

TOWN OF DENNIS
1867 WEST DENNIS GRADED SCHOOL HOUSE & MUSEUM
MEMBERSHIP AND CHARGE

The Board of Selectmen shall appoint a committee of five (5) Town of Dennis year round registered voters. Two (2) of the members must be members of the Dennis Historical Society. One of the two members of the Dennis Historical Society will be the designated curator of the museum. All members will be assigned three (3) year overlapping terms.

The Committee shall be advisory to the Board of Selectmen and make the following recommendations:

- Provide architectural and historical oversight to the “1867 Graded School House and Museum”;
- Advise as to the maintenance, repairs and administration of the School House & Museum so as to preserve the characteristics which contribute to its architectural and historic integrity;
- Recommend innovative programs to educate Dennis citizens and visitors to better understand the important role of the Graded School House in the Town’s daily life in the mid-nineteenth and early twentieth centuries.
- Advise the Selectmen on the establishment of the School House & Museum celebrating the Town’s history, seafaring heritage and educational opportunities of same to the public;
- Recommendations and oversight of care of the permanent placing of owned or loaned artifacts in the School House and Museum;
- The Committee shall announce any planned exhibits or programs to the Board of Selectmen at a publicly scheduled Selectmen’s meeting.
- The museum curator will be primarily responsible for the research, planning and installation of exhibits;
- A summary of the Committee’s activities shall be published in the Dennis Annual Town Report.

All meetings of the Committee or any subcommittee established by the Committee are to be held in a public location, properly posted and open to the public in accordance with the Massachusetts Open Meeting Law. Minutes of each meeting shall be prepared and approved by the Committee within Thirty (30) days after said meeting and distributed to the Dennis Town Clerk. Committee member shall be mindful of their attendance obligations as identified §5-10 of the Town of Dennis By-Laws.