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Reasons to change nominating organizations

- Remove Private Corporations from the nominating process
- More compatible with State Enabling Act – Chapter 40C
- Museum and Library own property in historic districts
- Eliminates any appearance of conflict of interest
- Priorities of private organizations may not align with town goals
- Historical Commission and Local Cultural Council have a town wide interest in preservation of the fabric and culture of Concord

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Town Meeting handout with revised Bylaw – Part 1

Section 4. Creation and Organization of Historic Districts Commission

There is hereby created in the Town of Concord an Historic Districts Commission consisting of five unpaid members who shall be residents of the Town of Concord, to be appointed by the Selectmen of the Town. 1 member shall be appointed from 1 of 2 candidates nominated by the **Concord Historical Commission**, the term of such member will expire in the case of the first appointment 1 year from January first following the year of that appointment and every 5 years thereafter. 1 member shall be appointed from 1 of 2 candidates nominated by the **Concord Local Cultural Council**, the term of such member will expire in the case of the first appointment 2 years from January first following the year of that appointment and every 5 years thereafter. 1 member shall be appointed from 1 of 2 candidates nominated by the Concord Planning Board; the term of such member will expire in the case of the first appointment 3 years from January first following the year of that appointment and every 5 years thereafter. 1 member shall be appointed from 1 of 2 candidates nominated by the Concord Natural Resources Commission; the term of such member will expire in the case of the first appointment four years from January first following the year of that appointment and every 5 years thereafter. 1 member shall be appointed at large by the Selectmen; the term of such member will expire 5 years from January first following the year of that appointment and every 5 years thereafter.

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The Selectmen also shall appoint for terms of 5 years from January first following the year of such appointments 5 associate members of the commission selected from candidates nominated by the aforesaid organization, trustees, planning board and commission, each such organization, trustees, board and commission to nominate 2 each when 2 or more associate members are to be appointed and to nominate 1 each when only 1 associate member is to be appointed. In case of the absence, inability to act, or interest on the part of a member of the commission his place may be taken by an associate member designated by the chairman of the commission. In case of a vacancy on said commission the chairman may designate an associate member to serve as a member of the commission until said vacancy is filled as provided in this Section. As the term of any member or associate member expires, his successor shall be appointed in like manner for a term of 5 years. Vacancies in the commission shall be filled in the same manner for the unexpired term. Every member and associate member shall continue in office after the expiration of his term until his successor is duly appointed and qualified. Any member or associate member may be removed for cause by the appointing authority upon written charges and after a public hearing. If the **Concord Local Cultural Council**, the Planning Board, the Natural Resources Commission, or the **Concord Historical Commission**, fail to nominate candidates in accordance with this section within 90 days of a written request by the Select Board for nominees, the Select Board may proceed with an appointment to fill the vacancy.

The commission shall elect a chairman and secretary from its membership. In the case of absence of the chairman from any meeting, the commission shall elect a chairman pro tempore for such meeting.

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