

# TOWN OF BENSON

## APPLICATION FOR SELECTBOARD APPOINTMENT

Please return completed form to the Town Clerk's Office at Town Hall by May 30th

• Please indicate the appointment that you are interested in serving by selecting below. You may select more than one, but please indicate preference:

**Agent to Convey Real Estate:** 1-year term. The agent to sell (“convey”) real estate performs a very limited function in local government. Since decisions to convey real estate are made by the Selectboard and by the voters, the agent’s only function is to execute the deeds on behalf of the town.

**Animal Control Officer:** Three 1-year term. Commission works on projects directly, or provides advisory support to other boards, related to a broad range of conservation related issues. These may include land, water, forests, energy or other matters of interest. Meetings vary based on project requirements.

**Fence Viewers:** Three 1-year terms. On occasion, the fence viewers to examine a fence line between adjoining properties to determine what portion of the fence must be made, repaired or maintained by each party. Fence viewers may also be asked to determine where a fence must be placed when a fence cannot be placed squarely on a property line.

**Fire Warden:** 1-year term. The fire warden enforces laws and proclamations designed to prevent forest fires, patrols areas particularly vulnerable to fire, and issues permits for open burning within the town.

**Health Officer:** 1-year term. Commission is responsible for short and long range planning, conducting special studies on land use issues, creating the Town Plan and Zoning Ordinance and advising other boards on matters as related to Town Plan goals and policies. Meets during evening hours an average of 3 times per month. Site visits and preparatory work required.

**Inspector Of Lumber, Shingles, and Wood:** 1-year term. The Inspector of Lumber, Shingles, and Wood is responsible for ensuring that consumers receive a fair deal from local merchants and dealers in building products and heating wood.

**Pound Keeper:** 1-year term. The Poundkeeper is the individual (or organization) which cares for animals that are impounded by the town.

**Road Commissioner:** 1-year term. The road commissioner is the individual charged by the Selectboard to maintain the town’s highways.

**Town Service Officer:** 1-year term. The town service officer is charged with assisting individuals within the town who require emergency food, fuel or shelter assistance.

**Tree Warden:** 1-year term. Current Vermont statutes provide for the appointment of a tree warden to act as overseer of public trees, organizing and implementing tree planting, maintenance and protection programs.

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**Weigher of Coal:** 1-year term. The weigher of coal serves as a referee in determining the weights of contested loads of coal.

**Zoning Administrator:** 3-year term. The Zoning Administrator(Z.A.) is more than just the ordinance enforcement agent. The Z.A. is typically one of the very first public officials contacted when property development is proposed or someone has a complaint. As a result, the Z.A. plays an important role as the town's public relations person as well as at times the "complaint department."

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• Please indicate the board/commission/committee that you are interested in serving on by selecting below. You may select more than one, but please indicate preference:

**Community Hall Committee:** Three 1-year term. Commission works on projects directly, or provides advisory support to other boards, related to a broad range of conservation related issues. These may include land, water, forests, energy or other matters of interest. Meetings vary based on project requirements.

**Conservation Commission:** One 3-year term. Commission works on projects directly, or provides advisory support to other boards, related to a broad range of conservation related issues. These may include land, water, forests, energy or other matters of interest. Meetings vary based on project requirements.

**Development Review Board:** Three 3-year terms. Board is responsible for reviewing all design review applications, larger commercial or residential development projects, subdivisions, and cases involving unique aspects of law (variances, waivers, etc.) Meets during evening hours an average of 2 times per month.

**Planning Commission:** Two 4-year terms. Commission is responsible for short and long range planning, conducting special studies on land use issues, creating the Town Plan and Zoning Ordinance and advising other boards on matters as related to Town Plan goals and policies. Meets during evening hours an average of 3 times per month. Site visits and preparatory work required.

• **For new applicants only:** Are you able to attend at least 85% of meetings/hearings? If no, please explain.

YES NO

• **For current board members only:** Did you attend at least 85% of meetings during your previous term? If no, please explain.

YES NO

### **Please Respond To The Following Questions (Please Use Back Of Page, If Necessary):**

1. Why do you wish to become a member of the designated board/commission/committee?

2. Please give an overview of your background (employment, education, civic/community involvement).

3. What goals would you seek to achieve if you are appointed?