:

Name of Organization: Village Improvement Society of Dennis

Address: Box 779, Dennis, MA 02638

Phone Number: 508-737-6102

Email: kbyron@capecod.net

Chief Executive Officer: Carole Bell - President

Signature: Carole Bell

Name: (if more than one) Kate Byron - Vice President

Signature: Kate Byron

SYNOPSIS

1. PROJECT TITLE: Land acquisition (40,020 sq ft) a portion of 744 Main Street, Dennis Village. Preserve the Charm
2. Organization Name: Village Improvement Society of Dennis
3. Amount Requested: \$225,000.00
4. Purpose: Open Space and preservation of open and visible space along Historic Route 6A.
5. Project Site: 744 Main St, Dennis Village,
Map 350 Parcel 4,
Limited Business Zone (LB)
Land Court Plan 15742 parcel 2
6. Synopsis of Project: Village Improvement Society seeks to purchase this 40,020 sq ft lot. improve the streetscape (215 feet frontage) by eliminating invasive vines and deadwood thus enhancing the historic setting of Dennis Village, protecting the aesthetics of Old Kings Highway and place a permanent conservation restriction on the parcel.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

7. Project Title: Preserve the Charm, purchase and preservation
8. Organization Name: The Village Improvement Society of Dennis
9. Address: Post Office Box 779, Dennis MA 02638,
10. Federal Tax Identification Number: 22-2571355
11. Primary Contact Person(s): Carole Bell, President
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Judy November, Treasurer

Applicant Background

12. Village Improvement Society of Dennis, established 1902. Property under ownership includes: village green and bandstand at 713 Main Street, Military Training Field at 713 Main Street, playground at 1 Nobscussett Rd. Properties maintained including the above are Nobscussett Park and the Nobscusset Parking lot in partnership and on behalf of the Town of Dennis.

13. The Officers and Executive Committee members are:
Carole Bell, Kate Byron, William Creighton, Judy November, Kathy Tomasetti, Cliff Adams, Jan Adams, Bill Collins, Diane Collins, David Kaplan, Beth Keyes, Bonnie Hempel, Jeni Landers, Gerry May Jr. and Brad Tomasetti.

14. In collaboration with the Town of Dennis VIS assisted in the creation of Nobscussett Park, Route 6A (the former Cumberland Farms gas station). Since the creation VIS has maintained the park along with the Village Garden Club and the Town. In 2023 we spent approximately \$12,000 to clean up from major storm damage in 2022 and replant trees.

PROJECT INFORMATION

15/16 The project concept and goal is to preserve this treed lot along Historic Route 6A. A conservation restriction will be placed on the property after the natural streetscape is improved by cleaning up the invasive vines and dead wood. It will remain natural and continue to protect wildlife and plant habitat. A historic placard may be placed on said frontage along 6A to tell the story and history of the village such as the Ancient cemetery, Dennis Union Church, Dennis Memorial Library and Carleton Hall on the southside of 6A along with the 1854 Captain Moses and Jerusha Hall Howes homestead adjacent to the parcel.

17. We know of no legal issues in regards to this site at this time. The Village Improvement Society will have an attorney prepare the sales contract and guide us towards the purchase of this property.

18. This purchase will fulfill a goal of preserving open space in the heart of a historic district and safeguards against additional safety issues at the intersection of Route 6A and Old Bass River Road.

19/20. The Dennis Local Comprehensive Plan outlines the importance of open space within the Community Vision Statement (section 0.1, page 1). Aspects include Heritage Preservation, Community Character, Preservation of Natural Resources, protection of Water Resources and Open Space. The Open Space and Recreation Plan a part of the Local Comprehensive Plan was updated in 2020. Plan summary on page 4 and 5 and goals #1, #4 #5 support our request for this land acquisition.

PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION AND BUDGET

21. Funding Request of \$225,000

22/23/24/. This purchase is based on a private fundraising campaign which began in earnest in March 2024. As of May 1st we have a strong pledge/donation threshold of 1 million dollars. We have additional time to raise money. Due to the timing of the application cycle, it is prudent for us to submit an application with further updates at your formal review during the summer of 2024. We have not pursued potential lenders at this time.

25. At this time, we have a two year window to complete the transaction which would be on or before May 2026.

SUPPORT DOCUMENTS

26/27. A letter of support from the Dennis Conservation Land Trust

28. Land Court Plan 15742

29. Copy of the 2023 US Income Tax Form 990 (attached)

30. Certificate of Non Collusion

Thank you.

THE
DENNIS
CONSERVATION
LAND TRUST



May 1, 2024

Community Preservation Committee (CPC)
Town of Dennis

Dennis CPC,

I represent the Dennis Conservation Land Trust (DCLT). We submit this letter in support of the CPA funds application by the Village Improvement Society of Dennis (VIS) to preserve for open space purposes a portion of 744 Main Street (Route 6A) in the heart of Dennis Village.

VIS's campaign to "Preserve the Charm" is in keeping with DCLT's mission to preserve open space in Dennis. Should VIS come to acquire the parcel, DCLT is committed to working with VIS, and, if needed, the Town of Dennis Conservation Commission, to ensure the parcel is protected forever. DCLT is willing to hold or co-hold with the Town a permanent conservation restriction on the property. We further commit to assisting VIS and the Town by covering costs to prepare the conservation restriction, to prepare the baseline documentation report, and to monitor the property in perpetuity.

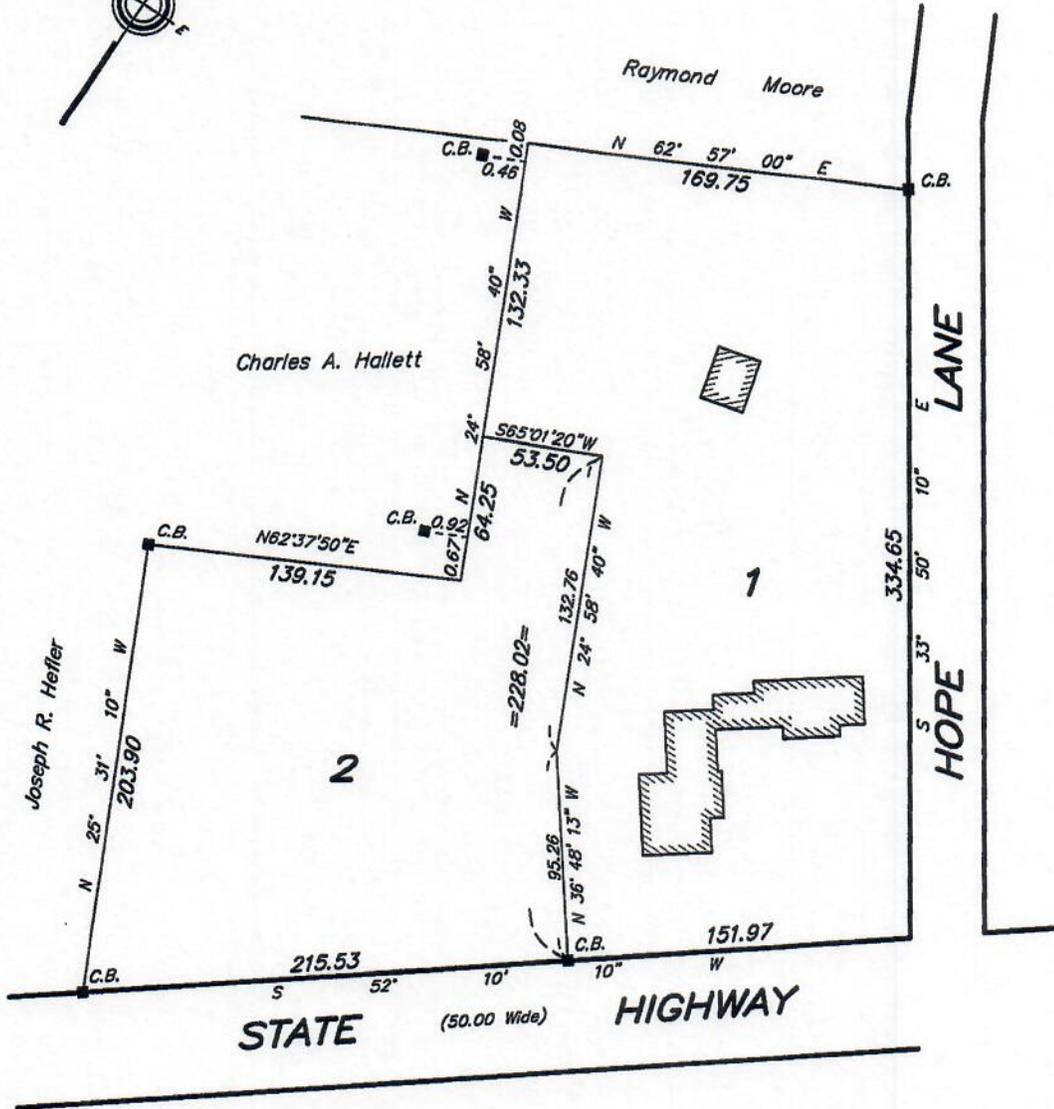
To have another parcel of open space protected in the heart of Dennis Village that maintains the aesthetic of Old Kings Highway, will be key to preserving the historic character and cultural heritage of Dennis Village. We feel that Dennis should do what it can to ensure the success of the project by granting it CPA funds.

Sincerely,

David Fryxell, Ph.D.
Executive Director & Ecologist
dfryxell@dennisconservationlandtrust.org
(508) 694-7812

SUBDIVISION PLAN OF LAND IN DENNIS
 Demarest-McLellan Engineering, Surveyors
 April 29, 2002

15742B



Subdivision of Land
 Shown on Plan 15742A
 Filed with Cert. of Title No. 3751
 Registry District of Barnstable County

Separate certificates of title may be issued for land
 shown hereon as Lots 1 and 2
 By the Court.

JUNE 25, 2002

John Marie Brown
 Deputy Recorder

RSG-058A

Abutters are shown as
 on original decree plan.

Copy of part of plan
 filed in
LAND REGISTRATION OFFICE
 JUNE 25, 2002
 Scale of this plan 60 feet to an inch
 G.T. Capellanis, Deputy Engineer for Court

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Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax



Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)

2023

Do not enter social security numbers on this form as it may be made public.

Open to Public Inspection

Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for instructions and the latest information.

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

A For the 2023 calendar year, or tax year beginning 2023, and ending 20

B Check if applicable: <input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Final return/terminated <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Application pending	C Name of organization <u>Village Improvement Society of Dennis</u>		D Employer identification number <u>22-2571355</u>
	Doing business as		E Telephone number <u>(508) 385-4156</u>
	Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address)	Room/suite	G Gross receipts \$ <u>75,190.</u>
	<u>P. O. Box 779</u>		
City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code <u>Dennis, MA 02638</u>		F Name and address of principal officer: <u>Judith T. November, P. O. Box 779, Dennis, MA 02638</u>	
I Tax-exempt status: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501(c)(3) <input type="checkbox"/> 501(c) () (insert no.) <input type="checkbox"/> 4947(a)(1) or <input type="checkbox"/> 527		H(a) Is this a group return for subordinates? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
J Website: <u>N/A</u>		H(b) Are all subordinates included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If "No," attach a list. See instructions.	
K Form of organization: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Trust <input type="checkbox"/> Association <input type="checkbox"/> Other		H(c) Group exemption number	
L Year of formation: <u>1902</u>		M State of legal domicile: <u>MA</u>	

Part I Summary

Activities & Governance	1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: <u>Maintenance & enhancement of property for public use.</u>		
	2 Check this box <input type="checkbox"/> if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets.		
	3 Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	3	<u>10</u>
	4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4	<u>10</u>
	5 Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2023 (Part V, line 2a)	5	<u>0</u>
	6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6	<u>25</u>
	7a Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	7a	<u>0.</u>
b Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, Part I, line 11	7b	<u>0.</u>	
Revenue	8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	Prior Year	Current Year
	9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)		
	10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	<u>50,151.</u>	<u>71,707.</u>
	11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	<u>387.</u>	<u>3,483.</u>
	12 Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	<u>50,538.</u>	<u>75,190.</u>
Expenses	13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)		
	14 Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)		
	15 Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10)		
	16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)		
	b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25)	<u>0.</u>	
	17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e)	<u>62,914.</u>	<u>51,796.</u>
	18 Total expenses. Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	<u>62,914.</u>	<u>51,796.</u>
Net Assets or Fund Balances	19 Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12	<u>-12,376.</u>	<u>23,394.</u>
	20 Total assets (Part X, line 16)	Beginning of Current Year	End of Year
	21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	<u>257,874.</u>	<u>323,300.</u>
22 Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20	<u>0.</u>	<u>0.</u>	
		<u>257,874.</u>	<u>323,300.</u>

Part II Signature Block

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Sign Here	Signature of officer <u>Judith T. November</u>	Date <u>02/26/2024</u>
	Type or print name and title <u>Judith T November, Treasurer</u>	

Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name <u>John D. Kallipolites</u>	Preparer's signature <u>[Signature]</u>	Date <u>2/26/24</u>	Check <input type="checkbox"/> if self-employed	PTIN <u>P00629571</u>
	Firm's name <u>KALLIPOLITES BUSINESS SERVICES, INC</u>	Firm's EIN <u>27-1467721</u>			
	Firm's address <u>38 ROBINS WAY, HARWICH, MA 02645</u>	Phone no. <u>(508) 432-6978</u>			

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions Yes No

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the separate instructions. BAA

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CERTIFICATE OF NON-COLLUSION

The undersigned certifies under penalties of perjury that this proposal has been made and submitted in good faith and without collusion or fraud with any other person. As used in this certification, the word "person" shall mean any natural person, business, partnership, corporation, union, committee, club, or other organization, entity, or group of individuals.

Chief Executive Officer(s):

Carole W. BELL
Name (print)

Kathleen Byron
Name (print)

Carole W. Bell
Signature

President
Title

4/29/24
Date

Kathleen Byron
Signature

Vice President
Title

4/29/24
Date