

BOARD AND COMMITTEE CHARGES

Board of Appeals

The Board of Appeals hears and rules on administrative and variance appeals from the decisions of the Code Enforcement Officer. The Zoning Board of Appeals may attach such condition, in addition to those required by other provisions of the Zoning Ordinance, as it finds necessary to insure compliance with all standards and all other applicable requirements of the Zoning Ordinance.

Budget Committee

The Budget Committee meets to review the Budget for the following fiscal year. The Select Board begins the Budget Process with a series of workshops and meetings. The Selectmen will then forward the Budget with their recommendations to the Budget Committee. The Committee will meet for review of the Budget, make their recommendations and once completed, will forward the Budget to a Public Hearing. After the Public Hearing, the Budget Committee commences, discusses and finalizes their numbers, and forwards their recommendations to the Board Selectmen. The committee will be comprised of nine at-large members, two Select Board Liaisons (non-voting), and the Town Manager.

CIP Committee

It is the responsibility of the Capital Improvement Program Committee to arrive at a "Prioritized List" of proposed capital expenditures for the fiscal year to be recommended to the Select Board and Budget Committee. The recommendations are arrived at by reviewing requests that are being considered by the Town Manager and Select Board. The Committee reviews all capital expenditure requests in the form and funding methods submitted. The review process involves analyzing the project with regard to its effect on the quality of municipal services, impact on the tax rate, and on future operation budgets in the context of a five-year projection of capital expenditures based on department head requests." The committee will be comprised of four at-large members, one Budget Committee Representative, one Planning Board Representative, one Select Board Liaison and the Town Manager.

Cable TV Committee

The New Gloucester Cable Television Committee (CTC) oversees New Gloucester Television's (NGTV) public, educational and governmental (PEG) access Channel. The CTC is responsible for providing the citizens of New Gloucester with such coverage of civic and public events as the interest of the public, the availability of equipment and citizen participation permits. The CTC is responsible for the establishment, modification, supervision, and recruitment of citizen participation for NGTV. All functions shall be in accordance with the bylaws adopted by the CTC as approved by the Select Board and in accordance with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, statutes, rules, regulations, ordinances, codes, and orders. The CTC, through the Select Board, is authorized to receive donations and contributions for the purpose of operating, maintaining, and expanding NGTV. The committee will be comprised of seven at-large members, one Select Board Liaison (non-voting) and a staff member.

Candidate Referendum Committee

The Candidate/Referendum Committee will work with candidates on an agreeable format for televised programs and educate the citizens of New Gloucester on upcoming referendum issues. The committee will be comprised of five at-large members one Select Board Liaison (non-voting) and a staff member.

Community Fair Committee

Plan and execute the annual fair in conjunction with assigned staff member. The committee will be comprised of seven at-large members, one Select Board Liaison (non-voting) and a staff member.

Economic Development Committee

The New Gloucester Economic Development Committee will work to galvanize local businesses and to create centers for commercial activity. Efforts will focus on enhancing existing business conditions and attracting new and complimentary businesses to the area:

1. To develop municipal initiatives that support existing and future businesses.
2. To maintain and leverage the community's inherent character.
3. To promote Pineland and the development of additional modern, livable business districts.
4. To strengthen existing business relationships.
5. To attract new business that is compatible with the community, meets the needs of residents, and captures lost community revenues.

The committee will be comprised of seven at-large members, one Select Board Liaison (non-voting) and a staff member.

Environmental Resources Committee

The mission of the Environmental Resources Committee will be to (1) participate in and report on regional environmental projects such as those associated with the Royal River Watershed and Sabbathday Lake Watershed or as requested by other groups (2) to serve on ad hoc committees for such things as land acquisition, water supplies, road planning and maintenance, energy efficiency or wildlife habitat and (3) provide information and education for Town initiatives such as recycling, Upper Village planning project, public water supply, trail systems or other conservation activities. The committee will be comprised of seven at-large members, one Select Board Liaison (non-voting) and a staff member.

Land Management Planning Committee

It is the mission of the Land Management Planning Committee to assist in the improvement and development of municipal policies affecting growth and conservation in New Gloucester by reviewing ordinances and organizing community planning. In general, the Land Management Planning Committee serves as an advisory board that reviews ordinances and regulations, but the committee has also been asked to develop long range growth management strategies to submit to the town for approval. The committee will be comprised of seven at-large members, Planning Board Representative, one Select Board Liaison (non-voting) and a staff member.

Library Board of Trustees

The New Gloucester Public Library is a vital community resource through which all citizens may pursue knowledge in a process of lifelong learning. The library pledges to: select, organize, maintain, and make available a balanced collection of accurate and current materials providing a reliable source of information in an increasingly complex world; recognize and respond to the changing needs of all members of the community so that each individual may gain access to the whole spectrum of knowledge through existing networks of information resources; offer programs to enable users to discover and develop their appreciation of arts and literature and the joys of recreational reading; function as a model of responsible citizenship, encouraging freedom of expression and a constructive critical attitude toward public issues, and fostering awareness of our connection to our local, national, and global community. The committee will be comprised of five at-large members, one Select Board Liaison (non-voting) and a staff member.

Parks & Recreation Committee

It is the mission of the New Gloucester Parks and Recreation Department to provide facilities and programs that will help enrich the lives of all of its residents and visitors. The Committee develops a long-range plan for Recreation, the facilities and Community Fair in collaboration with the Director. It also coordinates various recreational opportunities for New Gloucester citizens of all ages and seeks to create relationships with other recreational providers (Gray, Pineland, YMCA, Little League, etc.) to supplement programs that might be offered by the town. The committee will be comprised of seven at-large members, one Select Board Liaison (non-voting) and a staff member.

Planning Board

The Planning Board is responsible for the short and long range land use planning for growth within the town. Activities include: 1) the preparation, amendment, implementation, and promotion of the Comprehensive Plan; 2) review of development plans for subdivisions and commercial and multi-family development; 3) recommendation of adoption and amendments to the Zoning Ordinance, Subdivision Regulations and other land use based municipal regulations; 4) any other activities that are required for the fulfillment of their mission.

Public Safety Committee

The Public Safety Committee is a standing committee established by the Select Board that deals with community and regional safety as it relates to law enforcement, fire protection, traffic, and transportation systems. The committee identifies public safety problems and problem areas in the community; evaluates and recommends remedies/programs for public safety problems; researches funding opportunities and processes grants; monitors pending public safety legislation; works with other related committees; works with county and state agencies (MDOT, MTA, MSP, and CCSO); educates the public, coordinates volunteers; and encourages enforcement of public safety laws. The committee will be comprised of five at-large members, Public Safety Chief, Public Works Director and two Select Board Liaisons (non-voting).