

APPLICATION SUBMITTED BY:

Name of Organization: Joshiah Dennis Manse Committee

Address: 61 Whig Street

Phone Number: 508-385-3334

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Chief Executive Officer: Richard E. Roy

Signature: Richard E. Roy

Name: (if more than one) DAVID P. TALBOTT

Signature: David P. Talbott

**APPLICATION FOR
DENNIS COMMUNITY PRESERVATION FUNDS
Calendar Year 2018**

SYNOPSIS

1. *Project Title: West Schoolhouse Stabilization – Phase I*

2. *Organization Name: Josiah Dennis Manse Committee*

3. *Amount Requested from CPA funds: \$* **\$ 30,500.00**

4. *Purpose: Historic Preservation*

5. *Project site location: 61 Whig Street, Dennis, MA 02638*
Grounds of the 1736 Josiah Dennis Manse Museum
2.6 acres, Zone R40, Parcel ID 349-41, OKHRDC
Listed National Register of Historic Properties April 24, 1975
Listed Massachusetts Historic Property DEN-331



6. *Synopsis of Project:* The West Schoolhouse needs stabilization in order to preserve its timber frame. Significant moisture damage and insect infestation has occurred since 1974 when the building was moved to the grounds of 1736 the Josiah Dennis Manse Museum. It functions as a museum of mid 1700's and early 1800's educational traditions. It has significant hip roof and dragon beam architecture. A 2016 WSH CPC Grant allowed a study of the original elements of the structure and other project consulting to establish a total project cost. An application was made in to CPC in 2017 to complete the project as a historical recreation of the original building. This application was not recommended by CPC.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

7. *Project Title: West Schoolhouse Stabilization – Phase I*

8. *Organization Name: Josiah Dennis Manse Committee*

9. Address (street and post office box): 61 Whig Street, PO Box 705,
Dennis, MA 02638

10. Federal Tax Identification Number: EO.46001129 (Town of Dennis)

11. Contact Person(s):

Primary: Richard Roy
43 Nobscussett Road, Dennis, MA 02638
Phone: 215.205.3930 E-mail: r_e_roy@msn.com
Secondary: David Talbott
74 Blackball Hill Road, Dennis, MA 02638
Phone: 508.385.3031 E-mail: dpmct@comcast.net

11a. Name of Person Who Will Receive Funds

Primary: Richard Roy, Committee Chair
Secondary: Diane Rochelle, Committee Treasurer

APPLICANT BACKGROUND

12. Brief Applicant history: The Josiah Dennis Manse Committee is appointed by the Dennis Board of Selectmen to manage the Josiah Dennis Manse Museum.

13. Names of governing board, trustees or directors: Richard Roy, Chair; Ruth Derick, Terrill Fox, Nancy Howes, Susan Kelley, Judith Kunze, Paula McMurtry, Robert McMurtry, Mary Raycraft, Diane Rochelle, Chris Talbott, David Talbott and Jan Ward.

14. Summary of comparable projects completed: 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010 CPA Grants for restoration of the Josiah Dennis Manse.

PROJECT INFORMATION

15. Project Concept: to preserve the West

Schoolhouse.

16. Project Goals/ Objectives:

Site visits are welcomed. Please contact Richard Roy, r_e_roy@msn.com

17. Describe any legal issues, ramifications, impediments, if any: N/A

18. Describe how this Project accomplishes the goals and objectives of the CPA: It stabilizes and preserves a unique historic resource, the oldest educational structure in Dennis. West Schoolhouse is listed both on Mass. Historical Register and the National Register of Historic places. It has a significant hip roof and dragon beams with no ceiling so these rare architectural elements can be viewed without obstruction. It is the only one room schoolhouse with like this. Preservation not only protects this last example of early American education it also allows it to continue to be viewed as an architectural and educational entity. No other schoolhouse museum offers these features.

19. Describe how this Project is relevant to the current and future needs of Dennis: It provides preservation of a current Dennis museum, heritage, history and setting so future generations can visually study early Colonial and American education in a restored structure.

20. Describe how this Project relates to the Dennis Local Comprehensive Plan: It preserves and protects the heritage and community character of Dennis. It is an interactive educational museum exhibiting educational practices from our beginnings as a British Colony to the mid 1800's. It is historically, architecturally and culturally

significant. It serves to instill pride in residents and visitors, both young and old.

PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION & BUDGET

21. Total CPA Funding Request: \$ ~~30~~ 30,500.00

22. Financial Plan: **Attachment A: Financial Plan – Budget**

23. Evidence of interest from potential lenders: N/A

24. List of funding source(s), include private/public/in-kind: additional grant applications, volunteer efforts, Dept. of Public Works assistance and Town of Dennis support.

25. For Community Housing Projects: N/A

SUPPORT DOCUMENTS

26. Letters of support: **Attachment B – Letters of Support**

27. References: N/A

28. Other relevant materials specific to the Project: N/A

29. Copy of most recent US Income Tax Form 990: N/A

30. Certificates of Non-Collusion and Application Submitted by: **Attachment C**

Attachment : A

Description of Work to be Completed and Cost

Remove roof shingles, fix historic sheathing as needed, apply 15# felt paper over sheathing, install ½" plywood over felt, install Ice and Water Shield over plywood, install cedar breather or strapping/skip sheathing to vent roof Shingles, install lead-coated copper drip edge, install red cedar shingles.

Estimate	\$ 25,400.00
Contingency 20%	\$ 5,100.00
Permit Estimate	\$ 250.00
Total	\$ 30,750.00

Attachment : B

Letters of Support



The Dennis Historical Society

February 18, 2018

Community Preservation Committee
c/o The Town of Dennis
P.O. Box 2060
South, Dennis, MA 02660

Dear CPC Members,

I am pleased to have been asked to write this letter to convey the unanimous support of the Board of Directors of the Dennis Historical Society for your committee's conclusion that the only way to insure the viability of the restoration of the West School House is to proceed with a series of prioritized and fundable phases.

Having attended the most recent meeting with the project architects which resulted in the Phase 1 Stabilization Work proposal, in my opinion, the recommendations of your Committee have been faithfully followed!

Being a member of the Josiah Dennis Manse Museum committee, I was present when it voted unanimously to both assume the leadership role in the restoration of the West School House and to endorse Phase 1. It is the intent of the Dennis Historical Society to work with and to assist the Manse Committee with the project.

For years, the West School House has been a very important part of the education of the youth of Dennis. The Third Grade School Program has continued annually since the 1970s. It is almost a rite of passage into fourth grade. Both my sons attended it, the oldest, Derek, will be fifty in September! During the months that the Manse is open, the school house is enthusiastically toured by many visitors, local, national and even international.

The DHS Board recognizes the need to do the necessary renovations on the West School House in cost effective phases. It is its hope that the CPC will approve the proposal for Phase 1.

Respectfully submitted,

David P. Talbott
V.P. Dennis Historical Society
Member, Josiah Dennis Manse Museum Committee

02/15/18

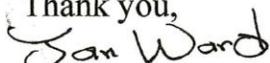
Town of Dennis
Community Preservation Committee

To Whom It May Concern:

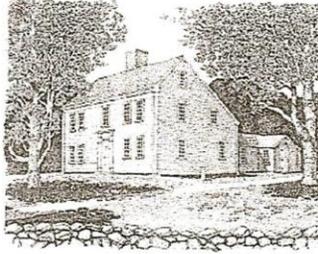
I am writing this letter to express my passionate support for the West School House Stabilization Project.

I have been managing and/or participating in the 3rd grade program for the Josiah Dennis Manse for over 5 years and know firsthand that the school house is an integral part of that program. We utilize the school house to demonstrate and teach the children about school life in early colonial times. When they enter the school house, they are taught teaching methods, school conditions in colonial times, respect, manners and the repercussions of not following rules. When they leave, they have a much greater appreciation for the times and how difficult life was in the 1700's.

The repair and stabilization of the school house is very important to the Town of Dennis and its continuing education program for the children of our town. Please support this effort for Phase 1 Stabilization.

Thank you,

Janet Ward

Josiah Dennis Manse Committee – Vice Chair
Dennis Historical Society-Technical Director



1736 Josiah Dennis Manse Museum

February 15, 2018

Community Preservation Committee
c/o The Town of Dennis
P.O. Box 2060
South, Dennis, MA 02660

Dear CPC Members,

I am writing on behalf of the Josiah Dennis Manse Museum Committee.

In January, our Chairman, Richard (Dick) Roy, convened a special meeting, so that we could discuss and vote on our committee taking over the leadership role of the West School House restoration project. Approval was unanimous!

At our normally scheduled February meeting, after a presentation, by Dick about the new plans and specifications for the Phase 1 Stabilization Work, our committee was unanimously in favor of the new proposal and its approach!

Being a committee member who has been involved in the annual Third Grade School Program with the students from the Ezra H. Baker Innovation School since the mid-1970s, I know, firsthand, how enjoyable and educational the program is for the young students. Because of the condition of the school house, we won't be using this valuable teaching tool as part of this year's program.

All of our committee members recognize the need to do the necessary renovations on the West School House in prioritized, cost effective phases, and we truly hope that the CPC will approve the proposal for Phase 1.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Christine Talbott

Mary Christine Talbott
Corresponding Secretary
Josiah Dennis Manse Museum Committee

Attachment C

CERTIFICATE OF NON-COLLUSION

The undersigned certifies under penalties of perjury that this proposal has been made and submitted in good faith and without collusion or fraud with any other person. As used in this certification, the word "person" shall mean any natural person, business, partnership, corporation, union, committee, club, or other organization, entity, or group of individuals.

Chief Executive Officer(s):

Richard E. Roy
Name (print)

Name (print)

Richard E. Roy
Signature

Chairman
Title

May 3, 2018
Date

Signature

Title

Date