

June 2023

This fall will mark 121 years since our Village Improvement Society was established and chartered for the purpose of improving and ornamenting the streets and grounds of the village of Dennis. Our organization is continuing that same mission today.

Ever since **Hannah Paddock** and nearly two dozen civic-minded citizens founded the Village Improvement Society in 1902, we have done our best in the years since to make our town more beautiful and inviting.

As many of you may know, our efforts through the years have included acquiring or helping maintain properties in town— the playground, Military Training Field, between the ancient burial ground and Route 6A, Nobscussett Park, and more. Some of our most notable projects have included constructing the bandstand on the Village Green to coincide with the Town of Dennis Bicentennial in 1993 and providing musical entertainment through our summer concert series.

Recently we replaced the split-rail fencings around the playground and the Military Training Field, removed storm-damaged trees and planted new ones, spread 9 cubic yards of organic wood chips throughout the playground, and replaced two gaming tables and the flagpole. This Spring we reroofed the bandstand and will replace the weather-worn World War II Memorial. The Village Garden Club of Dennis will again provide its memorable plantings in Nobscussett Park.

And so we ask you once more in this year's annual appeal for your generosity in helping us fulfill our vision. We are a 501(c)3 charity, of course, and your fully tax-deductible contribution in any amount—by check or by using PayPal through VillageImprovementSocietyofDennisMA.com—will ensure that the Dennis we know and love today will become even more memorable in the months and years ahead: you have our word on that. Thank you, in advance, for your support.



New fencing along Route 6A



Replacing storm damaged trees

Currently, an issue of grave concern for the VIS as abutters is the proposed high-density 40B development by Paul Sullivan and Chuck Deluga of Betterwood Homes. The plan calls for the construction of 20 condo units surrounding their office, and across Hope Lane and impacts the already overburdened intersection at Old Bass River Road.

This also has the potential to impact the post office area. We oppose this proposal for its density, and the infringement on the heritage of the Old King's Highway (Route 6A) which has been designated a Scenic Byway at the National and State level.

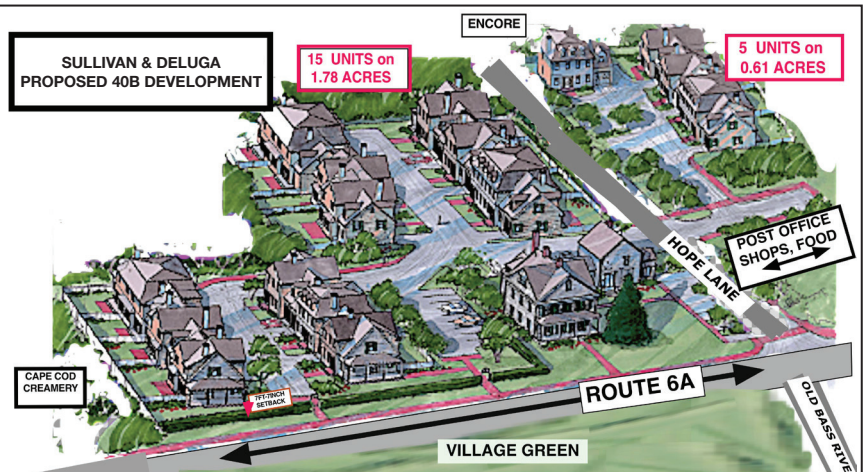
The Village Improvement Society has actively maintained its properties for beautification and simple pleasure since 1902.

The proposed structures across from the Village Green are shown as just 7 feet 7 inches back from the 6A highway layout. Your Society is hopeful that Paul Sullivan and Chuck Deluga will invite us as abutters to discuss how we can work together to bring about less impact on Route 6A.

A presentation on June 20th to the Select Board is anticipated with the expectation that a protected historic streetscape will be incorporated into any proposal. Please follow any updates on our webpage www.VillageImprovementSocietyofDennisMA.com

We encourage you to stay informed, email your friends and family. Your strength is needed as well as your agreement that a compromise to protect the historic character of the area should result in welcoming a compatible addition to the heart of the Village.

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2023 Summer Concerts



Bring your lawn chair and join us for our 2023 Summer Band Concerts! We'll look for you on our *Village Green*, at 7 PM Monday nights (No rain dates) Ample parking is available on Nobsuscussett Road.

- 7/3 Cape Cod Moonlighters
- 7/10 Crab Grass
- 7/17 Toast & Jam
- 7/24 Country Flavored Band
- 7/31 Cape Cod Conservatory Jazz
- 8/7 Chatham Band*
- 8/14 HeyDay

*This concert, sponsored in part by a grant from the Dennis Cultural Council which is supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.



We gratefully acknowledge additional help and in-kind donations:

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- Dennis Union Church · David Main



We hope you will visit our website: VillageImprovementSocietyofDennisMA.com to find even more information about our properties.



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