



Mattapoisett Senior Work-off Abatement Program

Purpose: The Senior Work-Off Abatement Program is a program allowing the Town of Mattapoisett the opportunity to utilize the knowledge and skills of its senior residents in exchange for credit toward the resident's property tax bill. The purpose of the program is to enhance municipal services and alleviate senior residents' tax burden. A qualified resident will accrue the Commonwealth's minimum wage per hour (\$7.25/hr.) toward a maximum credit of \$750.00 per household during the fiscal year (approximately 103 hours work). Annual Town Meeting of May 2000 article 16 accepted provisions of G.L. c 59, § 5(k) that authorizes this program and the Special Town Meeting of November 2002 Article 10 accepted the amendment Chapter 184, § 52 of the Acts of 2002 to the provisions of G.L. c 59, § 5(k) that authorizes this program.

Eligibility:

1. Mattapoisett residents who have reached 60 and over; and
2. Pay real estate taxes to the Town of Mattapoisett; and
3. Can produce a copy of current estate tax bill.
4. Commitment of up to 103 hours per year (Nov. 1- Oct.31).
5. Credit will be granted upon completion of the work toward next FYE

***NOTE:** Residents may work less than the maximum hours allowed and still accrue credit toward their tax bill based on hours worked.*

Job Development: The Mattapoisett Senior Work-Off Abatement Program is a jobs program. Qualified seniors will be hired to work for town departments. Based upon responses from the community, we will try to utilize the services that are being offered.

Job Placement/Selection: Applicants will be referred to departments based on their skills and the needs of the departments. Jobs will be offered based on qualifications and availability.

Earnings: Commonwealth minimum for all jobs (\$7.25/hr.). A maximum of \$750.00 to be applied as credit to each resident's Town of Mattapoisett property tax. Earnings are not considered income, wages or employment for the purposes of taxation as provided in Chapter 62, for the purposes of withholding taxes as provided in Chapter 62B, for the purposes of unemployment insurance as provided in Chapter 151, for the purposes of worker's compensation as provided in Chapter 152 or any other applicable provision of the General Laws, but such person while providing such services shall be considered a public employee for the purposes of chapter 258.

For more information, call Town Clerk, Barbara A. Sullivan, at 508-758-4103.

