



# APPLICATION FOR COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT

The Town of Canton is fortunate to have a strong history of volunteerism and offers the opportunity for all residents to participate fully in the development of a thriving community.

Make the greatest impact by volunteering to serve on one of the Town's numerous Boards and Commissions. As a citizen advisor to the Town Board and Staff, you will have the chance to shape the future of Canton by contributing your expertise, ideas, and sweat! You will also gain valuable insight into various Town operations and learn about the formation and implementation of policy.

If you would like to be considered for a vacant seat on a Board of Commission, please fill out this application and return it to the Town Hall, 85 Summer Street, Canton, NC 28716 or fax it to 828-648-3419. The Board is responsible for selecting all members. Selections will be made based on the information contained within your application. In some cases, an interview may be requested.

I am interested in serving on one of the following Boards/Commissions:

- Appearance Commission
- Recreation Commission
- Historical Commission
- Camp Hope Commission
- Planning Board
- Zoning Board of Adjustment
- Alcoholic Beverage Control Board
- Labor Day Commission

If you are applying for the Planning or Zoning Board and you reside in an Extraterritorial Jurisdiction (ETJ), please indicate which district:

- Rough Creek Watershed
- Old Asheville Highway
- Pigeon River Watershed
- Buncombe County side of Rough Creek Watershed

A description of the functions of each Board of Commission are listed at the end of this application.

Name:  Date:

Address:   
Street City State Zip

Telephone: Home:  Cell:

Email:

Employer:

Business Address:   
Street City State Zip

Work #:

Are you a resident of Canton? Yes No If "yes" how long?

1. Why do you want to serve on this Board Of Commission?

2. Why do you think you would be an asset to this Board of Commission?

3. What qualifications or skills do you possess that you feel make you a good fit for this Board or Commission?

4. Describe any previous volunteer experience.

5. Are there any conflicts of interest that would create problems or prevent you from fairly and impartially discharging your duties as an appointee?    Yes    No    If “yes” please explain:

6. Boards or Committees presently serving on:

I would like to be considered for appointment to serve on a Town of Canton Board or Commission. I realize that the completion of this application, previous appointment to a Board or Commission, personal relationship with Town Staff or elected official, in no way guarantees that I will be appointed to a Board or Commission by the Town of Canton Board of Aldermen/women. Furthermore, I understand that if selected, I must commit to attend all the regular Board/Commission meetings and that attendance at the regular meetings shall be considered a prerequisite for maintaining membership on the Board/Commission.

Applicant’s Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date:

*I understand that this application will be kept on active file for one year only.*

# DESCRIPTION OF TOWN APPOINTED BOARDS & COMMITTEES

## RECREATION COMMISSION

Provides, maintains, operates, and supervises public parks, playgrounds, athletic fields and recreation centers and other recreational facilities owned or controlled by the Town or loaned to the commission by the owners. Assists with the development of long range planning for programs and facilities.

Term: 2 years

Members: 10

## PLANNING BOARD

Prepares and submits zoning ordinances and maps to the Town Board for consideration and possible adoption.

The Planning Board may initiate from time to time, proposals for amendment of zoning ordinances, based upon its studies and comprehensive plan.

Term: 3 years

Members: 9 (4 members must reside within and represent the Haywood County side of the Rough Creek Watershed Extraterritorial Jurisdiction (ETJ), Pigeon River Watershed ETJ, Old Asheville Highway ETJ, and the Buncombe County side of the Rough Creek Watershed)

## ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Hears hardship cases when a property owner is requesting a variance or is appealing a decision made by the Town's Planning Department. This board makes the final decision on the case being heard and is not heard by the Town's Aldermen/women.

Term: 3 years

Members: 9 (4 members must reside within and represent the Haywood County side of the Rough Creek Watershed Extraterritorial Jurisdiction (ETJ), Pigeon River Watershed ETJ, Old Asheville Highway ETJ, and the Buncombe County side of the Rough Creek Watershed)

## HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Formulates ideas and concepts for historic preservation programs, projects, and plans; and present recommendations to the Board of Aldermen/Women. Initiates, promotes, and assists in the implementation of programs of historic significance in the Town. Oversees, coordinates, and implements the historic preservation programs that will preserve buildings, records, documents, photographs, and other items of historical significance.

Term: 2 years

Members: 11

## COMMUNITY APPEARANCE COMMISSION

Formulates ideas and concepts for beautification programs and presents recommendations to the Board of Aldermen/women for approval. Initiates, promotes, and assists in the implementation of programs of general community beautification in the Town. Oversees, coordinates, and implements the street scape program which shall include flower beds, Christmas lighting, gazebo, and all beautification projects in the future.

Term: 2 years

Members: 9 (7 members must reside in Town corporate limits; up to 2 can live outside corporate limits, one of which shall be a business owner)

## CAMP HOPE COMMISSION

Advise the Board of Aldermen/women and the Town Manager on the general management and long range planning pertaining to Camp Hope in order to support its preservation for public use in perpetuity and ensure proper stewardship.

Term: 2 years

Members: 9 (5 members must reside within Town corporate limits; up to 4 can live outside corporate limits)

## LABOR DAY COMMISSION

Advise the Town on the planning and production of the annual Labor Day Festival.

Term: 2 years

Members: 6

For further information please contact the Canton Town Hall at 828-648-2363 or email [info@cantonnc.com](mailto:info@cantonnc.com)