

Chapter 6 – Appointed Officers, Boards and Commissions

I believe All Boards and Commissions should have at least one alternate member. This helps ensure there are no meeting cancellations due to lack of quorum. It also helps to include more people in the activities and understanding of the responsibilities of each board and commission. The time and work involved for commission members is more than attending a meeting every month. It also serves as a feeder for possible candidates to be considered at a future appointment to the Board or Commission. A good example of a Board in need of an Alternate is the Public Building Commission.

New Commission possibilities -

I feel this town should have a **Technology Commission**. There is too much going on in the Tech world not to have a commission composed of members who stay abreast of the changes in Technology to help the Town manage and take full advantage of the advances to keep our town running efficiently and smoothly. For example, the commission could assist departments with exploring new options and/or replacement of aging infrastructure/software programs.

I feel the Town should convert the **Shade Tree and Sidewalk Committee (STSC)**, which has been in existence for more than 30 years as an ad-hoc, to a Commission. The work of this committee is vital to maintaining the quality, charm and character of life in Woodbury. The committee raises funds to plant trees in public spaces, conducts a periodic tree inventory, provides an annual review of sidewalk conditions, educates residents on tree maintenance care and serves as the advocate for Sidewalks. They work with the Town to secure grants for sidewalks and tree projects. It is difficult to develop a long range plan if the committee is reappointed every two years. The Board of Selectmen could choose not to reappoint and the work of the committee is dissolved. This occurred with the Business and Economic Development Committee. I do not want to see it happen to the STSC hence the request.

Section 604. Terms. If you decide to keep the 5yr term for a chairmanship under Section 306 it should also apply to Appointed Boards and Commissions. As I stated before, I believe Boards and Commissions should choose their own leadership.

Section 606 – Vacancies. Please clarify the process of filling an appointed vacancy here. The Board of Selectmen have varied the process on more than one occasion. It needs to be clarified and solidified so all interested residents have a chance to participate.

Section 608- Removal. Please change this from a percentage of attendance to something simple to understand. For example, if a board meets monthly, attendance must be 8 out of 12 meetings. If it meets four times a year, then it should be 3 out of 4 meetings – how would it compute to 2/3 easily?

Chapter 7 – Finance and Taxation

I will defer to any suggestions made by the Board of Finance on timelines.

Section 702(A) – I would like to see a new item added to this section. #8 – a review of fees charged for services and confirmation that there will or/will not be changes in the upcoming fiscal year.

Section 702 (B) Duties of BOS

2. Five Year Capital Plan. – I believe a 10 year plan for items over **\$50,000** is needed. I consider these major investments and it helps lay out a long range plan for financing and making adjustments if new