

Agricultural Commission

Established: At 2005 Annual Town Meeting

Appointed By: The Select Board

Membership: The commission membership shall consist of nine (9) residents, seven (7) shall be actively engaged in farming and two (2) shall be interested in farming. Up to five (5) non-voting alternates, who have an interest in farming, may also be appointed by the Select Board; each for a one year term. All others three year terms

Purpose/Mission:

The mission of the Agricultural Commission is to represent the Town of Carver's agricultural community and interests. Activities of the Agricultural Commission shall include but not be limited to the following:

- To serve as facilitators for encouraging the pursuit of agriculture in Carver
- Promote agricultural-based economic opportunities in the town
- Act as mediators, advocates, educators and/or negotiators' in an advisory capacity on farming issues for established town committees and department
- Pursue all initiatives appropriate to creating a sustainable agricultural community
- Encourage the pursuit of agriculture as a career opportunity and lifestyle

Board of Registrars

Appointed By: The Select Board

Membership:

Massachusetts General Law mandates that every town have a Board of Registrars consisting of four members, one of which is the Town Clerk. The three remaining members are appointed by the Select Board from lists submitted by the town committees of the two leading political parties. The term of office is three years and shall be staggered so that one term expires each year. As nearly as possible, the members of the board shall represent the two leading political parties. The Town Clerk need not be enrolled in a political party.

Purpose/Mission: The Registrars assist the Town Clerk's office in promoting voter registration, maintaining the Voter Lists, being present at all Voter registration sessions, certifying the signatures on all nomination and petition papers, certifying absentee voter applications, conducting recounts and assisting in the preparation of the annual street list.

Capital Outlay Committee

Established: October 1, 1990 STM – Article 12-7 member (9/30/91)

Updated 04/13/2021 ATM Article 12- 5 Members (passed unanimously)

Appointed By:

1 member appointed by Select Board, 1 member appointed by School Committee, 2 members appointed by Town Administrator, 1 member appointed by Finance Committee

Membership:

The term of office shall be 3 years; provided, however, that term of the Select Board, School Committee and Finance Committee representatives shall automatically terminate when they are no longer members of the board or committee that appointed them. In that case, the appointing board or committee may fill the remaining term of the vacated seat with another of its members.

Purpose/Mission:

Department heads submit capital requests to the Town Administrator who compiles a Capital Item Budget on behalf of the committee. Once this is completed, the committee then meets and reviews each item and makes recommendations as to which item should be funded in the upcoming fiscal year.

Carver Cultural Council

Appointed By: The Select Board

Membership:

Two year term – renewable twice – up 22 members

After serving for six-year total, must remain off committee for one year before being appointed again. Council is to notify State of any changes.

Purpose/Mission: The council funds cultural activities within the Carver community, including previous grants in support of concerts at Shurtleff Park, performances at the Atwood House, field trips for Carver students and special programs at the Public Library.

Carver, Marion, Wareham Regional Refuse Disposal District

Appointed By: The Select Board

Membership: Three – year term

Purpose/Mission: District appointees represent the Town for matters concerning the waste disposal district by attending meetings.

Carver Trail and Conservation Stewards

Established at the Select Board meeting on 8/4/2020

Appointed By: The Town Administrator

Membership: 9 Members - 1 representative of the Select Board, 2 Conservation Commission members, 2 Agricultural Commission members and 4 members of the public.

Purpose/Mission: To study and find solutions for access to and maintenance of conservation lands town-wide and to include a public education component. At the Select Board meeting held on 10/22/2020 it was voted unanimously that this committee to have a broader scope or mission than originally granted to them by the Select Board. This committee requested permission to begin physical work on opening up the conservation land trails in existence as well as on conservation land that does not have trails so that the public will have better access to these conservation areas and become more involved.

At the Select Board meeting of January 5, 2021, the Board voted to allow the committee to change its name from "Conservation Land Ad Hoc Committee" to "Carver Trail and Conservation Stewards".

Citizen's/Police Advisory Committee

Established: At a Select Board meeting held on August 4, 2020

Appointed By: The Town Administrator

Membership:

Consists of nine (9) members as follows:

1 member student (college or high school)

1 member of law enforcement official (not employed by Town of Carver)

1 member legal background

1 member academic professional

1 member former Carver government official

4 residents at-large

It is encouraged that at least one or more members be of minority status

NO TERM DATE

Purpose/Mission:

To recommend and advocate to Police Department administration and Town officials improvements relative to practices and policies concerning race and implicit bias, addiction, mental health problems, domestic issues, and homelessness. The committee will strive for a frank, but non-adversarial dialogue with the Police Department in the hope of achieving by in by all stakeholders. Effort will be focused on promoting understanding between local police officers and residents of Carver, improving delivery of service and accountability, and reducing risk to both officers and those they encounter. Law enforcement training, techniques, and challenges confronting police officers in the performance of their duties will be examined.

Commission on Disability

Established: At 1990 ATM; revised at 1994 ATM (Art.#59). Revised 5/22/99
Article #51.

Appointed By: Town Administrator Appointment for One-Year Term

Membership:

The commission membership shall consist of seven (7) voting members. In addition, seven (7) non-voting Associate Members are to be appointed created a lack of a quorum at a meeting, Associate Member(s) shall be eligible to vote to the extent required to make a quorum.

Purpose/Mission: This commission is to coordinate or carry out programs in coordination with programs of the State off of Handicapped Affairs in order to bring about full and equal participation in all aspects of life in the Town of Carver for all people with disabilities. Research problems; coordinate activities; review and make recommendations for policies, procedures, services and activities as they affect the people with disabilities; encourage public awareness of disability issues.

Community Preservation Committee

Established: At ATM 5/22/06, Article #45.

Membership:

Nine voting members pursuant to MGL Chapter 44B. The composition of the committee. The appointment authority, and the term of office shall be as follows:

1 member of the Conservation Commission as designated by the Commission for a term of 3 years.

1 member of the Historical Commission as designated by the Commission for a term of 3 years.

1 member of the Planning Board as designated by the Board for a term of 3 years.

1 member of the Recreation Committee as designated by the Select Board for an initial term of 1 year and thereafter for a term of 3 years.

1 member of the Housing Authority as designated by the Authority for an initial term of 2 years and thereafter for a term of 3 years.

4 members to be appointed by the Select Board, 2 members to be appointed for a term of 1 year and thereafter for a term of 3 years, and 2 members to be appointed for a term of 1 year and thereafter for a term of 3 years, and 2 members to be appointed for a term of 2 years and thereafter for a term of 3 years.

Purpose/Mission: This committee was established to administer the state's Community Preservation Act (CPA), which is "a smart growth tool that helps communities preserve open space and historic sites, created affordable housing, develop outdoor recreational facilities and generally preserve the character of the community. This committee is the initial sounding board for proposed projects. They review proposals, asks applicants relevant questions, is open for public input and holds public informational meetings. In the end, the Town Meeting is required to approve or not any project deemed acceptable to the Committee.

Conservation Commission

Established: 7/11/63 by acceptance of Ch. 40, s 8c MGL, governed by Clauses 50 & 51, Section 5, Ch. 40.

Appointed By: The Select Board

Membership: 5 members for three-year terms (as of ATM 4/2017)

Purpose/Mission: The Commission's purpose is to uphold the state Wetland Protection Act. (M.G.L. Chapter 131, Section 40) and the Carver Wetlands Protection Bylaw.

Council on Aging Board of Directors

Established: Article 14, Special Town Meeting 10/20/71; acceptance of Ch. 40, Sec. 8B.

Appointed By: The Town Administrator

Membership:

7 members for 3 year terms

7/1/74 amended to conform to establishment of Dept. of Public Affairs

2019 ATM Article #31 Amended to reduce to 5 members, 2 voting alternates in the absent of a quorum

Purpose/Mission: The mission of the Carver Council on aging is to identify the needs, interests, and concerns of Carver's senior community and in response develop and implement programs and services that address these. The goal of the endeavors is for the senior community is to maintain their independent lifestyle with dignity, while enriching their quality of life.

Earth Removal Committee

Established: June 6, 1990 ATM – Article 34

(By-law adopted under provisions of MGL Ch. 40 s 21, clause 17.)

Appointed By: The Select Board

Membership: “24.3.1 There is hereby established a seven member Earth Removal Committee (E.R.C) consisting of three representatives of the Select Board and four additional members to be appointed by the Selectmen. When E.R.C. is established, one member shall be appointed for a term of one year, one member for a term of two years, and two members for the terms of three years, and their successors shall be appointed for terms of three years.

24.3.2 The membership of the E.R.C. shall be made up as follows:

- Three representatives of the Select Board,
- Four members appointed by the Town Administrator,
- One member from two nominees submitted by the Board of Health,
- Two members from three nominees submitted by the Carver Grower’s Committee of the Cape Cod Cranberry Grower’s Association,
- One member who is an earth removal contractor or construction industry person.

In the absence of nominees from one or more of these interest groups, the Select Board shall choose members without designation. In no case shall more than two of the appointed members represent the same trade, profession, occupation or business interest. All members shall serve without compensation”

Purpose/Mission:

The purpose of this committee is to promote the health, safety, and general welfare of the residents of the Town of Carver, and to ensure that permanent changes in the surface contours of land resulting from the removal and regarding of earth materials will leave the land in a safe and convenient condition for appropriate reuse without requiring excessive and unreasonable maintenance or creating danger of damage to public and private property, as well as to provide that earth removal activities shall be conducted in a safe manner and with minimal detrimental effect upon the district in which the activities are located. This pertains to all commercial mining, agricultural excavation and excavation due to construction that is not exempt.

Fence Viewer

Established: At a Select Board meeting held on June 4, 2019

Appointed By: The Select Board

Membership: One Year Term – 2 or more members

Finance Committee

Appointed By: The Town Administrator in consultation with The Moderator & The Finance Committee Chair

Membership: Minimum 4 members, maximum 11; Three – Year Term

ATM 2011, Art 38, Bylaw amended to increase maximum term to 4 (12 consecutive years)

Purpose/Mission:

The Finance Committee is your town's official fiscal watchdog. It is generally agreed that Finance Committees may consider any matter they feel will have a fiscal impact on the town, as well as any other matters the committee feels are relevant. It may reasonably be argued that little comes before town meeting that does not have a potential fiscal impact on the town.

The Carver Finance Committee's mission is to consider and review all matters that are the subject of, or relate to, discussion and voting at Town Meeting, including the town's budgets, and warrant articles for the purpose of providing information and making independent recommendations to Carver residents regarding these matters. In making its recommendations, the Committee strives to assure that Town services are met in a fiscally responsible manner.

The Committee reviews and considers any matter which may have a fiscal impact on the town and communicates with other town boards, departments, employees and members of the public for the purpose of gathering relevant and accurate information, and to relay that information to the taxpayers at Town Meeting.

Historic District Commission

Established: 4/12/80

Appointed By: The Town Administrator

**Historical Commission, Historic District Commission & Lakenham Green Preservation Committee were combined as one Commission in 1999.

Membership: Under provisions of Chapter 40C as amended by Chapter 168, Acts of 1975 (5 members and 3 voting alternates in absent of quorum)

Purpose/Mission:

This Commission maintains the historic integrity of the structures and properties that have cultural and historic significance to the Town of Carver, especially those in the two established Historic Districts – Lakenham in N. Carver and Savery in S. Carver.

Old Colony Elderly Services

Established: 1974

Appointed By: The Select Board

Membership: (Annual Appointment; Candidates recommended by COA)

Purpose/Mission:

To support the independence and dignity of older adults and individuals with disabilities by providing essential information and services that promote healthy and safe living.

Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School District Committee

Established: ATM 4/22/19 Appendix M Section III A

Appointed by: Joint appointment by Select Board Delegates, School Comm. Delegates & Moderator

Membership: Three Year Term – One for a term of **one year**, and one for a term of **three years**. Thereafter in every year in which there term of office of a member expires, the member town involved shall appoint one member to serve on the committee for a term of **three years**.

All appointments to the Committee by any member town and the filing of any vacancy shall be made by an appointing committee of elected officials; consisting of three (3) members of the Select Board, three (3) members of the local School Committee, and the Town Moderator, who shall be the Chair and will call the meeting to order.

Purpose/Mission: This committee is governing body responsible for the policies and budget of the regional high school.

Police Station Advisory Building Committee

Established: 1/31/2018

Appointed By: the Town Administrator

Purpose/Mission:

Our mission is to assure that our Police Department received a modern, functional law enforcement facility that will service the Department and the Town for years to come at a cost that is fair and reasonable to the tax payers of Carver, and which provides necessary amenities, systems and resources that allow our Law Enforcement Team to better fulfill their mission of protecting the citizens of Carver.

Recreation Committee

Established: At ATM 3/25/72, article 25.

Appointed By: 2 by Select Board, 2 by School Committee and 1 by the Moderator

Membership: Consists of 5 members to be appointed annually.

Purpose/Mission: This committee is responsible for general recreation policy, oversight of all town fields, as well as Sampson's Pond and John's Pond. The committee also issues permits for recreational field use to all youth sports teams.

South Shore Community Action Council

Established: 1965

Appointed By: The Select Board

Membership: One Representative - Three-Year Term

Purpose/Mission: To eliminate poverty along the South Shore by affording everyone in need the opportunities for education, training and work; to live with dignity; to contribute to the full extent of their capabilities; and to participate in the working of our society.

Zoning Board of Appeals

Appointed By: The Town Administrator

Membership: 5 members and 2 voting alternates in the absent of a quorum
a Three Year Term

(Voted increase in membership 5/00 from 3 to 5 members)

Purpose/Mission: Zoning Board of Appeals issues Special Permits for some regulated uses, considers Variances for proposed exceptions to the Zoning By-law and hears Appeals of the Decision of the Building Inspector. The Zoning Board of Appeals process requires and advertised public hearing.