



TOWN OF AVON BOARD/COMMITTEE DESCRIPTION

BYLAW COMMITTEE (Board of Selectmen appointment)

There shall be a standing General Bylaw Committee to study, review and recommend additions, deletions, and changes to the Avon General Bylaws and to hold public hearings thereon and to submit recommendations to the Board of Selectmen.

CABLE TV ADVISORY COMMITTEE (Board of Selectmen appointment)

The Cable Advisory Committee is responsible for informing and educating the public about cable television service available within the town, assessing the cable needs of the community and helping to resolve cable issues. Every ten years since 1988 the Avon Cable Advisory Committee has worked with the cable vendor to negotiate a new contract in the best interest of the town of Avon and the cable subscribers. The committee works with Avon Community Access & Media (ACAM), a private corporation that operates the day-to-day operation of community access TV (known as PEG) on technical issues and other topics that arise. ACAC responds to citizen questions regarding the cable system, keeps abreast of community programming issues, and develops policies and operating procedures for PEG access television in Avon. Anyone expressing an interest in becoming a member of the Avon Cable Advisory Committee should have an interest in the cable TV and its production.

CAPTIAL PLANNING COMMITTEE (Board of Selectmen appointment)

The Capital Planning Committee shall recommend, to the Town, policies relative to the funding of capital projects through appropriations for the Capital Improvement Fund or other funds available to the Town and shall annually recommend priorities and schedules for such capital projects.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION (Board of Selectmen appointment)

The Avon Conservation Commission is the governing body charged with the protection of Avon's natural resources. The Commission is responsible for administering the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act (MGL Ch. 131 sec. 40). Under this Act, the Commission reviews applications for permits to do work in and near wetlands, flood plains, banks, and surface waters. The Commission oversees approved projects and carries out enforcement duties if the Wetlands Protection Act is being violated. The Commission also undertakes the planning, acquisition, and management of open space for passive use and the monitoring of conservation and agricultural preservation restrictions.

CONSTABLES (Board of Selectmen appointment)

Constables may serve writs, warrants and processes in civil and criminal matters as authorized by law. They shall have the power of sheriffs to require aid in the execution of their duties. They shall serve all warrants and other processes directed to them by the board of selectmen for notifying town meetings and other purposes.

COUNCIL ON AGING (Board of Selectmen appointment)

Board members will identify needs of Avon elders, develop programs, and services to meet those needs to educate the community on elder issues and to advocate on behalf of elders. Board members will set goals and objectives and support staff in implementing and promoting the COA's mission.

CULTURAL COUNCIL (Board of Selectmen appointment)

The Local Cultural Council (LCC) Program is the largest grassroots cultural funding network in the nation supporting thousands of community-based projects in the arts, humanities, and sciences annually. The program promotes the availability of rich cultural experiences for every Massachusetts citizen. Administered by 2,500 municipally appointed volunteers, the LCC network consists of 329 councils serving all 351 Massachusetts cities and towns. LCC projects take place in schools, community centers, libraries, elder care facilities, town halls, parks, and wherever communities come together. Individuals, schools, and cultural organizations are eligible to apply for project support from their local council.

FINANCE COMMITTEE (Moderator appointment)

The Finance Committee is responsible for making recommendations to be taken on the articles contained in the Town Meeting warrant. Review and provide recommendations on the Town budget, review and provide recommendations on the Capital Planning projects, review and approve reserve fund transfers.

HISTORICAL COMMISSION (Board of Selectmen appointment)

Members have an interest in history and are responsible to preserve and promote the history of Avon. The commission works with historical and civic groups in their endeavors to promote history within the town. The commission works with the Massachusetts Historical Commission on historical information and projects. Anyone expressing an interest in becoming a member of the Avon Historical Commission should have an interest in the history of Avon and the preservation of that history.

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (Board of Selectmen appointment)

The development and industrial commission shall conduct research into industrial conditions, investigate and assist in the establishment of educational or commercial projects for the purpose of expanding or strengthening the local economy.

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT FINANCE AUTHORITY (Board of Selectmen appointment)

The industrial development financing authority shall have all of the powers and duties which are afforded to such authorities under chapter 40D of the General Laws to finance projects designed to attract new industry to the town or to substantially expand existing industries.

PERSONNEL BOARD (Moderator appointment)

The Board shall administer the Classification and Compensation Plan and ensure that there is uniform interpretation and application of it, establish policies, procedures and regulations, maintain written descriptions of jobs or positions, may reclassify an existing position, and review the compensation schedules.

POLL WORKERS (Board of Selectmen appointment)

The electoral process is the primary means by which citizens influence the course of our government. The Town of Avon maintains a talented crew of election workers, dedicated to upholding the integrity of the electoral process. Must be able to work all elections and attend training.

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS (Board of Selectmen appointment)

The board of registrars of voters shall supervise the qualification of persons to vote, certify the signatures on nomination papers and petitions, and shall hold hearings and decide disputes about any of the foregoing matters.

TOWN OFFICE FEASIBILITY COMMITTEE (Moderator appointment)

The committee will consider the possible renovations or new construction of the existing Town Hall. The charge of this committee is to report back to the BOS on the feasibility/recommendation on options within six (6) months and not more than one (1) year of appointment of committee members.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS (Board of Selectmen appointment)

In accordance with MGL Ch. 40A and the Bylaws of the Town of Avon, the Board: hears appeals from anyone denied an Avon building permit, hears appeals from anyone denied zoning enforcement action by the Town of Avon, hears appeals from anyone seeking a special permit or variance under MGL Ch. 40A, hears those appealing under MGL Ch. 41 sec. 81Y to 81CC; or a comprehensive permit.

If interested, please complete a Talent Bank Form. Forms can be found on the town's website.