

Massachusetts Conflict of Interest Law – Seminar

The Dennis Town Clerk's office is sponsoring an educational seminar explaining the state's conflict of interest law on Thursday, March 4, 2010 at 2:00PM at Dennis Police Department, 90 Bob Crowell Road, South Dennis. The seminar is being conducted by David Giannotti, Chief of Communication and Public Education at the Massachusetts State Ethics Commission.

The Commission enforces the state's conflict of interest and financial disclosure laws. The conflict of interest law, G.L. c. 268A, covers what municipal officials and employees may do on the job, after hours and after they leave government service. The seminar explains how to avoid potential conflicts which may arise between their private interests and public positions. The goal of the seminar is to provide a basic understanding of the principles of the law and how to comply with them by discussing "real life" situations and conflicts that may arise on the job. Some topics covered at the seminar will include: restrictions on receiving gifts, outside employment, contracting with the town, acting on matters in which family members and business associates have a financial interest, and leaving municipal government to work for companies which have business with the same town.

All employees, committee members, and citizens are invited to attend. **For more information about the seminar and to pre-register, contact the Town Clerk's Office at 508-760-6112.**