

Sustainable Lexington Committee

Members:	7
Appointed by:	Selectmen
Length of Term:	3 years, staggered
Appointments Made:	September 30
Meeting Times:	

Description: The Sustainable Lexington Committee will advise the Selectmen on proposals which affect Lexington’s sustainability and resilience and will recommend, develop and monitor programs designed to enhance Lexington’s long-term sustainability and resilience in response to environmental, resource and energy challenges.

The Sustainable Lexington Committee will:

1. Recommend sustainability goals and recommended priorities for implementation,
2. Develop and recommend programs required to meet the Town’s sustainability goals,
3. Monitor and measure effectiveness of sustainability programs undertaken by the town,
4. Educate and raise awareness among Lexington residents regarding Lexington’s sustainability and resilience,
5. Review and provide recommendations regarding proposals put before the Board of Selectmen and Town Meeting which affect Lexington’s sustainability and resilience,
6. Coordinate with other relevant boards and committees on sustainability issues to enhance effectiveness and avoid redundancy,
7. Stay abreast of state and local issues which affect Lexington’s ability to achieve its sustainability goals, and,
8. Perform other related projects as may be requested by the Board of Selectmen.

Membership: The Sustainable Lexington Committee will be made up of seven voting members, each of whom is expected to have specific areas of responsibility and, in addition, be aware of overall challenges. The committee will periodically solicit participation from other non-voting individuals (“team members”) with skills and expertise to complete discrete projects required to achieve the committee’s objectives.

Criteria for Membership: Committee members and team members shall be selected based on the following highly desirable criteria for membership:

1. Built environment technical expertise including:
 - a. Buildings
 - b. Energy systems
 - c. Transportation
 - d. Water infrastructure
 - e. Waste prevention and management

2. Land use technical expertise including:
 - a. Food supply and agriculture
 - b. Native and invasive species management
 - c. Ground water management
3. Community organization and development experience
 - a. Education & awareness campaigns
 - b. Effective political advocacy
 - c. Economic impacts
4. Strong communication, writing, presentation and computer skills
5. Demonstrated track record of effective collaboration
6. Strong team management skills (esp. committee members)

Committee members and team members will be assigned to act as liaisons with other town committees.

Prior to serving as a member of this Committee, appointees are required to:

1. Acknowledge receipt of the Summary of the Conflict of Interest Statute. Further, to continue to serve on the Committee the member must acknowledge annually receipt of the Summary of the Conflict of Interest Statute. Said summary will be provided by and acknowledged to the Town Clerk.
2. Provide evidence to the Town Clerk that the appointee has completed the on-line training requirement required by the Conflict of Interest statute. Further, to continue to serve on the Committee, the member must acknowledge every two years completion of the on-line training requirement.

Conduct of Committee meetings: Committee meetings will be conducted formally with the chair receiving reports from committee members and team members. The chair will recognize speakers and follow a defined agenda which will include an opportunity to propose new business.

Staff:

Ref.: Charge adopted on June 21, 2010.

Members designated as Special Municipal Employees by the Board of Selectmen on June 21, 2010.

Selectmen approved revising charge on April 22, 2013 to change the membership from 5-7 members to 7 members.