

## **ARTICLE 35. HOUSING AUTHORITY**

*(Amended ATM 2018, ATM 2022, ATM 2024.)*

35.1. Membership. The Town shall have a Housing Authority (for purposes of this Article 35, the "Authority") consisting of five residents, three elected by the Town, one appointed by the Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities, and one, a tenant of the Authority, appointed by the Select Board.

35.2. Term. The term of office shall be five years.

35.3. Vacancy. A vacancy in the state appointed position shall be filled by the Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities for the balance of the unexpired term. A vacancy in the town-appointed tenant position shall be filled by the Select Board. A vacancy among the elected members shall be filled as provided in Section 7.3. of the General Bylaws.

35.4. Conflict of Interest. Any member of the Authority who is a tenant in a housing project shall not participate in any decision relating to the project affecting their personal interest, in compliance G.L. c. 121B, § 6.

35.5. General Powers and Duties. The Authority shall have the powers and duties of such housing authorities under G.L. c. 121B. These include planning, constructing, operating, and maintaining housing for families, veterans, and elderly of low income.

35.6. Officers and Employees. The Authority shall elect from its members a chair and vice chair, and may employ counsel, an executive director who shall be ex officio secretary of the Authority, a treasurer who may be a member of the Authority, and such other officers, agents, and employees as it deems necessary. The Authority shall determine the qualifications, duties, and compensation for its members, officers, agents, and employees.

35.7. Relationship with Town. So far as practicable, the Authority shall make use of the services of the agencies, officers, and employees of the Town, and the Town shall, if requested, make available such services. Further permitted municipal acts and activities to aid the authority are set forth in said G.L. c. 121B, § 23.

35.8. Records and Reports. The Authority shall keep an accurate account of all its activities, receipts and expenditures and shall report to the Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities, the State Auditor and the Select Board annually.

35.9. General Provisions. The Authority 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.