



1736 Josiah Dennis Manse Museum



1801 Jericho Historical Center



1876 WDGS/Maritime Museum

The Dennis Historical Society's 2022 Annual Appeal

December 2022

Dear Friend(s) of the Dennis Historical Society,

How fortunate we are to have three museums in which to house so much of our amazing collections! To have appropriate venues to display objects and artifacts from the 18th and 19th centuries and our rich maritime history is a rare treasure indeed. The superb attendance at all three museums this past season was both gratifying and rewarding. The public's interest in the history of Dennis, and its appetite for what we do, energizes and sustains us to continue fulfilling our Society's mission –

“To preserve, protect and promote the history of Dennis, Massachusetts”

Once again, it is time for our Annual Appeal. Your response last year was so supportive of the museums and so helpful in promoting their efforts that your Board unanimously voted to make *wish lists* the Appeal's goal for 2022. And, the Board is pleased to report that at the DHS Annual Meeting/Luncheon held on October 29th, it was announced that all the *wish list* items from the previous Annual Appeal are funded, and they are either planned, works in progress, or works completed!

As we move into the Holiday Season and our thoughts begin to focus on all the things for which we are most grateful, please give generously to the *wish list* item of your choice and support the work at our museums!

The Josiah Dennis Manse Museum...During most of 2022, and continuing into 2023, extensive stabilization and repair work has been going on at the West Schoolhouse on the Manse Museum grounds. This work was funded by a grant from the *Dennis Community Preservation Committee* established by the *Act* which bears the same name. Like all projects competing for finite dollars and an almost infinite number of worthy causes, additional funding is needed to put the finishing touches on the project. The 2022 *wish list* for the Josiah Dennis Manse Museum is \$2,500 for signs, exhibits and gardens for the 2023 reopening of the West Schoolhouse.

1801 Jericho Historical Center...During most of 2022, and continuing into 2023, extensive accessibility, repair and restoration work has been occurring at the Captain Theophilus Baker House on the grounds of the Jericho Historical Center. This much needed work was also funded by a grant from the *Dennis Community Preservation Committee*. Because a significant portion of the work involved meeting accessibility requirements, additional monies are needed for landscaping to successfully blend the new with the old. The 2022 *wish list* item is to raise \$2,000 for this purpose.

1876 WDGS/Maritime Museum...Revamping the interior of the Maritime Museum is necessary for the proper display of the extensive collection of art work, displays and artifacts of Dennis' incredible seafaring history. The reconfiguration will require movers, electricians, a picture hanging/display system and even a locksmith. The 2022 *wish list* is \$3,000 to make this possible.

Thank you in advance for considering our requests. We have enclosed a return envelope for your convenience.

With best wishes for a Joyous Holiday Season from the Board of Directors of the Dennis Historical Society

