



Town of Winchendon

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NOTICE OF VACANCIES

As of December 14, 2023, the Board of Selectmen acknowledges the following vacancies. If you are interested in serving on one of these Boards, please submit a letter of interest to the Board of Selectmen, 109 Front Street, Dept. 1, Winchendon, MA 01475. Forms can also be found at www.townofwinchendon.com/Board-selectmen. Follow the link to Online Application for Boards/Committees.

Communications Committee – 3 Vacancies

The Board of Selectmen established a Communications Committee consisting of 7 appointed members. The charge of the committee is to assist in expanding local access programming and the communications with the residents of the community.

Cultural Council – 9 Vacancies

The Local Cultural Council (LCC) Program is the largest grassroots cultural funding network in the nation supporting thousands of community-based projects in the arts, humanities, and sciences annually. The program promotes the availability of rich cultural experiences for every Massachusetts citizen. Yearly the Council awards grants to cultural programs town wide. These include school field trips, afterschool programs, concerts, festivals, lectures, theater, dance, music, and film. LCC projects take place in schools, community centers, libraries, elder care facilities, town halls, parks, and wherever the community comes together. The Council currently has six members and can consist of up to 19 members. Members can only serve two 3-year terms in a row, and can be reappointed after one year.

Fence Viewer/Field Driver – 1 Vacancy

There are two positions appointed by the Selectmen for a one-year term that either share the following duties or can be split to be the Fence Viewer and the second position the Field Driver.

Field Driver – covered under the animal control bylaw 17.1. Responds to and investigates complaints violating the following: No person shall pasture any cattle, goat or other animal upon any street or public way in said town, either with or without a keeper, except within the limits of such way adjoining his own premises, and field drivers are instructed to enforce this bylaw.

Fence Viewer – administers fence laws by inspecting new fence and settlement of disputes arising from trespass by livestock that have escaped enclosure. Also views fences to see that they are in good repair

and in case of disputes between neighbors, works to resolve their differences. Problems such as size, condition, and distance from property lines are complaints that still arise between neighbors.

Historical District Commission-2 Vacancies

The Historical Commission is charged with the preservation, protection and development of the historical or archeological assets of the town. The Commission is authorized to conduct searches and surveys and to make recommendations concerning establishment of archeological or historical landmarks.

The Commission may hold hearings, and may enter into contracts with individuals, organization and institutions for services furthering the objectives of the Commission's programs. The Commission may also acquire, in the name of the Town, by gift, purchase, grant, bequest, devise, lease or otherwise, the fee or lesser interest in real or personal property of significant historical value and may manage the same.

Library Board of Trustees-1 Vacancy

The Board has full authority over the governance of the library. The Board hires the library director, sets policy for the governance of the library, and the provisions of services. With input from the director, the trustees develop an annual budget, which is their primary policy document. Trustees work closely with the library administration in planning and goal setting for the library. This might include the development or expansion of collections and/or services.

Zoning Board of Appeals – 1 Alternate Member Vacancy

The Board holds public hearings on applications, in the form of an Administrative Appeal, from persons aggrieved because they were unable to obtain a building permit or an enforcement action from the Building Inspector related to interpretations(s) of the Winchendon Zoning Bylaws. Public hearings are held on applications for Special Permits as provided for in the Zoning Bylaws as well as requests for variances from certain, clearly specified, provisions of the Bylaws. Hearings are held at regularly scheduled Board meetings on the first and third Wednesday evening of each month. (The Board consists of 5 regular members and 3 alternates)