

LAND USE DEPARTMENT

The Land Use Department administers permitting, enforcement, inspection and public record-keeping for the Town's land use agencies. In the past year, the Department focused upon planning, education, and public outreach to build consensus among the agencies. The Department currently provides regular technical assistance to the regulatory agencies and is expanding its assistance to many advisory agencies to include: Architectural Review Board, Conservation Commission, Economic Development Commission, Harbor Management Commission, Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission, North Cove Historic Commission, Parks & Recreation Commission, Planning Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals, and Zoning Commission.

Through the Board of Selectmen, the Land Use Department brings together on a quarterly basis the chairmen of the agencies that regularly deal with land use issues. The goal is to encourage cooperation, engage communication, and promote efficiency on an intra-municipal basis. Additionally, the Department coordinates workshops to provide continuing educational opportunities for its "citizen planners" who volunteer so much of their valuable time and expertise as decision-makers in land use matters.

The Land Use Department is open from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. each weekday; the Zoning Enforcement Officer maintains office hours from 8:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m., and the Town Planner is available by appointment.

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