

## HISTORIC DISTRICTS COMMISSION (HDC)

Members: 5 full, 4 Associates  
Appointed by: Board of Selectmen  
Length of Term: 5 years  
Appointments made: January 1  
Meeting Times: 1st Thursday of every month

Description: The Historic Districts Commission is responsible for reviewing and approving all plans within the Lexington Historic Districts for construction, demolition, exterior renovations, color changes, and signs.

Criteria for Membership:

INDIVIDUAL: Individuals involved with this committee should have a sense of dedication to historical heritage, historical preservation, and to the special townscape of Lexington and the concept of architectural compatibility. A full member who has 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.

Two appointments are made from four candidates nominated by the Lexington Historical Society; one each from two candidates nominated by the Lexington Arts and Crafts Society and by the trustees of the Cary Memorial Library; and one at large. Four associate members are appointed for 5 year terms from nominations by the same organizations.

COLLECTIVE: The Selectmen seek members with the following backgrounds:

- Legal training and experience
- Historical training or experience
- Training in architecture, architectural history and aesthetics
- Training and/or experience in graphic design
- Membership in the local business community

Ref.: MGL Chapter 40C §4

Chapter 447, Acts of 1956

Chapter 185, Acts of 1958

Chapter 579, Acts of 1966

Chapter 268, Acts of 1976

Chapter 375, Acts of 1982

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

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