



Town of Wenham Citizens Leadership Academy



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What is a citizens academy?



- Opportunity for residents to learn about services and functions of each department or board/committee
- New residents can become familiar with town personnel and services
- Long-time residents can gain fresh perspective and learn about different areas of town government than what they've previously experienced
- Teaches residents about volunteer and leadership opportunities

Wenham's Citizens Academy



- 10 weekly sessions
- September 28th – December 7th
- 10-15 residents
- Wednesdays 6:30 – 8:00 pm
- Kick-off at 6:30 on September 28th
 - Selectmen's Meeting Room

Program schedule



- **Day 1: Getting to know Town Government**
September 28th – Peter Lombardi, Selectmen
- **Day 2: Budget and Financials**
October 5th – Leslie Davidson, Steve Ozahowski
- **Day 3: Public Works**
October 12th – Bill Tyack, Erik Mansfield, Win Mulry, Gary Cheeseman
- **Day 4: COA and Eastern Essex District of Veterans Services**
October 19th– Jim Reynolds, Karen Tyler

Program schedule



- **Day 5: Fire Department**

October 26th – Chief Blanchard and Fire Dept.

- **Day 6: Police Department**

November 2nd – Chief Perkins and Police Dept.

- **Day 7: Land Use/Permitting**

November 9th – Margaret Hoffman, Jackie Bresnahan

- **Day 8: Library and Recreation**

November 16th - Jan Dempsey, Sean Timmons

Program schedule



- **Day 9: Boards and Committees**

November 30th – Various Boards & Committees, Selectmen, Peter Lombardi, Nicci Roebuck, Dianne Bucco

- **Day 10: Town Meeting and Town Clerk**

December 7th – Dianne Bucco, Trudy Reid, Peter Lombardi

- **Graduation Ceremony**

December TBD – Selectmen's meeting

Goals



- Increase participation of residents in elections, annual town meetings, and public hearings
- Recruit volunteers to serve on Town Boards and Committees (elected and appointed) as active policy/decision makers
- Create social connections between citizens and staff that foster positive working relationships and interest in town government
- Enhance understanding of services, physical assets, and benefits offered by each department, especially in the context of the current financial situation and upcoming budget process