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Raynham Park is seen May 28 as the clubhouse was demolished. PHOTOS BY MARC VASCONCELLOS/THE ENTERPRISE

Raynham Park clubhouse reduced to pile of rubble

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RAYNHAM — Crews knocked down the old clubhouse at Raynham Park, the former greyhound track.

A building permit issued by the town on Wednesday, May 27, calls for demolition of four structures. The site is also being cleaned and graded.

When asked about the project, Vice President of Operations Bob Brooks pointed to a press release from 2025. "As far as an update, nothing has changed from the December 27, 2025 press release we provided," Brooks said.

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The entrance to the clubhouse was demolished at Raynham Park on May 28.

Raynham gifts B-R money to prevent large class sizes

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Bridgewater-Raynham has a budget for next school year that's millions less than it requested but — thanks to a gift from Raynham — not as bad as it could have been.

Both towns and the B-R school committee have approved a 2026-27 budget of \$100.6 million. While the amount is slightly higher than last year's operating budget, it is millions less the district requested.

Both Bridgewater and Raynham denied the school district's original budget request, citing either their own financial shortfalls or having to abide by the regional agreement that exists between the towns when it comes to providing funding.

But thanks to an additional financial gift from the Town of Raynham, the regional school district isn't facing any layoffs for the next school year, said Superintendent Ryan Powers.

While Powers said this is "great news," he and the school committee still acknowledge the staffing and financial struggles the school district continues to face.

How much is each town paying?

Of the estimated \$100.6 million district operating budget, the towns are contributing the following, with Bridgewater, a larger town, contributing more:

- **Bridgewater:** \$36.8 million
- **Raynham:** \$22.8 million

The remaining amount of the total is coming from the state in the form of what's known as Chapter 70 education funding for cities and towns, as well as

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Trump towns, zero GOP reps. Massachusetts maps favor geography

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In August 2025, President Donald Trump accused Massachusetts of being gerrymandered.

"In Massachusetts, I got, I think, 41% of the vote, a very blue state, and yet [Democrats] got 100% of Congress," Trump, said in an interview on CNBC on Aug. 5. "It shouldn't be that way. I should have, we should have a couple of Congress people but we have none."

In reality, Trump only received 36% of the vote in Massachusetts in 2024. But it's true that several towns and cities voted for him, particularly in the central and southeastern parts of the state. Acushnet, a town just north of New Bedford, was home to the highest proportion of support for the president with 61.1%, or 3,808 votes, and Berkley, a little further north, went 60.3% for Trump. Many of the towns around them, including Fall River, Swansea, Raynham, Middleborough and Somers-

et, also went for the president.

Yet, while this southeast region largely voted for Trump, they are not represented on a federal level. All of Massachusetts's nine Congresspeople are Democrat; the area's towns are either represented by Rep. Bill Keating, D-Mass., in the Ninth Congressional District, or by Rep. Jake Auchincloss, D-Mass., in the Fourth.


But does that mean Massachusetts—or at least this area—is gerrymandered? "It's a pretty strong no," Chris Kenny,

a postdoctoral scholar at Princeton University and a founding member of the Algorithm-Assisted Redistricting Methodology (ALARM) Project, said of gerrymandering claims in New England.

Massachusetts, and New England as a whole, is unique in its geography. Unlike other states, which tend to have a few big blue cities surrounded by red land, "you've got all these dots of kind of mini cities that lean blue surrounded

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