

**TOWN OF DENNIS**  
**WATER QUALITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**MEMBERSHIP AND CHARGE**

The Board of Selectmen hereby create and shall periodically appoint, a Water Quality Advisory Committee, which shall work in conjunction with the Board of Health, Conservation Committee, Beach Committee, Waterways Committee, Shellfish Advisory Committee or any other committee currently or in the future charged with the protection, preservation or enhancement of surface and groundwater in or bounding the Town of Dennis.

The Committee shall involve itself in matters pertaining to, and impacting on, the fresh and salt water quality in Dennis and conduct such studies and investigations necessary to advise, make recommendations and endorsements to other Town boards, committees and commissions.

The Committee shall be comprised of seven (7) members \* who shall be resident registered voters in the Town of Dennis and who shall serve for three (3) year staggered terms and an indefinite number of alternates\* who shall serve for one (1) year terms. Members shall include one person who currently serves on the Board of Health. Various staff members will act as resources as needed and at the direction of the staff liaison. Such staff members may include but are not limited to: Town Engineer or his/her designee, Health Director or his/her designee, and Natural Resources Officer or his/her designee.

The Natural Resources Officer shall serve as the staff liaison to the Water Quality Advisory Committee. (Selectmen may appoint a member of the Board to serve as Selectmen liaison.) The proper flow of communication shall be from the Chairman of the Water Quality Advisory Committee to the Natural Resources Officer, through the Town Administrator to the Board of Selectmen, and in reverse when appropriate. The Board of Selectmen shall endeavor to meet annually with the Water Quality Advisory Committee to review the goals and objectives and pursue a general discussion of issues.

\*Revised by BOS – 08/29/2017

As stated in Article VII, Removal of Appointed Officers  
[Adopted 10-26-1999, STM, Art. 16]

Failure to attend meetings.

Where not inconsistent with Massachusetts General Laws, any appointed official who is a member of a multi-member board, committee or commission may be removed by the appointing authority after a public hearing for failure to attend more than three consecutive meetings. Failure to attend, if not adequately explained to the satisfaction of the appointing authority, shall be considered cause for removal.