

# TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

## SEPTEMBER 9, 2025

### SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Please mark your calendars for October 21, 2025, for our Special Town Meeting to be held at 7 p.m. at the Dennis-Yarmouth Intermediate School located at 286 Station Ave. S. Yarmouth, MA. 02664

The Select Board has been reviewing draft articles over the last several months and will be reviewing a draft warrant on September 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> and will be finalizing warrant on September 23, 2025.

October 10, 2025 is the last day to register to vote at the Special Town Meeting.

### BARNSTABLE COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF DELEGATES - HEARINGS SCHEDULED ON REAL ESTATE TRANSFER FEES

**Barnstable, MA (September 4, 2025)** — The Barnstable County Assembly of Delegates announced that it will convene a **special hearing on September 24** to consider a regional luxury real estate transfer fee as part of its ongoing work to address Cape Cod's housing crisis.

The special hearing will provide a forum for members of the public to share comments and testimony. In addition, each delegate will have the opportunity to invite experts and

Following the hearing, the subcommittee of the Assembly will begin drafting a home rule petition and ordinance for consideration by the full Assembly later this fall.

The hearing will take place at 4:00 PM on September 24, 2025, in the Mary Pat Flynn Conference Room, 3195 Main Street, Barnstable, MA 02630, with an option for hybrid participation.

**ABOUT THE ASSEMBLY OF DELEGATES:** The Barnstable County Assembly of Delegates is the legislative branch of Cape Cod Regional Government. Fifteen Delegates, one elected by each town, enact ordinances and appropriate the County's annual operating and capital budgets.

### WASTEWATER PROJECT UPDATES

Town of Dennis Wastewater Project

**In an effort to keep Dennis residents informed and up to date, the Town of Dennis will update this *News and Announcements* post as soon as new information comes in.**

- The **Wastewater page** includes information on licensed septic haulers, licensed utility installers, the Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan, and more.
- To get the latest information emailed to you, enter your info [here](#).
- See timelapse pictures of site progress [here](#).

### **UPDATE SEPTEMBER 11, 2025**

RJV Construction Corp. started work in late June for Contract No. 4. Robert B. Our Co., Inc. started work for Contract No. 2 in early July. Dig It Construction LLC started work for Contract No. 3 in mid-July. Work is currently scheduled as outlined below.

**Monday, September 15th** will be the start of some major impacts to traffic with regard to the sewer work in town. In particular, Theo F. Smith Road and South Gages Road will close to through traffic for upwards of 15 weeks. Crews will be digging over 20 feet down to install pipe down this major cut-through street. It is too deep for vehicles to safely pass the work areas. And at these depths, the distances the crews install is limited, compared to shallower work zones.

On Monday and Tuesday (9/15 and 9/16), crews will be in the intersection of South Gages and Theo F. Smith as the transfer station is regularly closed those days. No traffic will be allowed through the intersection. Anyone needing to get to the DPW can use the temporary gravel road through the Tony Kent Arena lot via South Gages Road.

The transfer station is expected to be open for regular hours on Wednesday - however - it will ONLY be accessible from South Gages Road! Work is progressing from the intersection toward Rt. 134 on Theo F. Smith.

Local businesses along Theo F. Smith, Bertram Ave and American Way will be accessible from Rt. 134 on Theo F. Smith for now. As the work moves west, accessibility will change to South Gages Road, depending on the location of the work zone. Detail officers will be in place to assist motorists, but be assured there will be NO THROUGH TRAFFIC for much of the rest of the calendar year.

Expect delays at the 134/Upper County intersection, as a significant number of trucks and cars will pass through to access Great Western Road as the alternate route. Plan ahead, leave more time, or seek alternate routes to avoid the area.

## **Work for the week of September 15 – September 19:**

### **Contract No. 2:**

- Completion of work on Southover, Eastover, Halfway, Riverdale N and Riverdale S. Continued sewer work on Trotting Park Road. Commencement of sewer work on Theophilus F. Smith Road, access to Transfer Station will be restricted to South Gages Way on Wednesday through Friday. ***Police detail(s) will be on-site and signage in place to assist residents. Some road closures with local traffic only, detours will be in place.***

### **Contract No. 3:**

- Continued sewer work on Upper County Road, traffic rerouted to Searsville Road and Center Street from North and South, respectively. Commencement of sewer work on Route 134 between Center Street and Route 28, traffic rerouted to Baxter Street via Center Street. ***Local traffic only, detour will be in place. Police detail(s) will be on-site and signage in place to assist residents.***

### **Contract No. 4:**

- Continued sewer work on Farm Lane. ***Police detail(s) will be on-site and signage in place to assist residents.***

## **Two Week Look Ahead (9/22 – 9/26):**

### **Contract No. 2:**

- Continued sewer work on Trotting Park Road. Continued sewer work on Theophilus F. Smith Road, access to Transfer Station will be restricted to South Gages Way on Wednesday through Friday. ***Police detail(s) will be on-site and signage in place to assist residents. Some road closures with local traffic only, detours will be in place.***

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- Continued sewer work on Farm Lane. **Police detail(s) will be on-site and signage in place to assist residents.**

**Three Week Look Ahead (9/29 – 10/3):**

**Contract No. 2:**

- Commencement of sewer work on Main Street, proceeding from Cove Road to the north. Continued sewer work on Trotting Park Road. Continued sewer work on Theophilus F. Smith Road, access to Transfer Station will be restricted to South Gages Way on Wednesday through Friday. **Police detail(s) will be on-site and signage in place to assist residents. Some road closures with local traffic only, detours will be in place.**

**Contract No. 3:**

- Continued sewer work on Route 134 between Center Street and Route 28, traffic rerouted to Baxter Street via Center Street. Commencement of sewer work on Aunt Debbys Road. **Local traffic only, detour will be in place. Police detail(s) will be on-site and signage in place to assist residents.**

**Contract No. 4:**

- No work this week.
- Please note that this is a projected schedule and will be adjusted accordingly based on the Contractors’ actual progress and the weather.
- Roads will be passable at the end of each day. Police Details and Contractors will work with residents and businesses to ensure their needs for access are addressed.
- Police Details and signage will be in-place to assist motorists in reaching their destination.
- Normal work hours are 7:00 AM to 4:00 PM Monday to Friday, weather permitting, unless otherwise noted.

Wastewater Project Updates are being posted to the Town’s website at <http://www.town.dennis.ma.us> under “NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS” where you can also sign up for email notifications of updates. We encourage you to visit the Wastewater page link <https://www.town.dennis.ma.us/356/Wastewater> for additional information regarding the Wastewater Program.

**Thank you for your patience and cooperation during this important project to restore and protect our environment.**

**LOCAL COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING PROCESS UPDATE**

The RFP was completed with assistance of Planner and was advertised on September 3, 2025 and is due December 11, 2025.

- 10-1-24 at Special Town meeting the Town approved \$150,000 to be spent to complete a Local Comprehensive Plan.
- 1-21-25 Select Board Meeting voted to create the scope of services for an RFP for a Local Comprehensive plan. Paul Foley indicated that would be developed.
- 6-3-25 Select Board Meeting formed a consensus to send this “Scope” to procurement for RFP

**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, 2025, for the program period September 1, 2025 -August 31, 2026.

A subsidy in the form of direct payment of \$200 per month to State licensed childcare providers for up to 50 full time, year-round residents of Dennis (maximum of \$2,400 per household) will be provided for one eligible child and meets a threshold of 81% to 150% Average Median Income parameter. Child must be enrolled a minimum of two days per week for eligibility.

The enrollment for the program period September 1, 2025 – August 31, 2026 begins on August 15, 2025 and completed applications will be accepted on a rolling basis until the limit of 50 families is reached. Incomplete applications will be placed on hold, allowing for other applications to be approved, until all requested additional information is received.

**Applications and required documents must be completed fully and returned to:**

**Dennis Town Hall**

Attention: Childcare Subsidy Program

685 Route 134

South Dennis, MA 02660

Or may be scanned and emailed to [DennisCSP@town.dennis.ma.us](mailto:DennisCSP@town.dennis.ma.us) with the subject line “CSP.”

**Applications and other info:** [Childcare Subsidy Program Overview](#), an [Application Form](#), Applicant Packet and a [Required Documents List](#).

FY 2026	HOUSEHOLD SIZE							
INCOME CATEGORY	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
LOW								
80% Income Limit	\$76,550	\$87,500	\$98,450	\$109,350	\$118,100	\$126,850	\$135,600	\$144,350
81% Income Limit (DENNIS MINIMUM)	\$77,507	\$88,594	\$99,680	\$110,717	\$119,576	\$128,436	\$137,295	\$146,154
AVERAGE MEDIAN								
100% Income Limit	\$88,700	\$101,350	\$114,000	\$126,650	\$136,800	\$146,950	\$157,050	\$167,200
150% AVERAGE MEDIAN								
150 % Income limit (DENNIS MAXIMUM)	\$143,550	\$164,100	\$184,575	\$205,050	\$221,475	\$237,900	\$254,325	\$270,675



# TOWN OF DENNIS

## Tax Work-Off Programs

“GIVE BACK, GET BACK”

**Serve Your Town & Save on Your Property Tax**

**In-Person Enrollment Begins: October 1, 2025 at the COA @ 9 AM**

### **SENIOR Tax Work-Off Program**

- 30 Spots Available
- Must be 60 years old by January 1, 2026
- Must own & reside year-round at the property where the abatement will apply.
- Serve approx. 133 hours to receive up to \$2000 property tax reduction.

### **US VETERAN Tax Work-Off Program**

- 15 Spots Available
- Must be a veteran (or surviving spouse if deceased or have a service-connected disability)
- Must own and reside year-round at the property (or be a qualified spouse) where abatement will apply.
- Serve 100 hours to receive \$1,500 property tax reduction.

### **Additional Info:**

- The program is limited to one (1) property
- A new certificate of ownership must be submitted each year for approval from the Assessor's Office
- Participants are matched with available municipal positions
- Tax credits will appear on 2027 property tax bill

**Check the website at: [www.town.dennis.ma.us](http://www.town.dennis.ma.us)  
for additional information**

Program Begins: January 1, 2026 - October 31, 2026

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

The Dennis Select Board will meet on September 23, 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

**NEW TEAM MEMBERS**

I am pleased to share some updates on recruitments with everyone:

Veruschka Messias – Part-time Police Department Custodian 9/08/2025

Rafael Bottene -Full time Maintenance II at Golf Department 9/22/2025

Congratulations and welcome to our new Town of Dennis team members!

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

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

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

Respectfully,

Elizabeth C. Sullivan  
Town Administrator