

ways to

GET INVOLVED

The Town of Great Barrington Advisory Boards:

Agricultural Commission- the Agricultural Commission represents the farming community and promotes agricultural based opportunities throughout Great Barrington.

Board of Registrars- assists the Town Clerk with voter registration and elections.

Cemetery Commission- controls all business matters pertaining to the Town's cemeteries (other than maintenance) and controls the care and expenditure of perpetual care funds.

Community Preservation Committee- administers the Community Preservation Act in Great Barrington including recommending worthy projects to Town Meeting for funding.

Conservation Commission- administers the Wetlands Protection Act and Scenic Mountains Act in Great Barrington, and manages and stewards town conservation lands such as Lake Mansfield Forest and McAllister Wildlife Refuge.

Council on Aging- evaluates, promotes and encourages new and exciting activities and services which enhance the quality of life for the elders in Great Barrington.

Design Advisory Committee- reviews proposed changes to the exterior of buildings in downtown Great Barrington and provides professional design guidance.

Energy Committee- created to establish Great Barrington as a "Green Community", to reduce the town's energy footprint, and to promote energy conservation and alternative power sources.

Five-Town Cable Advisory Committee- advises the Selectboard (issuing authority) with matters such as cable contracts and/or services for town subscribers.

Fence Viewer- assists in resolving disputes over the location and construction of fences, stone walls, and other similar means of denoting boundary lines.

GB Cultural Council- promotes the availability of rich cultural experiences for individuals, schools, and cultural organizations through local council funding.

GB Housing Authority- oversees and sets policy for several low-income housing communities offered to seniors and families in GB and Housatonic.

GB Technology Committee- expedites the expansion of modern broadband infrastructure and services to the rural communities of our region.

Historic District Commission- oversees Local Historic Districts in Great Barrington, including reviewing and approving changes to structures within the Districts.

Historical Commission- is responsible for historic preservation planning in Great Barrington, including recommending buildings for listing on the National Register.

Lake Mansfield Improvement Task Force- develops and implements improvements in the watershed, including public safety, use and accessibility, water quality, recreation, and long term stewardship.

Parks Commission- is responsible for formulating and administering the town's recreational programming.

Planning Board Associate Member- the Associate Member participates in all regular meetings and discussions of the Board and may vote when a quorum is required. This position is a joint appointment by the Planning Board and the Selectboard.

Tree Committee- works to protect and preserve Great Barrington's tree inventory and works closely with various Boards and Officials in recommending tree care and selection of appropriate species.

For more information on how to get involved, please contact the Town Manager's office at 413-528-1619 x2, email the Town Manager at jtabakin@townofgb.org, or stop in to see us today at Town Hall!- 334 Main Street, Great Barrington, MA 01230.