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Boards and Commissions with Vacancies or Members with Term Expirations

To volunteer for a Town Board or Committee, please complete the online volunteer form:

<https://wellesleyma.gov/FormCenter/Town-Clerk-8/Volunteer-Form-68>

Climate Action Committee:

The Committee works with municipal departments, residents, businesses, institutions, and civic organizations to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and promote sustainability. The Climate Action Committee consists of seven members. The Select Board, the Municipal Light Board and the School Committee each appoint one member. The Select Board also appoint the remaining four members from residents active in the Town's volunteer sustainable energy initiatives or others who bring relevant expertise, such as knowledge about sustainable energy practices, marketing, or community engagement.

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'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.

Kepes Panel Committee:

Established in 2005, the Committee assists the Town of Wellesley in determining the reuse of 76 historic artistic porcelain enamel panels created in 1959, by world renowned artist, **Gyorgy Kepes** (1906-2001) of Hungary, as exterior walls on the original 1959 Wellesley Main Library. Its goals are to keep the panels in Wellesley; have the Town retain their ownership; keep the panel sets together as much as possible, and finally, make them accessible to the public. Currently 6 are located in the High School and 15 are near the rear entrance of the Main Library.

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Municipal Light Board:

The five-person, Municipal Light Board oversees the Wellesley Municipal Light Plant. The board consists of three elected Board of Public Works Commissioners and two members appointed by the Select Board. The Wellesley Municipal Light Plant ("WMLP") implements best business practices to protect the safety of our employees and the public, deliver environmentally sustainable and highly reliable electricity and telecommunication services at competitive rates and provide financial and in-kind support to the Town. The WMLP conducts its affairs in a socially responsible and ethical manner, with respect for our many stakeholders

Veterans Advisory Board:

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:

Graves and Ceremonial Officer, registering veterans' graves and insuring 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, in order to implement the Town's Affordable Housing Policy.

Youth Commission:

The Wellesley Youth Commission provides programs and services designed to ensure that Wellesley's youth feel they are a valued part of the Wellesley community. By providing a wide variety of community-based events, programs and services, the Youth Commission strives to appeal to and meet the needs of a broad spectrum of middle and high school age youth and their families.

Zoning Board of Appeals:

The Zoning Board of Appeals is a quasi-judicial board which interprets and enforces the town Zoning Bylaw by hearing and deciding on petitions for appeals of town officer or board decisions, Chapter 40B comprehensive permits, site plan approvals, special permits and variances.

To learn about other Boards and Committees, please visit: <https://wellesleyma.gov/316/Boards-Committees>

If you are interested in becoming a School Crossing Guard, please contact Officer Kathy Poirier at kpoirier@wellesleyma.gov

If you are interested in Parking Meter Attendant positions, please contact Lt. Scott Showstead at sshowstead@wellesleyma.gov