

### **Arts & Culture**

There shall be an Arts & Culture Commission consisting of five (5) members and two (2) alternate members appointed as set forth in Appendix B as terms of incumbent members expire. Members should be involved in arts and culture. No more than two (2) members may be non-residents.

The Arts & Culture Commission is an advisory body to the Board of Selectmen and shall have the goal of protecting, promoting, improving and expanding the Town's cultural and educational resources. The Commission shall conduct outreach to determine the needs of the arts and culture community and work to identify funding resources to benefit the same. The Arts & Culture Commission should also work with regional organizations to increase the exposure of the Town's arts and culture offerings.

Members shall have all the powers conferred on them and shall perform all the duties required of them by law and pursuant to this Charter.

### **Business & Economic Development**

There shall be a Business & Economic Development Commission consisting of five (5) members and two (2) alternate members appointed as set forth in Appendix B as terms of incumbent members expire. Members shall be involved in the local business community. No more than two (2) members may be non-residents, but any non-resident must be a business representative. For purposes of this Section, a business representative shall be an individual who is an owner of a business located in the Town, chief executive or operating officer or equivalent of a business located in the Town, or any person who has primary policymaking or hiring authority for a business located in the Town.

The Business & Economic Development Commission is an advisory body to the Board of Selectmen and shall have the goal of building a diverse economy around small-scale, independently owned enterprises, including, without limitation, local farms. The Commission shall work with businesses located in the Town to identify the needs of the business community and explore ways to address those needs. The Business & Economic Development Commission should also work with regional organizations to promote local businesses and enhance the economic opportunities for such local businesses.

Members shall have all the powers conferred on them and shall perform all the duties required of them by law and pursuant to this Charter.

### **Library**

There shall be a Library Commission consisting of seven (7) members and two (2) alternate members appointed as set forth in Appendix B as terms of incumbent members expire. The Library Commission shall be a governing body and shall establish goals, policies and strategic planning for the Library. The Library Commission shall also perform the duties prescribed in Chapter 190 of the Connecticut General Statutes. The Commission shall work with the Director to advocate for, promote, and support the Library and its mission on the community.

The chairman of the Library Commission, or his or her designee, shall participate in the interview process and the Commission shall make recommendations to the Board of Selectmen for the appointment of a Library Director. The Library Commission may accept gifts, including financial gifts, for use in support of the Library. If not otherwise specified, the Library Commission may, in conjunction with the Director,

determine how any gift, devise, or bequest should be used to serve the community, respecting the donor's stipulations where appropriate.