

Dear Friend of Dennis Village,

A grass roots community group has joined with the Village Improvement Society of Dennis to purchase land across from the Village Green in the heart of Dennis Village. Available is a 1-acre lot on route 6A between the ice cream shop and the historic Captain Howes' house at the corner of Hope Lane, and additional land extending north along Hope Lane.

This land is now proposed for dense development, to be clear cut and filled with 20 townhouses and parking lots, forever altering the historical character of the village. The development would increase traffic congestion at a dangerous intersection, compromise safety, destroy the natural habitat and threaten Chase Garden Creek with nitrogen pollution.

This is our one opportunity to **BUY THIS LAND** and save the natural landscape of our historic village. Once gone this will be gone forever. If you care about the outcome of this project, we need your financial support **NOW** to make this happen! Please make as generous a donation as you are able **TODAY** and consider pledging for 2025 and 2026 to further your impact. **The more money we raise, the more land we can buy.**

Local Postal Patron

Preserve Dennis Village
P.O. Box 755
Dennis, MA 02638

Together we can purchase this land in Dennis Village!



Photo by Diane Collins

Preserve the Charm Campaign

Where does the campaign stand?

- We have already raised over \$1.1 Million in donations and pledges.
- Sellers are in full support and have extended deadlines, based on our success.
- June is now the deadline to raise an additional \$400,000 to get to \$1.5M for the Rt 6A parcel.
- We have until July 10 to raise additional funds to purchase more of the land.

Who will own the land?

- The Village Improvement Society of Dennis, a 501(c)(3) non-profit is the custodian of the funds being raised and will make the purchase.
- The property will be preserved by a permanent conservation restriction to maintain the natural habitat, clearing away invasive vines and dead wood.

For more information: attend an information session or visit: www.preserve the charm.com



Proposed 20 units across from Village Green and Dennis Union Church on Route 6A, Dennis Village

#1: \$1.5M (with payments to sellers over 3 years): Top priority! 1-acre parcel directly on 6A, with greatest impact on the historical appearance of Dennis Village. The purchase prevents dense development along route 6A.

#2: An additional \$1M would enable us to protect the parcel behind the Howes' home on 6A, extending north along Hope Lane.

#3: The seller has agreed to a purchase price of \$3M for all three lots, which would include 18 Hope Lane, abutting the Post Office side entry and extending along the east side of Hope Lane.

LAND PURCHASE DONATION FORM

(Please Print Clearly)

2024 donation \$ _____ To be paid by July 10, 2024
2025 pledge \$ _____ To be paid by May 1, 2025
2026 pledge \$ _____ To be paid by May 1, 2026

Total donations/pledges \$ _____

Name: _____
Mailing Address: _____
City/State/Zip: _____
E-mail: _____
☐ I/We wish for this gift to remain anonymous
Phone: _____

Write checks to **Village Improvement Society of Dennis***

Note: **Land Purchase** on memo line

Mail to: Village Improvement Society
P.O. Box 755, Dennis, MA 02638

Your urgent support is appreciated!

*The Village Improvement Society is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization