



Oak Bluffs Boards & Committees

Further information on how to run for elected office, visit the Town Clerk's Office or go www.oakbluffsma.gov/166/Town-Clerk.

For all Board & Committee information and how to get involved go to www.oakbluffsma.gov or visit the Board of Selectmen's Office.

ELECTED BOARDS	# of Members	Contact for Board
Moderator	1	Town Clerk - ljohnston@oakbluffsma.gov <i>Presides and regulates proceedings, decides all questions of order, and make public declaration of votes.</i>
Board of Selectmen	5	Executive Secretary - abutler@oakbluffsma.gov <i>Massachusetts General Laws vest the BOS with all municipal authority as the Town's legislative branch.</i>
Town Clerk	1	Town Clerk - ljohnston@oakbluffsma.gov <i>Maintains official records and documents - town meeting records, vital records, Zoning and Town Bylaws. Records all votes passed at town meetings and administer the oaths of office to all town officers.</i>
Board of Health	3	Health Agent - mlancaster@oakbluffsma.gov <i>The BOH promotes and protects public health through education, outreach, inspections and investigations.</i>
Cemetery Commissioners	3	Admin support - nmorey@oakbluffsma.gov <i>Charged with ensuring proper maintenance of the Oak Grove Cemetery and facilitates improvements.</i>
Finance Committee	9	Fincom@oakbluffsma.gov <i>FinCom provides recommendations and analysis of the Town's budget and oversight of financial policies.</i>
Parks Commission	3	Chair, Amy Billings - abillings@oakbluffsma.gov <i>Responsible for the layout and the improvement of public parks; makes regulations and rules for their use.</i>
Constables	2	Town Clerk - ljohnston@oakbluffsma.gov <i>Serves as a peace officer, overseeing order at Town meetings and elections.</i>
Tree Warden	1	Richie Combra Jr. - rcombra@oakbluffsma.gov <i>Under MGL Ch 87, §2, responsible for the public shade trees, shrubs and growths in the town</i>
M.V Commission	2 elected, 1 appt.	mvcommission.org/commissioners <i>Regional island wide planning agency for Dukes County</i>
MV Land Bank Commissioner	1	http://www.mvlandbank.com/ <i>Promotes public enjoyment of nature and through careful oversight secure the natural world's future and prosperity</i>
Planning Board	5	email - planningboard@oakbluffsma.gov <i>The board is charged with administering the subdivision control rules and regulations of in accordance with MGL Ch 41 sections 81A-81J</i>
School Committee	3	http://www.mvyys.org/school-committee/ <i>Reivews, and approves budget, establishes education policies and goals under MGL Ch. 71 § 37</i>
Wastewater Commissioners	3	Admin Support - lmerritt@oakbluffsma.gov <i>Approve and oversee the budget, warrant articles, rates, policy and flow allocations.</i>
Water District Officers	3	http://www.oakbluffswaterdistrict.com/ <i>Manage, control and protect the Town's public water supply.</i>

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APPOINTED BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

	# of Members	Contact for Board / meeting schedule		# of Members	Contact for Board / meeting schedule
Affordable Housing <i>Works towards the Commonwealth's goal of designating 10% of the town's year-round housing stock for affordable housing.</i>	5	2nd & 4th Tuesdays ahc@oakbluffsma.gov	Harbor Advisory Committee <i>Serves in an Advisory capacity to the Board of Selectmen and works closely with the Harbormaster</i>	5	<i>Meets when needed</i> Harbormaster_obmarina@comcast.net
Bikeway Study Committee <i>Ad Hoc Committee - looking at the planning of connecting bikepath from OB to the drawbridge.</i>	7	<i>Meets when needed</i> Selectmen Coogan coogans@comcast.net	Herring Run Committee <i>It is a joint committee with Tisbury. Responsible for proposing policy/regulations/management of the Maderias Herring Run.</i>	1	Shellfish Constable dgrunden@oakbluffsma.gov
Board of Assessors <i>Responsible for full and fair valuation of real and personal property for the equitable distribution of the property tax burden.</i>	3	<i>Meets Monthly</i> Principal Assessor dbailey@oakbluffsma.gov	Historical Commission <i>Fosters preservation of historic structures, landmarks, artifacts and characteristic architectural styles of Oak Bluffs.</i>	7	<i>3rd Wednesday of the month</i> Pam Melrose - Chair pammelrose@gmail.com
Building Committee <i>Ad Hoc Committee - Committee in operation until completion of project - currently the new Town Hall</i>	14	<i>Meets every 2nd Wednesday</i> Chair Bill McGrath bpintandem@gmail.com	Land Bank Advisory Committee <i>Assists the Land Bank Commission in acquiring and managing land for conservation and public enjoyment.</i>	7	<i>1st Tuesday of the month</i> Conservation Agent edurkee@oakbluffsma.gov
Cape Light Compact <i>Consisting of 21 towns, their mission is to deliver energy efficiency programs, effective customer advocacy and renewable electricity.</i>	1	<i>Meets Monthly</i> www.capelightcompact.org	Library Board of Trustees <i>The Trustees works with the Director to set the mission and goals for the library and to craft the policies that govern the library.</i>	5	<i>2nd Thursday of the month</i> Library Director amalik@clamsnet.org
Capital Program Committee <i>The CPC exists to prepare an annual Capital Improvement Plan for OB in consultation with the Town's financial groups.</i>	6	<i>Meets when needed</i> Town Administrator rwhitenour@oakbluffsma.gov	MVTV <i>Non-profit organization that is controlled and operated by Island residents. No commercial or political activity appears on the station.</i>	1	Contact Bill McGrath Email: bpintandem@gmail.com
Community Preservation Act Committee <i>Oversees CPA funds which help the Town preserve its unique character and resources</i>	9	<i>Generally on 1st & 3rd Monday</i> Administrative support mknight@oakbluffsma.gov	Personnel Board <i>Oversees personnel by-laws, advisory board regarding union and non-union administration and hearing panel for employee appeals.</i>	5	<i>Generally meet on 1st Tuesday</i> Asst. Town Administrator - wbrough@oakbluffsma.gov
Conservation Commission <i>ConCom is charged with protecting the wetlands - beaches, dunes, banks, ponds and the salt marshes of Oak Bluffs.</i>	5	<i>2nd & 4th Tuesday of the Month</i> Conservation Agent edurkee@oakbluffsma.gov	Board of Registrars <i>Maintains accurate voter registration; assists in the conduct of elections, election recounts, and certify nominations papers and petitions</i>	3	<i>Meets when needed</i> Town Clerk ljohnston@oakbluffsma.gov
Copeland Plan Committee <i>The purpose is to preserve cultural continuity of the District by preservation of its architectural integrity and parks.</i>	9	<i>Meets Monthly</i> buildingadmin@oakbluffsma.gov	Roads and Byways <i>Makes recommendations to the BOS with solutions and proposals regarding traffic, parking and road issues.</i>	7	<i>Meets when required</i> Highway Superintendent rcombra@oakbluffsma.gov
Cottage City Historical District Commission <i>CCHDC reviews building projects in the district and acts as stewards of the unique Victorian buildings and architectural heritage.</i>	7	<i>Meets Wednesday once a month</i> cchdc@oakbluffsma.gov	Shellfish Advisory Committee <i>Advises the Board of Selectmen on policy and regulations pertaining to the shellfish resource and fishery in Oak Bluffs waters.</i>	5	<i>Meets Monthly</i> Shellfish Constable dgrunden@oakbluffsma.gov
Council on Aging <i>Promotes and provides programs and services that foster dignity, independence, and life long learning for seniors.</i>	5	<i>Meets Monthly</i> COA Administrator rcogliano@oakbluffsma.gov	Sign Review Committee <i>Reviews new business and commercial signs to maintain Oak Bluffs characteristic style as a seaside resort.</i>	5	<i>Meets Monthly</i> buildingadmin@oakbluffsma.gov
Dukes County Advisory Board <i>Comprised of one Selectman from each town, reviews the County Budget annually, holds a public hearing and approves the final budget.</i>	1	<i>Meets once a month</i> dukescounty.org/Pages/index	Steamship Authority Port Council <i>Advisory board to the SS Authority Board, which governs the administration and budget of the Steamship Authority</i>	1	steamshipauthority.com/about/history
M.V Cultural Council <i>Promote excellence, access, education and diversity in the arts, humanities and interpretative sciences.</i>	3	mass-culture.org/Marthas-Vineyard	Zoning Board of Appeals <i>Review and approves applications for relief by special permit and variance from the requirements of the Zoning Bylaw.</i>	5	<i>3rd Thursday of the month</i> Clerk: cmorris@oakbluffsma.gov

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Visit www.oakbluffsma.gov to get involved and to view the calendar of meetings, agendas and minutes