

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

DECEMBER 2, 2025

SEEKING SNOW PLOW VENDORS FOR THE UPCOMING SEASON

We are currently looking for snow plow contractors, with great rates and an annual guarantee. Contact Public Works for more information.

SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL

Procedurally, as snowfall begins to cover roads, trucks will be dispatched to spread de-icing materials on paved surfaces in order to reduce the packing of snow and ice. Once the snow reaches plowable levels, drivers will start their assigned plow routes with the principal focus being on primary roads followed by secondary roads, dirt roads are not generally plowed for amounts less than 4". Snow plowing continues as necessary throughout the duration of the storm. Certain weather conditions, such as severe icing or blizzard conditions may result in temporary suspension of plowing operations.

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. Please note that the Department of Public Works maintains direct contact with police and fire departments throughout a storm to ensure emergency access.

It is a violation of Town By-Laws for contractors or residents to push snow from a private way, driveway, or parking lot onto or across a town road. The Department of Public Works is responsible for snow removal from all Town roadways and private roads that are open to the public, and meet the standards that are specified within the Town Private Way Snow Removal Policy (PDF). If a private way does not meet the standards set forth in the Town policy, that road will be placed on the Do Not Plow List posted annually on the Town of Dennis website.

Each year the Department of Public Works performs inspections of private roads to ensure they meet the minimum standards. Residents will be notified by local newspaper publications, local cable station advertisements, and/or door hangers if their roads fail inspection. Residents are notified in advance of the winter season to allow ample time to make the necessary repairs. Once these repairs are made residents may contact the Department of Public Works at 508-760-6220. After being notified the Department of Public Works will re-inspect the road and remove it from the "Do Not Plow List" only if the minimum standards are met.

The Department of Public Works is also responsible for removing snow at Town facilities including the town hall, fire station, police station, transfer station, library, senior center, and other Town properties as well as assistance to the school district. Route 6, 6A, and 28 are plowed and maintained by the Massachusetts Highway Department (MA DOT).

STAY SAFE ONLINE

“Stay Safe Online” just in time for cyber shopping season. The Town of Dennis wants to remind you

1. Use strong passwords, do not re-use passwords. Use Multi Factor Authentication (MFA) if available.
2. Be aware of deals that seem to be too good or must be acted on ‘right away’
3. Social media posts are often linked to scam sites, use the company’s official site
4. Looks for HTTPS://www. at the front of web addresses for secure shopping
5. Monitor your credit cards and accounts for suspicious activity

More Safety Tips

CISA – Shopping Safely Online (<https://www.cisa.gov/news-events/news/shopping-safely-online>)

If you fall victim to a cyber scam, please report to your local police department and file a report with **FBI Internet Crime Complaint Center (<https://www.ic3.gov/>)**



CAPE COD COMMISSION RELEASES: THE 2025 REGIONAL POLICY PLAN

November 2025

The 2025 Regional Policy Plan (RPP) serves as the foundation for local and regional planning and regulation across Cape Cod. The RPP guides development and resource protection, balancing Cape Cod's natural, built, and community systems.

For the past year, the Commission has been engaged in a process to update this document, holding public hearings, stakeholder meetings, and focus groups, and conducting surveys, to ensure it aligns with the region's needs.

Since the last RPP was adopted, Cape Cod has experienced profound change. The COVID-19 pandemic brought new residents and heightened demand for the region's natural spaces, intensifying long-standing pressures on housing, infrastructure, and the environment.

At the same time, the region has made significant strides: advancing hundreds of millions of dollars in wastewater infrastructure, completing the first Climate Action Plan and Regional Housing Strategy, expanding monitoring of freshwater resources, and continuing to update transportation and economic development plans. These achievements reflect a region actively working to address its vulnerabilities while planning for long-term resilience.

The 2025 RPP builds on this progress, outlining goals and objectives that reflect the interconnected nature of Cape Cod's systems. It emphasizes protecting the region's sensitive natural resources, directing development to areas with appropriate infrastructure, supporting climate adaptation and mitigation, expanding housing opportunities, strengthening the local economy, and preserving the region's cultural and historic character. The Plan reinforces the need for coordinated regional action to meet emerging challenges, including climate impacts, housing affordability, infrastructure needs, and economic shifts, and sets the framework for how towns, regional partners, and the Commission can work together toward shared outcomes.

To move these goals into action, the RPP identifies a series of Commission-led planning and regulatory initiatives, from developing a regional open space plan and advancing aquifer protection work to supporting local climate planning, updating historic inventories, improving transportation safety, and assisting towns in implementing new state housing tools. Across all areas of work, the RPP stresses collaboration, public

engagement, and the continued tracking of progress to ensure Cape Cod is moving toward its long-term vision of vibrant, healthy communities and protected natural and cultural resources.

The Cape Cod Commission approved the updated RPP in October, and it has now been adopted by the Barnstable County Assembly of Delegates and Board of Regional Commissioners as a county ordinance.

HOLIDAY OBSERVANCES

All Town office buildings and facilities will be closed on Thursday, December 25, 2025 and Thursday, January 1, 2026, in observance of the Christmas and New Year holidays, except as noted below.

The Dennis Public Library will be closing at 4:30pm on Wednesday, December 24, and Wednesday, December 31. The library will be closed on Thursday, December 25 and Thursday, January 1, 2026. Please visit www.town.dennis.ma.us/264/Libraries for more information and hours on the other Dennis Libraries.

The Dennis Highlands Golf Course will be closed on Thursday, December 25th. They will reopen Friday, December 26th for regular schedule of 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. They will be open on Thursday, January 1st, 2026 for regular schedule. Dennis Pines Golf Course remains closed until April 1, 2026.

The Dennis Transfer Station will be closed on Thursday, December 25, 2025 for the holiday, and will reopen on Friday, December 26, from 8am to 4pm.

The Dennis Transfer Station will be closed on Thursday, January 1, 2026. They will reopen on Friday, January 2, from 8am to 4pm.

The Dennis Center for Active Living will be closed on Wednesday, December 25, 2025 and Thursday, January 1, 2026.

WASTEWATER PROJECT UPDATES

In an effort to keep Dennis residents informed and up to date, the Town of Dennis will update the *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 NOVEMBER 26, 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 24 – November 28:

*****Please note that no work will occur on the November 27th Thanksgiving Day holiday and Friday November 28th *****

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 Ann’s Path. Continued sewer work on Route 134 toward 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:

- Commencement of sewer work on Route 28, from Old Main Street west toward School Street (intermittent work zones along this route). Continued sewer 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.***

Work for the week of December 1 – December 5:

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 Rose Terrace. Continued sewer work on Route 134 toward 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 Route 28, from east of Old Main Street to Old Main Street/Route 28 intersection. Completion of sewer work on Farm Lane. Commencement of sewer work on Goosebay 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.***

Two Week Look Ahead (12/8 – 12/12):

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. Completion of sewer work on Trotting Park 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 Rose Terrace, Ann’s Path, Maple Terrace and Pine Street. Continued sewer work on Route 134 toward 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 Route 28, from Old Main Street to west of Alburmar Road (intermittent work zones along this route). Completion of sewer work on Goosebay 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.***

Three Week Look Ahead (12/15 – 12/19):

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. Completion of sewer work on Southover, Eastover and Halfway. ***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 Rose Terrace, Ann’s Path, Maple Terrace and Pine Street. Continued sewer work on Route 134 toward 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 Route 28, near Old Jail Lane to just east of Riverway (intermittent work zones along this route). ***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.

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

You are invited!



Please join us and learn how to apply for the affordable apartments being built at 626 Main Street (Route 28), Dennisport, MA



Affordable Housing Lottery Info Sessions:

December 10, 2025 at 12 Noon

Dennis Police Station Training Room
90 Bob Crowell Rd, South Dennis, MA 02660

December 11, 2025 at 6 PM

Dennis Police Station Training Room
90 Bob Crowell Rd, South Dennis, MA 02660

You may access this session by Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84676562864?pwd=ScbE5hgg5w5CFRRbarvqrXOa4TFRG5.1>

Zoom Meeting ID: 846 7656 2864 Zoom Passcode: 597622

See the reverse side of this flier for more information.

NEXT MEETING DATES OF THE DENNIS SELECT BOARD

The Dennis Select Board will meet on December 9, 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