

Planning Board Member

An opportunity to help shape the future of our town

THE JOB

Maintain control of land use and development in Madbury today. Plan Madbury's future.

Review subdivision plans for conformance to zoning requirements, develop zoning ordinance revisions for approval by Town voters, and maintain Madbury's master plan. Review site plans, conditional use permits and other zoning related applications.

Interpret and apply laws and ordinances to specific situations. Respect property owners' rights while protecting the public interest.

REQUIREMENTS

To contribute successfully you will need to:

- Make decisions rationally
- Conduct yourself civilly
- Work collaboratively with other members of the group
- Communicate clearly
- Attend twice-monthly meetings, (occasional absences accepted)
- Become familiar with relevant state laws and local zoning ordinances. Legal experience or training is NOT required or expected.

BENEFITS

- You will become better informed about community affairs.
- You will learn from other experienced members of the group.
- You will have an opportunity to develop your skills working and speaking in a public setting. These are very valuable skills and this is a *free* practicum.
- You will develop working relationships with other committed members of the community.
- You will be invited to attend an annual conference with learning and networking opportunities. Other training opportunities are offered from time to time.
- You will have the satisfaction of making a substantial contribution to your community.

The MADBURY PLANNING BOARD is the most active, challenging and educational volunteer position (except maybe selectman) in Madbury Town government. The Planning Board routinely enjoys the support of Town voters when ordinance changes are proposed. Board decisions are rarely appealed. Resources available to the Board include respected legal counsel, professional planning advice and secretarial service. The current board includes both long-term members and recent appointees.

TO EXPRESS INTEREST

Contact Eric Fiegenbaum at the Town Office (742-5131), any selectman or Planning Board member to express interest or learn more about appointment to the Madbury Planning Board.

Zoning Board of Adjustment Member

An opportunity to maintain and enhance the quality of life in our town

THE JOB

Ensure fair application of zoning ordinances in your town: It is impossible to write zoning ordinances that anticipate all possible circumstances. State law allows for local discretion in the application of zoning ordinances. A panel of local residents makes allowances for situations where the strict application of the ordinances seems unfair.

This same panel may review certain decisions by town administrators upon appeal by residents who think a decision is unreasonable or unfair.

REQUIREMENTS

To contribute successfully you need to be able to:

- Make decisions rationally
- Conduct yourself civilly
- Work collaboratively with other members of the group
- Communicate clearly
- Attend monthly (usually) meetings, (occasional absences accepted)
- Become familiar with some state laws and local ordinances. Legal experience or training is NOT required or expected.

BENEFITS

- You will become better informed about community affairs.
- You will learn from other experienced members of the group.
- You will have an opportunity to develop your skills working and speaking in a public setting. These are very valuable skills and this is a *free* practicum.
- You will be invited to attend an annual conference with learning and networking opportunities. Other training opportunities are offered from time to time.
- You will develop working and perhaps personal relationships with other committed members of the community.
- You will have the satisfaction of having contributed to your community.

TO EXPRESS INTEREST

Contact Eric Fiegenbaum at the Town Hall (742-5131) or any selectman to express interest or learn more about appointment to the Madbury Board of Adjustment.