



## **Boards and Commissions with Vacancies or Members with Term Expirations**

### **Climate Action Committee (Formerly Sustainable Energy Committee):**

The Climate Action Committee (CAC) develops and implements initiatives to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from Wellesley's municipal, residential, commercial, industrial and institutional sectors. Town Meeting established the CAC in 2010 to lead efforts to accomplish the goal adopted at the 2009 Annual Town Meeting: reduce town-wide greenhouse gas emissions 10% below 2007 levels by the year 2013. After the town met the 2013 goal, Town Meeting adopted a new goal: to reduce greenhouse gas emissions 25% below 2007 levels by the year 2020. The Committee works across town with municipal departments, businesses, institutions, and civic and volunteer organizations to initiate and carry out actions to achieve emissions reductions and other sustainability initiatives.

### **Council on Aging:**

The Wellesley Council on Aging (COA) was established by legislative action in 1972 to coordinate and carry out programs and services to meet the needs and objectives of the population age 60 and over. The COA is funded through local taxes, state, federal, and local grants, and private contributions.

### **Cultural Council:**

The Wellesley Cultural Council administers money that the Massachusetts Cultural Council allots to Wellesley from state funds, including the state lottery. These funds support the arts, humanities and sciences in the Wellesley community. The Council also serves as an advocacy voice for the arts in our community and state.

### **Historic District Commission:**

The Commission's primary responsibility is to review 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

### **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.

### **Municipal Light Plant Board:**

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The five-member Municipal Light Board oversees the Wellesley Municipal Light Plant. The board consists of the three elected Board of Public Works Commissioners and two members appointed by the Select Board.

**Veterans Advisory Board:**

This is a five-member board with three year terms. 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.

**Veterans' Graves Officer:**

The Graves and Ceremonial Officer is responsible registering Veterans graves and insuring all Veterans who die without funds are properly interred, as well as coordinating activities for Memorial Day, Flag Day, and other ceremonial events.

**Wellesley Housing Development Corp.:**

The Wellesley Housing Development Corporation's mission is to sponsor and assist in the development of affordable housing opportunities for persons of low and moderate income in the Town of Wellesley, Massachusetts in order to implement the Town's Affordable Housing Policy.

**Zoning Board of Appeals:**

The ZBA is a quasi-judicial board which interprets and enforces the town Zoning Bylaw, hears and decides on petitions for appeals of town officer or board orders, Chapter 40B comprehensive permits, site plan approvals, special permits and variances.

**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.

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To learn about other 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 Officer Kathy Poirier at [kpoirier@wellesleyma.gov](mailto:kpoirier@wellesleyma.gov)