



## Volunteer Opportunity

### Hearing Officer

Looking for a way to get more involved in our community? The Town of Preston is seeking a **Hearing Officer**. According to the Ordinances, the First Selectperson of the Town of Preston shall appoint one or more citation Hearing Officers to conduct the hearing provided for by the Zoning and Blight Ordinance. Interested candidates should contact the First Selectwoman's Office at 860-887-5581 Ext. 101, or email to: ExecutiveAdmin@preston-ct.org.

#### Role of Hearing Officer

The role of a Hearing Officer is to hear appeals against fines from citations issued by the Zoning Enforcement or Blight Officer. Ideally a Hearing Officer should have a background and experience in legal proceedings, zoning and blight or any related field. The Hearing Officer may need to file simple documents with the court.

#### Those Disqualified from Serving

Neither the Zoning Enforcement Officer, the Building Inspector, nor any employee of any Zoning Authority of the Town of Preston, nor any present member of any Zoning Authority of the Town of Preston may be appointed as a Hearing Officer pursuant to this Ordinance. For the purposes of this paragraph, "Zoning Authority" means any of the Planning and Zoning Commission, the Zoning Board of Appeals, the Inland Wetlands Commission, the Planning Commission or the Zoning Commission. If any former member of any Zoning Authority sits as Hearing Officer in a hearing which concerns the same parties and substantially the same issues as any proceeding before the Zoning Authority at the time the said former member was a member and participated in, that Hearing Officer shall not sit as Hearing Officer in the said hearing.

Click [here](#) to view the ordinances and procedures.