

VETERANS' SERVICES DEPARTMENT

SHERBORN VETERANS PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENT WORK-OFF PROGRAM

Following unanimous approval at Sherborn's Special Town Meeting, the Veterans Tax Abatement Program is now up and running and the benefits will be made available to qualifying veterans. Similar to the town's Senior Citizen Tax Abatement Program, veterans will be able to earn the prevailing Massachusetts Minimum Wage (currently \$9.00 per hour) up to a maximum of \$1,000 per year for services provided to the town, which amount will be credited to their real estate tax bill. Veterans will be considered Town Employees, subject to Federal Taxes and OBRA. Eligibility requirements must be met for qualification such as veteran status, town residency, and property ownership. Unlike the Senior Tax Program, there is no age limit. Applicants will be matched to a town department, board, or committee that is looking for workers. Initially, the program will be limited to five veterans – if more apply, names will be chosen by lottery by the Board of Selectmen. Also, the availability of positions will determine the actual number of veterans employed. Veterans may contact the Veterans Service Officer Doug Brodie at 508-651-7850 if further information on this new program is desired.