

ARTICLE 31

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Section 31.1 Establishment of Russells Mills Historic District

There is hereby established in the Town of Dartmouth an historic district pursuant to the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40C, set forth as shown on a map filed with the Town Clerk entitled "Russells Mills Local Historic District, 1998".

6-9-98

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9-3-98

Formerly Codified As: Historic District, Section 2, Page: H-1

Section 31.2 Composition, Appointment and Use of Alternatives

There is hereby established an historic district commission for the historic district, consisting of seven (7) members appointed by the Select Board, members of the historic district commission shall be residents of the Town of Dartmouth, and the historic district commission shall at all times, have at least one member who is a resident of, or owner of property in the historic district to be administered by the commission. Prior to making any appointment to the original membership of the historic district commission, the Select Board shall submit a written request for two nominees from each of the following organizations: The Bristol County Historical Society, or, if it no longer exists, the then existing local historical society; the chapter of the American Institute of Architects covering the Town of Dartmouth; and the then existing Board of Realtors covering the Town of Dartmouth. The Select Board shall appoint to the original membership of the historic district commission one of the two nominees selected by each of said organizations. Thereafter, it shall, to the extent possible, appoint successors to the historic district commission in the same manner as was used for the original appointment of the position that the new appointee will fill. However, if within sixty (60) days after submission of its written request for nominees to any of said organizations no such nominees have been made, the Select Board may proceed to appoint the members of the historic district commission without nominations by any such organization. The Select Board shall appoint three alternate members to the historic district commission, each of which shall be residents of the Town, and need not be selected from nominees of an organization entitled to nominate members. In making appointments of members to the historic district commission, the Select Board shall attempt to insure that a registered architect, a realtor and a lawyer are members thereof at all times; and, in making appointments of members and alternate members, the Select Board shall appoint individuals, who by virtue of their training, occupation or experience, are particularly qualified to further the intent and purposes of this By-Law.

Each member of the historic district commission shall be appointed for a term of three years, except that when the historic district commission is first established, two of its members shall be appointed for a term of one year, two of its members shall be appointed for a term of two years, and three of its members shall be appointed for a term of three years. Similarly, each alternate member shall be appointed for a term of three years, except that of the first group of alternate

members, one member shall be appointed for a term of one year, one member shall be appointed for a term of two years, and the third member shall be appointed for a term of three years. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment for the unexpired terms.

In case of the absence, inability to act or unwillingness to act because of self interest on the part of a member of the historic district commission, his or her place shall be taken by an alternate member designated by the Chairperson of the historic district commission. Each member and alternate member of the historic district commission shall continue in office after the expiration of his or her term until his or her successor is duly appointed and qualified. All members and alternate members shall serve without compensation. The historic district commission shall annually elect a Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson from its members, and a Secretary from within or without its membership.

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Section 31.3 Enlargement, Reduction and Creation of Historic Districts

An historic district may be enlarged or reduced or an additional historic district in the Town may be created in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40C, Section 3.

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Cross Reference: Article 65: Constructions and Alterations within Russells Mills Historic District, Page: 65-1