



Town Launches Veterans Tax Work-off Program

The Town of Auburn is pleased to announce the establishment of a Veterans Tax Work-off Program to provide veterans, as defined in clause Forty-three of Section 7 of Chapter 4, to volunteer to provide services to the town in exchange for the reduction of real property tax bills. The program received approval from Town Meeting on May 7, 2013 to establish the program in accordance with Massachusetts General Law Chapter 59 Section 5N. Subsequently, following the development of the program criteria and guidelines, the Board of Selectmen voted to approve the program on September 22, 2014.

For the first year of the program, 5 slots will be available to provide up to \$1,000 in real estate reductions per participant. The rate of pay will be equivalent to the Massachusetts minimum wage. If there are more applicants than slots available the participants will be chosen by lottery. Any qualified applicants not selected in the current lottery will be given priority the following year.

To qualify for the program Applicants must:

- Be classified as a Veteran under Massachusetts General Law Chapter 4 Section 7 Clause 43, or be a spouse of a deceased or disabled Veteran.
- Must own property in Auburn for at least one year.
- Must occupy the Auburn residence as their primary domicile.
- Have a successful CORI/SORI background check.
- Veterans over the age of 60 must **not** qualify for the Senior Work-off program to participate. They must apply for the Senior Program and be disqualified prior to applying for the Veterans Program.
- Disabled Veterans may designate a representative to work for them.
- Veterans must meet HUD low income limits (80% of median) for the Town of Auburn. For example, under FY14 income guidelines, a family of two can earn up to \$51,150 annually and qualify for the Veterans Tax Work-Off Program. Income limits are available from the Town of Auburn's Veterans Services Director Larry Corbin.

Documentation to prove qualification must be presented at the post application interview, and will be returned to the applicant upon its conclusion. No sensitive information will be kept as part of the work-off program participant's permanent file.

If you are interested in participating in the Veterans Tax Work-Off Program, please contact Larry Corbin at (508) 832-7706.