

Planning Commission

Appointed By: Mayor/Confirmed by Town Council

Length of term: Three years.

Meetings: Second Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Duties: Serves in an advisory capacity to the Mayor and Town Council with respect to the best methods of administering the growth, development, and expansion of the Town. May recommend changes to the Town's Comprehensive Plan or land use regulations. Hold hearings if required and cause the preparation of reports to the Town Council on land use applications or proposed regulations, which require Planning Commission review as provided by Washington State law. The Planning Commission has all the powers and duties as specified in RCW 35A.63.030.

Current Commission Members (5 Members of which 2 must be Town residents): Traci Day, Resident, Vacant, Resident, Tarrie Darwood, Peter Day and Carl Hubert

Planning Commission Upcoming Projects: Develop sign ordinance for Town; Recommend updates to Recreation & Trails Plan; Give input on Shoreline Management Plan; and administrative processes for new land use regulations.

Board of Adjustments

Appointed by: Mayor/Confirmed by Town Council

Length of Term: Two or three year terms

Meeting: As needed,

Duties – The Board of Adjustments shall have all of the powers and perform each and all of the duties allowed by RCW 35.63.080 and conferred upon them by the Twisp zoning ordinance, now and as hereafter amended, together with any other duties or authorities which may hereafter be conferred upon them by proper and lawful action of the Town Council as authorized by the laws of the State of Washington, and subject to each and all limitations expressed in such Town ordinances or in such State legislative enactments, now or as hereafter amended.

Current Board Members: John Bonica, Elva Scott, Sharon Ellinger, Barry Stromberger – 1 Vacant position.

Park & Recreation Commission

Appointed By: Town Mayor/Confirmed by Town Council – Inclusive of one member of the Twisp Planning Commission

Length of term: Three years

Meetings: As Needed

Duties: The commission shall be advisory to the Town Council and Mayor regarding the general planning, supervision and control of all parks, recreational facilities and recreational programs of the Town of Twisp. The commission may advise regarding: the development of recreation programs and park and recreational facilities, the conduct of any form of recreation, the management of all parks, grounds, promotion, needs assessment, surveys and program evaluation, acquisition, development, maintenance and operation; and recommendations regarding entering into written contracts with the United States, the state, county or city, town park or recreation district or other entity or organization for the purpose of conducting a recreational program or exercising any duty of this chapter.

Current Commission Members - The first position shall be a member of the Twisp planning commission. The second, third and fourth positions shall be from citizens who reside in the town of Twisp; the fifth position shall be at large from a citizen who resides within the boundaries of the Methow Valley School District No. 350 with a strong interest in parks and recreation programs, services, and planning. Council members from the park and recreation council committee will serve as liaisons to the board.

Currently Re-establishing 5 person Commission

Tree Board

Appointed By: Mayor

Length of Term: No term

Meeting: As needed

Duties:

To develop a written plan complying with Tree City USA status and make recommendations for the care, preservation, planting, removal, and disposition of trees and shrubs in parks, public property, and rights-of-way; develop information and procedures to encourage preservation and establishment of trees on public property; and to perform such other tasks as may from time to time be directed by the Mayor and/or the Town Council.

Current Board Members (5 Members of which 3 must be Twisp residents): Dwight Filer – Chairman, Melissa Larsen, Carl Hubert and Gary Kominak

Twisp Volunteer Fire Department

Our Organization -The fire department is a volunteer organization, including the fire chief and all officers. The fire department is responsible for district, structure and wild land fires response, apparatus maintenance, equipment maintenance, public education. Firefighters attend weekly drills and other certification training and respond to emergency calls within the town and district when available. Weekly training and drills are generally provided on Thursday nights. Volunteers are those members who are dedicated to the community and who are willing to train regularly, respond when available.

Benefits - In addition to the monetary stipend for calls and meetings our volunteers are covered by the Board for Volunteer Firefighters Relief and Pension Fund, which includes a disability and death insurance and a pension plan.

Qualifications - Must be at least 18 unless in the Junior Fire Fighter Program; Able physically and mentally to perform routine fire fighting tasks; Be able to maintain attendance for training and respond to calls; and Must pass criminal history background check.

Training - We provide our firefighters with training that meets NFPA standards and Interagency Standard Operating Procedures. Our training program is designed to provide the basics and then reinforce and expand on those basics. Training opportunities include: Firefighter I & II, First Responder Training, Wildland Firefighting Tactics and Skills, Interagency Cooperative Efforts, Incident Command System, Local Needs and Concerns. We provide all members with training and travel reimbursement when training is out-of-town (per policy).

Contact - Call Twisp Town Hall at 509-997-4081 during business hours and your information will be forwarded to the Fire Chief or come to a meeting at 7:00 pm on Thursday nights.



Town of Twisp Council, Boards and Commissions

Volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy. You vote in elections once a year, but when you volunteer, you vote every day about the kind of community you want to live in. *Unknown*