
By Mr. Galvin, petition of Matthew Brown and others for legislation to establish a park and recreation commission in the town of Brookline. Towns.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-Three.

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION IN THE TOWN OF BROOKLINE.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of any general
2 law, special law or by-law, the Town of Brookline shall estab-
3 lish a Park and Recreation Commission, hereinafter called the
4 Commission, consisting of seven (7) members.

1 SECTION 2. Upon the initial appointment and qualification
2 of the members of the Commission as herein provided, the
3 Commission shall have all the powers, duties and trusts now
4 conferred or imposed by by-law and those now and from time
5 to time conferred or imposed by general or special law in the
6 Board of Park Commissioners and in the Recreation Commis-
7 sion. The Park and Recreation Commission shall have such
8 added powers and duties with respect to parks and recreation
9 as the town may from time to time by by-law provide, any
10 other provisions of law to the contrary notwithstanding.

1 SECTION 3. The members of the Commission shall be ap-
2 pointed by the Selectmen. Upon the initial appointment and
3 qualification of the members of the Commission, the terms of
4 office of the members of the Board of Park Commissioners and
5 the members of the Recreation Commission shall terminate.
6 The Selectmen shall initially appoint two (2) members for
7 terms of one year, two (2) members for terms of two years,

8 and three (3) members for terms of three years, respectively,
9 from the first Monday of May next following such appointment
10 and until the qualification of their respective successors; and
11 thereafter the Selectmen shall annually, before the first Mon-
12 day of May, appoint such number of Commissioners whose
13 terms have then expired, for a term of three years from the
14 first Monday of May. A vacancy in the Commission shall be
15 filled in like manner for the residue of an unexpired term. The
16 members of the Commission shall serve without compensation.

1 SECTION 4. The employees of the Board of Park Commis-
2 sioners and of the Recreation Commission shall, upon the
3 initial appointment and qualification of the members of the
4 Commission, become employees of the Park and Recreation
5 Commission without loss of pay, seniority, retirement or pen-
6 sion rights, or any other privileges under any provisions of law
7 or by-law.

1 SECTION 5. The present incumbent Superintendent of the
2 Park Department and the present incumbent Superintendent of
3 Recreation shall, upon the initial appointment and qualifica-
4 tion of the members of the Commission, and thereafter, have
5 such duties and responsibilities as the Commission may assign
6 and impose without loss of pay and without loss of rights
7 under the laws and rules relating to Civil Service. Upon the
8 cessation or failure of either or both of said incumbents to
9 serve, the Commission may appoint a Director of Parks and
10 Recreation (hereinafter called the Director) and not more than
11 two Division Heads who shall have such powers and responsi-
12 bilities as the Commission may assign or impose. Except for
13 the present incumbent Superintendent of the Park Department
14 and the present incumbent Superintendent of Recreation (1)
15 the Director and the Division Heads shall not be subject to the
16 laws, rules and regulations pertaining to Civil Service, and (2)
17 the Director and the Division Heads shall be appointed an-
18 nually by the Commission for the term of one year and until
19 the qualification of their respective successors and may be re-
20 moved at any time by the Commission when, in the judgment
21 of the Commission, the public interest so requires, and any

22 vacancy from any cause may be filled by appointment by the
23 Commission for the remainder of an unexpired term.

1 SECTION 6. No contracts or liabilities existing at the time
2 of the initial appointment and qualification of the members of
3 the Commission shall be affected thereby, but the Park and
4 Recreation Commission shall be in all respects and for all pur-
5 poses whatsoever the lawful successor to the Board of Park
6 Commissioners and the Recreation Commission.

1 SECTION 7. This act shall take full effect upon its accept-
2 ance by the town of Brookline by a majority vote of the Town
3 Meeting Members present and voting thereon at an annual or
4 special representative Town Meeting called for the purpose
5 within two years of the passage of this act but not otherwise.

The following is a list of the names of the persons who have been elected to the office of the President of the United States since the year 1789. The names are listed in chronological order, and the year of their election is given in parentheses. The names are: George Washington (1789), John Adams (1797), Thomas Jefferson (1801), James Madison (1809), James Monroe (1817), John Quincy Adams (1825), Andrew Jackson (1829), Martin Van Buren (1837), William Henry Harrison (1841), John Tyler (1845), Zachary Taylor (1849), Franklin Pierce (1853), James Buchanan (1857), Abraham Lincoln (1861), Andrew Johnson (1865), Ulysses S. Grant (1869), Rutherford B. Hayes (1877), James A. Garfield (1881), Chester A. Arthur (1881), Grover Cleveland (1885), Benjamin Harrison (1889), William McKinley (1897), Theodore Roosevelt (1901), William Howard Taft (1909), Woodrow Wilson (1913), Warren G. Harding (1921), Calvin Coolidge (1923), Herbert Hoover (1929), Franklin D. Roosevelt (1933), Dwight D. Eisenhower (1953), John F. Kennedy (1961), Lyndon B. Johnson (1963), Richard M. Nixon (1969), Gerald R. Ford (1974), Jimmy Carter (1977), Ronald Reagan (1981), George H. W. Bush (1989), Bill Clinton (1993), George W. Bush (2001), Barack Obama (2009), Donald Trump (2017).