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Board and Committee Vacancies OR Members with Term Expirations

Climate Action Committee

The Committee works with municipal departments, residents, businesses, institutions, and civic organizations to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and promote sustainability.

Wellesley has a goal adopted by Town Meeting in 2021 to reduce town-wide greenhouse gas emissions to net zero by 2050 with interim targets to reduce these emissions 50% below a 2007 baseline by 2030 and 75% below the 2007 baseline by 2040. Wellesley's [Climate Action Plan](#) provides a roadmap for meeting these goals.

Council on Aging

The Council on Aging (COA) is an 11-member Board responsible for coordinating, implementing and evaluating the programs and services offered to residents age 60+. The COA Board establishes a strategic plan and identifies how the Town can best meet the needs of Wellesley's aging community. The Board's role includes advocacy for the needs of the aging residents, appointment and oversight of the COA Director, and preparation of the annual budget. The Board meets monthly and members will participate in various subcommittees to further its mission.

Cultural Council

The Wellesley Cultural Council (WCC), the local presence of the Mass Cultural Council (MCC), exists to enhance the quality of cultural life for all who live in Wellesley. Using money given to the town by the MCC, members of the Council help fund programs in the Arts, Culture, and Sciences believed to be of interest and benefit to the greatest possible cross section of town residents. Council members read grant applications submitted by providers of such programs and determine which of the proposals are most interesting and valuable to the greatest number of Wellesley residents.

Historic District Commission

The Commission's primary responsibility is the review of applications for alterations to exterior architectural features for the sixty-five (65) properties within the Cottage Street Historic District and four (4) Single Building Historic Districts. Volunteers with backgrounds in architecture or local real estate are particularly encouraged to apply.

Historical Commission

The mission of the Town of Wellesley Historical Commission is the preservation and protection of the tangible evidence of the architectural, aesthetic, cultural, economic, political and social history of Wellesley. Applicants ideally have a background in real estate, preservation, renovations, history, or architecture.

Housing Development Corporation

The Wellesley Housing Development Corporation was established in 1998 and consists of 5 members with the purpose of providing affordable housing for persons of low, moderate, and middle income. The 2025 Annual Town Meeting approved the creation of an Affordable Housing Trust, and while final approvals and administrative steps are completed, the Housing Development Corporation and the Affordable Housing Trust will operate concurrently for a brief transition period.

The Affordable Housing Trust will ultimately be governed by seven Trustees, inclusive of a Select Board member. To the extent possible, the Town is seeking individuals with complementary skills and experience in the following areas:

- Affordable housing and advocacy (including potential representation from the Wellesley Housing Authority)
- Development and construction
- Law
- Real estate
- Banking and finance
- Social services
- Residents of subsidized housing, or receiving state or federally sponsored rental subsidies, or that live in workforce housing.

Kepes Panel Committee

Established in 2005, the Committee assists the Town of Wellesley in determining the reuse of 76 historic artistic porcelain enamel panels created in 1959, by world renowned artist, Gyorgy Kepes (1906-2001) of Hungary, as exterior walls on the original 1959 Wellesley Main Library. Its goals are to keep the panels in Wellesley; have the Town retain their ownership; keep the panel sets together as much as possible; and finally, make them accessible to the public. Currently six panels are displayed at Wellesley High School and 15 panels are near the rear entrance of the Wellesley Main Library.

Municipal Light Board

The five-person Municipal Light Board oversees the Wellesley Municipal Light Plant, which delivers environmentally sustainable and highly reliable electricity and commercial internet services at competitive rates to the Town. The board consists of the three elected Board of Public Works Commissioners and two members appointed by the Select Board.

Veterans Advisory Board

The West Suburban Veterans' Services District (WSVSD) operates under the provisions established by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 115. The office provides Veterans and their dependents with a full range of benefits and services based on qualifications and eligibility requirements, using all available Federal, State and Town government agencies. The department also monitors the care and maintenance of all Veterans graves and sixteen Veterans monuments in Town. The five-member board serves three-year terms.

Veterans Graves Officer

This Officer works with the WSVSD to properly register Veterans graves and ensure any Veteran who dies without funds is properly interred. The Graves Officer also coordinates observances on Memorial Day, Veterans Day and other activities recognizing Veterans in Wellesley.

Youth Commission

The Wellesley Youth Commission provides programs and services designed to ensure that Wellesley's youth feel they are a valued part of the Wellesley community. By providing a wide variety of community-based events, programs and services, the Youth Commission strives to appeal to and meet the needs of a broad spectrum of middle and high school age youth and their families.

Zoning Board of Appeals – Associate Members

The Zoning Board of Appeals is a quasi-judicial board which interprets and enforces the town Zoning Bylaw by hearing and deciding on petitions for appeals of town officer or board decisions, Chapter 40B comprehensive permits, site plan approvals, special permits and variances.

To learn about other Town of Wellesley Boards and Committees, please visit:

<https://wellesleyma.gov/316/Boards-Committees>

To volunteer for any Town Board or Committee, please complete the online volunteer form:

<https://wellesleyma.gov/FormCenter/Town-Clerk-8/Volunteer-Form-68>

If you are interested in becoming a School Crossing Guard, please contact Wellesley Police Officer Kathy Poirier at kpoirier@wellesleyma.gov

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