

## **ARTICLE 17. HISTORICAL COMMISSION**

17.1. Membership. The Town shall have an Historical Commission (for purposes of this Article 17, the "Commission") consisting of seven residents appointed by the Select Board. (Amended ATM 2006.)

17.2. Term. The term of office shall be three years commencing on July 1.

17.3. General Duties. The Commission shall have the powers and duties of historical commissions under G.L. c. 40, § 8D. These include the preservation, protection, and development of the historic or archeological assets of the Town. It shall conduct researches for places of historic or archeological value and shall seek to coordinate the activities of unofficial bodies organized for similar purposes, and may advertise, prepare, print, and distribute books, maps, charts, plans, and pamphlets which it deems necessary for its work.

17.4. Budget. The Commission shall prepare an annual budget. The budget is subject to approval by the Select Board. The Select Board is responsible for presenting the budget to the Advisory Committee and for presenting the motion for the budget appropriation to Town Meeting.

17.5. General Provisions. The Commission shall also be governed by Articles 2 through 7 of these bylaws and other provisions of these bylaws applicable generally to all Boards, except as it is specifically directed by law or a provision of these bylaws to act otherwise.