

Town of Freedom

Policy for Vacancies and Appointments to Town Boards

It is the Policy of the Select Board of the Town of Freedom to publish information about vacancies on Town Boards. Vacancy information will be published only after the person leaving the position provides an official resignation to the Select Board and to the Chairperson of the Board in question; or after the Select Board, at a meeting open to the public, have (by majority vote) removed the Board member. Vacancy information will be published in the Approved Minutes of the weekly Select Board's meeting at which the resignation letter is received by the Select Board, or of the weekly Select Board's meeting at which the Select Board have voted to remove the Board member in question. Vacancy information will also be published by posting a Notice at the Freedom General Store, the Freedom Fire Department, the Freedom Town Office, and the US Post Office in Freedom. No additional posting locations are required. If possible, posting a Notice of such vacancy will be placed on the Town's website. These Notices shall remain posted for up to 7 calendar days.

Further, it is the Policy of the Select Board of the Town of Freedom to appoint as members of the various Town Boards—and to keep as Board members--only qualified volunteers who can give such positions the time and attention they require. If no one qualified volunteers for a vacant position, the position will remain vacant until a qualified person does volunteer and is appointed by the Selectmen. The Select Board will determine, by majority vote, whether volunteers are qualified for the positions they seek to fill.

If a Board member currently on a Town Board has demonstrated an inability, through intent or simply life's circumstances, to give the position they hold the time and attention it requires, the Selectmen can, by majority vote, remove the current Board member from the Board in question.