



## APPLICATION FOR BOARDS, COMMITTEES, & COMMISSIONS

The Borough is always looking for residents who are willing to work and dedicate time to our volunteer boards. Please complete this form to express your interest in serving and being appointed to any of the below. You can mail in the form to the Municipal Building. You can also access this form on the Borough website [www.watchungnj.gov](http://www.watchungnj.gov) and send it via email to [egil@watchungnj.gov](mailto:egil@watchungnj.gov)

Please send this completed form to:

Borough Clerk  
Borough of Watchung  
15 Mountain Boulevard  
Watchung, NJ 07069

Date of Application: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile or Best Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Profession or Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Check those that interest you:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Board of Adjustment      | <input type="checkbox"/> Board of Health          | <input type="checkbox"/> Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)* |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> Green Team               | <input type="checkbox"/> Historical Committee                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Library Advisory         | <input type="checkbox"/> Municipal Alliance       | <input type="checkbox"/> Planning Board                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Recreation Commission    | <input type="checkbox"/> Traffic & Beautification | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Services Commission                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____              |   |  |

I have the following experience, skills, talents or special interests:

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## **BOARDS, COMMITTEES, AND COMMISSIONS**

### **BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT (ZONING)**

Created in accordance with State requirements. This board has the powers granted by Municipal Land Use Law N.J.S.A. 40:55D-1 et seq.

### **BOARD OF HEALTH**

The Board of Health in partnership with the Middle Brook Regional Health Commission provides for the provision of certain health services to the Borough.

### **\*COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (CERT)**

CERT helps train people to be better prepared to respond to emergency situations in their communities. CERT members can give critical support to first responders, provide immediate assistance to victims, and organize spontaneous volunteers at a disaster site. Volunteers **MUST** complete mandatory 26-hour training prior to joining. Classes are held each Spring and Fall.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION**

This Commission exists for the protection, development or use of natural resources located within the Borough. They have the power to conduct research into the use and possible use of the open land areas of the Borough and may coordinate the activities of unofficial bodies organized for similar purposes, and may advertise, prepare, print and distribute books, maps, charts, plans and pamphlets which, in its judgment, it deems necessary for its purposes.

### **GREEN TEAM ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

The Green Team was established to promote efforts to ensure Watchung is a sustainable community. Sustainable policies and practices seek the long-term viability of the borough by saving tax dollars, conserving energy, reducing the community's carbon footprint and natural resource consumption, and providing for the health and safety of residents.

### **HISTORICAL COMMITTEE**

This Committee seeks to preserve and protect the history of the Borough. The Committee maintains the Texier House as a local museum containing all artifacts and material pertaining to the history of the Borough. The Committee conducts programs as

necessary to educate citizens on the colorful history of this area and to encourage resident participation.

### **LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

This Committee acts as a liaison between the Borough of Watchung and the Somerset County Library Commission and performs such other functions as deemed appropriate for the continuation of a public library within the Borough.

### **PLANNING BOARD**

The Planning Board is created in accordance with State requirements and has the powers granted to it by Municipal Land Use Law N.J.S.A. 40:55D-1 et seq.

### **RECREATION COMMISSION**

This Commission is tasked with supervising all public playgrounds and recreation facilities and activities of the Borough, and may cause surveys to be made to be submitted to the Mayor and Council with recommendations for the improvement, maintenance or expansion of recreation facilities in the Borough. The Recreation Commission shall also work with the Environmental Commission, whose responsibilities also include the acquisition of property for open space, environmental or recreational purposes, and the Historical Committee, whose responsibilities also include matters pertaining to historic sites.

### **TRAFFIC AND BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION**

This Commission is tasked with rendering advice to the Mayor and Council concerning the planting, care and control of shade and ornamental trees, shrubbery and other landscaping upon and in the public streets, highways, public buildings and parks within the Borough. The Commission shall recruit and direct organizational and individual interest in the aesthetic improvement of the Borough.

### **YOUTH SERVICES COMMISSION**

The purpose of this Commission is to bring together community representatives in government, education, law enforcement, recreation and interested citizens to serve as a planning and enabling agency for the development and coordination of youth services to at-risk students in the Borough of Watchung.

*Watchung has a Volunteer based Fire Department and Rescue Squad. Please visit our website for further details if you are interested in joining them.*