

# **SENIOR CITIZEN TAX WORK-OFF**

## **Abatement Program Policy**

The Town of Blandford Citizen Tax Work-Off Abatement Program is a program to utilize the knowledge and skills of its senior residents in exchange for credit towards the residents' property tax bill. The purpose is to enhance municipal services and alleviate senior residents' tax burden. This program is covered under MGL Ch. 59 Section 5K.

### **Guidelines for eligibility are listed as follows:**

- Applicant must be 60 years of age or older.
- Applicant's income must not exceed \$20,000 for a single person or \$30,000 for a married person.
- Applicant must own and live in residence in the Town of Blandford for a minimum of three years for the tax abatement or be the spouse of the residence owner.
- Hours worked will be credited at the current minimum wage, which currently is \$8.00 per hour as of October 19, 2009.
- Maximum Abatement allowance for each taxable year will be capped at \$500.00.
- Only one abatement applicant is allowed per residence.
- Maximum number of approved applicants for the program is 10 volunteers per year.