
FAIR HOUSING COMMITTEE

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There shall be established a Fair Housing Committee consisting of:

- A Fair Housing Officer
- Member of the Board of Selectmen or its designee
- Member of the Housing Authority or its designee
- Member of the Planning Board or its designee
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- Minority residents of the Town
- Local citizens with an interest or expertise in Fair Housing issues

Each Committee which is represented on the Fair Housing Committee shall choose the Committee member who shall serve on the Fair Housing Committee. All other members of the Fair Housing Committee shall be appointed to serve for a period of one year or until a successor is appointed and qualified by the Board of Selectmen. The Board shall appoint the Chairman of the Committee. The Committee shall be appointed within thirty days of the date on which this plan is adopted by the Board of Selectmen.

SUMMARY

Milton's relatively low minority population is not evenly distributed throughout the Town; the minorities who live in Milton are found, predominantly, in the north/central section of the Town. The reasons for this pattern are not at all obvious. The Fair Housing Committee shall study this pattern to determine if illegal banking, insurance, and realty practices - such as "redlining", "blue lining", and "steering" -- have caused or contributed to the existing pattern. The Committee shall also examine areas of the Town with few or no minority residents to determine if equal access to housing exists without regard to race. The Committee shall consult with the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination for assistance in developing additional steps to abolish any illegal housing practices and assure equal access to housing throughout the Town.