



1736 Josiah Dennis Manse



1801 Jericho Historical Center



1876 W.D.G.S./Maritime Museum

## 2017 Annual Appeal

December 2017

Dear Friend(s) of the Dennis Historical Society,

We are launching this year's Annual Appeal having consulted with the Chairs of the 1736 Josiah Dennis Manse, 1801 Jericho Historical Center and the 1876 West Dennis Graded School/Maritime Museum to come up with *wish lists* to further their mission of ***Preserving, Promoting and Presenting the History of Dennis.***

They are as follows:

**1736 Josiah Dennis Manse** continues to wish for museum quality mannequins of, and costumes for, the Reverend Josiah Dennis and his wife, Phebe. Last year's donations got us part way to our goal, but we need \$2,000 more to reach it.

**The Captain Baker House and Barn Museum at the 1801 Jericho Historical Center** is wishing to fund the construction and installation of raised beds for interpretive, period vegetable and flower gardens. Because children are such an important part of our mission, we want to have a children's garden, too. Our goal is to raise \$2,000.

**1876 West Dennis Graded School/Maritime Museum's** wishes to fund the purchase of an antique model schooner in a plexiglass display case. The Maritime Exhibit for 2018 will focus on the ships our captains sailed. We need to have a schooner at the Maritime Museum to help us tell the story of all Dennis mariners. It is safe to say that almost every one of our 650 documented Dennis sea captains had command of a schooner sometime in his career. There were six shipyards in Dennis most of which built at least one schooner along with other vessels. Our goal is to raise \$2,500.

The Dennis Historical Society was founded 54 years ago. It is charged with protecting our town's rich history...through our collections, our historic buildings including the 1736 Josiah Dennis Manse, 1801 Jericho Historical Center, 1876 West Dennis Graded School/Maritime Museum and through our diverse programming, exhibits and publications. With sea captains, historic homes, digitized archival records, maritime maps, family cemeteries, beautiful quilts...there are many artifacts to preserve and stories to tell our visitors.

The Society operates on a modest budget with revenues derived primarily from membership dues, grants and donations. There is no endowment fund. The three properties above belong to the Town of Dennis. The Annual Appeal's goal is raising funds to enhance and expand our programming and to support and protect our historic collections. We have identified the specific projects above in need of funding. ***We ask you to give to one of our wish list projects.***

Thank you, in advance, for considering our request. We have enclosed a return envelope for your convenience. Your tax deductible contribution will enable us to continue to fulfill our mission, and bring items so important to our history, home to Dennis.

With best wishes for a Joyous Holiday Season,

The Board of Directors of the Dennis Historical Society



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