

## Town Committees, Boards, and Commissions

Time commitments may change depending on community needs.

For additional information on committee activities, please see the Annual Town Report.

1753 House Committee - Oversees and advises on maintenance and programming surrounding the 1753 House, located at Field Park. Meets as needed.

Affordable Housing Trust - Creates, preserves, and enhances affordable housing in Williamstown. Meets monthly.

Agricultural Commission - Supports commercial agriculture and other farming activities in Williamstown. Meets monthly.

Berkshire Regional Planning Commission - Official region-wide planning agency providing comprehensive planning services to municipalities which include land use, transportation, community and economic development, public health and environmental planning. Meets six times per year.

Berkshire Regional Transit Authority (BRTA) - Provides oversight to BRTA, the regional public transportation system. Meets six times per year.

Board of Assessors - Values all real and personal properties using standardized data collection and appraisal procedures. Meets as needed.

Board of Health - Inspects, monitors, and advises on public health concerns. Meets monthly or as needed.

Community Preservation Committee - Administers funds from Community Preservation Act funding for community projects related to community housing, historic preservation, open space, and recreation. Meets from October through March.

Conservation Commission - Is responsible for the administration of the "Wetlands Protection Act" and the management of Town-owned land parcels for conservation and recreational use. Meets twice monthly.

Council on Aging - Serves as elder advocates and provides support services and activities to elders, families and caregivers. Meets monthly.

DIRE (Diversity, Inclusion and Racial Equity) - Advises Select Board on policies and issues relating to creating a more inclusive and equitable community.

Meets twice monthly.

Fence Viewers - Administers fence laws. Largely symbolic position.

Finance Committee - Considers the relative need, impact, timing, of town expenditures and the effect each will have on the financial position of the Town. It reviews the annual budget prepared by the Town Manager and recommends a final budget for approval at the Annual Town Meeting. Meets from February through June.

Historical Commission - Reviews projects for compliance with the Demolition Delay Bylaw. Meets on an as-needed basis.

Hoosac Water Quality District - Builds, maintains, and operates the system of sewage collection, treatment, and disposal in North Adams and Williamstown. Meets monthly.

Mobile Home Rent Control Board - Regulates rents and standards for use or occupancy of mobile home park accommodations. Meets as needed.

Northern Berkshire Cultural Council - Re-grants funds from the Mass Cultural Council to individuals and organizations for projects in the arts, humanities and interpretive sciences. Meets as needed.

No. Berkshire Solid Waste District - Pools resources and obtains professional waste management services to conduct recycling and public education programs, hazardous and special waste collection, and waste facility development. Meets monthly.

Planning Board - Is responsible for overseeing the long-term land use patterns in Williamstown through Zoning Bylaw, Subdivision Rules, and Master Planning process. This is an elected position. Meets monthly.

Board of Registrars - Assists Town Clerk in election-related activities. Meets as needed.

Sign Commission - Reviews all sign applications and approves of any deviation from the Sign Bylaw. Meets monthly.

Zoning Board of Appeals - Hears and decides petitions arising from the application of Williamstown's Zoning Bylaws. Meets monthly.