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## **THE SOUTHBURY DEMOCRATIC TOWN COMMITTEE SEEKS VOLUNTEERS TO FILL VACANT BOARD AND COMMISSION SEATS**

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**SOUTHBURY** – The Southbury Democratic Town Committee (SDTC) seeks volunteers to fill several Democratic vacancies on town boards and commissions. This is an opportunity for registered Democrats living in the town of Southbury to help make the town an even better place to live, work, raise a family and retire.

“Our town could not function without the generous commitment of time given by volunteers,” said SDTC Chairman, Ron Pugliese. “Volunteers are the lifeblood of our community. They contribute their talents and expertise to improve our quality of life in Southbury. We are always looking for dedicated individuals with fresh vision.”

Vacancies for a full and/or alternate position exist on the following boards and commissions:

The Commission on Services for the Elderly (CSE) meets monthly, usually in the afternoon. The CSE researches, initiates and promotes programs in an effort to improve the quality of life for Southbury’s elderly citizens, and plans and develops policy on local matters affecting them. Preference is given to persons who possess expertise in recognizing and working with the needs of elderly citizens.

The South Britain Historic District Commission (SBHDC) members must be Southbury electors who do not hold a salaried municipal office. The Commission generally meets on a monthly basis. Their aim is to promote the educational, cultural, economic and general welfare of the public through the preservation and protection of the distinctive characteristics of structures associated with the District’s history and style of architecture. Persons with an interest in historic structures and areas, and historic preservation would find serving on this commission most rewarding.

The Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) meets monthly, except during July and August. The ZBA determines and applies Southbury’s zoning regulations, ordinances and bylaws in harmony with their general purpose and intent, and with due consideration for conserving the public health, safety, convenience and property values. Members also hear and decide appeals where it is alleged that an error has been made. Candidates for the position should possess the ability and desire to read, digest and understand the zoning regulations, have a strong common sense and a rational analytical approach to solving problems.

The Zoning Commission (ZC) generally meets monthly. The ZC is authorized to regulate the number of stores and size of buildings and structures, the percentage of lot areas that may be occupied, the size of open spaces, population density, the location and use of buildings,

structures and land for all purposes including water-dependent uses, and the nature and location of signs. This position would appeal to a person interested in weighing opposing views and who demonstrates a willingness to study zoning regulations.

The Parks and Recreation Commission (PRC) generally meets once a month. Members are responsible for the administration and supervision of Southbury's parks set aside for active sports and for town sponsored recreational activities. Candidates should be people-oriented, especially towards the town's youth, and interested in helping to demonstrate how active recreation can enrich their lives. Member responsibilities also involve financial aspects of the town's many recreational programs, so persons with a business or financial background would be welcome.

The Planning Commission (PC) meets twice a month, on average. The PC prepares, adopts and amends Southbury's Plan of Conservation and Development and approves all subdivision plans as well as applications involving inland wetlands and water courses. It also conducts hearings on applications for special permits or exceptions. Members review applications before public hearings and participate actively in the commission's semi-monthly sessions. The commission is made up of people with a wide variety of educational and work backgrounds.

Anyone wishing to express an interest in serving on these boards and commissions or who seeks further information should send an e-mail to Ron Pugliese at [rpugliese315@gmail.com](mailto:rpugliese315@gmail.com).

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