

TOWN OF DENNIS
1736 JOSIAH DENNIS MANSE MUSEUM COMMITTEE
MEMBERSHIP AND CHARGE

Membership: The Board of Selectmen shall appoint not more than 30 committee members to provide historic oversight of the 1736 Josiah Dennis Manse Museum. Appointments made before April 3, 2001 are an indefinite term and those after that date for a three-year staggered term.

Any prospective committee member shall attend meetings and serve as an intern for six months including a summer season before being recommended by the committee for appointment.

Members shall attend all scheduled committee meetings except for good reason. In accordance with the Town of Dennis By-Law, Article VII any committee members may be removed by the Selectmen, following a public hearing, for failure to attend more than three consecutive meetings. Failure to attend, if not adequately explained to the satisfaction of the Selectmen, shall be considered cause for removal.

The committee shall oversee the general maintenance and appearance of the Josiah Dennis Manse Museum and the 1745 Old West Schoolhouse on the grounds in order to keep them in good order and inviting to our visitors. Any necessary repairs shall be brought to the attention of the Town of Dennis Department of Public Works.

Committee members shall provide assistance in the preservation of the Manse and the Schoolhouse as an historic interpretive museum in order to help our visitors learn about the daily lives of the people who live there in the 1700's and about the Reverend Josiah Dennis, the man for whom our town was named and for whose family the Manse was built.

The committee shall meet in public session as often as necessary at a duly designated time and place properly posted in accordance with the requirements of the Massachusetts Open Meeting Law.

Minutes of each meeting shall be submitted to the Board of Selectmen.

The committee shall present to the Board of Selectmen a yearly written report of its activities on or before November 15 of each year.

Adopted by the Board of Selectmen on April 11, 2006