



Planning Commission Recruiting Information

Village residents are eligible to serve on a community board, commission or committee. Want to be a Planning Commissioner? Read on.

An authentic and traditional town is ours to enjoy and to preserve. Good land-use decisions that are applied fairly and consistently make a key contribution. A well-informed and proactive planning commission seeks compatibility among a broad range of land uses while preserving a healthy and durable natural and built environment.

The Master Plan and the Zoning Ordinance are the Planning Commissioner's primary tools. Commissioners take the time to know these documents well and then blend them with imagination and common sense to advise Council to grow the Village wisely while preserving its character.

That's the Commissioner's job in a nutshell. We meet regularly on the first Monday of each month, occasionally we have special meetings during the year. Information packets are distributed four days before each meeting. Giving generous attention to the packet information will strengthen your meeting contribution and determine your success as a commissioner. You are appointed by the Village President to serve a three-year term.

There is no best background, education, or experience that ideally prepares a commissioner, however there are some competencies that are especially helpful. Having a nine-member commission allows a breadth of talent. Key among them are business and finance, land development, management and administration, law, architecture, environmental sciences, real estate, asset management. If you didn't see your niche in there, don't be discouraged. Our small town makes community service a possibility for many and many are needed.

Continuous improvement as a group and as individuals is now necessary to keep up, as the pace of growth increases and new issues emerge. Topical issues plus ethical guidelines, commission procedures, and meeting conduct are all training elements. Our orientation process will help the new commissioner settle in.

Your service begins when you go to the Village Clerk for an application for an appointment. The completed application is reviewed by the Village President and appointments are made as vacancies arise.