



# Greetings Neighbors and Friends

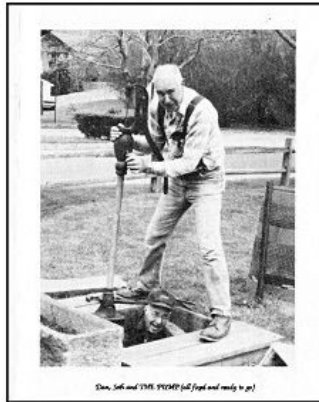
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Your Society was established and chartered for the purpose of improving and ornamenting the streets and public grounds of the village of Dennis, October 1902. That was 117 years ago. Our venerable organization is continuing that same mission today.

**A very huge Thank You and Appreciation to Pat Hassett** who has been the 'Author Extraordinaire', of our Annual Appeal Letter for over **35** years. Pat has officially passed the quill to me, Dee Collins and I look forward to the challenge.

**Please join us in Congratulating Bill Creighton** stepping into the role of Vice President as Steve Bendoris continues as a valuable volunteer. Bill is a member of the VFW Post 10274, so he is perfectly suited to be the caretaker of the flag on the green. He knows when to fly the flag at half mast and on what holidays and keeps the flag in good repair.

**On the Green.** One of the most venerable artifacts we own is the town pump, where horses and other thirsty animals most likely drank the water, located at the corner of 6A and Old Bass River Road. Not all that long ago volunteers, Seth Crowell and Dan Walker worked to get the pump ready for spring. The date we see on it is 1891.



Dan, Seth and 'THE PUMP' (all fresh and ready to go)

We received a letter some time ago, from a woman whose family had a summer cottage, and she remembered as a child, her dad sending her up to the green to get water so that they could prime their pump to open for the summer.

Keeping the old pump and its ancient innards working has been a challenge. Cliff Adams has volunteered to master the intricacies of said pump. Dan Walker passed away on Saint Patricks Day 2010, at the age of 93.

*Thank You!* Each Spring we ask for your help.  
We appreciate your donations and  
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Many of us remember Dan from the days of the Garage (where Nobscussett Park is now) with his battered old Greek fisherman's cap, smudged glasses, unlit pipe, wiping his hands on a rag stored away in his back pocket. He was our familiar and trusted mechanic for years. In remembrance of Dan's decades of help to us, your Society dedicated a portion of the donations sent to us in his memory for the perpetual maintenance of the pump. We also learned that Dan's mother, Mary Leonard, was a founding member of the Society. That was in 1902.



**Coming to our village.** Another 40B housing development across from the village green on Hope Lane is in the planning stage. Discussion of a possible 24 unit project has begun with the Dennis Planning Department. The 28 unit Maritime Landing development at 601 Route 6A was recently approved. The clearing of that 5 acre lot will likely begin late summer/early fall.

**On Going.** We continue to work with the town toward mitigating the barren view of the new municipal parking lot and we are setting aside funds ear-marked for trees and plantings.



### In Appreciation

Acorn Landscaping  
Bartlett Tree Experts  
Curb Appeal Landscaping  
E. Lambton Landscaping

Fairway Tree and Lawn  
Hart Farm  
Northeast Tree and Pruning  
Stephen Drowne

### Our dedicated volunteers gather to assemble the crèche.



Our properties include the Village green, Soldier's Field, across from the Cape Cod Creamery, Playground, New Boston Road. Maintained on behalf of the town, Nobscussett Park.