

# TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

## APRIL 1, 2025

### SPRING STREET SWEEPING TO START APRIL 1ST

Starting this week weather permitting, the Dennis Public Works Highway Division will be conducting its spring street sweeping program between the hours of 5:30 am and 4 pm Monday through Saturday. The Town utilizes a vacuum sweeper that will work in tandem with a mechanical sweeper to clear the roads of debris and road salt leftover from winter storms.

All public roadways, private streets that have a yellow "private way" sticker at the corner of the street sign, and municipal parking lots are cleaned in spring to minimize pollutants, including sediment, debris, trash, de-icing materials, and trace metals.

Public Works staff will start the street sweeping at Route 134 (Charlie Chamberlain parkway) and work south throughout the entire town. Residents are kindly asked to please limit their on-street parking during this period so that the Town can sweep and clean the entire street. This will be done as weather permits.

Pollutants in storm water runoff are significant contributors to aquatic habitat degradation, nuisance algal growth, low dissolved oxygen and toxicity in receiving water bodies. An increased focus of street sweeping is the removal of organic matter, such as leaves which can contribute significant amounts of phosphorus to runoff as the matter decomposes.

Street sweeping programs provide several benefits in addition to water quality improvement. Co-benefits of the program include improved aesthetics, potential reduction in flooding associated with clogging of storm water conveyance systems, and reduced air pollution. Removing sand and debris from the road surface also makes it safer for bicycles and motorcycles to travel the roads.

### 2025 RABIES VACCINATION CLINIC



The Cape Cod and Southeast MA Rabies Task Force would like to announce upcoming local rabies clinics and encourage everyone to have your animals vaccinated. Domestic pets have been identified as the link between rabies and humans, and Massachusetts State Law mandates that all dogs, cats and ferrets be vaccinated. Please call ahead for detailed information. With official proof of current vaccination, a three-year booster will be available.

Please bring your dogs on leashes and cats and ferrets in carriers.

#### **Town of Dennis**

Saturday, April 5, 2025 | 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Dennis Center for Active Living

1045 Rte. 134, South Dennis, MA 02660

[\(774\) 352-1400](tel:(774)352-1400)

\$10 per animal  
Licensing for dogs

## **2025 DENNIS CONSERVATION CELEBRATION**

**April 26 @ 10:00 am - 2:00 pm**

Join DCLT, the Town of Dennis, and Friends of Bass River for our annual town-wide litter cleanup event, followed by a community-building celebration with free food and games at Johnny Kelley Park.

 Johnny Kelley Park

 10 AM Saturday, April 26th, 2025

Check back soon for registration information.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE DENNIS PUBLIC LIBRARY**

Art reception for the "Up Jumped Spring" exhibit featuring artists from ArtSmart Cape Cod, Thursday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5:30PM - with "Breeze" guitar and flute

"Sea Captains of Cape Cod," Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at 11:00AM

"Planning for Medicare," Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at 11:00AM

Select Board Drop-In Office Hours with Carlyn Carey, Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:00AM

For more programming check out the Dennis Public Library website [here](#).

## **TOWN OF DENNIS FY26 CHAPTER 90 APPORTIONMENT**

Chapter 90 funds, authorized through Massachusetts General Laws (M.G.L) Chapter 90, Section 34, are used to reimburse municipalities for costs of eligible transportation projects, including road and bridge repairs, paving, and other capital improvements on local public ways. Every municipality in the Commonwealth is allocated a portion of total program dollars.

### *Chapter 90 Program*

The Commonwealth began providing aid to municipalities to assist with local road and bridge costs in 1973 as authorized through M.G.L Chapter 90, Section 34. Over time, this state aid became known as the Chapter 90 Program. The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) administers the Chapter 90 Program under the powers of the department provided in MassDOT's enabling legislation through Chapter 6C.

The purpose of the Chapter 90 Program is to provide municipalities with an annual funding source for improvements to and investments in local transportation networks. The Chapter 90 Program allows municipalities to evaluate their unique transportation needs and goals and allocate funding dollars accordingly. This is a reimbursement program, which means that municipalities pay for approved expenses up-front and receive reimbursement afterwards.

Funding levels for the Chapter 90 Program are established by Massachusetts Legislature and approved by the Governor on an annual basis. Based on the amount approved, each of the Commonwealth's 351 municipalities are allocated a portion of overall Chapter 90 Program dollars each state fiscal year, which runs July 1 through June 30.

The amount of annual funding a municipality receives is based on local road mileage (58.33%), population (20.83%), and employment (20.83%). Local road mileage is gathered from MassDOT’s Road Inventory File. Population data is collected using decennial census data from United States Census Bureau. Employment figures are provided by the Massachusetts Department of Unemployment Assistance.

Dear Elizabeth Sullivan:

We are pleased to announce that under the Governor Maura Healey and Lieutenant Governor Kim Driscoll Administration, a bill has been filed to authorize a total of \$1.5 billion in local Chapter 90 Program funding over five years. This figure reflects an additional \$500 million commitment to the program. This multi-year authorization seeks to enable communities to better plan investments in local transportation systems to reach long-term goals. Under this filing, communities will receive an annual apportionment of the overall program budget based on two distribution formulas. Every fiscal year, \$200 million will be distributed by the traditional Chapter 90 formula (local road mileage (58.33%), population (20.83%), and employment (20.83%)), and an additional \$100 million will be distributed by a factor of road mileage only.

This filing demonstrates the Administration’s continued support in strengthening municipal partnerships and providing financial resources that support transportation improvements at the local level.

**This letter certifies that, contingent upon legislative approval of the \$1.5 billion multi-year bond authorization, Dennis’s Chapter 90 apportionment for Fiscal Year 2026 is \$1,218,710.55.**

Once the bill is enacted, this apportionment will automatically be incorporated into your existing Chapter 90 contract with MassDOT with no further action needed by the municipality. Apportionments for all communities are available online at [www.mass.gov/chapter-90-program](http://www.mass.gov/chapter-90-program). Please note that while the bill enacting these funds has been filed, the funds are not available for municipal use until final legislative approval is obtained.

The Chapter 90 Program is an integral part of maintaining and enhancing your community’s infrastructure and is an essential component of our state-local partnership. We look forward to working with you in the coming year to continue the success of this program.

Sincerely,



GOVERNOR MAURA T. HEALEY



LT. GOVERNOR KIMBERLEY DRISCOLL

## **DEADLINES AND IMPORTANT INFO. – 2025 ELECTIONS AND TOWN MEETINGS**

<b>Date – Year 2025</b>	<b>Event</b>
March 18, 2025	Last day to submit a Citizens Petitions for the Annual Town Meeting: 4:00 pm
April 11, 2025	Last day to Register to Vote at the Annual Water District Meeting: 4:30 pm
April 22, 2025	Annual Water District Meeting
April 25, 2025	Last day to Register to Vote in both the Annual Town Meeting & Annual Town Election: 5:00 pm
May 6, 2025	Last day to apply for a mail-in ballot (absentee or early) for the Annual Town Election: 5:00 pm
<b>May 6, 2025</b>	<b>Annual Town Meeting: DYIMS, 286 Station Ave., S. Yarmouth: 7:00 pm</b>
May 12, 2025	Last day and hour to apply for an in-person absentee ballot: 12 noon
<b>May 13, 2025</b>	<b>Annual Town Election, polls open from 7:00 am – 8:00 pm</b>

### **Town Meeting Information**

Annual Town Meeting - May 6, 2025 - 7 pm

Deadline to Register to Vote: Friday, April 25, 2025

Last Day to Submit Citizens Petitions: Tuesday, March 18, 2025 at 4:00 pm

Location: D-Y Intermediate/Middle School: 286 Station Ave. South Yarmouth, MA, 02664

### **Voter Registration**

The Town Clerk's office will be open until 5:00 pm 10 days before an Annual Town Meeting or Special Town Meeting to register voters. As the Town has accepted G.L. c. 41, §110A, if the voter registration deadline falls on a Saturday, it will then be moved to 11 days prior, Friday, until 5:00pm.

### **Town Meeting Information**

The Town of Dennis has an Open Town Meeting which means that all registered voters may speak and vote at the meeting. The Annual Town Meeting convenes on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in May. Special Town Meetings are anytime when necessary to conduct Town business.

The responsibilities of the Town Meeting are to:

- Appropriate funds for operating and capital budgets for the upcoming fiscal year (July 1 to June 30)
- Approve all General and Zoning By-Laws (contained in the Code of Dennis); and
- Accept certain "local option" statutes of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

### **Process & Procedures**

The Town Clerk reports on the actions of each Town Meeting session and is the keeper of the official minutes. All matters of Town Meeting business are included in the Warrant. Each item of business is called a Warrant article. The Select Board determines the content and order of articles in the Warrant and sets the deadline for closing the warrant.

The Town Moderator presides over the business and conduct of the Town Meeting. Operating procedures and rules are dictated by statute, by-laws, or tradition; in their absence Roberts' Rules of Parliamentary Practice governs. Citizens may address the Town Meeting, and when recognized by the moderator, may make motions and may participate in votes taken.

To hold an Annual Town Meeting there needs to be a quorum of 150 legally registered voters. For Special Town Meetings, a quorum of 75 legally registered voters needs to be present for the meeting to take place.

### **STICKER SALES**

#### **Beach, Transfer Station, & Harbor**

**Sticker sales will be available via online, or in-person purchase only (ORV online only).** Online purchasing is recommended to avoid long lines/wait times. See links to the left to purchase.

#### **The Town of Dennis will start Sticker sales on the following schedule:**

- ✓ **February 18, 2025** - Transfer Station permits available for online purchase.
  - ✓ **March 17, 2025** – Beach and Harbor permits available for online purchase.
  - ✓ **March 31, 2025** – Sticker Office opens for in person purchase of Transfer Station, Beach, and Harbor Permits. ORV online only. (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 10am – 2 pm)
- April 28, 2025** – Sticker Office opens for in person purchase of Transfer Station, Beach, and Harbor Permits. ORV online only. (Monday – Friday 10am – 4pm)
- May 17, 2025** – Sticker Office will add in person sticker purchase hours on Saturday and Sunday, 10am – 2pm

Mutual respect and courtesy are expected of sticker sales personnel and customers. Non-compliance with the Town's guidelines will result in denial of service and seasonal stickers.

## **STATE BUILDING CODE NOW REQUIRES ANNUAL INSPECTIONS FOR SHORT-TERM RENTAL PROPERTIES – BUILDING DEPARTMENT**



**As of October 11, 2024, Massachusetts has adopted the 10th edition of the State Building Code.**

This update mandates annual inspections for short-term rental properties, as defined in 780 CMR Chapter 2, and Residential Use Groups as determined under Section 310 of the BBRS 10th edition 780 CMR building code.

The Town of Dennis has improved its inspection scheduling process to better accommodate these new requirements and integrate them with existing building permit inspections. Residents can request morning or afternoon inspections through the [application portal](#), and inspectors will try to meet specific time requests when possible. The Town is committed to conducting all inspections as efficiently as possible.



# CAPE COD READY RENTER PROGRAM - AFFORDABLE HOUSING



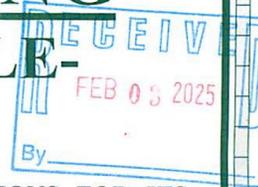
**APPLY NOW!** This notice expires April 9, 2025.



## Cape Cod Ready Renter Program

# AFFORDABLE HOUSING

## FALMOUTH - BARNSTABLE - YARMOUTH - DENNIS



**THE READY RENTER PROGRAM IS NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR ITS GENERAL WAIT LIST FOR UNITS IN FALMOUTH, BARNSTABLE, YARMOUTH & DENNIS.** The list is used to fill existing scattered-site affordable rental units in Yarmouth (30 units), Dennis (24 units), Barnstable (5 units) and Falmouth (21 units). Units include studios, one-bedroom, two-bedroom, three-bedroom units, and a four-bedroom unit. Units are located in apartment buildings, duplexes and single-family homes.

**PICK UP AN APPLICATION AT:**

Town of Yarmouth, Main Lobby or the Affordable Housing Office, 1146 Route 28, S. Yarmouth, MA

**TO REQUEST AN APPLICATION OR TO ASK A QUESTION CONTACT:**

Mary Waygan, Town of Yarmouth, 508-398-2231 x1275 mwaygan@yarmouth.ma.us

**ATTEND AN INFORMATION SESSION:**

Feb 12, 2025 6:30 PM Dennis Police Station Training Room, 90 Bob Crowell Rd, South Dennis

Feb 20, 2025 1 PM Yarmouth Town Hall Hearing Room, 1146 Route 28, South Yarmouth  
Remote access by Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85702838325>

March 6, 2025 6 PM, Yarmouth Town Hall Room A, 1146 Route 28, South Yarmouth

**RETURN/MAIL/ DELIVER COMPLETED APPLICATION TO:**

Plymouth Redevelopment Authority, 26 Court Street, Plymouth, MA 02360

**APPLICATION DUE DATE AND TIME: APRIL 9, 2025 4 PM** Applications must be delivered or postmarked by the due date and time listed here. Applications postmarked by the due date and time must be received no later than 5 business days from the due date.

In order to qualify, your household income must not exceed set income limits. For most units, the program income limit is 80% of the Area Median Income: 68,500 for a household of 1, \$78,250 for a household of 2, \$88,050 for a household of 3, \$97,800 for a household of 4, \$105,650 for a household of 5, and \$113,450 for a household of 6. Some units have a slightly lower program limit of 65% of the Area Median Income: \$57,590 for a household of 1, \$65,845 for a household of 2, and \$74,035 for a household of 3, \$82,290 for a household of 4, \$88,920 for a household of 5, and \$95,485 for a household of 6. Other requirements apply. Here are some of the units filled from this list: Brick Kiln Apartments, East Falmouth, Teaticket Highway Accessory Apartment, East Falmouth, Bell Tower Mall, Centerville, Cape Cod Times Building, Hyannis, Appleby Court, Apply Road, West Yarmouth, Cap'n Galdcliff, Route 28, South Yarmouth, Neptune Place, Neptune Lane, South Yarmouth, Wilfin Road, South Yarmouth, Windrift Cottages, West Yarmouth, Scattered Site Homes and Duplexes in Yarmouth, Swan River Road, West Dennis, Fjord Drive, South Dennis, Trotting Park Apartments, Main Street, West Dennis, Division Street, Dennisport

**Households with a rental voucher are encouraged to apply.  
This is an Equal Housing Opportunity.**

**APPLY NOW! This notice expires April 9, 2025.**

# **Cape Cod Ready Renter Program AFFORDABLE HOUSING LOTTERY**

**530 Main Street, West Dennis, MA**

**1 Bedroom Apartment**

**\$1,606 a month, utilities not included**



**Pick up an application at:**

Town of Dennis, Planning Dept., 685 Route 134, South Dennis, MA 02660 or at any Dennis Public Libraries

**To request an application contact:**

Mary Waygan, Ready Renter Program  
508-398-2231 x1275 mwaygan@yarmouth.ma.us

**Attend an Information Session:**

Feb 12, 2025 6:30 PM Dennis Police Station Training Room, 90 Bob Crowell Rd, South Dennis, MA  
This location is accessible. Call 508-398-2231 x 1275 by February 5, 2025 to request reasonable accommodations.

Feb 20, 2025 1 PM Yarmouth Town Hall Hearing Room

1146 Route 28, South Yarmouth, MA 02664

Remote access by Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85702838325>

This location is accessible. Call 508-398-2231 x 1275

by February 13, 2025 to request reasonable accommodations.

March 6, 2025 6 PM (Rescheduled from March 11, 2025)

Yarmouth Town Hall Room A

1146 Route 28, South Yarmouth, MA 02664

This location is accessible. Call 508-398-2231 x 1275

by February 27, 2025 to request reasonable accommodations.

Other affordable housing lotteries may be presented at these info sessions.

**Return/mail/ deliver completed application to:**

Plymouth Redevelopment Authority  
26 Court Street, Plymouth, MA 02360

**Application Due Date and Time: April 9, 2025 4 PM**

Applications must be delivered or postmarked by the due date and time listed here. Applications postmarked by the due date and time must be received no later than 5 business days from the due date.

**Direct all questions about the application or apartment to:**

Maggie Spade-Aguilar, Housing Coordinator, Town of Dennis, mspade-aguilar@town.dennis.ma.us

To be considered for this unit you must apply using the 530 Main Street Application and submit a completed application with all required documentation attached **by April 9, 2025, 4 PM to the Plymouth Redevelopment Authority, 26 Court Street, Plymouth, MA 02360.** To qualify households must earn no more than 80% of the Area Median Income. The current income limits are: \$68,500 for a household of 1, \$78,250 for a household of 2, and \$88,050 for a household of 3. Other requirements apply. Successful applicants shall be ranked by lottery. The lottery will consist of all qualified applications received by the due date listed in this advertisement. After the lottery, the lotteried list shall be used to select the tenant for the affordable rental unit. Qualified applicants not placed in the unit shall be placed on the wait list for future affordable housing vacancies at this property in the order from the lottery.

**Households with a rental voucher are encouraged to apply.  
This is an Equal Housing Opportunity.**

## **CAPE COD COMMISSION TO LAUNCH STUDY ON TIERED WATER RATES TO PROMOTE CONSERVATION**

**For Immediate Release (March 31, 2025)** — Barnstable, MA — The Cape Cod Commission will launch a comprehensive study to evaluate the use of tiered water rate structures as a tool to promote water conservation across the region. This effort is supported by a \$44,332 Drought Resiliency and Water Efficiency Grant awarded by the Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs.

With 18 independent water and fire districts managing water supply and delivery across Cape Cod, approaches to conservation have varied. Most districts currently lack both incentives and resources to engage users on conservation or enforce usage restrictions.

The Cotuit Water District implemented tiered water rates in 2019, significantly raising rates for high-volume users. The approach yielded immediate results, leading to further rate adjustments in 2024. Since 2020, the Water District estimates it has reduced summer water pumping volumes by as much as 40%.

Building on this model, Commission staff, with support from the Cotuit Water District and Brewster Water Department, will survey water districts across the Cape to identify current rate structures, including any use of tiered pricing or other conservation-oriented incentives. The study will also examine rate structures from other parts of Massachusetts and beyond to identify best practices and lessons learned.

In addition, Commission staff will collect and analyze water usage data from local districts, examining trends in relation to weather patterns, drought conditions, groundwater levels, and rate structures. The findings will be compiled into a report that will include analysis, best practices, implementation considerations, and policy recommendations.

“This study will evaluate how tiered water rates can be used effectively to reduce consumption and enhance water conservation,” said Kristy Senatori, Executive Director of the Cape Cod Commission. “As climate change increases pressure on our water resources, innovative, data-driven strategies like this will be essential to building resilience.”

The study is expected to provide actionable insights and data to help water districts across Cape Cod consider, adopt, or refine tiered rate structures to better manage water resources and reduce consumption during critical periods.

This award is part of nearly \$500,000 in grants from the inaugural Drought Resiliency and Water Efficiency Grant Program. This funding, provided by the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA), will help communities reduce indoor and outdoor water use, control water losses within water supply systems, and improve drought management planning. View the Healey-Driscoll Administration’s announcement: <http://www.mass.gov/news/healey-driscoll-administration-awards-500000-to-improve-drought-resiliency-and-water-efficiency>

### **NEXT MEETING DATES OF THE DENNIS SELECT BOARD**

The Dennis Select Board will meet on April 15, 2025 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/8780036813> or participate by phone by dialing 1-646-558-8656 and entering Conference ID: 878-003-6813

**JOIN THE TEAM! THE TOWN OF DENNIS IS HIRING**

The [Town of Dennis](#) has several full and part-time positions available. Current open positions include:

Full time - Principle Office Assistant -DNR  
Full time -Heavy Equipment Operator – Highway & Grounds  
Full time -Craftsperson II -DPW

Seasonal  
Beach Monitor  
Tennis Instructor  
Golf Cart person  
Seasonal Laborer – Golf  
Seasonal Laborer- DPW

Apply and view current job openings [here](#).

Thank you and take care, everyone!

Elizabeth C. Sullivan, Town Administrator