

**TOWN OF DENNIS**  
**DENNIS SHELLFISH COMMITTEE**  
**MEMBERSHIP AND CHARGE**

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

The Board of Selectmen shall appoint seven (7) registered voters as full members. There will be three (3) staggered, 3-year terms, two (2) members at 2-year terms and two (2) members at 1-year terms and two (2) alternates at 1-year terms. The members shall annually elect a Chairman, Vice-Chairman and a Secretary.

The Shellfish Constable shall serve as an ex-officio non-voting member.

COMMITTEE CHARGE

The purpose of the Committee is to advise the Board of Selectmen on matters affecting the Town's recreational and commercial shellfishery. All recommendations regarding the use of the Town's shellfish resource shall be made in an equitable manner, as much as possible, between recreational and commercial interest.

A management plan shall be developed, and updated as necessary, to promote and improve shellfishing, to enhance and protect the health of the shellfish habitat including, but not limited to, education, enforcement and maintenance of the industry's viability.

In compliance with the Open Meeting Law, notice of the meetings shall be posted at the Town Hall. The Shellfish Committee shall meet monthly at a regular scheduled time and place; however, additional meetings may be convened when action is necessary prior to regular meetings. Members are expected to attend all regular scheduled meetings. The Chairman shall determine the agenda prior to the meeting. Committee members may submit agenda items for consideration at least one week prior to the meeting.

*As stated in Article VII Removal of Appointed Officers (Adopted 10-26-1991, STM, Art. 16)*

Failure to attend meetings:

Where not consistent with M.G.L. any appointed official who is a member of a multimember 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.