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NRC Seeks Candidates for Associate Member of Wetlands Protection Committee

April 22, 2021 (Wellesley, MA) The Wellesley Natural Resources Commission (NRC) is seeking applications from Wellesley residents to fill an Associate Wetlands Protection Committee position. The role of an Associate Member is to consider and vote upon applications in the case of absence, inability to act, conflict of interest on the part of any member, or in the event of a vacancy on the Committee. The position is an opportunity to learn about the issues and regulations concerning environmental protection.

Residents with experience in environmental science, natural resource management, science, botany, ecology, conservation, forestry, engineering, land use and law, and those with bilingual skills, or a strong interest in environmental protection, are especially encouraged to apply.

The Wellesley Wetlands Protection Committee (often referred to as the Conservation Commission in other towns) is a 5-member board of volunteers who are appointed by Wellesley's Natural Resources Commission (NRC). The NRC, having the powers and duties of a Conservation Commission, has delegated to the Wetlands Protection Committee (WPC) the power and authority to administer and enforce the provisions of the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act (MGL Ch. 131 §40) and the Wellesley Wetlands Protection Bylaw (Article 44). With this authority, the WPC is responsible for reviewing and permitting any proposed work within a Wetland Buffer Zone, a Riverfront Area, or a Wetland Resource Area.

The Committee meets on a 21-day schedule on Thursday evenings at 6:30PM. More information about the work of the Committee can be found on the [Wetlands webpage](#), and past WPC meetings can be viewed on [Wellesley Media](#).

Interested residents should submit a letter and/or resume detailing qualifications, interests, and any additional information they deem relevant to nrc@wellesleyma.gov by Friday, May 7. Please include "Wetlands Position" in the email title bar. Questions? Contact NRC Director Brandon Schmitt, as above.