**Currently, the Town has openings on the Appeals Board, Budget Committee and Conservation Committee. See below for a description of the Boards and Committees.**

**Conservation Commission: The conservation commission is responsible for conducting research and giving advice that will utilize, protect and plan for the Town’s natural resources and open space. The Commission will coordinate its activities with the Town boards, committees, municipal departments, the public and other conservation bodies.**

**Ordinance Review Committee**:  The Ordinance Review Committee (ORC), at the request of the Selectboard, provides the Town with advice and recommendations on revisions, amendments and additions to the Town Ordinances.  Committee members provide an opportunity for public input on ordinances, create a process to encourage public participation, and provide peer review on ordinance work.  The committee meets the second and fourth Monday of each month from 5-7 pm.  Materials for each meeting are provided to committee members in advance of each meeting.  ORC meeting are working meetings, meaning the time is spent discussing and reviewing specific ordinances.  The Town Planner provides technical assistance and guidance to the ORC on all work assigned to the Committee.  Karl Olson, chair of the ORC, can be contacted at 882-7008.

**Airport Committee:** The Airport Committee meets at least once a month to review and make possible recommendations to the Selectmen with regards to the general operations and conditions at the airport. Annually, the committee shall present a recommended operational budget.

**Budget Committee**:  This committee shall inquire into and consider every article to be submitted before any Annual or Special Town Meeting which provides for the borrowing, raising, transferring and/or appropriation of any sum of money and shall make its recommendation to the Town.

The Budget Committee is comprised of men and women who are past selectman, business people and retirees who have an interest in where and how the tax revenue is spent.  A willingness to listen and to speak up is what is needed for someone to be on this committee.  Currently there are three open seats on the Budget Committee and meetings are held the third Thursday of every month at 6 PM in the town office meeting room.

**Appeals Board:** This board considers appeals brought by any person with legal standing from any decision, order, regulation or failure to act by any covered Town Official.  The Board does not meet unless there is an appeal.  There are 2 openings at this time.  Susan Blagden, chair of the Appeals Board can be contacted at 882-5203.

**Celebrations Committee:** The celebrations committee is made up of volunteers who are willing to assist in coordinating the 4th of July and Winter Festival activities.  Volunteers can assist with the parade, floats, organization of activities and ideas for connecting the community to each event.   Meetings are held as needed during the weeks leading up to an event. Event coordinator, Todd Souza, can be reached at 882-8230.

**Cemetery:** Five people are needed for the ad-hoc work.   The committee will determine the date and times of the month that work best for them to meet.  This working committee will review the cemetery regulations, update the cemetery maps, update the cemetery records, educate the public and plot owners regarding the cemetery rules, and bring all recommendations to the Board of Selectmen.

**Appearance of the Town Committee:**  This committee devotes their time and energy to improving the esthetics of the Town areas including the Sunken Gardens and the Town Commons.  Their main goal at this time is to make the Town Commons a more open area.  They also work with the Recreation Department to coordinate the tree lighting celebration.  There is no set meeting schedule making this a pressure free committee to volunteer on.  Norma Gorden, chair, can be reached at 882-7003.

**Shellfish Conservation Commission:** This committee works with the Department of Marine Resources to establish licensing numbers, recommending conservation closures and submitting annual reports. They will survey clam producing areas to annually establish the status of the town’s shellfish resources. The committee also submits to the Board of Selectmen proposals for the expenditure of funds for shellfish conservation and reviews and recommends changes to the Town Shellfish Ordinance.

**Planning Board:** The Wiscasset Planning Board is responsible for reviewing and approving development applications in accordance with the Town of Wiscasset Ordinances and Comprehensive Plan.

Anyone wishing to volunteer their time on a Town Committee or board should call the Town Clerk at 882-8200 x104 for details and visit our website at Wiscasset.org for an application.