

Housing Authority (and Redevelopment Commission)

Legislative Reference:

State: CGS 8-40 et seq.

Town: Resolution of the Board of Selectmen, July 17, 1957; Town Council resolution December 16, 1957 also designated it as the "Redevelopment Commission."

Other Bylaws and/or Rules of Procedure: Bylaws, most recently June 21, 1990.

Type: Statutory and permanent.

Geographic Responsibility: Town of Groton.

Powers and Duties:

General: To prepare, carry out, acquire, lease and operate housing projects and to provide for the construction, improvement, or repair of any housing project. (CGS 8-44)

Specific: To establish rents, to acquire any real or personal property, to provide insurance, to invest funds, to investigate living and housing conditions and the means of improving such conditions, and to make studies and recommendations relating to accommodations for families of low and moderate income. (CGS 8-44) At least once a year the authority shall file with the Town Clerk a report of its activities for the preceding year; which is a permanent record open to the public. (CGS 8-63)

The authority shall submit a report to the Town of Groton Town Manager not later than March 1, annually. (CGS 8-68d)

Appointing Authority: Town Council. (CGS 8-41)

Term of Office: Five (5) years, staggered. (CGS 8-41)

Membership:

Number: Five (5) members. (CGS 8-41)

Requirements: Residents of the Town; one must be a tenant of housing owned or managed by the authority, such tenant having lived in the housing at least 1 year. No commissioner may hold any public office in the Town. Must take oath of office, and certificate of appointment must be filed with the town clerk. (CGS 8-41)

Meeting Schedule: Monthly at the Housing Authority office.

Staff: Executive Director of the Housing Authority.

Records: Located at the Housing Authority office.

Agendas, minutes, bylaws, certificates of appointment, audit, and annual report also on file in the Town Clerk's office.

Further information:

Three commissioners shall constitute a quorum. The authority shall select a chairman and a vice-chairman from among its commissioners. The term of the chairman shall be 3 years (effective 7/1/95). The authority may employ a secretary, who shall be executive director, and other such employees as it requires. The commissioners shall serve without compensation, but shall be entitled to reimbursement for actual and necessary expenses. The tenant member may not vote on any matter concerning the establishment or revision of the rents charged. (CGS 8-41)

Housing Authority, 445-1596. Office located at 770 Poquonnock Road.