The Burlington Board of Selectmen agreed to appoint a committee to conduct a review of Burlington's current municipal government structure to determine if change is needed in order to make the operation more effective and efficient. At this time the Board of Selectmen is seeking residents and others active with the Town to submit their names for consideration using the supplied application.

The current government was created through special legislation in 1970. Burlington has a representative Town Meeting form of government with a five-member Board of Selectmen acting as the chief elected official. The Town elects a Town Moderator, Treasurer/Collector, Town Clerk, Planning Board, Board of Health, Board of Assessors, Recreation Commission, Library Trustees, Constables, School Committee and regional school committee representatives.

The Selectmen's departments are managed day-to-day by an appointed Town Administrator who also has financial and personnel responsibilities across the organization. The elected boards appoint their own staff within their departments. There are a number of committees appointed by the Town Moderator and Town Administrator who assist in the functioning of the municipal government.

The Committee will be formed in early 2018 and will be asked to complete its work in a diligent fashion so that the Board of Selectmen can give due consideration as to whether steps will be needed to implement any recommendations.

If you are interested in being considered for appointment, please complete the application on the following link. In the comment section near the bottom, state that you are applying for the Government Review Committee.


You may mail the completed application to Betty McDonough, Office Manager, Selectmen's Office, Town Hall, 29 Center Street, Burlington, MA 01803 or email the application to: bmcdonough@burlington.org

Thank you for your consideration.