§ 50-3 Membership; terms; vacancies; Historic Commission

A. Said Commission shall consist of up to nine (9) members, appointed by the Board of Selectmen with a minimum of at least one of whom shall be the Municipal Historian (also known as the "Town Historian"). The terms of the nine regular members shall be as follows: three members' terms expire December 31, 2024; three members' terms expire December 31, 2025; and three members' terms expire December 31, 2026. Thereafter, the terms of all members appointed shall be for three years. The Town Manager may, for a period not to exceed one year, fill any vacancy for the balance of the term of such vacant position. "Vacancy," as used herein, shall be deemed to result upon the expiration of the term of a member or the resignation, removal from the Town of Winchester, or the death of any member. Nothing herein shall prohibit reappointment by the Board of Selectmen of a member at the expiration of their current term. All members shall be electors of the Town of Winchester and shall serve without pay.

SECTION I: DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES:

1) Historic Commission with the assistance of the Town Historian(s) shall promote an awareness of and an appreciation for the Town’s history by the following methods: through research, writing, and public speaking; through publications, projects, exhibits, displays, celebrations; and commemorations; through the maintenance of plaques, markers, and monuments; and through the preparation of classroom aids, guides, workshops, and training.

2) Historic Commission with the assistance of the Town Historian(s) shall advise the Town government on historical issues and subjects, including historical objects, structures, sites, districts, preservation, and National Register properties.

3) Historic Commission with the assistance of the Town Historian(s) shall serve as a liaison among the Town’s museums, libraries, and historical organizations, and with similar outside groups, to encourage historical coordination, cooperation, and resource-sharing, as well as maintaining a reference library of historical information and serving as a central referral point for informational inquiries.

Members of the Historic Commission shall serve without compensation.
B. Honorary Town Historian position; advisory to the Historic
Commission

Be it ordained by the body of the Town of Winchester – Historic Commission:

SECTION I: PURPOSE
1) Pursuant to Section 7-148(c)(5)(d) of the Connecticut General Statutes, Town Historian(s) shall be appointed to promote a knowledge, appreciation, and dissemination of Town history.

SECTION II: QUALIFICATIONS
1) Town Historian(s) shall be a legal resident and elector of the Town
2) Town Historian(s) shall be qualified by a knowledge of Town history as well as general state and American history, by a knowledge of historical research, and by good writing and speaking skills.

SECTION III: TERM OF OFFICE & METHOD OF APPOINTMENT
1) Town Historian(s) shall be appointed to a term of three years by the Board of Selectmen. The same person may be reappointed for additional terms.
2) A vacancy in the position of Town Historian shall be appointed by the Historic Commission and confirmation by the Board of Selectmen for the unexpired portion of the term vacated.

Town Historian shall serve without compensation.

Expenditure of public funds.
No person shall have the right to expend any public funds of the Town in carrying out any activity authorized by this article without prior approval by the Board of Selectmen, nor shall any person have the right to bind the Town by contract, agreement or otherwise without prior approval of the Town Council.

Construal with other legislation.
This article shall not be construed to conflict with any federal or state statutes, the Charter, rules, regulations, or Town ordinances.