

Members Sought for Douglas Conservation Commission

What is the role of the Douglas Conservation Commission?

The Conservation Commission is responsible for administering the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act (WPA). The WPA is a state law governing activities in and around local wetlands, waterways and floodplains.

What is the term of appointment?

The Conservation Commission consists of seven members appointed by the Board of Selectmen. Members serve three-year terms.

What kind of skills and abilities do you need to effectively serve on the Conservation Commission?

Douglas residents with expertise in landscape architecture, civil/environmental engineering, hydrology, ecology, or law are encouraged to apply, but such qualifications not required.

The Town of Douglas is committed to advancing a culture of antiracism, diversity, equity, and inclusion. Commission members must have the ability to work and interact effectively with individuals and groups with a variety of identities, cultures, backgrounds, and ideologies. Women, minorities, veterans, members of the LGBTQ+ community, and persons with disabilities are encouraged to apply.

When does the Conservation Commission meet?

The Commission holds two public meetings each month to review permit applications under the WPA, issue permits, and conduct other business related to the management of Douglas's natural resource areas.

How can I apply to serve on the Conservation Commission

Interested individuals may apply for this Committee through the town's

online portal at <https://douglas-ma.gov/275/Board-Committee-Openings>. A cover letter and resume may be submitted during the online application process. Paper applications are also available at the Board of Selectmen's Office at Douglas Town Hall, 29 Depot Street, Douglas MA 01516. Once your application is submitted, you will receive a confirmation email.