

BOARD OF APPEALS

Members:	5 Full Members 6 Associate Members
Appointed by:	Board of Selectmen
Length of Term:	Full members - 5 year, staggered Associate members - 1 year
Appointments made:	September 30
Meeting Times:	2nd and 4th Thursday of each month

Description: Under the Zoning By-Law, the Board issues special permits for use of property, grants variances from dimensional requirements of the By-Law, and hears appeals from decisions of the Building Commissioner.

Criteria for Membership – Individual:

- 1) Shall have had significant experience and activity in town affairs related to matters within the purview of the Board of Appeals as evidenced, for example, by:
 - Membership on major town boards such as Selectmen, Planning Board, and Conservation Commission
 - Town meeting membership
 - Involvement in land-use related community activities, including zoning matters
- 2) Shall have lived in Lexington for at least eight years. This residency requirement is suggested for the Board of Appeals whose power and impact are so far-reaching that special emphasis is placed on deep-seated knowledge and familiarity with development issues. Fairness and balanced judgment are essential to the decision process.
- 3) Before appointment to full membership, shall have been an associate member for at least two years.
- 4) Shall have no major land-holding interest in Lexington.
- 5) Full members shall not hold membership on any other major boards (i.e. Planning Board, Board of Selectmen, School Committee, Historic Districts Commission, or the Appropriation Committee).
- 6) Full members who have served consecutively for the equivalent of two full terms (10 years) or more shall not be re-appointed until after a lapse of at least one year.

Collective: It is highly desirable that the Board of Appeals should include people with various specialties such as: Legal training and experience; Engineering background; Environmental and/or conservationist experience; and Architectural and/or design training

Ref.: Lexington Code Chapter 135 §10; MGL Chapter 40A §12.

Selectmen designated as Special Municipal Employees on April 24, 1963.

Selectmen reaffirmed designation as Special Municipal Employees on January 18, 2006.