



***TOWN OF BRUNSWICK
TOWN COMMONS COMMITTEE***

Board Composition.

The Committee has no set number of members, who are appointed by the Town Council to meet the needs of the commons.

Terms of Office.

No set term.

Meeting Schedule.

No set meeting schedule.

Powers and Duties.

The Commons Committee is responsible for :

- 1) General management of the Commons and implementation of the Sewall Plan
- 2) Recommendations to the Town Council about activities, which may impact upon the Commons, compromise its integrity or jeopardize future union of the two parcels.

Town Staff Contact.

Town Manager's Office or Parks and Recreation Director

BASED ON 1994 LETTER ON THE TOWN COMMONS PLANNING COMMITTEE

Town Commons Planning Committee

From correspondence to the Town Council, February 6, 1996:

The Town Commons Planning Committee is responsible for the general implementation of the Sewall Plan (adopted 1967) and forwards recommendations to the Town Council when events that may affect the Commons occur. By tradition terms are indefinite, members are not sworn and are appointed to meet the needs of the Commons. Recommendations for appointment to the Town Commons Planning Committee are forwarded to the Town Council for consideration. Total membership is not fixed but should not exceed twelve.

Notes from former chair, Barbara A. Desmarais, January 7, 2004:

Committee members are chosen according to specific skill sets such as historian, volunteer coordinator, naturalist, and builder. In 2003 the Committee voted to expand membership to include representatives from interested groups such as Bowdoin College and the Friends of the Commons. The Committee has not moved forward on this.

The Committee typically meets three times a year on the third Wednesday at 3:30 pm at the Municipal Building in January, April, and September. Other meetings are held on an “as needed” basis. There is usually at least one “on-site” meeting each year.

The Committee organizes one or two volunteer cleanup & repair sessions at the Commons each year. One of the sessions is usually held with Bowdoin College students as part of the College’s Common Good Day.

The Committee has been charged to make recommendations regarding certain adjacent Town parcels. The Committee is NOT charged to make recommendations regarding the Commons to the Bay Trail acquisitions. In the future the Recreation Department and its Commission, Friends of the Commons and the Town Commons Planning Committee will most likely meet regarding the Trail and the Commons.