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Title: Town of Guilford Land Acquisition Commission
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Abstract

This ordinance establishes a Land Acquisition Commission to enact the goals of the Town of Guilford Plan for Open Space and Municipal Land Needs, as adopted into the Plan of Conservation and Development for the town. The commission evaluates land as it becomes available and may work towards acquiring the land for the community.

Resource

Chapter 73, LAND ACQUISITION COMMISSION

[HISTORY: Adopted by the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Guilford 5-7-2001. Amendments noted where applicable.]

GENERAL REFERENCES

Commissions and Committees, Boards – See Ch.9.
Conservation Commission – See Ch. 14.
Economic Development Commission – See Ch. 20.
Inland Wetlands Commission – See Ch. 64.
Parks and Recreation Commission – See Ch. 85.
Shellfish Commission – See Ch. 106.

§ 73-1. Land Acquisition Commission established; qualifications of members.

The Board of Selectmen shall appoint a Land Acquisition Commission consisting of twelve Commissioners. All members of the commission must be electors and residents of the town.

§ 73-2. Powers and duties.

A. The Land Acquisition Commission shall

(1) Review and prioritize parcels of land that become available through public and private sale based on goals and objectives set forth in the Town's Plan for Open Space and Municipal Land Needs.

(2) Assist the Boards of Selectmen and Finance in developing the land acquisition budget for the coming fiscal year.

(3) Continually review the Town's Plan for Open Space and Municipal Land Needs and recommend amendments where necessary in order to assure that the plan is current with the town's land use and needs goals.

B. The Land Acquisition Commission may;

(1) Make contact with landowners regarding the town's potential acquisition of land, or any interest therein, by purchase or donation;

(2) Undertake other actions which may reasonably enhance the town's ability to acquire land, or any interest therein, consistent with the Town's Plan for Open Space and Municipal Land Needs.

§ 73-3. Membership.

The Committee shall consist of one representative from each of the following boards and commissions: Conservation Commission, Planning and Zoning Commission, Inland Wetlands Commission, Economic Development Commission, Parks and Recreation Commission, Shellfish Commission, Water Pollution Control Authority, the Board of Education and the Scenic Road Advisory Committee. Each Board or Commission shall appoint its own representative. In addition, the Board of Selectmen shall appoint three members at large.

§ 73-4. Terms; compensation.

Terms for those members serving on other boards and commissions shall run concurrently with the term of their respective boards. Members at large will be appointed for a term of four years. Initial appointments may be staggered to avoid having all terms expire simultaneously. Members of the Commission shall serve without pay.

§ 73-5. Officers.

The members of the Commission shall meet and elect a Chairperson and such other officers prior to the 1st of December, annually, or as may be necessary.

§ 73-6. Meetings; rules and regulations; quorum; absences.

A. The Commission shall hold regular meetings and shall designate the time and place thereof and shall have the power to adopt rules and regulations for the conduct of business within its jurisdiction and shall keep a record of all its proceedings.

B. Five members shall constitute a quorum. When a member shall fail to be present for four consecutive meetings or at $\frac{1}{4}$ of meetings held in any one fiscal year, his or her membership shall be vacant, unless his or her absence shall be excused by the Commission and the reason thereof entered into the record of the Commission's proceedings. If a vacancy occurs by virtue of absences as described above, the vacancy for the unexpired term shall be filled by the Board of Selectmen.

§ 73-7. Reports.

The Commission shall from time to time, but not less often than annually, submit a report for the inclusion in the town's annual report, and may submit other such reports as may be requested from time to time.