

## *The Town of Southampton needs Volunteers!*

Every year, residents volunteer their time, energy, knowledge, and talent to help the Town of Southampton carry out many important functions of government.

Responsibilities can cover such diverse areas as capital planning, conservation and historical preservation and identifying needs in arts, culture, and recreation. The list is ever-changing as committees are appointed to meet new needs.

If you have expertise in a particular field (or even if you don't!), and have the time and willingness to volunteer, Southampton NEEDS you! Send a letter of interest, including any relevant qualifications, specifying the position you are seeking to: Selectmen, P.O. Box 397, Southampton MA 01073, fax to (413) 529-1006 or e-mail [selectmen@town.southampton.ma.us](mailto:selectmen@town.southampton.ma.us).

### OPEN POSITIONS: BOARDS/COMMITTEES

**AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION:** The purpose of the Agricultural Commission is to support commercial agricultural and other farming and forestry activities in Southampton.

**APPOINTED BY THE SELECTMEN:** Three alternates

**TERM:** Three yrs.

**ENERGY COMMITTEE:** Consists of five members appointed by the Board of Selectmen. The Energy Commission is charged with helping the Town develop strategies and tools to conserve energy, facilitate the siting of clean energy projects and to enhance energy efficiency to reduce energy costs and/or any other energy initiatives the Committee deems appropriate to pursue.

**APPOINTED BY THE SELECTMEN:** Two vacancies

**TERM:** Expires May 2014

**FINANCE COMMITTEE:** Five member, elected committee. Meets biweekly, Tuesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. at the Town Hall. Primary function of committee is to analyze annual expenditure requests and make budget recommendations on all matters having an impact on the Town's finances. Also determines appropriate expenses for the Town's Reserve Fund.

**APPOINTED BY THE SELECTMEN:** One vacancy **TERM:** Until the next annual election, May 2012

**LOCAL CULTURAL COUNCIL:** The Cultural Council receives approximately \$4,000 each year from the State to be awarded to artists, performers and cultural projects that enhance the local community. The Council meets to review applications and fulfill the state requirements for the grant cycle. It is a gratifying way to provide funding for the enrichment of our community and without a large time commitment.

**APPOINTED BY SELECTMEN:** Up to 18 vacancies

**TERM:** Three yrs.

**MASTER PLANNING COMMITTEE:** Master Plan Committee members are diverse group of municipal officials, key stakeholders, students, and citizens whose main role is to oversee the development of the Master Plan for the town of Southampton.

**APPOINTED BY SELECTMEN:** One 'at-large' vacancy **TERM:** Until end of project, approx. June 2012

**ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS (ZBA):** A five member board with two alternates. The ZBA acts as an appeal board for permits denied by the Town Building Inspector. The ZBA's main responsibility is to hear requests for special permits or variances in accordance with Ma. General Law for any activity that is not allowed by right in the Town's Zoning Bylaws.

**APPOINTED BY THE SELECTMEN:** Two vacancies & two alternates

**TERM:** Various

**GREENWAY DESIGN AND ACQUISITION COMMITTEE:** A seven member board appointed by the Select Board to review the design and acquisition of the bike path.

**APPOINTED BY THE SELECTMEN:** Seven vacancies

**TERM:** Until end of project

**RECREATIONAL NEEDS COMMITTEE:** Consists of seven members appointed by the Board of Selectmen to continually evaluate recreational needs of the community and make recommendations to the Board regarding purchase of recreational land and development of other activities and programs related to recreation.

**APPOINTED BY SELECTMEN:** Three vacancies

**TERM:** Expires May 2012-14

**BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES:** Twelve members, elected committee. Responsible for working with other board members to oversee the library, establishing policy and plans, determining the final budget and conducting public relations. Attends and participates in all board meetings.

**APPOINTED BY SELECTMEN:** Three vacancies

**TERM:** Until next annual election, May 2012

For more information regarding the above openings contact Interim Town Administrator Regina Shea-Sullivan at (413)529-0106 or by email at [assistant@town.southampton.ma.us](mailto:assistant@town.southampton.ma.us)

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