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## **Boards and Committees with Vacancies or Members with Term Expirations**

### **Council on Aging:**

The Wellesley Council on Aging (COA) was established by legislative action in 1972 to coordinate and carry out programs and services to meet the needs and objectives of the population age 60 and over. The COA is funded through local taxes, state, federal, and local grants, and private contributions.

### **Cultural Council:**

The Wellesley Cultural Council administers money that the Massachusetts Cultural Council allots to Wellesley from state funds, including the state lottery. These funds support the arts, humanities and sciences in the Wellesley community. The Council also serves as an advocacy voice for the arts in our community and state.

### **Historic District Commission:**

The Commission has the powers and duties of Historic District Commissions in accordance with the Historic Districts Acts, Chapter 40C of the Massachusetts General Laws. The Commission's primary responsibility is the review of applications for alterations to exterior architectural features for the sixty-five (65) properties within the Cottage Street Historic District and four (4) Single Building Historic Districts.

### **Historical Commission:**

The mission of the Town of Wellesley Historical Commission is the preservation and protection of the tangible evidence of the architectural, aesthetic, cultural, economic, political and social history of Wellesley.

### **Municipal Light Board:**

The Municipal Light Plant Board oversees the Wellesley Municipal Light Plant (WMLP) an independent Town department established and governed by Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 164, that provides reliable and low cost electric service while maintaining a record of safety, commitment to reducing greenhouse gases and financial and in-kind support to the Town.

### **Sustainability Energy Committee:**

The Sustainable Energy Committee (SEC) leads efforts to accomplish the goals adopted at the 2009 Annual Town Meeting: to reduce Town-wide greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions 10% below 2007 levels by 2013, to monitor and report progress toward that goal, and to propose further goals for emissions reductions to Town Meeting. The 2014 Annual Town Meeting adopted the

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SEC proposal to establish a new goal to reduce Town-wide emissions 25% below 2007 levels by 2020.

**Veterans Advisory Board:**

As a five-member board with three-year terms, the West Suburban Veterans' Services District (WSVSD) operates under the provisions established by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 115. The office provides veterans and their dependents with a full range of benefits and services based on qualifications and eligibility requirements, using all available Federal, State and Town government agencies. The department also monitors the care and maintenance of all veterans' graves and sixteen veterans' monuments in Town.

**Veterans' Graves Officer:**

The Graves and Ceremonial Officer is charged with registering veterans' graves and ensuring all veterans who die without funds are properly interred.

**Wellesley Housing Development Corporation:**

The Wellesley Housing Development Corporation's mission is to sponsor and assist in the development of affordable housing opportunities for persons of low and moderate income in the Town of Wellesley, Massachusetts in order to implement the Town's Affordable Housing Policy. Zoning Board of Appeals: The ZBA is a quasi-judicial board which interprets and enforces the town Zoning Bylaw, hears and decides on petitions for appeals of town officer or board orders, Chapter 40B comprehensive permits, site plan approvals, special permits and variances.