

The Brighton Historic Preservation Commission

What is the Historic Preservation Commission?

The Brighton Historic Preservation Commission is the seven member commission that is responsible for identifying and designating historic landmarks. The Commission also regulates exterior changes to designated historic properties.

When was the Commission established?

The Brighton Historic Preservation Commission was established, by local law, in 1995 to identify, designate and protect historically and architecturally significant properties in the Town of Brighton.

What is a “Brighton landmark”? A “landmark” is a building, site, property or object that has been designated by the Brighton Historic Preservation Commission because it has a special character or special historical or architectural values as part of the development, heritage or cultural characteristics of the town, state or nation.



Who are the members of the Commission?

Pursuant to the Brighton Historic Preservation Law, the seven Commissioners generally includes at least one architect and two historic property owners. The other members should possess a demonstrated interest in, competence in and knowledge of historic preservation. Commissioners serve without compensation and are appointed by the Town Board for three year terms. The Chairman is appointed by the Town Board.

What are the Commissioners' duties? The Commissioners generally meet at least once per month for public hearings and public meetings, usually the fourth Thursday of the month. At these meetings, they address Commission policies; review, discuss and vote on landmark designations and applications to make changes to designated properties. Sub-committees of Commissioners may be created to review particular items and to make recommendations to the full Commission.

Who are the Town staff that assist the Commission? The Commission's staff includes the Secretary, the Town Attorney and Town Historian.

How can I learn more about the Brighton Historic Prevention Commission and landmark designation? If you would like more information, write the Brighton Historic Preservation Commission at Brighton Town Hall, 2300 Elmwood Avenue, Rochester, NY 14618; contact the Preservation Commission Secretary at the Brighton Building and Planning office at 784-5229; or the Historian, Mary Jo Lanphear at 784-5238.

If you are interested in serving on the Brighton Historic Preservation Commission, contact the Commission Secretary at 784-5229.