

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

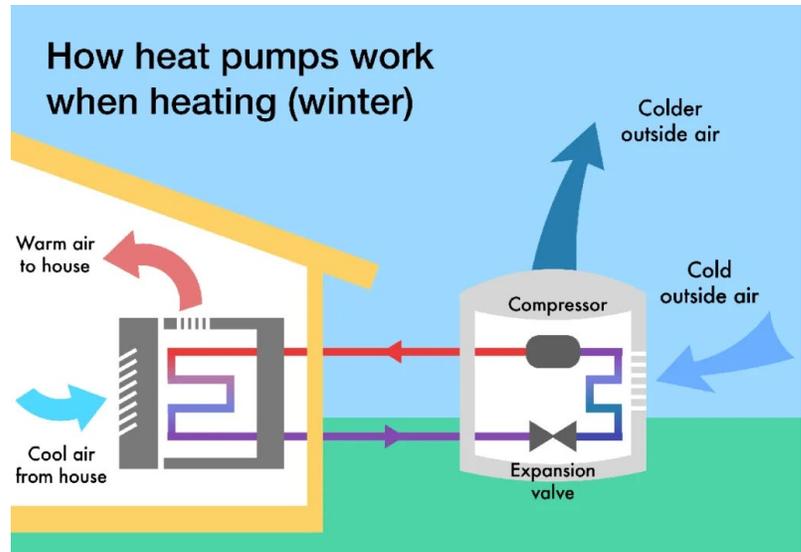
NOVEMBER 4, 2025

EVERSOURCE ANNOUNCES WINTER HEAT PUMP ELECTRIC DELIVERY RATES

Eversource has a new winter heat pump electric delivery rate (November-April) for residents who have homes fully or partially heated with heat pumps. Please note: this change does not affect the supply rate portion of your electric bill. The new heat pump rate applies only to the delivery rate portion of your electric bill.

If you received a [MassSave](#) rebate for a heat pump you installed after January 1, 2019, Eversource should have automatically enrolled you in this rate beginning Nov. 1, 2025. If you were automatically enrolled, you should have received an email from Eversource during the month of October. You should see the new winter heat pump electric delivery rate reflected on your December electric bill.

If you did not receive an email from Eversource during the month of October, or if you installed your heat pump prior to Jan. 1, 2019, you need to apply for the heat pump rate and submit documentation to Eversource via their [website](#).



For questions about the heat pump rate, please visit the [MassSave Heat Pump Rate FAQ page](#), or visit the Cape Light Compact website linked below.
CapeLightCompact.org/heatpumprate

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING COMPLETED OCTOBER 21, 2025

Thank you to all that came to the Dennis **Special Town Meeting**, on October 21, 2025. See the attached information for the results for each article. You can find more information including the warrant, supplemental information for Warrant Articles and more by visiting the Town’s Town Meeting webpage.

October 21, 2025 SPECIAL TOWN MEETING RESULTS		
ATTENDANCE: 309, REGISTERED VOTERS 13,463		
ARTICLE NO.	ARTICLE DESCRIPTIONS	QUANTUM OF VOTE
1	ACCEPTANCE OF MGL CHAPTER 148, §26H & §26I <i>(Indefinitely Postponed)</i>	Article passed by a Majority Vote in Favor declared by the Moderator
2	FEE CHANGES	Article passed by a Majority Vote in Favor declared by the Moderator
3	FY2026 WASTEWATER ENTERPRISE FUND OPERATING BUDGET	Article passed by a Unanimous Vote in Favor declared by the Moderator
4	CPC GRANT #1 YARMOUTH-DENNIS RED SOX – PLAYER SAFETY PROJECT	Article passed by a Unanimous Vote in Favor declared by the Moderator
5	CPC GRANT #2 CULTURAL CENTER OF CAPE COD – ENTRANCE COLUMNS	Article passed by a Unanimous Vote in Favor declared by the Moderator
6	CPC GRANT #3 CAPE COD SENIOR SOFTBALL LEAGUE AND DENNIS YARMOUTH YOUTH BASEBALL - RESTORATION OF CHAPMAN BASEBALL FIELD AT WIXON MIDDLE SCHOOL	Article passed by a Unanimous Vote in Favor declared by the Moderator
7	CPC GRANT #4 CAPE COD CENTER FOR THE ARTS – PRESERVATION AND RESTORATION OF CAPE CINEMA	Article passed by a Unanimous Vote in Favor declared by the Moderator
8	CPC GRANT #5 DENNIS AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST	Article passed by a Majority Vote in Favor declared by the Moderator
9	OWNER'S PROJECT MANAGER (OPM) AND DESIGNER SERVICES FOR 187 UPPER COUNTY ROAD	Article passed by a Majority Vote in Favor declared by the Moderator
10	ADOPTION OF MGL C. 64G §3D(A) - COMMUNITY IMPACT FEE	Article passed by a Majority Vote in Favor declared by the Moderator
11	CHILDCARE SUBSIDIES	Article passed by a Unanimous Vote in Favor declared by the Moderator

12	BASS RIVER DREDGE PERMIT MATCHING FUNDS	Article passed by a Unanimous Vote in Favor declared by the Moderator
13	SEAVIEW PARK PROJECT	Article passed by a Unanimous Vote in Favor declared by the Moderator
14	SESUIT HARBOR WEST DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION PROJECT <i>(Indefinitely Postponed)</i>	Article passed by a Majority Vote in Favor declared by the Moderator
15	CHANGE DESIGNATION OF FIRE STATION 2, OLD BASS RIVER ROAD	Article passed by a Majority Vote in Favor declared by the Moderator
16	BY-LAW AMENDMENT – TOWN MEETINGS (MODERATOR)	Article passed by a hand count 258 yes to 18 no, in Favor declared by the Moderator
17	BY-LAW AMENDMENT – TOWN MEETINGS (RECONSIDERATION OF VOTES)	Article passed by a Unanimous Vote in Favor declared by the Moderator
18	EASEMENT TO BOSTON GAS ON 120 THEOPHILUS F. SMITH ROAD	Article passed by a Unanimous Vote in Favor declared by the Moderator
19	JOHNNY KELLEY PARK BUILDING SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING	Article passed by a Unanimous Vote in Favor declared by the Moderator
20	NON-BINDING QUESTION: RESIDENTIAL TAX EXEMPTION	Motion was made to further discuss on the Town Meeting floor.
21	Citizens Petition Amendment to Select Board Policy- Hawkers & Peddler <i>(Indefinitely Postponed)</i>	Article passed by a Majority Vote in Favor declared by the Moderator

VETERAN’S DAY OBSERVANCE

All Town offices will be closed on Tuesday, November 11, 2025 in observance of the Veterans Day Federal Holiday.

The Dennis Transfer Station will be closed on Tuesday, November 11, 2025. Normal operations shall resume on Wednesday November 12, 2025.

The Dennis Pines and Highlands Golf Courses will be open regular hours of 8 AM to 4 PM Tuesday, November 11, 2025. Please visit <https://www.dennisgolf.com/> for more information.

The Dennis Public Library will be closed Tuesday, November 11, 2025.

The Dennis Center for Active Living will be closed on Tuesday, November 11, 2025.

TOWN OF DENNIS RECEIVES MUNICIPAL VULNERABILITY PREPAREDNESS (MVP) PROGRAM ACTION AND PARC GRANT AWARDS

I am thrilled to share the Town of Dennis has received \$2.9 million dollars in funding for the Pound Pond restoration project. Thank you to Town Engineer Tom Andrade and his team for their grant applications and all their work in securing this important funding!

The Healey-Driscoll Administration Awards Over \$12 Million to Create & Improve Local Parks and Protect Natural Land Across Massachusetts. The Town of Dennis receives \$318,656 through a Parklands Acquisitions and Renovations for Communities (PARC) grant to make water quality and park improvements to Pound Pond and Seaview Park in Dennisport. The full announcement can be viewed at the following link.

[healey-driscoll-administration-awards-over-12-million-to-create-improve-local-parks-and-protect-natural-land-across-massachusetts](#)

The PARC Grant is the second grant received for Pound Pond with the Town already receiving \$2.65M through the Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) grant awarded in September. The MVP award press release can be viewed at the following link.

[healey-driscoll-administration-awards-nearly-30-million-to-help-communities-prepare-for-flooding-heat-waves-and-wildfires](#)

Engineering will continue to work with our consultant, Tighe & Bond, to finalize the design plans and put the project out to bid this winter for construction starting in the spring 2026. The improvements will include dredging and extending the existing pond, constructing a viewing platform, pedestrian bridge, and picnic areas as well as planting trees and pollinator gardens. Amenities including picnic tables benches and bicycle racks will also be included. Project plans and information can be viewed on the Pound Pond Restoration web page at the following link.

[Pound-Pond-Restoration-Project](#)

MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE DIVISION OF LOCAL SERVICES
NOTIFICATION OF FREE CASH APPROVAL - Town of Dennis

Based upon the un-audited balance sheet submitted, I hereby certify that the amount of available funds or "free cash" as of July 1, 2025 for the Town of Dennis is:

General Fund \$5,605,139.00

This certification is in accordance with the provisions of G. L. Chapter 59, §23, as amended.

WASTEWATER PROJECT UPDATES

UPDATE OCTOBER 30, 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.

Work for the week of November 3 – November 7:

Contract No. 2:

- Continued sewer work on Theophilus F. Smith Road, access to Transfer Station will be restricted to South Gages Way on Wednesday through Friday. Continued sewer work on Main Street, proceeding from Center Street intersection to Duck Pond Road. ***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:

- Commencement of sewer work on Route 28 toward Baxter Street, single lane closure on Route 28 and detour to Baxter Street for northerly traffic; followed by detour to Shad Hole Road/Lower County Road/Trotting Park 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:

- Continued work on School Street and Cove Road. Completion of work on Lower County Road. ***Police detail(s) will be on-site to assist residents. Some road closures with local traffic only, detours will be in place.***

Two Week Look Ahead (November 10 – November 14):

Contract No. 2:

- Continued sewer work on Theophilus F. Smith Road, access to Transfer Station will be restricted to South Gages Way on Wednesday through Friday. Continued sewer work on Main Street, proceeding from Center Street intersection to Duck Pond Road. ***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 28 toward Baxter Street, single lane closure on Route 28 and detour to Baxter Street for northerly traffic; followed by detour to Shad Hole Road/Lower County Road/Trotting Park 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:

- Completion of sewer work on School Street and Cove Road. Commencement of sewer work on Lighthouse Road. ***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.***

Three Week Look Ahead (November 17 – November 21):

Contract No. 2:

- Continued sewer work on Theophilus F. Smith Road, access to Transfer Station will be restricted to South Gages Way on Wednesday through Friday. Continued sewer work on Main Street, proceeding from Center Street intersection to Duck Pond Road. ***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:

- Commencement of sewer work on Maple Terrace towards Pine Street. Continued sewer work on Route 28 toward Baxter Street, single lane closure on Route 28 and detour to Baxter Street for northerly traffic; followed by detour to Shad Hole Road/Lower County Road/Trotting Park 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:

- Commencement of sewer work on Route 28, 200 feet east of Old Main Street, west toward that intersection. Continued sewer work on Lighthouse Road. Completion of work on Farm Lane. **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.**
- 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.

[View Wastewater Site Groundbreaking here.](#)



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 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
for additional information**

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

NEXT MEETING DATES OF THE DENNIS SELECT BOARD

The Dennis Select Board will meet on November 18, 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.

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

Respectfully,

Elizabeth C. Sullivan
Town Administrator