

CITY OF SOMERVILLE
ORDINANCE NO. 2013-02
In Board of Aldermen April 11, 2013

Community Preservation Committee Ordinance Pursuant to G. L. c. 44B

Be it ordained by the Board of Aldermen, in session assembled, that the Code of Ordinances of the City of Somerville is hereby amended by adding the following provisions:

(1) There is hereby established a Community Preservation Committee (“Committee”), consisting of 9 voting members pursuant to MGL Chapter 44B. The composition of the Committee, the appointment authority and the term of office for the Committee members shall be as follows:

- a. One member of the Planning Board as designated by the Board for a term of 3 years;
- b. One member of the Conservation Commission as designated by the Commission for a term of 3 years;
- c. One member of the Historical Commission as designated by the Commission for a term of 3 years;
- d. One member of the Parks and Open Space Department as designated by the Mayor for a term of 3 years;
- e. One member of the Housing Authority as designated by the Housing Authority for a term of 3 years; and
- f. Four members of the general public not City employees or currently holding elected or appointed positions, for a term of 3 years, as appointed by the Mayor, subject to Board of Alderman approval.

(2) No member shall serve more than two consecutive terms. In order to stagger the terms of the members, the initial appointments of the Housing Authority member, the Planning Board member and one member of the general public appointed by the Mayor shall be for 2 years; and the initial appointments of the Parks and Open Space Department member and two members of the general public appointed by the Mayor shall be for 1 year.

(3) Any vacancy on the Community Preservation Committee shall be filled by the commission, authority, board or Mayor that designated the member who creates the vacancy by designating another member for the unexpired term. A vacancy in any of the members appointed under section 1(f) shall be filled by the Mayor, subject to Board of Aldermen approval.

(4) Should any of the Commissions, Boards, or Authorities who have appointment authority under this Chapter be no longer in existence for whatever reason, then any other Commission, Board or Authority performing substantially the same duties as those with appointment authority under this Chapter shall have the authority to appoint a member of the Committee as provided herein. In the event that there is no such Commission, Board, or Authority then the Mayor shall have the authority, subject to Board of Alderman approval, to appoint to the Committee a person acting in the capacity of, or performing like duties of the Commission, Board or Authority in question.

(5) For the four members of the general public, there shall be a public announcement of the open positions, with at least a 3 week period for submittal of an application to the Mayor. The names and a brief summary describing each candidate's qualifications shall be posted on the City website for at least 2 weeks, before the Mayor makes an appointment. The four members of the general public should include citizens who have demonstrated interest in open space, recreation, historic preservation, and affordable housing.

(6) The committee shall annually elect one of its members to serve as chairperson and may elect such other officers, adopt procedural rules and regulations and establish any subcommittees as it deems appropriate. A Committee member may serve as chairperson for no more than 2 consecutive years.

(7) In the event that the Committee initially proposes that a project be funded by the Community Preservation Act and that the initial proposal is rejected or reduced by the Board of Aldermen, the Committee shall be given one opportunity to respond to such actions by the Board of Aldermen and/or to adjust the scope and terms of any proposed project prior to a final decision by the Board of Aldermen as to the allocation of Community Preservation Act funds for the given year.

Approved:

President