

Poet Laureate Committee

- Term of members shall be two years, concurrent with Board of Selectmen
- Comprised of up to six members, who are current residents of Woodstock, having resided in town for at least one year
- Four members of the committee will each be assigned to represent the interests of one of the existing libraries in Woodstock (May, North, West, and Bracken).
- Proposed Mission- To review potential applicants and recommend a Poet Laureate to the Board of Selectmen to appoint before the start of each term. Work with and support the current Poet Laureate in their designated roles, responsibilities, and expectations set forth by the position.

Town of Woodstock- Board of Selectmen Resolution for the Establishment of Position of Poet Laureate

Resolved, that the position of Poet Laureate is hereby established in the Town of Woodstock. The title of the position shall be “Woodstock Poet Laureate.” The administration of the position of Poet Laureate shall be under the direction of the Poet Laureate Committee of the Town of Woodstock.

Resolved, that the roles, responsibilities, and qualifications of the Poet Laureate be as follows:

- Roles and responsibilities including but not limited to:
 - Implement in conjunction with the Poet Laureate Committee a community outreach and education program to encourage the appreciation, writing, reading, and performance of poetry within the Town of Woodstock.
 - Participate in events each year to encourage the writing, reading, and performance of poetry by providing public poetry readings, workshops, lectures, and/or presentations.
 - Promote literacy through poetry and foster the development of a youth poetry initiative with the goal of providing a system and platform for emerging young poets to present their works in conjunction with the Woodstock Libraries and Town events.
 - Commemorate the Town of Woodstock by composing poetry that speaks to, for, and of our town.
- Qualifications including but not limited to:
 - A current resident of Woodstock having resided in town for at least one year
 - Eighteen years of age or older
 - Excellence in poetry as evidenced by submitted samples of work
 - Excellence in profession as evidence by a history of publications in journals and/or books, awards, honors, fellowships, and/or recognitions

- Advancement of poetry in the Woodstock area as demonstrated by a history of activity in the area's literary community through teachings, readings, publications, and/or public presentations
- Nominees may not be on Woodstock Boards/Committees, or Staff
- As an official representative of the Town of Woodstock, the Poet Laureate must maintain primary residence during the term.

In Addition, the Poet Laureate shall serve a term of two years, concurrent with the Board of Selectmen term. Poet Laureates may serve one additional consecutive term, as recommended by the Poet Laureate Committee.

Be It Further Known, that the position of Woodstock Poet Laureate is an honorary position, and the individual shall not receive any monetary compensation from the Library or Town. The Town of Woodstock and all its libraries shall retain the license to use, reproduce, and compile any work created for the Town by the Poet Laureate in their official capacity; and that the selection of the Poet Laureate shall be made based on the qualifications set forth above. The selection of the Poet Laureate shall be made by the Poet Laureate Committee. A Poet Laureate may be self-nominated or be nominated by a current Woodstock resident to the Poet Laureate Committee. The Poet Laureate shall be recommended by the Poet Laureate Committee and appointed by the Board of Selectmen.