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Advisory Council  
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### ***Abstract***

This law, passed by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Briarcliff Manor, creates an advisory council which is to be known as the “Briarcliff Manor Conservation Advisory Council”. The law outlines the membership qualifications for persons on the council, describes the procedures for appointing officers, setting meeting times and creating reports, and vests the council with its powers.

### ***Resource***

Village of Briarcliff Manor Conservation Advisory Council

Code of the Village of Briarcliff Manor NY

Chapter 18: Conservation Advisory Council

General Code

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[HISTORY: Adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Briarcliff Manor 7-6-1972 by L.L. No. 1-1972. Amendments noted where applicable.]

### **§ 18-1. Legislative intent.**

The preservation and improvement of the quality of the natural and man-made environment within the Village of Briarcliff Manor, in the face of population growth, urbanization and technologic change with their accompanying demands on natural resources, are found to be of increasing and vital importance to the health, welfare and economic well-being of present and future inhabitants and require forthright action by the governing body of the Village of Briarcliff Manor. It is recognized that the biologic integrity of the natural environment on which man is dependent for survival and the natural and functional beauty of our surroundings which condition the quality of our life experience cannot be protected without the full cooperation and participation of all of the residents of

the Village of Briarcliff Manor working in conjunction with local and state officials and with various public and private institutions, agencies and organizations. Establishment of an advisory council for conservation of the environment is a necessary step in fostering unified action on environmental problems.

#### **§ 18-2. Establishment of Council.**

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Briarcliff Manor hereby creates an advisory council which shall be known as the "Briarcliff Manor Conservation Advisory Council," hereinafter referred to as the "Council."

#### **§ 18-3. Membership. [Amended 6-1-1995 by L.L. No. 3-1995]**

The Council shall consist of 11 members to be appointed by the Board of Trustees:

- A. At Village Annual Organization meetings, six members shall be appointed for terms of two years in the first year and five members appointed for terms of two years in the following year, with successors appointed in the alternate years in the same allocation.
- B. Not more than two persons may be appointed to the Council who are between the ages of 16 and 21 who are interested in the improvement and preservation of environmental quality.
- C. Vacancies on the Council, occurring other than by the expiration of term of office, shall be filled by appointment of the Board of Trustees for the remainder of the unexpired terms of office.
- D. The Board of Trustees may designate by resolution such other Village officials as it deems appropriate as ex-officio members of the Council.

#### **§ 18-4. Officers, meetings and procedure.**

The Board of Trustees shall designate a member of the Council to act as Chairman thereof. At the first meeting of the Council, its members shall elect from among themselves a recording secretary. The Council shall adopt rules and procedures for its meetings. It shall keep accurate records of its meetings and activities, and it shall file an annual report as hereinafter provided in § 18-6 of this chapter.

#### **§ 18-5. Powers and duties of Council.**

The powers and duties of the Council shall be to:

- A. Advise the Board of Trustees on matters affecting the preservation, development and use of the natural and man-made features and conditions of the Village of Briarcliff Manor insofar as beauty, quality, biologic integrity and other environmental factors are concerned and, in the case of man's activities and developments, with regard to any major threats posed to environmental quality, so as to enhance the long range value of the environment to the people of the Village of Briarcliff Manor.
- B. Develop and, after receiving approval by resolution of the Board of Trustees, conduct a program of public information in the Village which shall be designed to foster increased understanding of the nature of environmental problems and issues and support for their solutions.
- C. When authorized by resolution of the Board of Trustees, conduct studies, surveys and inventories of the natural and man-made features within the Village of Briarcliff Manor and such other studies and surveys as may be necessary to carry out the general purposes of this chapter.
- D. Maintain an up-to-date inventory or index of all open spaces in public or private ownership within the Village, including but not limited to natural landmarks, glacial and other geomorphic or physiographic features; streams and their floodplains; swamps, marshlands and other wetlands; unique biotic communities; scenic and other open areas of natural or ecological value; and of the ownership, present use and proposed use of such open areas, so as to provide a base of information for recommendations by the Council for their preservation and/or use.
- E. Seek to coordinate, assist and unify the efforts of private groups, institutions and individuals within the Village of Briarcliff Manor in accord with the purposes of this chapter.
- F. Maintain liaison and communications with public and private agencies and organizations of local, state and national scope whose programs and activities have an impact on the quality of the environment or which can be of assistance to the Council.
- G. Working in conjunction with the Planning Board, recommend from time to time to the Board of Trustees features, plans and programs relating to environmental improvement for inclusion in the Master Plan of the Village of Briarcliff Manor, and recommend to the Board of Trustees appropriate and desirable changes in existing local laws and ordinances relating to environmental control or recommend new local laws and ordinances.
- H. When authorized by resolution of the Board of Trustees, prepare, print and distribute books, maps, charts and pamphlets in accord with the purposes of this chapter.

- I. Obtain and maintain in orderly fashion maps, reports, books and other publications to support the necessary researches of the Council into local environmental conditions.
- J. When authorized by resolution of the Board of Trustees, accept by gift, grant, devise, bequest or otherwise, real or personal property, in the name of the Village of Briarcliff Manor, as may be necessary or desirable to conserve and otherwise properly utilize open spaces and other land and water resources within the boundaries of the Village of Briarcliff Manor. Such real property may be accepted in fee for land or water rights, or as any lesser interest, development right, easement (including conservation easement) covenant or other contractual right including conveyance with limitations or reversions.
- K. Carry out such other duties as may be assigned from time to time by the Board of Trustees.

#### **§ 18-6. Reports.**

The Council shall submit an annual written report to the Board of Trustees not later than the first day of April of each year concerning the activities and work of the Council for the past year, and in addition, from time to time, shall submit such reports and recommendation as may be necessary to fulfill the purposes of this chapter.

#### **§ 18-7. Compensation and expenses.**

The members of the Council, including ex officio members, shall receive no compensation for their services as members thereof, but may be reimbursed for reasonable and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties within the appropriations made available therefor by the Board of Trustees in its annual budget.

#### **§ 18-8. Construal of provisions.**

This chapter shall be deemed an exercise of the powers of the Village of Briarcliff Manor to preserve and improve the quality of the natural and man-made environment on behalf of the present and future inhabitants thereof. This chapter is not intended and shall not be deemed to impair the powers of any other public corporation.