

## **ARTICLE 18. HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION**

18.1. Membership. The Town shall have an Historic District Commission (for purposes of this Article 18, the "Commission") consisting of seven residents of the Town, appointed by the Select Board, one of whom shall be a member of the Wellesley Historical Society, one of whom shall be a member of the American Institute of Architects, one of whom shall be a member of a Board of Realtors and one of whom shall be a resident or property owner in the Historic District. The Select Board need not appoint as regular members of the Commission one person from each of said categories of persons if such specially qualified persons are not available.

18.2. Term. Regular members will each serve a term of three years. When the Commission is first established, the Select Board shall at first appoint three members who will serve for a term of three years, two members who will serve for a term of two years, and two members who will serve for a term of one year.

18.3. General Duties. The Commission shall have all powers and duties of Historic District Commissions in accordance with the Historic District Acts, G.L. c. 40C, as amended.

No building or structure within an historic district shall be constructed or altered in any way that affects exterior architectural features unless the Commission shall first have issued a certificate of appropriateness, a certificate of non-applicability, or a certificate of hardship, with respect to such construction or alteration in accordance with Section 14D HISTORIC DISTRICTS of the Zoning Bylaw. (*Amended ATM 2018.*)

18.4. Regulations. The Commission shall be governed in its activities by the specific regulations contained within Section 14D HISTORIC DISTRICTS of the Zoning Bylaw.

18.5. 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.