

* For Discussion
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ARTICLE II. - LANDMARKS PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Sec. 54-36. - Created; appointment; qualifications; terms; compensation; filling vacancies; reappointment.

- (a) A landmarks preservation commission is created consisting of ~~five~~ seven members. At least two members, but not more than three members, of such commission shall be registered architects in the state. In the event there are, in the discretion of the town council, no bona fide applicants who are registered architects in the state, the town may solicit and appoint architects registered outside the state to fill one of the architect seats. A majority of the members shall have, to the highest extent practicable, a special knowledge of and a known interest in landmarks preservation. Each member shall be a registered voter in the town, however, one member may be a non-resident of the town in the event it is determined by the town council that said individual has a special expertise in historic landmarks preservation. Each member other than the individual, if any, appointed by the town council as an expert, shall be a registered voter in the town. The members shall serve staggered terms of three years, and each will serve without compensation, except in the event of the appointment of an outside expert who will serve a term of only one year, but who may be reappointed by the town council on an annual basis. Each member shall serve without compensation. The town council shall appoint the members. If a vacancy shall occur otherwise than by the expiration of a term, it shall be filled by the town council for the unexpired term.
- (b) A member shall not be appointed for more than two consecutive three-year terms but shall be eligible for reappointment upon the lapse of nine months after the expiration of the member's second consecutive three-year term.

Sec. 54-37. - Alternate members.

- (a) *Appointment.* The town council may, in its discretion, appoint ~~three~~ two alternate members with similar qualifications who shall serve when called upon the chair of the commission in the absence of any regular members.
- (b) *Attendance requirements.* Alternate members are required to attend all meetings of the commission and are subject to the same attendance requirements, as regular members with the same provisions relating to excused absences being applicable.
- (c) *Voting.* Alternate members shall not vote on any matter unless they are sitting to fill the position of a regular member of the commission in the event of absence or in the event of a conflict of interest; however, alternate members may participate in the discussion of matters coming before the commission whether they are sitting as a voting member or not.
- (d) *Terms of office.* Although an alternate member may not serve more than two three-year terms as an alternate, an alternate member may be appointed to serve as a regular member of the commission and, in the event of such appointment, shall be entitled to serve two full three-years terms thereafter.