

Attachment E

Board and Commission Stipend Survey **(Communities listed in alphabetical order)**

Arlington

- No information in budget indicating that board and commission members receive stipends. No reference in Arlington Code of Ordinances regarding stipends to board and commission members. No reference in posted budget of stipends to listed board and commission members.
- Absent other evidence to the contrary, conclusion is that Arlington board and commission members do not receive stipends.

Belmont

- No information in budget indicating that board and commission members receive stipends. No reference in Town of Belmont General Bylaws regarding stipends to board and commission members. No reference in posted budget of stipends to listed board and commission members.
- Absent other evidence to the contrary, conclusion is that Belmont board and commission members do not receive stipends.

Boston:

Planning Board:

- Under Chapter 652 of the Acts of 1960, the City Planning Board was abolished, and the staff was transferred to the Boston Redevelopment Authority (BRA), and the functions, duties, and responsibilities for general city planning were assumed by the Authority.
- Members receive stipends. However, the website and City published materials do not list the amount.

ZBA:

- 7 members, appointed by the Mayor for a term of three years.
- Members and alternate members receive a stipend of \$200 per day of service, up to a maximum of \$24,000 per year.

Historic Board:

- Boston does not have a single Historic Board. Instead, it has a variety of boards focusing on neighborhoods or other historic focuses.
- Example: Beacon Hill Architectural Commission review proposed exterior alterations.
- 10 members, appointed by Mayor and state, appointed for a term of five years.
- Members and alternate members receive no stipends.
- Other Boston historic boards also do not receive stipends.

Conservation Commission:

- 7 members, appointed by the Mayor for a term of three years.
- Members and alternate members do not receive stipends.

Lowell

Planning Board:

- Lowell Code of Ordinances, Part I, Art. V, §9-16 – “The members of the Planning Board shall be compensated at an annual rate to be determined from time to time by the City Council.”
- FY23 Proposed Budget – Chair, \$1,400 (annual); Members, \$1,000 (annual), Associate Members, \$200 (annual).

ZBA:

- Lowell Code of Ordinances, Part 1, Art. II, §9-3.
- No reference in Lowell Zoning Code.
- M.G.L. c. 40A, §12 - §17. No reference to stipend.
- FY23 Proposed Budget – Chair, \$1,400 (annual); Members, \$1,000 (annual), Associate Members, \$200 (annual).

Historic Board:

- Special Acts of 1983, Ch. 566 – An Act Establishing the Downtown Lowell Historic District and the Lowell Historic Board.
 - § 5: “Members of the board are hereby deemed special municipal employees for purposes of chapter two hundred and sixty-eight A of the General Laws. All staff members or other employees of the board shall be city employees. Members of the board, staff members, and other employees of the board shall not be subject to the provisions of chapter thirty-one of the General Laws.”
 - No other reference to issuance of stipends.
- No stipend to Historic Board members. No reference in FY23 budget.

Conservation Commission:

- Special Acts of 1957, Chapter 223 (M.G.L. c. 40, §8C) “An Act Authorizing Cities and Towns to Establish Conservation Commission to Promote the Development of Natural Resources and to Appropriate Money Therefor.” Accepted October 4, 1960.
- No reference to stipends in special act or ordinance.
- FY23 Proposed Budget – Chair, \$1,400 (annual); Members, \$1,000 (annual).

Medford

Planning Board:

- Known as Community Development Board in Medford.
- 7 members, 6 appointed by Mayor, 1 appointed by the state.
- Mayor appointed members: \$900 stipend (annual).
- State appointed member: No stipend.

ZBA:

- 3-5 members.
- \$1,500 stipend (annual).

- One member is listed on Medford website as receiving a \$2,000 stipend (annual). ZBA decisions list member as alternate. Basis unclear for additional \$500 added to this stipend.

Historic Board:

- Not less than 3, not more than 7 members.
- No stipend.

Conservation Commission:

- Not less than 3, not more than 7 members.
- \$600 stipend (annual).
- \$650 (annual) for co-chair.

Somerville

Planning Board:

- FY21 Positions Listing – Planning Board Chair, Total Stipend \$6,224.28 (annual), Weekly Base, \$518.69; Planning Board Member, Total Stipend \$5,943.96 (annual), Weekly Base, \$495.33.

ZBA:

- FY21 Positions Listing – ZBA Board Chair, Total Stipend \$6,224.28 (annual), Weekly Base, \$518.69; ZBA Member, Total Stipend \$5,943.96 (annual), Weekly Base, \$495.33.

Historic Board:

- No stipend to Historic Board members. No reference in budget.

Conservation Commission:

- No stipend to Conservation Commission members. No reference in budget.

Watertown

- No information in budget indicating that board and commission members receive stipends. No reference in Watertown Code of Ordinances regarding stipends to board and commission members. No reference in posted budget of stipends to listed board and commission members.
- Absent other evidence to the contrary, conclusion is that Watertown board and commission members do not receive stipends.

Worcester

Planning Board:

- 5 members, appointed by the City Manager for a term of five years.
- Section 20 of Worcester Code of Ordinances silent on stipends.
- No data found in annual budget of stipend for board member.

- Absent other evidence to the contrary, conclusion is that Worcester board and commission members do not receive stipends.

ZBA:

- 5 members, appointed by the City Manager for a term of five years. 2 Associate Members, appointed by the City Manager for a term of five years.
- Section 21 of Worcester Code of Ordinances silent on stipends.
- No data found in annual budget of stipend for board member.
- Absent other evidence to the contrary, conclusion is that Worcester board and commission members do not receive stipends.

Historic Board:

- 7 members, appointed by the City Manager for a term of three years. 2 alternates, appointed by City Manager for a term of three years.
- Section 14 of Worcester Code of Ordinances silent on stipends.
- No data found in annual budget of stipend for board member.
- Absent other evidence to the contrary, conclusion is that Worcester board and commission members do not receive stipends.

Conservation Commission:

- 7 members, appointed by the City Manager for a term of three years.
- Section 13 of Worcester Code of Ordinances silent on stipends.
- No data found in annual budget of stipend for board member.
- Absent other evidence to the contrary, conclusion is that Worcester board and commission members do not receive stipends.