

Name	Date	M.G.L.	Notes
Abandoned/Unclaimed Property	6/16/2025	Ch. 200A, Sec 9A	Reclaim stale checks and abandoned funds
Absent Voting	3/7/1938	Ch. 54, Sec. 103A	
Accelerated Assessments	10/16/2003	Ch. 59, Sec. 2A	New construction, Rescind - 06/20/2016
Agriculture Commission	5/7/2007		Established
Aiport acceptance	2/5/1942		
Airport - purchase	3/3/1941		
Airport Commission - established	9/21/1945	Appointed 1965	Acts of 1945, Ch. 93, Acts of 1965, Ch. 545
Airport Manager	5/7/1984		
Alice Mann Fund	3/4/1940		Selectmen as trustees
Animals on Streets/Sidewalks	12/2/2024		Chapter 175 VII
Armory - taken over	4/7/1975		
Assessors - Appointed	6/16/2008		Annual Town Meeting
Board of Health	11/29/1938		employ and pay someone
Brownfields Statue	9/25/2000	Ch. 59, Sec. 59A	allows to issue abatements (bylaw)
Building Code Board of Appeals	12/30/1974		Acts 1972, Ch. 802
Burned Buildings - removal	10/26/1964	Ch. 139	
Career Incentive Pay Program	3/8/1971		Acts 1970, Ch. 835
Cemetery - Central, established	3/6/1893		
Cemetery - Public burial grounds	3/6/1893		Acts of 1890, Ch. 264
Cemetery Commissioners	3/4/1889		Jones Cemetery
Cemetery Commissioners	3/6/1893		Selectmen
Cemetery Superintendent	2/6/1933		appointed by Commissioners
Certification Compensation	5/5/2003	Ch. 41, Sec. 19K & 108P	Collector/Treasurer/Town Clerk - \$1,000.
Collector - Appointed	6/16/2008		Annual Town Meeting
Commission on Disability	6/19/2017	Ch. 40, Sec 8J	Allows 5-13 members
Compensation, Fire/Police Chief	5/2/1994	Ch. 48, Sec. 57G	Rescinded 5/7/2001
Conservation Comm.-established	3/8/1971	Ch. 40, Sec. 8C	Quorum - 310CMR 10.05 (2)
Council on Aging-established	6/30/1975	Ch. 40, Sec. 8B	
Dog Control Bylaw	5/3/2004		Chap. 115 - Amended Ollies Law 6/16/2025
Early Retirement Incentive Prgrm	9/26/2002		Acts of 2002, Ch. 116
EDIC established	12/2/1996	Ch. 121C	
F.R.T.A. Revolving fund	5/1/1995		
Fees - set without TM approval	5/7/2007	Ch. 40, Sec. 22F	
Finance Comm. - appointed	2/19/1934		by Selectmen
Finance Comm. - appointed	2/15/1937		by Moderator
Fire Chief - full time	4/7/1955		
Fire Chief - full time	3/9/1964		
Fire Chief (Strong Chief)	9/26/2002	Ch. 48, Sec. 42	
Fire Dept.-Clothing Allow.	7/14/1953		
Fire prevention	2/6/1892		Regulating materials & construction
Fire Prevention Regulations	12/15/1986	Ch. 148	
Franklin Cty. Solid Waste Dist.	5/2/1989	Ch. 40, Sec. 44A-44L	
Franklin Cty. Tech, School	5/5/1986		joined
Hazardous Mat. Revolving Fund	3/2/1994	Ch. 44, Sec. 53E1/2	
Health Ins.-Retired Employee	5/7/2007	Ch. 32B, Sec. 9E	Premium less than 50%
Health Ins.-Surviving Spouse	5/7/2007	Ch. 32B, Sec. 9D 1/2	Premium less than 50%
Historical Commission-establish	4/7/1975	Ch. 40, Sec. 8D	
Housing Authority - established	6/25/1948	Ch. 121	Acts 1946, Ch.574, Acts 1948, Ch. 200
Housing Authority - established	3/11/1968	Ch. 121, Sec. 26K	
Human Resource Board	5/7/1996	Bylaw Rescinded12-2-202	Name Change, 6/21/22 amended, HR rescinded
Indemnify Municipal Officers	3/3/1980	Ch. 258, Sec. 13	Ballot Vote

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Indemnity Injury Fund	6/17/2019	Ch. 41, Sec. 11F, 4th ¶	Establish Fund
Inspector of Wires	4/12/2006	Ch. 166, Sec. 32A	Work as Electrician in Town
Inspector of Wires - appointed	3/6/1950		Acts of 1949, Ch. 529
Insurance, Employees	3/5/1956	Ch 32B, Sec. 10	Town offers insurance to employees
Insurance, Employees	3/5/1973	Ch 32B, Sec. 7A	Town pays more than 50%
Insurance, Medicare Part B	6/20/2011	Ch. 32B, Sec. 18	Shift ins. coverage to Medicare
Insurance, Retired employees		Ch 32B, Sec. 9E	Employee pays less than 50%
Insurance, Retired teachers	5/24/1972	Ch 32B, Sec. 11E	Selectmen's vote
Library Trustees - 6	3/4/1889		
Marijuana Sales Tax	1/25/2018	Ch. 64N, Sec. 3	
Moderator - elected	3/3/1924		
Mullin Rule	5/7/2007	Ch. 39, Sec. 23D	
Negligent Use of Fire	5/1/1995	Ch. 266, Sec. 9	
Noncriminal Enforcement	12/2/2024		Chapt. 175 VII of bylaws
Oath of Office	12/2/2024	Ch. 41 Sec. 107	Town Meeting Vote
OPEB Trust, Established	1/18/2024	Ch. 32B, Sec. 20	
Park Commissioners	12/8/2005		Approved at Election - 3/6/2006
Parking Fines	5/3/1982	Ch. 90, Sec. 20A1/2, 20C, 20D, 20E	
Peace Statue	2/25/2000	Ch. 38, Acts of 2000	Ofifcial Peace Statue of State
Personal Property Exemption	5/2/2005	Ch. 59, S. 5, Clause 54	Exempt up to \$10,000.
Planning Board - appointed	3/9/1964	Ch. 41, Sec. 81A	5 yr. Terms 3/14/66
Planning Board - elected	3/6/1939		
Planning Board - established	3/4/1929	Ch. 41, Sec. 70-72	Increase to 7 - 10/26/2017
Police - work week	3/11/1954	Ch. 147, Sec. 16C	5 Day work week
Police - working Holiday	3/11/1968	Ch. 147, Sec. 17A	Officers working Holidays
Police - working Holiday		Ch. 147, Sec. 17F	Chief working on holiday
Police & Fire - Vacation	3/1/1954	Ch. 41, Sec. 111D	Amount of Vacation Time
Police & Fire - Vacation	3/9/1970	Ch. 41, Sec. 111L	5 weeks Vacation after 20 years
Police Chief - Civil Service	2/17/1936		Ch. 31, Sec. 49 Tercentenary Edition G.L.
Police Chief - Civil Service			Removed 2016
Police Chief - Strong Chief	5/6/1985	Ch. 41, Sec. 97A	
Police Dept. - Civil Service	3/4/1929		Ch. 19, Sec.19, Revised Laws
Police Dept. - Civil Service	6/17/2017		Removed
Police Dept. - Vacations	3/1/1954		Also 3/7/1970
Police Mutual Aid	8/28/1989	Ch. 40, Sec. 8G	
Police Uniforms/Clothing Allow.	7/14/1953	Ch. 40, Sec. 6B	town appropriates money for purchase
Posting Town Meeting Warrant	6/3/1969		Amended locations 10/16/2003
Precincts - divide town into	8/3/1889		Acts of 1886, Ch. 264
Quinn Bill	3/8/1971		
Real Estate Exemptions	5/7/1984	Various	
Recycle Revolving Fund	5/4/1992	Ch. 44, Sec. 53E1/2	
Regional Refuse District	3/8/1993		
Regional School Comm.	4/26/1955	Ch. 71, Sec. 16-16I	
Regional Transit Authority	1/8/1979		membership
Selectmen - increase to 5	10/26/2017		10-27-2025 legislation to confirm
Sewer Charge Collection	5/1/1995	Ch. 83, Sec. 16A-16G	
Sewer Enterprise	5/1/2006		Establish Enterprise Fund
Sewer Regulations - accepted	5/7/1892		
Skate Park Revolving Fund	5/4/1998	Ch. 44, Sec. 53D	
Sprinklers	5/7/1990	Ch. 148, Sec. 26G	
Stretch Code	10/26/2017		

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Superintendent of School	3/4/1889		Acts of 1888, Ch. 431
Suspend Prop. Tax Pmt.	5/7/2007	Ch. 59	Active Military - National Guard
Tax Collector is Town Collector	7/23/1929		Collects all town accounts
Tax Title Collection	6/15/2015	Ch. 60, Sec. 15B	Revolving Fund
Towing Distribution	5/5/1980		
Town Clerk, Collect., Treas.	3/6/1939		elected for 3 years
Town Clerk, Set Fees	5/7/1990	Ch. 262, Sec. 34, 12-79	
Town Election Schedule	2/17/2011	Ch. 53, Sec. 9A	Last day to obtain Nomination papers
Town Manager form of govt.	3/4/1929		Revoked 5/23/1932
Town Meeting - date change	3/21/1977		
Town Meeting - date change	5/7/2007	Ch. 56, Acts 2008	Special legislation - 3rd Monday in June
Town Meeting - date change	10/27/2025		Special legislation - 2nd Monday in May
Town Seal - accepted	11/17/1890		
Treasurer - Appointed	6/16/2008		Annual Town Meeting
Tree Warden Appointed	10/26/2017		Change from Elected
Trustees of Soldiers' Memorials	3/1/2011	Ch. 41, Sec. 105	Elected for first time (established 06/2010)
Trustees of Soldiers' Memorials	12/28/2018	Acts of 2018, c. 336	Board of Selectmen designate representative
Tuition Payments	5/6/2002	Ch. 71, Sec. 71F	Pmts. Under control of School Comm.
Vacation Pay Advance	5/1/2003	Ch. 44, Sec. 65	Receive Vacation Pay prior to going
Veterans Dept. - established	12/21/1945		Acts of 1945, Ch. 723
Veteran's Retirement Law	12/7/1977	Ch. 32, Sec. 56-59	accepted
Veteran's Tax Exemptions	10/27/2025	Ch. 59, Sec. 5 Clause 221	accepted
Water Commissioners	4/9/1892		elected
Water Dept. By-laws	3/6/1939		
Water Dept., Enterprise Fund	5/6/2002		Enterprise fund established
Water Leins on Taxes	9/9/1991	Ch. 40, Sec 42A-42F	Allow unpaid water bills to tax bills
Water Superintendent	2/6/1933		appointed by Commissioners
Water Supply	3/26/1892		Acts of Legislature 1892
Water Supply - establish	5/23/1891		Look into establishing
Water System - operation	3/5/1894		left with Commissioners
Wheeler Ave., scenic way	4/7/1975	Ch. 40, Sec. 15C	
Work Comp. - Elected Officials	6/15/2009		approved Town Clerk by BOS vote 6/24/09
Work Comp. Reserve Fund	12/4/1995	Ch. 40, Sec. 13C	
Youth Recreation Activities	10/3/1988	Ch. 44, Sec. 53D	