

**Appointed Committee Descriptions**

1/15/2021

<b>Name</b>	<b>Committee Description</b>
<b>Bedford 300 Exploratory Task Force</b>	The purpose of the Task Force will be to recommend to the Selectmen a preliminary plan for the celebration of the Town's 300 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of incorporation as a municipality
<b>ad hoc Arbor Resource Committee</b>	The Committee's purpose is to inform the Selectmen 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
<b>Bedford Housing Partnership</b>	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.
<b>Bicycle Advisory Committee</b>	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.
<b>Capital Expenditure Committee</b>	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
<b>Charter and Bylaw Review Committee</b>	The Selectmen shall five years from the effective date of this Charter and every five years thereafter, appoint a committee to review the working of Town government and recommend revisions and amendments considered advisable.
<b>Community Media Committee</b>	The purpose of the committee is to advise the Selectmen on matters pertaining to the development and delivery of Public, Educational, and Governmental (PEG) access programming including licensing and operation of cable
<b>Community Preservation Committee</b>	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
<b>Conservation Commission</b>	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
<b>Council on Aging</b>	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
<b>Cultural Council</b>	To support public projects through the regranting 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,
<b>ad hoc Depot Park Advisory Committee</b>	The Committee's primary focus is to advise the Selectmen on matters concerning Depot Park. To this end, the committee will: 1. Provide oversight on the completion of the project;
<b>Energy and Sustainability Committee</b>	The Energy and Sustainability Committee will proactively identify and advise the Selectmen on policies and procedures to efficiently and effectively manage municipal and school energy expenditures and reduce community greenhouse
<b>Finance Committee</b>	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,
<b>Historic District Commission</b>	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
<b>Historic Preservation Commission</b>	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
<b>Municipal Affordable Housing Trust (Article 23)</b>	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.
<b>Patriotic Holiday Committee Ad Hoc</b>	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
<b>Petitioners' Advisory Committee</b>	The members of this committee shall aid those Town citizens who require assistance in preparing petitioners warrant articles for Annual or Special Town Meetings.
<b>Recreation Commission</b>	The Recreation Commission is responsible for the promotion and oversight of citizen recreation programs for the Town.
<b>Registrars of Voters</b>	The Board of Registrars is responsible for the voter registration process, maintaining voter registration records, and sending certain records to the Secretary of the Commonwealth (M.G.L. Ch. 51 §33).
<b>Trails Committee (Ad Hoc)</b>	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 land owner.

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<b>Transportation Advisory Committee</b>	To examine, evaluate and advise the Selectmen 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
<b>Volunteer Coordinating Committee</b>	The Volunteer Coordinating Committee shall recruit and identify qualified candidates for appointive offices in the Town, except for the following: •appointees who work full or part time for remuneration,
<b>Youth &amp; Family Services</b>	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,
<b>Zoning Board of Appeals</b>	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