

Bloomfield Design Review Board (BDRB)

1. There shall be established a Bloomfield Design Review Board (BDRB) appointed by the Mayor, which shall consist of five to seven (5-7) members chosen based on their qualifications and experience in design review professions, including, but not necessarily limited to: planning architecture, landscape architecture, historic preservation, and engineering. Citizens with a basic understanding, or demonstrated interest in these areas, may also be considered.
2. Members shall serve for two year terms beginning on July 1 and ending on June 30; the initial appointments shall serve until June 30, 2020. This subsection notwithstanding, members shall serve until their successors are duly appointed.
3. The BDRD will receive and respond to referrals from the Town Plan and Zoning Commission pursuant to the provisions set forth for the Village District consultant in the Zoning Regulations and the Village District Act (Sec. 8-2j of the Connecticut General Statutes). The BDRB may also receive and respond to referrals from the Town Council and Administration for any public or private building projects located in the Town Center, or elsewhere, deemed by the Town Council or Administration to benefit from such review.
4. The Board's recommendations shall be advisory only. All recommendations shall be made in the form of a written report conveyed to the requesting town authority and the project applicant.
5. The BDRD shall elect a chairman and such other officers from its members as deemed necessary.
6. The BDRB shall meet as needed to receive and discuss referrals. The BDRB may establish a regular date for such meetings if so desired.
7. The BDRB may, upon request from individuals seeking to redevelop or upgrade existing properties, meet to discuss and advise on projects prior to submission of a formal application.
8. The BDRB shall from time to time review the Design Review Guidelines currently existing for the Town Center District and recommend changes that would update vision goals and enhance the design review process.
9. The BDRD may from time to time recommend to the Town Plan and Zoning Commission other areas in the Town of Bloomfield that might benefit from required design review and shall advise as to appropriate guidelines that may be applied to such review.
10. The BDRB shall advise the Town Plan and Zoning Commission with respect to any proposed amendments to regulations in the Town Center that may have design implications.
11. The Town Manager shall make available necessary and appropriate staff assistance to facilitate the operation of the Design Review Board.
12. The Mayor, as Town Council leader, may remove any member of the BDRB for cause and shall fill any vacancies on the Board.