

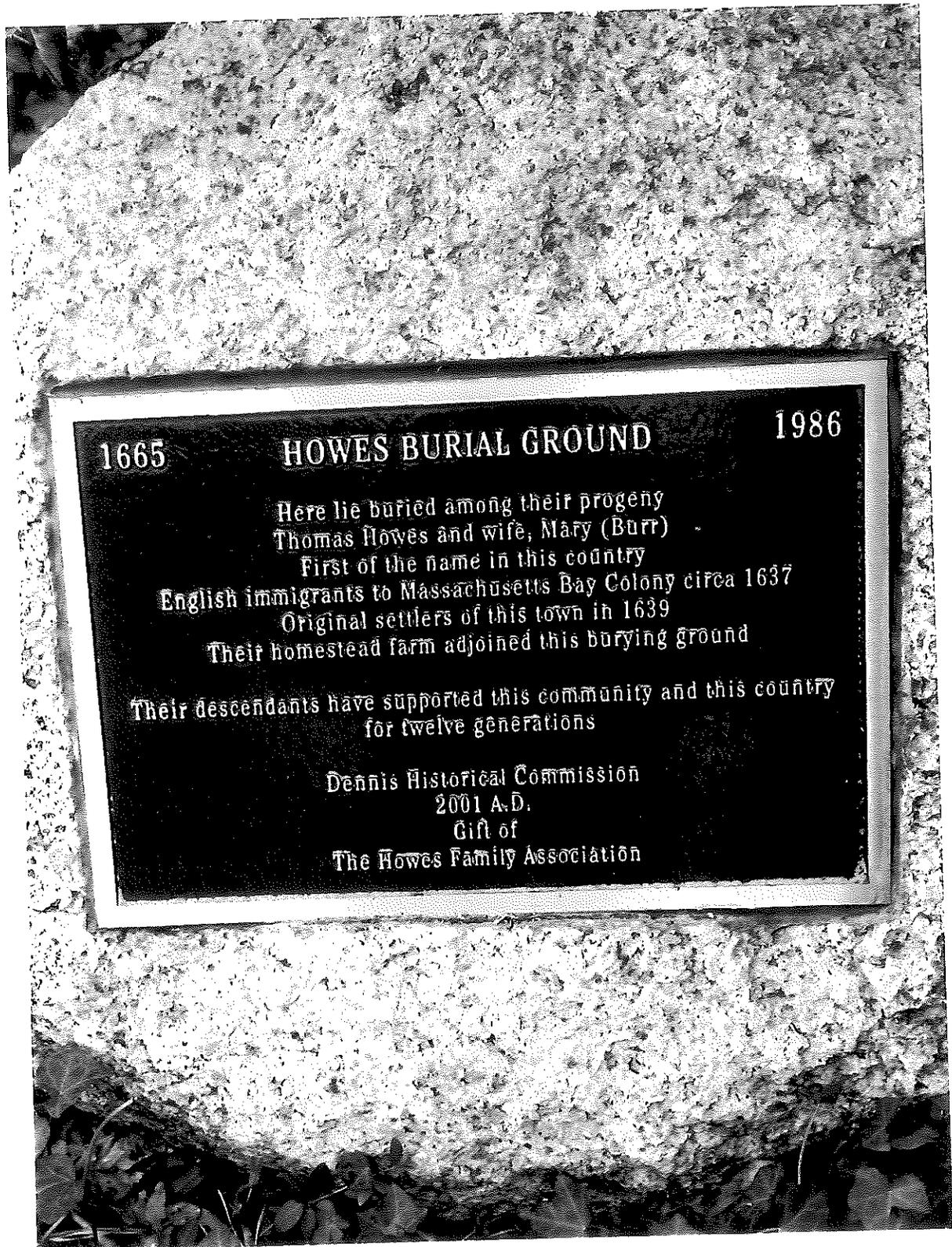
@ 1:00 pm

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

P O Box 2060

South Dennis, MA 02660

HOWES CEMETERY



1665

HOWES BURIAL GROUND

1986

Here lie buried among their progeny
Thomas Howes and wife, Mary (Burr)
First of the name in this country
English immigrants to Massachusetts Bay Colony circa 1637
Original settlers of this town in 1639
Their homestead farm adjoined this burying ground
Their descendants have supported this community and this country
for twelve generations

Dennis Historical Commission
2001 A.D.
Gift of
The Howes Family Association

SYNOPSIS

1. Project Title: ***Howes Cemetery Restoration***
2. Organization Name: ***Dennis Historical Society***
3. Amount Requested from CPA funds: ***\$57,530.00***
4. Purpose: ***Historic Preservation***
5. Project site(s)/location: ***48 Bramble Lane, Dennis, 1 acre, Rural Residential R-40***
6. Synopsis of Project.

In 1639, four settlers were given permission to settle land in Mattacheese that would soon become known as Yarmouth. One settler was Thomas Howes. His land grant consisted of 100 upland acres plus 26 more of meadow in Nobscussett, now known as Dennis. The Howes Cemetery, lying in the Old Kings Highway Historic District surrounded on three sides by conservation land, is situated on part of the original farm and accessible via a short footpath from Bramble Lane. The Cemetery is enclosed on 3 sides by a beautiful stone wall hand crafted by David Howes in 1879 from varied-sizes of rough granite ashlar. The Cemetery contains more than 170 burial sites all laid out with headstones and many associated footstones. Thomas Howes and many of his descendants rest here. In colonial times, more residents of the town had the Howes surname than all other surnames combined.

Because of the historical importance of this site to the town of Dennis, a three part project is being proposed. The first part (Pg. 10 photos) will be to preserve the grave markers via needed cleaning. Currently many of the inscriptions are no longer legible nor can the carving styles be readily identified. This will also include restoring and repairing the broken markers. The second part (Pg. 11 photos) will be to repair and preserve the 1879 iron gate that opens into the cemetery. And the

third part (Pg. 12 photos) will be to clear trees and unwanted vegetation both within and along the 4 stone walls that can cause damage to the markers.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

7. Project Title: *Howes Cemetery Restoration*

8. Organization Name: *Dennis Historical Society*

9. Address : *P O Box 607, South Dennis, MA 02660, 508-385-2232,
info@dennishistoricalsociety.org*

10. Federal Tax Identification Number *04-2624741*

11. Contact Person: *Robert W. Poskitt, Project Mgr., 248 Main St., South Dennis, MA
02660 : 508-394-0310: BobPoskitt@comcast.net*

APPLICANT BACKGROUND

12. Brief Applicant History

The Dennis Historical Society, Inc. is an educational organization established to stimulate an interest in local history, to promote scholarly effort, to foster the continued collection and preservation of historical data and material, and to cooperate with individuals and other organizations having similar interest.

The Dennis Historical Society was formed in 1963 to accept gifts of Dennis-related artifacts for use in the 1801 Jericho House Museum, built for sea Captain Theophilus Baker, which was presented to the town in 1962. Our scope increased in 1967 when the town purchased the 1736 Josiah Dennis Manse, home of the first settled minister of the town.

Both the 1736 Josiah Dennis Manse and the 1867 West Dennis Graded School have preservation restriction agreements between the Town of Dennis and the Massachusetts Historical Commission to ensure both the architectural and historic integrity of these buildings.

Town appointed committees manage three of the four museums....The Josiah Dennis Manse, the Jericho House, and the West Dennis Graded School. Most of the collections in these museums are owned by DHS. The fourth museum, the Rose Victorian, is wholly owned and operated by DHS. Some parts of the collection in the first three museums are on private loan or actually owned by the town. Each museum is operated by a committee whose chairperson is on the DHS Board of Directors, ensuring schedule and activity coordination between all events.

DHS maintains a library at the West Dennis Free Public Library. DHS also operates a continuously expanding web-accessible Digital Archive.

13. Names of governing board, trustees or directors

**DENNIS HISTORICAL SOCIETY, P.O. BOX 607, SOUTH DENNIS, MA 02660
EXECUTIVE BOARD 2016**

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DIRECTOR AT LARGE: Jan Ward, 61 Nobscusset Road, Dennis 02638 508.385.5651, Jbward5@comcast.net

14. Summary of comparable projects completed

- Dennis Manse Restoration (2009 CPA grant)*
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- Oil Paintings Conservation (2013 CPA grant)*
- UV framed glass protection (2013 CPA grant)*
- DHS Historical Archive (2006-2014 CPA grants)*

PROJECT INFORMATION

15. Project Concept

The Howes Cemetery is among the most historic sites not only in the town of Dennis but throughout Massachusetts. Its setting is enhanced by the fact that three sides are abutted by Conservation Lands that have always been part of the original Howes Land Grant of 1639. In a few short years the whole country will be celebrating the 400th anniversary of the landing of the Pilgrims to these shores. With that anniversary there will be a new wave of interest in visiting historic places on the Cape linked to those early Pilgrim settlers. The Howes Cemetery is definitely one of those important Cape sites of early settlers from the original Plymouth Plantation. This project will insure that (1) the names and dates on the gravestones will be fully legible, that (2) the 1879 entrance gate will be functional and fully reconditioned, and that (3) the overall vegetation and trees will be trimmed back as needed to provide access for all visitors to the site.

Three very qualified vendors have been asked to provide initial bids on the above three areas of work. All have an outstanding track record in the historic areas of Dennis and surrounding communities.

16. Project Goals / Objectives

The major goal of this project is to thoroughly survey, clean, and stabilize the grave markers in the Howes Cemetery so they can be seen, studied, and enjoyed by all visitors. Based on successful work done on tombstones in historic area cemeteries, a non-toxic biodegradable product known as D/2 will be used exclusively. It is a basic (ph of 9.5) ammonium solution with surfactants to enhance cleaning capabilities on granite, limestone, and marble. A number of gravestones are also broken and will need to be repaired and preserved.

The 1879 iron gate into the cemetery will be repaired and preserved as several parts including finials have been broken off and have been lost over the years. The gate will actually be removed for work at the vendor's facility. That will include sand blasting all components, manufacturing new custom castings to replace broken and damaged pieces, and replacing damaged and rusted rail sections along the bottom of the structure. A final zinc coat primer will be applied together with epoxy and urethane for the best long term preservation of the gate.

Vegetation will be cleared as needed both within and along the stone walls as trees have grown too near the markers and dead limbs pose as potential hazards. All this work will be accomplished by contractors who have proven records in historic preservation and conservation in the Dennis community. The Project Manager will also be personally involved in all aspects of the work to insure the highest level of sensitivity to the environment, the abutting neighbors, and the historic legacy of this property.

This project will go out to bid through the Dennis Department of Public Works to insure equal opportunity and minimum wage specifications.

17. Describe any legal issues, ramifications, impediments about this project, if any. *None known*

18. Describe how this Project accomplishes the goals and objectives of the CPA

This project fully meets the goals and objectives "for the acquisition, preservation, rehabilitation, and restoration of historic resources" as stated in Section 5(b) (2) of the community Preservation Act.

This project also meets the goals and intent of History Sections 1,2,5,6, and 7 in the document.... Town of Dennis Community Preservation Committee Application and Criteria.

19. Describe how this Project is relevant to the current and future needs of Dennis

This project supports and expands the commitment of the Dennis Historical Society to make local history more available and visible to both residents and visitors. As more is uncovered about the accomplishments of the Howes family members in the cemetery, more interest develops to visit the cemetery and enjoy the peaceful wooded setting. Both professional and

amateurs historians along with interested family descendants of those interred will now be able to clearly define the inscriptions for genealogical research. Even the artistry of the early stone cutters can be better seen and studied once the cleaning is completed. This work also insures that the highest respect continues to be placed on those individuals who are interred there.

20. Describe how this Project relates to the Dennis Local Comprehensive Plan

This cemetery evokes civic pride in the heritage and preservation of Dennis history.

PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION & BUDGET

21. Total CPA Funding Request

TOTAL REQUESTED FUNDING : \$57,530.00

22. A Financial Plan, which must include: A line item project budget

Proposals have been submitted by three proven vendors who have done extensive work on historic sites in the greater Dennis area. The first one is Gravestone Services of New England (Pg. 13) for restoring the gravestones. The second is DeAngelis (Pg. 14) for repair and restoration of the original cast iron cemetery gate. The third is Lavelle Tree Service (Pg. 15) for up to 3 days of work for needed tree and vegetation removal. To insure that adequate funding is requested to carry out the much needed work, a 10% contingency has been added to these three proposals.

Line Item Budget

<i>Restoration, Rehabilitation, Preservation and Protection of Up to 120 Gravestones</i>	<i>\$27,500.00</i>
<i>Restoration, Preservation and Protection of the 1879 Cemetery Gate</i>	<i>\$15,800.00</i>
<i>Tree Pruning and Removal plus overall Vegetation Trimming</i>	<i>\$9,000.00</i>
<i>TOTAL</i>	<i>\$52,300.00</i>
<i>(plus 10% contingency)</i>	<i>5,230.00</i>
<i>TOTAL REQUESTED FUNDING</i>	<i>\$57,530.00</i>

23. Evidence of interest from potential lenders *NA*
24. List of funding source(s), include private/public/in-kind *NA*
25. For Community Housing Projects, a "sources and uses of funds" exhibit *NA*

SUPPORT DOCUMENTS

26. Letters of support from community organizations or other such sources (no more than five)
See Pages 16 & 17.
27. References (no more than three)
28. Other relevant materials specific to the Project; *See Pages 13, 14, & 15 for vendor proposals.*
29. Copy of most recent US Income Tax Form 990, where appropriate *NA*
30. Certificate of Non-Collusion (Provided herein)

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.

Betsy W. Harner President, Board 5.1.16
Signature Title Date
Robert W. Parkitt Project mgr. 5/1/2016

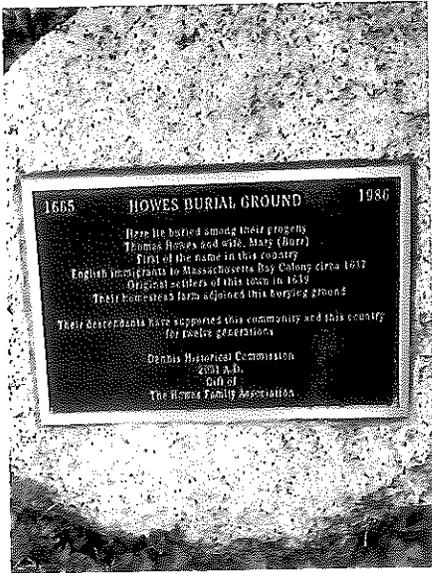
Dennis Historical Society
(Name of organization or business)

Betsy Waten Harrison
(Organization President, CEO, or legally authorized agent)

B. W. Harner
Signature

5.1.16
(Date of Signature)

Howes Cemetery



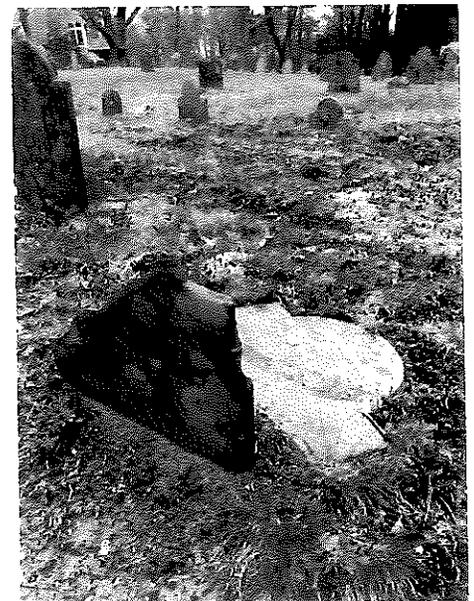
Broken Gravestones



Adhesion to Base



Delaminated Slates



1879 Cemetery Gate



Missing Pieces



Delamination of Rails



Vegetation/Tree/Brush/Removal

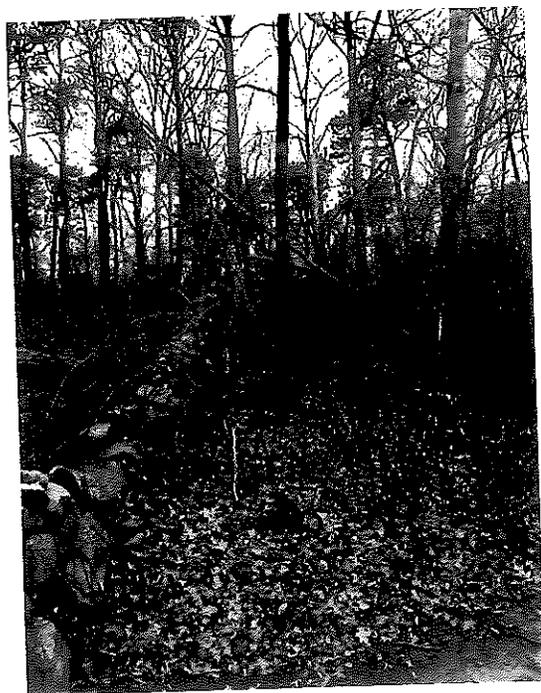
Fallen Trees to Rear



Encroachment of Stones



Wall Overhang



Cut Back Vegetation



Gravestone Services of New England

Gravestone Services of New England, LLC
 14 Edinburgh Drive
 Bedford, NH 03110



(603)472-5274
 Kai@GravestoneServices.com
<http://GravestoneServices.com>

Estimate

DATE	ESTIMATE #
04/06/2016	1118
	EXP. DATE

ADDRESS
Robert Poskitt Dennis Historical Society PO Box 607 South Dennis, MA 02660 USA

ACTIVITY	QUANTITY	RATE	AMOUNT
Conservation&Repair * Conservation and repair work to 120 granite stones at Graves Cemetery	1	27,500.00	27,500.00
D/2 * 120 granite walk D/2 to be installed in 1000' x 1000' plot at Graves Cemetery	120	0.00	0.00
Documentation * Research and photos	120	0.00	0.00
TOTAL			\$27,500.00

ACCEPTED BY

EIN: 46-1639953

ACCEPTED DATE

Confidential



DeAngelis

FABRICATION | RESTORATION

April 14, 2016

Dennis Historical Commission
c/o Mr. Robert Poskitt
248 Main Street
South Dennis, MA 02660

RE: Restoration of Historic Entrance Gate – Howes Cemetery, Dennis, MA

Dear Robert,

Pursuant to our recent site meeting, I am pleased to provide you with the following proposal to perform restoration work on the historic double leaf entrance gate.

Following is our recommended protocol for the restoration of the gate:

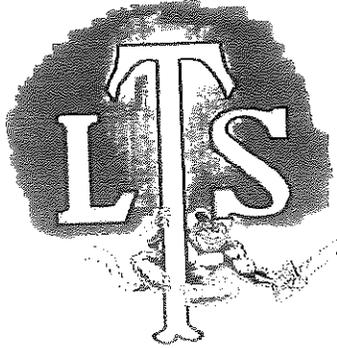
- Photograph and document existing condition of each gate leaf.
- Remove gate and transport to DeAngelis Iron Work, Inc. in South Easton, MA.
- Sandblast all components to bare metal and dispose of lead contaminated materials in an environmentally safe manner.
- Manufacture new custom castings (to exactly replicate existing castings) to replace missing / damaged castings
- Disassemble 2-piece horizontal rail where rust jacking / loss of rail section is evident (between picket castings and diamond shaped castings about 8" up from bottom of gate leafs). Clean / replace / reassemble rails as required.
- Apply premium paint system consisting of one coat zinc rich primer, one coat hi-build epoxy, and one coat aliphatic urethane finish paint. **(Note: This paint system is the same system applied to the fence and gates surrounding Harvard Yard when they were restored by DeAngelis Iron Work, Inc. in the late 80's / early 90's.)**
- Deliver and reinstall restored gate, adjust for proper operation and touch up finish paint.

Cost to provide materials, labor, equipment and supervision as required to perform above restoration protocol:
Cost: \$15,800.00

Notes/Exclusions:

- Prices exclude any applicable permits, fees, etc.
- Excludes all masonry work
- Excludes any temporary protection / security measures
- Existing iron pintels (embedded in granite piers) to be prepped and repainted on site.

Lavelle Tree Service
 31 Cobb Ave
 YarmouthPort, MA 02675-2432
 T (508) 362-2608/F (508) 362-7649
 LavelleTreeService@Comcast.net



Estimate

DATE	ESTIMATE #
4/11/2016	771

Bob Poskitt
 248 Main Street
 South Dennis, MA 02660

DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Dennis Historical Howes Family Cemetery 48 Bramble Lane Dennis, MA Remove split - rotted Pine before entrance/Clear any dying - dead - or overhanging limbs surrounding cemetery stone walls/Prune dead wood from trees inside cemetery/Thin out back area of cemetery for further evaluation of lost headstones/Clear small path for walking (leaving Cedars)/Remove Oak sucker growth from behind Thomas Howes Memorial \$3,000 per day fee not to exceed 3 Days	0.00
<p>AFTER AGREEMENT OF FINAL COST PLEASE SIGN & RETURN (1) ONE COPY</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Total</p>	

May 2, 2016
Town of Dennis
Community Preservation Committee

Ladies and Gentlemen:

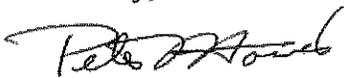
On behalf of the Howes Family Association, I request your support for this proposal that will completely renovate the historic Howes Family Cemetery on Bramble Lane. This is the resting place of Thomas Howes and his wife Mary who were one of the first three families settling in this area, granted land by the King of England to establish farms to support the anticipated new settlers from England.

This cemetery is a key historic location in the Town of Dennis, and much of the land in the Dennis Village area was an original part of this historic Grant. It is these humble tombstones that are the foundation of the Howes Family in America, the roots of their expansion throughout the Cape and Westward to the Pacific.

The Dennis Historical Society is proposing a team of known experts in their knowledge and restoration of other Dennis cemeteries and who have the support of able contractors. I believe that this project will restore one of the major historic locations in the Town, adding to the sites available to townspeople and visitors alike.

Your support of this project will restore one of the truly historic locations in Dennis and the foundation of one of the original settler families of Cape Cod.

Sincerely,



Peter D. Howes
Director,
Howes Family Association

May 1, 2016

Community Preservation Committee

I am writing this letter to encourage you to fund the needed improvements for the Howes Cemetery on Bramble Lane. The Dennis Historical Society has graciously undertaken the responsibility to assess the work to be done, apply to you for funding, and manage the project once it is approved.

As part of the leadership of the Howes Family Association, I know the importance of keeping good records. And for the Howes Family, some of the most important records are the names and dates of those on the tombstones in this cemetery. With close to 400 years of history tied to the Howes Family, these tombstones are also of importance to the whole Dennis community. This project will not only repair the broken tombstones, but clean the remaining ones, repair the 1879 entrance gate, and clean up the area vegetation that is encroaching on the site.

The Howes Cemetery is one of the most well preserved and beautiful historical sites in the community. By supporting the much needed work you will help insure that residents and visitors will be able to enjoy a visit to this cemetery for many years to come.

Thank you for your support.

Nancy S. Howes
Nancy Howes