

Library Board

Legislative Reference:

State: CGS 11-21, 11-32 through 11-34, 11-37.

Town: previously in 1987 Charter Sec. 5.9 and 7.8; the 2008 Charter Revision Commission Final Report noted that the Board is being utilized as an advisory panel and the library is being operated as a town department. It recommended that the Council formalize the status of the Board as an advisory board.

Other Bylaws and/or Rules of Procedure: Bylaws.

Type: Statutory, advisory, and permanent.

Geographic Responsibility:

Town of Groton, specifically the Groton Public Library. Two other libraries also serve the Town but are governed by their own Boards of Trustees.

History: The Library Board first appeared in the original 1957 Charter. This was about the time that the Groton Public Library was established at 2 Fort Hill Road as recommended by a Library Committee.

Powers and Duties:

General: The Library Board is an advocate for the Groton Public Library. The Library Board plans, proposes, reviews and adopts policies, practices and procedures for the government of the Library. In the absence of other provisions, the Board has such powers as are or may be imposed or vested in library boards by CGS. Members of the Library Board serve without compensation but are reimbursed for expenses incurred in the performance of their duties; expenses must be approved by the Board prior to being incurred.

Specific: The Library Board meets to review public comments, communications, monthly bills and statistics. At each meeting, the Library Board receives the Director's report and conducts business as specified by the agenda for the good of the community.

Appointing Authority: Town Council. (1987 Charter 5.9.1)

Term of Office: Three (3) years, staggered. (1987 Charter 5.9.1)

Membership:

Number: Nine (9) members. (1987 Charter 5.9.1)

Requirements: Resident electors.

Meeting Schedule and Location:

Monthly at the Groton Public Library.

Staff: Library Director.

Records: Located at the Groton Public Library.

Further information:

Groton Public Library: 441-6750; located on Rte 117.