

Dennis Board of Selectmen  
Tuesday, January 7, 2020 at 5:30PM  
Dennis Town Hall, Stone Hearing Room  
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In attendance: Chris Flanagan, John Terrio, Sheryl McMahon, Bob Mezzadri, Chris Lambton  
Town Administrator Elizabeth Sullivan, Finance Director MaryAnne Gibbs, and Recording  
Secretary Laurie Barr

### CALL TO ORDER

Chris Flanagan called the meeting to order at 5:31pm and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

### PUBLIC INFORMATION

Bob Samoluk read his letter of resignation and his submission for the Annual Town Report. Mr. Flanagan thanked him for his service and expressed that the advice was well heard. The Board members all echoed their thanks.

### **Motion:**

**Ms. McMahon made a motion to accept the resignation of Bob Samoluk from the Dennis Municipal Affordable Housing Trust effective March 31, 2020; Mr. Lambton seconded. The Board voted 5-0-0.**

Connie Mooers shared that she was disappointed with the lack of Christmas spirit displayed by the Town. Not even a wreath was hung on the building. She wanted to make the Board aware she would be coming back and form a small committee for events and holidays to do tasteful decorations and allow the season to reign. She also wanted to see the Board allow employees to go home on Christmas Eve by 1pm. She called all the Town halls on Cape and they were all gone that. Ms. McMahon stated that she couldn't agree more about the decoration but wanted to start in July. She shared that in the past there was no set policy for the Town to close early but it was done arbitrarily where the Board Chair would close town hall but other facilities had to stay open. She explained that the unions had negotiated a floating holiday that could be used the day before or the day after Christmas or the day before or after New Year Day. This was a fairer way and was well received by the employees. Ms. Mooers aware but some Towns have it right on calendar. Ms. McMahon, Mr. Lambton, Mr. Mezzadri, and Mr. Terrio expressed that it was good to be back and hoped everyone enjoyed the holiday season.

Mr. Flanagan explained that at the School Committee meeting there was discussion of an owed balance for a feasibility study and he would be bringing that to the Board in the near future.

### HEARINGS

5:35PM – At 5:42pm Mr. Flanagan read the hearing notice for the FY20 Dennis regional CDBG application including housing rehabilitation and childcare subsidies along with any other proposed activities. Cassie Marsh, grant administrator from Bailey Boyd, was present and gave a brief progress report. Mr. Mezzadri shared that he has gone to Boston for the last 3 year to receive the grant and it was due to Bailey Boyd's efforts and thanked her. Since the Town was no longer eligible for the mini-entitlement then this application was best way to go. Ms. Marsh explained there was a \$40,000 contingency.

**Motion:**

**Mr. Mezzadri made a motion to submit an FY20 CDBG regional grant for housing rehabilitation and childcare subsidies and to authorize the Town Administrator or Designee to sign the grant application and associated forms; Ms. McMahon seconded. The Board voted 5-0-0.**

**Motion:**

**Mr. Mezzadri made a motion to allocate \$40,000 of CDBG Miscellaneous Income as a contingency fund; Mr. Lambton seconded. The Board voted 5-0-0.**

Mr. Flanagan turned the meeting over to Mr. Mezzadri, Licensing Chair at 5:49pm.

5:40PM – At 5:50pm Mr. Mezzadri read the hearing notice for Orleans Auto Body, Inc. d/b/a Orleans Auto Body request for a new annual Class II used auto dealer’s license for two used cars to be at 294 Main St, Dennis Port, MA 02639. Mia Beale the owner was present. This would not be the primary business but it would help the business to have a dealer’s license. Mr. Terrio asked if they would be selling vehicles from the fleet and they would.

**Motion:**

**Ms. McMahon made a motion to close the public hearing; Mr. Flanagan seconded. The Board voted 5-0-0.**

**Motion:**

**Ms. McMahon made a motion to annual Class II used auto dealer’s license for two used cars to be at 294 Main St, Dennis Port; Mr. Lambton seconded. The Board voted 5-0-0.**

5:45PM – At 5:52pm Mr. Mezzadri read the hearing notice concerning the application of The Sports Pub of Dennis, LLC d/b/a The Den Cape Cod located at 697 Main Street, Dennis Port, MA 02639 to request an amendment to their weekday and Sunday entertainment licenses for outdoor recorded entertainment from 10:30am to 11:00pm on the patio with two speakers. 5:52pm Mezz read public notice. Vatsana Vengmany, General Manager, was present to represent the application.

**Motion:**

**Mr. Flanagan made a motion to close the public hearing; Mr. Lambton seconded. The Board voted 5-0-0.**

Ms. McMahon was concerned that this was open to public space and close to a residential area. She thought the length of hours too long and too late at night and that noon to 9pm would be more appropriate. Mr. Lambton liked the suggestion but thought on Sunday they shouldn’t start before 1pm and Sundays to Thursday they should end at 9p. Mr. Terrio felt there was precedence in Town for ending at 10pm but agreed Sunday starting at 1pm would be more appropriate. Mr. Flanagan asked what time they stopped serving on the patio. Ms. Vengmany responded between 8:30-9pm. Mr. Mezzadri felt the entertainment should start at noon on all days and they should close at 10pm. He was more concerned with the volume. It shouldn’t be so loud that you couldn’t

have a conversation on the patio. The volume should be so that you hear on patio not in someone's car in the municipal lot. He wanted them to be on top of noise.

**Motion:**

**Mr. Lambton made a motion to allow two speakers at The Den Sports Pub of Dennis Port from noon to 10pm seven days a week; Mr. Flanagan seconded. The Board voted 5-0-0.**

Mr. Mezzadri turned the meeting back over to Mr. Flanagan at 6:01pm.

**CONSIDER APPOINTING ASSISTANT TOWN ADMINISTRATOR, SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE STAFF REPRESENTATIVE, AND CAPE COD REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY ALTERNATE**

Mr. Flanagan commended Ms. Sullivan for working without an Assistant Town Administrator for the past 6 months. Mr. Terrio also commended her staff for supporting her. Ms. Sullivan highlighted the achievements and qualifications of Gregory Rounseville as outlined in her memo that she provided to the Board. Mr. Mezzadri observed that many department heads were here to support Mr. Rounseville and that spoke volumes to him.

**Motion:**

**Ms. McMahon made motion to approve the appointment of the Assistant Town Administrator Gregory C. Rounseville at \$125,000; Mr. Mezzadri seconded. The Board voted 5-0-0.**

Mr. Rounseville made a brief statement thanking the Board, Administration, co-workers, and family for their support.

**Motion:**

**Ms., McMahon made a motion to appoint Gregory Rounseville as the School Building Committee Staff Representative and the Cape Cod Regional Transit Authority Alternate; Mr. Terrio seconded. The Board voted 5-0-0.**

**DEPARTMENTAL BUDGET REVIEW**

**Review budgets: Town Administrator 129**

Ms. Sullivan shared that this was level funded with exception of contractual obligations.

**Motion:**

**Mr. Mezzadri made a motion to tentatively approve line item 129 Town Administrator budget in the amount of \$584,285 which was a decrease of 50.12%; Ms. McMahon seconded. The Board voted 5-0-0.**

**Consider voting tentative bottom line budget**

Ms. Sullivan asked that the Board vote the bottom line budget with the work they have completed this far. Ms. McMahon asked if the group health insurance rates had been updated and they had not; nor had the numbers from the school and the MIAA rates. Ms. Sullivan noted that traditional these numbers have been brought back to the Board when the numbers are received.

**Motion:**

**Ms. McMahan made a motion to tentatively approve the Administrative budget in the amount of \$39,104,172; Mr. Terrio seconded. The Board voted 5-0-0.**

Ms. McMahan asked if they knew when the Finance Committee would be meeting. The dates had not been set yet.

**ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

**Consider Herbicide/Pesticide Management Policy on Town-owned Property**

Ms. McMahan recused herself. Mr. Lambton shared he had started working this in August. He shared that he had become a Selectmen to help protect Dennis and this was a step in the right direction. The World Health Organization had labeled Glyphosate as probably carcinogen even though EPA has not. Thirty nine other countries have banned it. Mashpee, Eastham, Falmouth, Orleans, Sandwich, and Wellfleet have banned or placed a moratorium on it.

Eric Oman, Chair of Golf Advisory, appreciated the opportunity to speak since the Golf Department had a high stake with 1500 members and sizeable contributions to the Town coffers. Glyphosate was a legal product to be used and the Golf staff was licensed in its use. He had forward information from the State to the Board members. He wanted the Board to watch out for the slippery slope. The Town next door had banned the product and now they are in trouble. Trying to go organic resulted in doubling the request for funds for application and they are now losing money. If the Board did decide to go forward with the ban the Golf course was asking for a one year reprieve since other methods of application were not in the budget. Mr. Flanagan thanked Mr. Oman for his email as it was helpful. Mr. Lambton thanked Mr. Oman. He was ok with giving a reprieve to the Golf course.

Wayne Bergeron spoke in support for the ban. He pointed out that DDT was legal at one point and the impact of tobacco was denied for years. He felt the Board needed to take leadership in the ban.

Erin Hilley a Conservation Biologist from Wilkinson Ecological Design was present to share that there were six other professionals that signed on to the letter she had provided and was included in the Board's packet. She gave a new copy of the letter to the Chair to be included in the record. They opposed the ban because it was short sighted. Glyphosate played an important role in keeping the Cape beautiful and to conservation efforts when used responsibly and appropriately.

Theresa Sprague, owner of Blue Flax Design, was curious why board focusing on glyphosate where there are far more dangerous herbicides and pesticides. They could end up with something worse.

Laura Kelley, POCCAA, wanted the Board to think about the common ground; that being precautionary must come first. EPA and the State were still unwilling to make a move. She had provided study and alternatives to the Board in their packet. There were fifteen Towns in the

Commonwealth that had created policies or regulations. She pointed out that a policy could allow for variances. She encouraged the Board to take more time developing the policy if necessary. Bill Clark shared that while he was a member of the Dennis Conservation Commission & CPC he was not representing either committee. But he believed the policy never came to the Conservation Commission for comment. The CPC decided not to comment. He shared that he holds a Bachelors and Master's Degree in Botany and Soil Science, has taught weed biology and management for at least 35 years, and he served on the State Pesticide Board. He was not sure why the Board was focusing only on glyphosate.

Linda McClusky supported Mr. Lambton. Any poison is poison and it doesn't make sense to add poison to our waters.

Ed Nash pointed out that burgers on the grill, alcohol, coffee, and tobacco were all carcinogens. Judges were throwing out "Round Up" cases because the EPA said it was not a known carcinogen. He was all for airing on side of caution but thought this needed to be in perspective. He believed picking on one product was the wrong thing to do.

Mr. Mezzadri reminded everyone that the policy was only for Town owned land. He shared there was a lot of conflicting reports and many studies were out of date. Other countries had passed us in research. He believed there was no need to continue on with status quo. We can always do better.

Mr. Flanagan shared that if the Board moved forward with the ban he felt a one fiscal year reprieve was a reasonable request of the Golf Course.

Mr. Terrio was in favor of allowing extension. He also felt that if in that time it was discovered that the chemical was not as harmful as thought then it could be removed from the ban.

**Motion:**

**Mr. Terrio made a motion to put in place the ban of glyphosate for Town owned property with exception and extension for the Golf courses in the Town of Dennis to be excused from the ban for a period of 18 months while they continue to do the research to come up with a substitute but if at that time anyone comes back to the Board with proof that the glyphosate and its use on the Golf courses are not to the extreme of the people who are banning it on the Golf courses today then it also have the opportunity to be stricken exclusively from the ban; Mr. Lambton seconded it with the caveat that the word Herbicide be struck from the policy. Mr. Terrio accepted the amendment to his motion. The Board voted 4-0-1 (McMahon).**

Consider emergency request for Access Over Town Property via Bayview Beach for the Dennis Conservation Land Trust

Mark Burgess, from Shore Front Consulting gave history of the project. The contractor would be EZ Doze It. Mr. Terrio confirmed that Mr. Burgess was comfortable with the dates. Mr. Lambton wanted to be sure the contractor would be using mats. Ms. McMahon pointed out that the contractor doesn't sign the conditions and she would like to amend the form so that the consultant

and contractor sign it. She was also leery about wooden planks being used and want to limit it to rubber mats. Mr. Burgess explained how the wooden planks would be used. Ms. McMahon needed to look further into wooden planks but in this particular case she could allow it. She was also concerned that in the future the Board needed to do some work on the conditions regarding the \$10,000 check, when they would keep it and was that enough. Mr. Mezzadri was not sold on wood planks and the conditions already state rubber mats. He was also wanted to be sure that they would have the pre-construction and post-construction meetings.

**Motion:**

**Ms. McMahon made a motion to approve temporary access over the Town property for emergency revetment repair at 134 Shore Drive under the conditions established in the Temporary Access Ever Town Property Policy and he can exercise entrance to the access beginning February 6, 2020 or the earliest available date from that date and the project to be completed by March 31, 2020; Mr. Mezzadri seconded that with the option of including wood planks. Ms. McMahon stated that was already in the conditions.**

**Mr. Flanagan asked if Ms. McMahon wanted to amend her motion to include if there is a need for an extension to authorize the Town Administrator to approve it.**

**Ms. McMahon accepted the condition but noted that they need to amend their policy to include that. Mr. Mezzadri seconded the amendment. Ms. McMahon also amended her motion to include that the Temporary Access approval be counter signed by the contractor and the consultant. Mr. Mezzadri seconded that amendment.**

**The Board voted 5-0-0.**

Consider amendments to Cemetery Regulations for Indigent Individuals

Greg Rounseville, DPW Deputy Director, shared that the Board had asked the Cemetery Advisory Committee review the policy in regards to indigents. The Advisory Committee voted unanimously to include the proposed guidelines before the Board. Mr. Mezzadri thought the wordsmithing sounded odd. Ms. McMahon suggested that the word recipient in the last bullets be replaced with indigent. She suggested this policy was being amended to allow this to be done administratively instead of bringing the indigents name to a Board hearing for approval. This would allow the indigent privacy and respect. She suggested the change to the last bullets would clarify the intent.

**Motion:**

**Ms. McMahon made a motion to adopt and insert proposed Section 10 into the Cemetery Rules and Regulations and that last two bullets replace recipient with indigent person; Mr. Mezzadri seconded. The Board voted 5-0-0.**

Consider opening Town Meeting Warrant

**Motion:**

**Mr. Mezzadri made a motion open the warrant for the May 5th Town Meeting; Mr. Terrio seconded. The Board voted 5-0-0.**

Consider Waterways Commission's Recommendation to *not* issue refunds for 2019 Waterways Special Use Permits

Harbormaster Dawson Farber shared that they have corresponded with Town Counsel and it was their opinion that the Town was under no legal obligation to issue refund for these permits. The Waterways Committee had voted 4-3-0 to recommend that the Town not issue the refunds.

Mr. Mezzadri shared that the Town was within its rights to issue these permits and they did not have to refund any fees collected from that permit. Ms. McMahon felt there was a difference between not having to do something and it being the right thing to do. The next item on the agenda was to take away this permit so she questioned why one group should pay. She thought everyone who had purchased the permit should be given the opportunity to receive a refund.

Carl Howard Chair of the Waterway Commission shared this was done for the safety of the Harbor and he would not ask for his money back. He spoke with the State about the contracts that Town has with the State regarding the repairs made to the landing. Mr. Mezzadri pointed out that was not the subject at hand. Mr. Howard shared it as more information.

Wayne Bergeron wanted to refund the money. The permit was created to get a handle on the parking situation and because commercial slip holders should pay more than recreational users. This caused hard feelings but that was not intentional.

Mr. Mezzadri shared that the fees collected were less than \$10,000.

**Motion:**

**Mr. Mezzadri made a motion to send refund type letters to anyone who had paid for this Waterways Special Use permit giving them the option for a refund or to donate their refund to the dredge fund and to issue the refunds accordingly or appropriate the funds into the Waterways Dredge Fund to help pay for the dredge that they are using the harbor a little more freely; Ms. McMahon seconded.**

**Mr. Howard reminded the Board that the lawyer fees were in excess of what was collected. Mr. Terrio asked the Harbormaster if he had or could take a stance on the matter and if the legal fees could actually exceed the funds collected. Mr. Farber suggested having it verified but believed it was likely the legal fees were in excess of the fees collected. He would make no recommendation either way on the refund. Ms. McMahon believed the legal fees were on the onus on Board. This was the cost of doing business and she still believed it was appropriate to refund the fees. David Howes from East Dennis was confused that if you deny**

**a permit person can't get their money back. Mr. Mezzadri explained this was specific to refunding the fees from the Special Use Waterways permit from last year.**

**The Board voted 5-0-0.**

Consider Waterways Commission's Recommendation to amend Waterways Regulations – Waterways Special Use Permit

Harbormaster Farber shared that he had forward a memo to the Board explaining the issue. His recommendation was in line with the Waterways Commission on this issue. They gave this their best shot. It was supposed to be way to qualify and quantify commercial activity happening not only at the Harbor but throughout the Town. He explained the State access and regulations that they have to comply with due to accepting money from the State years ago. The recommendation was to amend the Waterways Regulations to remove this section and give the Commission the opportunity to explore other avenues to responsibly manage growth in waterfront activities. Mr. Mezzadri noted the Commission voted 6-1-0 to amend the conditions

**Motion:**

**Mr. Mezzadri made a motion to accept the changes to the Waterways Regulations; Ms. McMahan seconded. The Board voted 5-0-0.**

Consider Waterways Commission's Recommendation to extend hours of kiosk operation at Sesuit Harbor

Mr. Mezzadri asked the Harbormaster how this would affect the staff. Mr. Farber shared the budget was level fund but they would find a way to get it done. Ms. McMahan asked what the revenue would be. Mr. Howard believed it would be approximately \$35,000-40,000. Ms. McMahan felt they could amend budget if that kind of revenue was received. Mr. Terrio asked for the revenue from parking for 2018 vs 2019. Mr. Farber shared that it was up \$26,000. Mr. Terrio asked if that included the fines from parking tickets. Mr. Farber believed that number might increase due to collecting fines but not by much. Mr. Terrio felt that 7pm was too late and he suggested they increase to 5pm instead. Mr. Lambton also didn't agree going to 7pm. He pointed out that other Town parking lots don't charge after 5pm so any later would not be a fair playing field.

Wayne Bergeron thought the revenue would be closer to \$45,000. He shared the increase of hours was put off last time to see if the kiosk would work. He pointed out that the harbor was not an 8-4pm operation.

Chip Carroll believed the Board was going in wrong direction. By extending these hours we were targeting one business down there. He would have no problem extending these hours if the Board extended beach parking hours too. He just wanted it to be fair and equitable.

Mr. Howard pointed out that people can't park there to use their boats because of the parking for business down there.



David Howes asked why the Board was targeting the one business and how much can you squeeze out of everything.

Mr. Mezzadri shared they were looking to pay for parking in all municipal lots and they were not singling out one business. Mr. Terrio pointed out that beaches charge to 5p this should be same. Ms. McMahon felt that beach parking lots do not support the level of commercial activity that this lot does. She agreed that the Board should be looking at kiosk parking in all the lots. The level of business activity warrants collecting parking for that facility on both sides of the Harbor. She didn't believe there are other places that you have to pay to frequent a business or restaurant so she didn't believe this would impact the businesses at the Harbor. She believed the hours should be increased to 7pm. Mr. Flanagan asked if it was more feasible for the Harbor staff for the hours to be increased to 5pm or 7pm. Mr. Farber answered that they can make either one work. Mr. Lambton pointed out that increasing the parking kiosk programs in Town might require some type of Parking Enforcement division so he was still in support of only increasing the hours to 5pm at the Harbor until they could look at all the other parking. Mr. Mezzadri felt we had the ability to make the 7pm end time work.

Joe Bisconi, owner of the Lobster Roll, felt his business was being targeted it. He asked them not to increase it past 5pm and look at other parking lots.

Mr. Flanagan asked if there would be a compromise with 6pm. Mr. Mezzadri could agree. Mr. Lambton was still in favor of 5pm.

Mr. Howes suggested making it uniform through the Town. He pointed out that Corporation Beach concession stand does a great evening business and you would hurt their business if you suddenly increased parking to 7pm. Ms. McMahon had done a quick calculation that if you pay someone for both sides of the Harbor for the summer it came to roughly \$1,100 and if you subtracted that from the low end of the projected revenue they could anticipate a net of \$24,000.

**Motion:**

**Mr. Mezzadri made a motion to extend the parking kiosk charges at Sesuit Harbor from the current timeframe of 8am to 4pm to a new timeframe of 8am to 6pm effective beginning Saturday, May 23, 2002; Mr. Flanagan seconded the motion.**

**Mr. Terrio felt comfortable with 5pm until Mr. Howes pointed out the business gets charged zero to parking. Mr. Mezzadri asked what business that was. It was the DPM at Corporation Beach. Mr. Mezzadri believed they were only open to 4pm. Mr. Terrio shared they were open until 8:30pm.**

**The Board voted 2-3-0. (Lambton, Terrio, McMahon)**

**Motion:**

**Mr. Lambton made a motion to change the parking hours at Sesuit Harbor from to 8am to 4pm to 8am to 5pm starting May 23, 2020; Mr. Terrio seconded. The Board voted 3-2-0. (Mezzadri, McMahan)**

Consider revising release of funds for CPC grant agreement with FORWARD (Friends or Relatives with Autism or Related Disabilities)

David Kaplan and Kathy Ohman explained that this change to the CPC grant would save them over \$7500 in interest charges. Mr. Flanagan added that they were making steady process and they were on schedule for a May completion. Ms. Ohman shared they were also on or below budget. Mr. Flanagan shared that the CPC had voted unanimously to approve this change.

**Motion:**

**Mr. Mezzadri made a motion to change item 7d in the agreement to read “final payment of funds remaining under this contract not to exceed actual expenditures as evidenced by submission of invoices satisfactory to the Town will be made upon presentation to the Town that the building envelope is tight to the weather and temporary heating is installed. Total payments made by the Town pursuant to this Contract shall not exceed \$500,000.” Mr. Lambton seconded. Ms. McMahan clarified that the motion was to rescind the part of about the certificate of occupancy. The Board voted 5-0-0.**

Ms. Ohman took the opportunity to share her gratitude to the Board and the entire Town Hall staff.

Consider extended winter closing request for Fin

**Motion:**

**Mr. Lambton made a motion to approve the request of Fin to close from January 7th to March 15<sup>th</sup> for equipment changes; Mr. Terrio seconded. The Board voted 5-0-0.**

Consider Cape Cod Water Protection Collaborative Representative

**Motion:**

**Mr. Mezzadri made a motion to accept the resignation of Wayne Bergeron with the Board’s thanks; Ms. McMahan seconded. The Board voted 5-0-0.**

**Motion:**

**Mr. Mezzadri made a motion to appoint Paul McCormick, Sr as the Dennis Representative to the Cape Cod Water Protection Collaborative for a term to expire May 31, 2021; Mr. Lambton seconded. The Board voted 5-0-0.**

## **TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

### **1. SOLAR FIELD PANELS –**

Ms. Sullivan shared that the Town of Dennis was notified post-facto of a scheduled outage for the Dennis solar array during the month of December. The notification which was verified to have been sent to incorrect emails for Town officials (former employees Richard White and Sandra Fife) the notification was forwarded upon request and contact information was corrected. That being said, the outage was originally scheduled for October-November and was delayed to middle of December due to weather. She had shared the correspondence with the Board.

In addition, she note they had been in communication with CVEC (Liz Argo) and Greenskies (David Ruty) trying to confirm the exact damage to system and maintenance operations (last week). We have also independently verified damage. We have received an e-mail from CVEC indicating that Greenskies was in the process of conducting maintenance activities. There were many damaged panels at the Town of Dennis landfill cap and we have been told that the switch out of broken modules at Dennis is in progress and part of annual maintenance.

Cape and Vineyard Electric Cooperative (CVEC), CVEC has requested time with Select Board to provide a full report on FY19 energy production for the Town of Dennis in January or early February. As soon as this date is finalized she would inform the Board.

For the Boards review, and discussion at a future meeting, she had also provided a report on the revenue trend by month for the last 3-years.

Ms. McMahon noted that it would be helpful to have CVEC explain the net metering credit.

### **2. DHY CLEAN WATERS COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP –**

The working group members from the DHY Clean Waters Community Partnership met on December 20, 2019 and provided updates from each Town. The DHY subgroup was now working under the Best Practices Grant through the Town of Dennis for \$30,000.

The Town of Yarmouth signed an agreement with Weston and Sampson for third party review of DHY Preliminary Costs and Agreement. She reminded the Board that they supported this request a couple of months ago. This peer review was on only the costs associated with the proposed DHY model, in essence Weston & Sampson would be peer reviewing CDMs projected costs and each community; Dennis Harwich, and Yarmouth would share in the cost of the peer review. The group reviewed agreement revisions that were suggested from individual town agreement review meetings. The revised version would be posted on the DHY website.

There would be a joint BOS Meeting on February 27th at 6pm at the Station Avenue Elementary School Cafeteria to finalize the DHY Agreement. The next meeting would be January 17, 2020 at 9:00 AM at Dennis Town Hall, Prue Room. Mr. Terrio shared that the DHY group was pleasantly stunned that the Dennis Board had voted unanimously to approve the DHY Agreement.

On the Dennis Wastewater front – she would be meeting with Dennis DHY members this month to discuss potential Town Meeting Articles for the Boards consideration. The next Wastewater Implementation Committee Meeting was scheduled for Monday 1/13/20.

### **3. DENNIS PUBLIC LIBRARY -**

Ms. Sullivan shared that on November 8, 2019 the Dennis Public Library experienced a mechanical failure in an air handler, which caused extensive water damage to portions of the building.

The Library, with the exception of the damaged areas, had resumed its normal hours of operation of Tuesday – Thursday from 10:00 am - 8:00 pm and Friday & Saturday from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm. The Dennis Public Library had public computers and printing services available once again for patrons.

Library services at Dennis Public Library had returned to their normal status with the exception of access to The Benjamin and Ruth Muse Meeting Room and the Children's Room, which would remain closed until repairs are completed. The anticipated completion date at this time is the beginning of February 2020.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

#### **Warrant for Payment Summary**

Mr. Lambton shared there was a payroll warrant (27PR-20) in the amount of \$399,604.30 dated January 1, 2020 for a total of 246 employees paid.

There was a vendor warrant (20-14EXP) in the amount of \$2,172,600.56 dated January 8, 2020. Some of the payments included in this warrant were DY Regional School District January payment, Commonwealth of Massachusetts December sales tax for the Golf department, Builder Systems, Inc. for COA Renovations application #7, Jacunski & Humes Architects LLC professional services for COA renovation, New Bedford Waste Services LLC for MSW disposal fees, MCE Dirtworks Inc. for Chapin Beach parking lot, Noonan Brothers Petroleum Products for delivery of diesel and unleaded regular fuel, South Dennis Free Public Library for stipends, materials and CLAMS reimbursement, and Verizon Inc./Eversource/Direct Energy for utilities for Town Buildings.

#### **Consider resignation from Recreation Commission from Vernon Ellars**

#### **Motion:**

**Mr. Terrio made a motion to accept the resignation with their thanks; Mr. Lambton seconded. The Board voted 5-0-0.**

Ms. McMahon shared that when they voted to open the Town Meeting warrant they neglected to announce that Citizens petitions are due to the Clerk's Office no later than 4pm on Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup>. She suggested reiterating that at future meetings.

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**MINUTES**

12/3/19 Interviews & Appointments, 12/3/19, 12/17/19, 12/23/19

Motion:

Mr. Mezzadri made motion to approve the minutes of 12/3/19 Interviews & Appointments, 12/3/19, 12/17/19, 12/23/19 subject to grammatical corrections; Ms. McMahon seconded. The Board voted 5-0-0.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion:

Mr. Terrio made a motion to adjourn at 8:42pm; Ms. McMahon seconded. The Board voted 5-0-0.