This program offers Wellfleet senior citizens the opportunity to participate in a property tax relief program to a maximum of $1500.00 per year (per household) in return for volunteer service to the Town. The program for Fiscal Year 2021 will include work performed from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. Participants in this program may still apply for other tax abatements for which they may be eligible under other statutes.

Eligibility:

- 60 years of age or older.
- Domiciled in Wellfleet.
- Homeowner or trustee or spouse of same.
- Residing at property for which tax relief sought.
- Limited financial resources.
  - Single: income maximum $39,105 (FY '21)
  - Married: income maximum $51,137 (FY '21)
- Maximum incomes will be adjusted annually and matched to the maximum incomes for Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (Fuel Assistance)
- Only one tax credit per household may be given.
- Married couples who reside in the same household are allowed to participate in the program but jointly may earn only up to one tax credit per household.
- Current employees of the Town who meet eligibility are welcome to participate but will not be allowed to apply the work-off program to their assigned departments.

Terms:

- Credit for work will be given at the state minimum wage and will be applied to the participant’s Wellfleet real estate tax bill.
- Volunteer service on Town boards, commissions or committees will not be credited under this program.

Program Coordinator:

- A Program Coordinator designated by the Town Administrator with a recommendation from the Council on Aging Director. The Coordinator shall assist with paperwork with the participants; monitor hours worked and submit the information to the office of the Town Treasurer.
- Any problems or concerns between participants and job assignments will be referred to the Council on Aging Director for resolution.

Procedures:

- Department heads will submit a Departmental Request for a Volunteer Form along with a brief job description to the Town Administrator or designee. Once approved any available jobs will be forwarded to the Program Coordinator.
- Application by interested individuals should be made on the attached form to the Program Coordinator, who will interview the applicant and refer her/him to a department head who has requested volunteer assistance. An effort will be made to accommodate capacities and interests.
- Once an agreement has been reached between the department head and the applicant, the applicant shall be directed to the office of the Town Treasurer to complete payroll paperwork. (No work will begin until this procedure is done.)
- The participant shall fill out and sign a daily timesheet on attached form. The Department Head/Delegate will also sign off on the confirmation of hours on the daily timesheet. The participant shall then submit the timesheet to the Program Coordinator bi-weekly. The Program Coordinator shall tally the hours worked and submit the totals along with the time sheets to the office of the Town Treasurer for processing.