

List of Town Committees and Commissions on which Bedford residents can serve

Note: The below data is current as of September 10, 2025.

| Board/Committee Name | Appointing Authority | Charter # | Bylaw # | Ad hoc ? | # of members |
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| Ad Hoc Tree Master Plan | Select Board | | | Y | 7 |
| In 2024 the Select Board tasked the Ad Hoc Tree Master Plan Committee with overseeing the development of a Community Forest Master Plan for Bedford. | | | | | |
| Ad Hoc Tricentennial Committee | Select Board | | | Y | 7 |
| The purpose of the 300th Anniversary Planning Committee will be to recommend to the Select Board a preliminary plan for the celebration of the Town's 300th anniversary of incorporation as a municipality. | | | | | |
| Ad Hoc Willson Park Committee | Select Board | | | Y | 12 |
| The purpose of this ad hoc Committee is to review options that are feasible to improve safety and circulation in and around Willson Park and, along with Town staff, present recommendations to the Select Board. | | | | | |
| Arbor Resources Committee | Select Board | | 62 | N | 7 |
| The Committee's purpose is to inform the Select Board and other Boards regarding the nature, quality and condition of Bedford's arbor resources and the advisability of town actions or approvals which will affect those resources. | | | | | |
| Bedford Housing Partnership | Select Board | | 22 | N | 7 |
| The Bedford Housing Partnership shall implement fair and affordable housing programs and encourage the growth and maintenance of the supply of affordable housing within the Town of Bedford. | | | | | |
| Bicycle Advisory Committee | Select Board | | 25 | N | 7 |
| The purpose of the Bicycle Advisory Committee is to encourage use of bicycles by Bedford residents, workers, and visitors in order to decrease traffic congestion and air pollution, and increase recreational opportunities. | | | | | |
| Capital Expenditures Committee | CapEx Appointing Authority | 6-2 | 15 | N | 9 |
| The Capital Expenditure Committee shall prepare and annually update a six-year plan for spending on town capital projects. Capital expenditures are for items and projects that are expected to last more than one year, and have significant monetary value. | | | | | |
| Charter & Bylaw Review Committee | Select Board | 9-14 | 1.11 | N | 6 |

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| The Select Board shall appoint a committee every five years to review the working of Town government and recommend revisions and amendments considered advisable. These Bylaws shall be reviewed within ten years of the previous bylaw review. | | | | | |
| Community Media Committee | Select Board | | 26 | N | 5 |
| The purpose of the committee is to advise the Select Board on matters pertaining to the development and delivery of Public, Educational, and Governmental (PEG) access programming including licensing and operation of cable television in the Town. | | | | | |
| Community Preservation Committee | Select Board | | 27 | N | 9 |
| The Community Preservation Committee shall perform duties required of the committee as outlined in Section 5 of the Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44B, including study of community preservation needs, communicating with other municipal boards and committees, holding public informational hearings, and making funding recommendations to Town Meeting. | | | | | |
| Conservation Commission | Select Board | 3-3 | 19 | N | 7 |
| The purpose of the commission is to protect the environmental resources in the Town through administration and enforcement of relevant state law and Town Bylaws and through management of properties acquired for conservation purposes. | | | | | |
| Council on Aging Board | Select Board | 3-3 | 28 | N | 9 |
| The purpose of the Council on Aging is to coordinate and carry out programs designed to meet the needs of the aging and their care providers in the Town of Bedford. | | | | | |
| Cultural Council | Select Board | | 24 | N | 9 |
| The Cultural Council supports public projects through the regranteeing of the annual allocation of funds from the Massachusetts Cultural Council (MCC). These projects shall promote access, education, diversity, and excellence in the arts, humanities, and interpretive sciences in Bedford. | | | | | |
| Depot Park Advisory Committee | Select Board | | | Y | 3 |
| The Committee's primary focus is to advise the Select Board on matters concerning Depot Park, including oversight of the Depot Park Revolving Fund, policy recommendations for uses of the buildings and properties, and coordination with Friends of Bedford Depot Park. | | | | | |
| Disability Commission | Town Manager/ Select Board | | | N | 7 |
| The Disability Commission shall advise the Town Manager on matters concerning accessibility, ADA compliance, and other issues affecting residents with physical or other disabilities. | | | | | |

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| Energy & Sustainability Committee | Select Board | | 61 | N | 7 |
| The Energy and Sustainability Committee will proactively identify and advise the Select Board on policies and procedures to efficiently and effectively manage municipal and school energy expenditures and reduce community greenhouse gas emissions. | | | | | |
| Finance Committee | FinComm Appointing Authority | 6-1 | 14 | N | 9 |
| The Finance Committee shall have authority to prepare the annual budget of the Town and to consider any or all municipal questions for the purpose of making reports or recommendations to the Town, as provided in M.G.L. Ch. 39, §16. The Committee shall present and explain the budget with its advice and recommendations at Annual Town Meeting. | | | | | |
| Fire Station Building Committee | Select Board | | | Y | 13 |
| This committee shall participate in the designer selection process and shall provide oversight of the new fire station building project until completion of construction. | | | | | |
| Hanscom Area Towns Committee (HATS) | Regional | | | N | 4 |
| The purpose of the Hanscom Area Towns Committee (HATS) is to coordinate the policies and activities of the four towns that contain Hanscom Field (Bedford, Concord, Lexington, and Lincoln) in their relationships with the major organizations that operate in the Hanscom Field area. | | | | | |
| Historic District Commission | Select Board | 3-3 | 20 | N | 5 full, 2 alternates |
| The Commission shall ensure that no building or structure within the Historic District is erected, changed as to exterior color features, demolished or removed without the approval of the Commission and that no sign is installed or landscaping undertaken in the Historic District which is subject to view from a public way without the approval of the Commission. | | | | | |
| Historic Preservation Committee | Select Board | 3-3 | 29 | N | 7 |
| The purpose of the Commission is to promote the educational, cultural, economic and general welfare of the public through the preservation and protection of the distinctive characteristics of the buildings, places and sites significant to the history of the Town of Bedford. | | | | | |
| Municipal Affordable Housing Trust | Select Board | | 23 | N | 7 |

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| The Municipal Affordable Housing Trust shall work towards the creation and preservation of affordable housing in Bedford for the benefit of low and moderate income householders. | | | | | |
| Patriotic Holiday Committee | Select Board | | 63 | N | 9 |
| The primary focus shall be planning ceremonies for Memorial Day, Veterans Day and other patriotic events with a focus of recognition for Veterans of the US Armed Services. The committee shall also provide input and recommendations to the Town Manager and the Select Board on any proposed changes to Veterans Memorial Park and the town veteran memorials on the Town Common prior to any changes or additions being made. | | | | | |
| Petitioners ' Advisory Committee | Moderator | 2-8 | 31 | N | 3 |
| The members of this committee shall aid those Town citizens who require assistance in preparing petitioner warrant articles for Annual or Special Town Meetings. | | | | | |
| Recreation Commission | Select Board | | 33 | N | 5 |
| The Recreation Commission is responsible for the promotion and oversight of citizen recreation programs for the Town. | | | | | |
| Taxation Aid Committee | Select Board | | | N | 5 |
| The purpose of the committee is to assist in the implementation of M.G.L. Chapter 60, Section 3D, the elderly and disabled taxation fund program, which the Town opted into at the 2021 Annual Town Meeting (PDF). | | | | | |
| Trails Committee | Select Board | | | Y | 7 |
| The role of the Trails Committee is to plan, implement, improve, and maintain public trails within Bedford Conservation Areas, other municipal lands, and on private properties with permission from the landowner. | | | | | |
| Transportation Advisory Committee | Select Board | | 32 | N | 7 |
| To examine, evaluate and advise the Select Board regarding board actions and measures that will improve overall resident mobility, expand the use of non-automobile based methods of local and regional transportation, and improve traffic circulation and availability of transportation services that implement the transportation-related recommendations of the Town's Vision Statement and Comprehensive Plan. | | | | | |
| Volunteer Coordinating Committee | Select Board | 3-5 | 30 | N | 5 |
| The Volunteer Coordinating Committee shall recruit and identify qualified candidates for appointive offices in the Town. | | | | | |
| Youth and Family Services Committee | Select Board | | 34 | N | 9 |

The purpose of the Youth and Family Services Committee is to advise the Town about programs and services in support of its mission, which is to identify and address the social, emotional, and developmental needs of children, youths, adults, and families in Bedford through programs and services that support and nurture.

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| Zoning Board of Appeals | Select Board | 3-3 | 21 | N | 5 full, 3 associates |
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The Board shall hold public hearings to consider petitions for a variance or special permit and public hearings on appeals brought to the board by anyone aggrieved by a decision of the Zoning Enforcement Officer or the Inspector of Buildings.