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**Dennis Historical Commission Meeting Minutes**

February 6, 2023

Prue Conference Room, Town Hall, 685 Route 134, South Dennis, MA 02660

**Members Present:** Bob Poskitt, Bill Collins, Josh Crowell, Sarah Kruger; Tim Scannell & Diane Rochelle excused

Meeting was called to order at 4:05 PM

**Public Discussion:** None

**Minutes:** Minutes of the January 9, 2023, meeting were approved as received.

**Demolition Applications:** None

**Old Business:**

**Preservation Awards and Nomination Form:** The following 5 properties were discussed: 974 Route 6A, Dennis, 400 Main St., South Dennis, 112 Whig St., Dennis, West School House 61 Whig St. Dennis & Jericho Historical Center, 90 Old Main St. West Dennis; Each Commission member agreed to survey their neighborhoods for additions to this list by next month. The Nomination form on the DHC town website was reviewed and updated (in **bold**) to eliminate any Commission member names. The updated form is attached to these meeting minutes.

**Scargo Tower Historical Video:** None

**Historic Resource Inventory Survey:** No update

**West School House Stabilization:** Review of current picture.

**Site of 15 Hall St., Dennis:** Three additional pictures of the original house at 15 Hall St were found in the DHS Archive and reviewed. Josh Crowell provided background on the property at 20 Shawnee Way that resembles the Hall St. architecture.

**American Revolution 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:** The joint Yarmouth/Dennis Committee has published 3 historical articles that are on the HSOY website. Those should soon be available on the DHS website. Surveying the structures that were standing in 1776, and are *Witnesses to Independence*, is the next objective for both towns along with a collection of local artifacts from that war for display in 2025/2026.

**Endangered Significant Buildings:** No updates

**New Business:** Bass Light House.

The owner of the Light House Inn in West Dennis contacted both the Historical Society and Commission to discuss the circa 1855 light house cupola/light on the Inn's roof. The owner is looking for a new and better long-term home for that light and wants to be part of any planning that is put together to study it further.

**Next Meeting:** Monday, March 6, 2023, in the Town Hall, Prue Room, at 4:00 PM.

**Adjournment:** 4:58 PM. Respectfully submitted, Bob Poskitt.

## Burton N. Derick Historic Preservation Award

Nominations are being accepted for the **Burton N. Derick Historic Preservation Award**. This is an annual award that recognizes Dennis property owners who distinguish themselves by preserving and restoring the historic character of their homes and secondary structures including the land. Property owners and the public are invited to nominate candidates for this Award. Additional candidates are also selected by the Dennis Historical Commission.

The Award recognizes a range of finished restoration activities including preservation of the original architecture, adaptive reuse of historic structures, sensitive additions, landscape preservation and archaeology. All work should have been completed within the past calendar year

Properties must be at least 75 years old to be eligible. Primary emphasis will be given to a building's exterior preservation. The U.S. Secretary of the Interior's Guidelines for the Preservation of Historic Structures will be used to judge the nominations using the following criteria:

- *Preserving the historic and architectural significance of the property.*
- *Preservation or replication of historic materials and quality of project craftsmanship.*
- *Impact on the historic fabric of Dennis.*

### NOMINATION FORM

Property Address \_\_\_\_\_

Age of Property (if known) \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Owner \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Nominator \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Nominator \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Project Completion Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Send this form in the mail to: Dennis Historical Commission, Town of Dennis, 685 Route 134, South Dennis, MA 02660. Be sure to include a picture of the property.** All submissions become the property of the Dennis Historical Commission and will not be returned. Nominations must be submitted by May 30 of each year. The Dennis Historical Commission will notify the award winners as well as those whose nominations were not selected this year.