

ARTICLE IV
COMMITTEES AND BOARDS APPOINTED BY
THE SELECTBOARD

SECTION 400 PROVISIONS OF GENERAL APPLICABILITY

400.1 In addition to those committees appointed by the Selectboard as required by Massachusetts General Laws, the Selectboard may from time to time appoint such other committees as it may believe prudent for the governance of the Town.

400.2 Appointees shall serve until the later of a specified term determined by the Selectboard or until a successor is appointed unless otherwise provided by statute or these bylaws. Unless otherwise provided below, if the term of any Committee or Board is for more than one year and has not been previously staggered or is to be reformed, the Selectboard shall appoint in the first year as close as is possible to one-third of the members for 1 year, one-third of the members for 2 years and one-third of the members for 3 years, and thereafter appoint members to three year terms. In the event of a vacancy by removal, resignation or otherwise, the Selectboard may appoint a member to complete that term, subject to reappointment thereafter.

400.3 Members of Committees or Boards of the Town must be voters in Town, unless otherwise provided for by Massachusetts General Laws or by these bylaws.

400.4 The Selectboard may, at any time, by majority vote, remove any Committee or Board member appointed under this Article, for cause, including on account of a conflict of interest or failure to attend Committee or Board meetings or attend to Committee or Board business. No member shall be removed absent an opportunity for the member to resign or appear at a hearing before the Selectboard, provided that a written statement setting forth specific reasons for such removal is filed with the Town Clerk and a copy thereof is delivered to or sent by certified mail to said Committee or Board member at least five (5) days before the date of said proposed hearing. The actions of the Selectboard shall be final.

SECTION 401 WHITING STREET FUND COMMISSIONERS

401.1 Duties

The Whiting Street Fund Commissioners shall distribute annual fund income to any residents who are indigent and void of any form of financial aid or assistance.

401.2 Membership and term

The Whiting Street Fund Commissioners shall consist of five (5) members, each of whom shall serve for a term of one (1) year.

SECTION 402 BOARD OF REGISTRARS

402.1 Duties

The Board of Registrars shall perform duties enumerated in M.G.L. Chapter 51, Section 15.

402.2 Membership and term

The Board of Registrars shall consist of three members, each of whom shall serve for a term of three (3) years, pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 51, Section 15. The Town Clerk shall also serve as an ex-officio member.

SECTION 403 COUNCIL ON AGING

403.1 Duties

The Council on Aging shall perform the duties enumerated in M.G.L. Chapter 40, Section 8b. In addition, it shall (i) identify the total needs of the community's elderly population; (ii) act as a provider of information, referral, counseling nutrition and health needs that will encourage independence, participation and community involvement; (iii) design, advocate and/or implement programs for the elderly of the community including providing meaningful education, cultural, social, recreational, and volunteer activities which will foster individual growth and serve the life of the community; (iv) educate the community and enlist support and participation of all citizens about elder needs; and (v) be responsive to the changing needs of the elderly in the community, in cooperative communication with community organizations, agencies and individuals.

403.2 Membership and term

The Council on Aging shall consist of eleven (11) members, a majority of whom shall be at least age 60. The term of appointment shall be three (3) years. Members shall not serve more than two consecutive 3 year terms, or more than seven consecutive years. Previous members shall become eligible for reappointment after one year of absence. Honorary members may be appointed by the Council in recognition of meritorious service to the Council.

SECTION 404 CONSERVATION COMMISSION

404.1 Duties

The Conservation Commission will perform duties as enumerated in M.G.L Chapter 40, Sec 8c and Chapter 131, Section 40.

404.2 Membership and term

The Conservation Commission shall consist of not fewer than three (3) and not more than seven (7) members, each of whom shall be appointed for a term of three (3) years.

404.3 Associate members

The Selectboard shall also appoint two (2) associate non-voting members to the Conservation Commission for a term not to exceed three (3) years. Failure to have served as an Associate Member shall not constitute a disqualification for appointment to fill a vacancy in the Conservation Commission.

SECTION 405 RECREATION COMMISSION

405.1 Duties

The Recreation Commission shall perform duties as enumerated in M.G.L. Chapter 45, Section 14.

405.2 Membership and term

The Recreation Commission shall consist of seven (7) members, each of whom shall be appointed for a term of three (3) years.

SECTION 406 FORESTRY COMMITTEE

406.1 Duties

The Forestry Committee shall perform duties as enumerated in M.G.L. Chapter 45, Section 21. The Committee shall also perform services on other forested Town lands at the request of or with the permission of the agency/department having jurisdiction over said land, including clearing and blazing trails, cleanup, filing Notices of Intent for control of invasive exotic plant species and planting no-invasive plant material.

406.1 Membership and term

The Forestry Committee shall consist of three (3) members, each of whom shall be appointed for a term of three (3) years.

SECTION 407 CABLE TELEVISION AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

407.1 Duties

The Cable Television and Information Technology Advisory Committee shall serve as a liaison between the Town's cable provider(s) and the Selectboard; review proposed and existing cable contracts; advocate with the Town's cable provider(s) on behalf of the Town and its citizens; network with municipal peer groups, and anticipate future cable needs.

407.2 Membership and term

The Cable Advisory Committee shall consist of not fewer than five (5) and not more than nine (9) members, each of whom shall be appointed for a term of one (1) year.

SECTION 408 CHANNEL MARKING COMMITTEE

408.1 Duties

The Channel Marking Committee shall work with other nearby riverfront communities to mark safe boating channels in the Connecticut River.

408.2 Membership and term

The Channel Marking Committee shall consist of three (3) members, each of whom shall be appointed for a term of three years.

SECTION 409 TRUSTEES OF THE OLD FIREHOUSE MUSEUM

409.1 Duties

The Trustees of the Old Firehouse Museum shall ensure that the building and its contents are maintained in good condition, and shall make provisions for reasonable public access.

409.2 Membership and term

The Trustees of the Old Firehouse Museum shall consist of nine (9) members (five from the South Hadley Historical Society and four from the general public), each of whom shall be appointed for a term of three (3) years.

SECTION 410 HISTORICAL COMMISSION

410.1 Duties

The Historical Commission shall perform duties as enumerated in M.G.L. Chapter 40, Section 8D.

410.2 Membership and term

The Historical Commission shall consist of seven (7) members, each of whom shall be appointed for a term of three (3) years.

SECTION 411 RESERVED FOR FUTURE USE

SECTION 412 CANAL PARK COMMITTEE

412.1 Duties

The Canal Park Committee shall ensure the maintenance and safety of the Bicentennial Canal Park as well as report to the Selectboard on the maintenance and safety of the Gatehouse and Riverfront Parks. The Committee shall also document and publicize the historical importance of the South Hadley Canal and shall advocate for the protection of the entire remains of the old canal and gatehouses and develop the site's potential to attract residents and tourists to these areas.

412.2 Membership and term

The Canal Park Committee shall consist of seven (7) members with staggered terms, three of whom shall initially be appointed for a three (3) year term, two (2) for a two (2) year term and two (2) for a one (1) year term. All future appointments shall be for three (3) years.

SECTION 413 TRAFFIC SIGN COMMITTEE

413.1 Duties

The Traffic Sign Committee shall review requests from Town departments and citizens regarding traffic signs, speeding, traffic control and hazardous situations and make non-binding recommendations to the Selectboard relative to same for its approval.

413.2 Membership and term

The Traffic Sign Committee shall consist of seven (7) members, each of whom shall be appointed for a term of one year. The members of the Committee shall consist of a member of the Selectboard, Chief of Police, safety officer, Superintendent of Public Works, and two members at large.

SECTION 414 SOUTH HADLEY CULTURAL COUNCIL

414.1 Duties

The Council has the responsibility to promote and encourage the arts and to receive, obligate and disburse funds from the State Arts Lottery Fund, as enumerated in M.G.L. Chapter 10, Section 58. The Council shall abide by the regulations of the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

414.2 Membership and term

The Council shall consist of not fewer than five (5) and not more than nine (9) members, each of whom shall be appointed for a term of three (3) years. A person is not eligible to be appointed to more than two consecutive terms, but may be reappointed after a one (1) year interval.

SECTION 415 BOARD OF APPEALS

415.1 Duties

The Board of Appeals shall perform duties as enumerated in the laws of the Commonwealth and the Town Charter.

415.2 Membership and term

The Board of Appeals shall consist of three (3) members plus two (2) non-voting associates, each of whom shall be appointed for a term of three (3) years.

SECTION 416 GOLF COMMISSION

416.1 Duties

The South Hadley Golf Commission shall advise the Selectboard on the operation of golf, policies and fees, capital purchases, finances, staffing and general management within the Town of South Hadley and shall promote and operate golfing programs and other recreational activities as may be deemed in the best interest of the Town. The South Hadley Golf Commission shall prepare and submit an annual report of its activities to the Selectboard.

416.2 Membership and term

The South Hadley Golf Commission shall consist of seven (7) members, each of whom shall be appointed for three (3) year terms. Where possible, the Selectboard shall endeavor to appoint members to the Commission who represent a cross-section of the community, course neighbors, and/or users of the golf course.

Section 416.3

The Selectboard may appoint alternates as they deem necessary who shall serve for two terms each.

Section 416.4

Any member of the Commission may be removed by the Selectboard after a public vote. A vacancy occurring otherwise than that by the expiration of a term shall be filled for the unexpired term in the manner of original appointment.

SECTION 417 ASSOCIATE PLANNING BOARD MEMBERS

The Selectboard and the members of the Planning Board shall appoint an associate voting member in accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 41, Section 81A for filling a vacancy occurring in the Board by other than the expiration of a term by appointment.

SECTION 418 BYLAW REVIEW COMMITTEE

418.1 Duties

The Bylaw Review Committee shall meet as needed to review and recommend new bylaws or amendments to these bylaws.

418.2 Membership and term

The Bylaw Review Committee shall consist of not more than seven (7) members, each of whom shall be appointed for a term of three (3) years. (5-13-06)