

Waterbury Commission/Committee Descriptions 2021

The **Waterbury Select Board** is seeking to fill vacancies on the Development Review Board, Planning Commission, Conservation Commission, Recreation Committee and Waterbury Tree Committee. Descriptions of each of the commissions/committees are listed below. Interested candidates should contact Town Clerk, Carla Lawrence at (clawrence@waterburyvt.com). For more information, feel free to contact any committee member (member information at <https://www.waterburyvt.com/boards/>). The Select Board will start the interview process in April.

The **Planning Commission** has the legislative function of drafting zoning, subdivision, design review, and other land use regulations for consideration by the Select Board and Trustees. The Commission also drafts and revises the Municipal Plan and engages in various planning projects. Examples of these projects from the past and present include supporting downtown designation for the village and conducting transportation studies. The Planning Commission meets for two hours (or more) on the second and fourth Monday evening of each month. Additional projects and special meetings are not uncommon.

The **Development Review Board (DRB)** has the regulatory function of reviewing permit applications for commercial and industrial projects, and larger subdivisions. The DRB also reviews certain types of residential projects including waivers from setbacks, Planned Unit (cluster) Developments and development in our Ridgeline, Hillside, and Steep Slope Overlay District. The DRB meets on the first and third Wednesday evening of each month for approximately two to three hours.

The **Recreation Committee** has taken on the following in the past: Assisting the Town with facility and equipment repair; supporting local recreation development; working with other municipalities and local groups with various tasks; supporting local recreation programs and events; and sponsoring community gatherings like the Annual Skating and Bonfire Party and most recently, the Waterbury Winterfest. The Recreation Committee meets once each month, and sometimes more often if a special project is underway.

The **Conservation Commission** is a Town appointed Board that works under the auspices of the Planning Commission and the Select Board. It is the mission of the Town of Waterbury's Conservation Commission to conserve and promote the quality of Waterbury's cultural and natural resources and the benefits they provide to the residents of our Town. The Conservation Commission meets the second Tuesday evening of each month.

The **Tree Committee** is a Town appointed advisory group that plans and carries out activities related to planting, maintaining, protecting and removing trees within the public street and road rights-of-way, and in our public parks and cemeteries. The committee's projects include applying for and implementing tree planting and maintenance grants, carrying out tree inventories, monitoring tree pests such as the Emerald Ash Borer, and educating the public about the benefits of trees. The committee meets once a month to fulfill this mission.