



Town of Winchendon

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Office of the
Board of Selectmen

NOTICE OF VACANCIES

As of **February 8, 2021**, the Board of Selectmen acknowledges the following vacancies. If you are interested in serving on one of these Boards, please submit a letter of interest to the Board of Selectmen, 109 Front Street, Dept. 1, Winchendon, MA 01475. Forms can also be found at www.townofwinchendon.com/Board-selectmen. Follow the link to Online Application for Boards/Committees.

Communications Committee – 3 Vacancies

The Board of Selectmen established a Communications Committee consisting of 7 appointed members. The charge of the committee is to assist in expanding local access programming and the communications with the residents of the community.

Council on Aging – 1 Vacancy

The Council on Aging provides information and referral as well as support counseling regarding aging issues. Health insurance counseling and income tax preparation are provided by volunteers. Education, recreational and exercise programs are offered. Also offered are transportation services, medical equipment loan, blood pressure and podiatry clinics, meals on wheels, and volunteer opportunities. This council consists of seven to eleven members.

Cultural Council – 9 Vacancies

The Local Cultural Council (LCC) Program is the largest grassroots cultural funding network in the nation supporting thousands of community-based projects in the arts, humanities, and sciences annually. The program promotes the availability of rich cultural experiences for every Massachusetts citizen. Yearly the Council awards grants to cultural programs town wide. These include school field trips, afterschool programs, concerts, festivals, lectures, theater, dance, music, and film. LCC projects take place in schools, community centers, libraries, elder care facilities, town halls, parks, and wherever the community comes together. The Council currently

has four members and can consist of up to 19 members. Members can only serve two 3 year terms in a row, and can be reappointed after one year.

Fence Viewer/Field Driver – 1 Vacancy

There are two positions appointed by the Selectmen for a one year term that either share the following duties or can be split to be the Fence Viewer and the second position the Field Driver.

Field Driver – covered under the animal control bylaw 17.1. Responds to and investigates complaints violating the following: No person shall pasture any cattle, goat or other animal upon any street or public way in said town, either with or without a keeper, except within the limits of such way adjoining his own premises, and field drivers are instructed to enforce this bylaw.

Fence Viewer – administers fence laws by inspecting new fence and settlement of disputes arising from trespass by livestock that have escaped enclosure. Also views fences to see that they are in good repair and in case of disputes between neighbors, works to resolve their differences. Problems such as size, condition, and distance from property lines are complaints that still arise between neighbors.

Library Trustees – One Vacancy

The Board has full authority over the governance of the library and consists of six members. The Board hires the library director, sets policy for the governance of the library, and the provisions of services. With input from the director, the trustees develop an annual budget, which is their primary policy document. Trustees work closely with the library administration in planning and goal setting for the library. This might include the development or expansion of collections and/or services.

Open Space Preservation Appraisal and/or Survey Revolving Fund Advisory Committee – 1 Vacancy

The duties of the committee are to make recommendations to the Selectmen on applications for interest free loans from a \$10,000 fund to assist landowners who want to preserve land as protected open space. The Committee is comprised of two seats appointed by the Board of Selectmen; one seat by the Agricultural Commission, one seat by the Planning Board and one seat by the Conservation Commission.

Recreation Commission – 1 Regular Member Vacancy, 1 Student Vacancy

1. A.) There shall be a Recreation Commission (the Commission) consisting of seven (7) members appointed by the Board of Selectmen. One (1) member shall be a student in good standing from the Murdock Middle School, and one (1) member shall be a student in good standing from the Murdock High School.

B.) The terms shall be for three years and so arranged that the term of as nearly an equal number as possible shall expire each year

C.) Upon the completion of these original terms, each member shall serve for three years.

D.) Student members shall be appointed annually.

2. The Commission acts in an advisory capacity in matters pertaining to public recreation, makes annual budget recommendations, and assists in planning a recreation program to stimulate public interest.
3. The stated primary function of the Commission is to expand and enhance the recreation opportunities for the residents of Winchendon.

Toy Town Community Partnership – 4 Vacancies

The Partnerships responsibilities include initiating and developing projects that enhance the quality of life and the economic vitality of Winchendon by providing citizen support to the Town Hall. The Committee consist of 9 regular members and 2 alternate members.

Zoning Board of Appeals – 2 Alternate Vacancies

The Board holds public hearings on applications, in the form of an Administrative Appeal, from persons aggrieved because they were unable to obtain a building permit or an enforcement action from the Building Inspector related to interpretations(s) of the Winchendon Zoning Bylaws. Public hearings are also held on applications for Special Permits as provided for in the Zoning Bylaws as well as requests for variances from certain, clearly specified, provisions of the Bylaws. Hearings are held at regularly scheduled Board meetings on the first and third Wednesday evening of each month. (The Board consists of 5 regular members and 3 alternates)