

PERSONNEL BYLAW
ENTITLED "THE SALARY ADMINISTRATION PLAN"
[revised at March 23, 2024 Annual Town Meeting]

Effective July 1, 2024, this bylaw establishes a Salary Administration Plan for the Town of Southborough that (i) groups position classifications in Town services, (ii) establishes salary schedules and employee benefits and (iii) establishes and authorizes the Personnel Board to administer the bylaw to provide oversight and guidance to the Town Administrator in the development and maintenance of personnel policies and regulations. and to represent the interest of both the taxpayers and the Town employees.

This Salary Administration Plan applies to the positions of all officers and employees in the service of the Town, whether full-time, part-time, temporary, seasonal, special or any other, except those positions filled by popular election, under the direction and control of the School Committee, performed pursuant to a contract approved by the Town, encompassed in any officially recognized labor union and/or association, or exempted by statute. The positions covered by this Salary Administration Plan are hereby classified by titles in the groups listed in Schedule A through E ("Classification Schedule") as set forth in Section 20 of this bylaw.

The classification of positions subject to the Massachusetts Welfare Compensation Plan (as amended) and the scheduled rates therefor, as well as the applicable provisions of the Massachusetts General Laws relating to the application of rates set forth in the aforementioned Welfare Compensation Plan are hereby incorporated by reference.

SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS

As used in this bylaw, the following words and phrases shall have the following meanings:

"Administrative Authority" means the elected or appointed official or board having jurisdiction over a function or activity.

"Base Pay" means the compensation paid by the Town of Southborough for the purposes of determining retirement credits and contributions for Town employees.

The Town shall contribute funds as required for each eligible employee in accordance with the procedures and formula established by the Worcester Regional Retirement System and the bylaws of the Town of Southborough. Contributions shall include (i) wages earned during the first eight hours worked in any one day (no contributions shall be made for hours worked in excess of 40 per week,) (ii) any lump sum bonus that is guaranteed by the Salary Administration Plan or the Bylaws of the Town, (e.g., longevity pay); (iii) vacation pay, except when paid in lieu of taking vacation; (iv) sick pay; and (v) holiday pay.

"Class" means a group of positions in the Town service sufficiently similar with respect to duties and responsibilities such that for each position the same (i) descriptive title may be used, (ii) qualifications shall be required, (iii) tests of fitness may be used to choose qualified employees and (iv) scale of compensation can be equitably applied.

"Classification Schedule" means any of Schedules A, B, C, D and E of Section 20 hereof.

"Compensation Grade" means a range of salary/wage rates as may appear in the Classification Schedules.

"Continuous Full-Time Service" means employment requiring a predetermined minimum work period that is uninterrupted except for authorized leaves (e.g., vacation, sick, etc.).

"Continuous Employment" means full-time or part-time employment that is uninterrupted except for authorized leaves (e.g., vacation, sick, etc.).

"Department" means a functional unit of Town government.

"Department Head" means the person appointed and responsible to carry out the duties of a Department.

"Exempt employee" means an employee who is not entitled to overtime pay under the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA).

"Full-Time Employment" means employment for not less than 20 hours per week for fifty-two weeks per annum, excepting authorized holidays and leave periods.

“Group” means a group of classes as may appear in the Classification Schedules.

“Maximum Rate” means the highest compensation rate to which an Employee is entitled.

“Minimum Rate” means the lowest rate in a Range, and is normally the hiring rate of a new employee.

“Non-exempt employee” means an employee who is entitled to overtime pay under the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA).

“On-Call Compensation” refers to additional money paid to an employee who is available to work when the need requires oftentimes in an evening or weekend capacity.

“Part-Time Employment” means employment less than 20 hours per week.

“Position” means an office or post of employment in the Town service with duties and responsibilities calling for the Full-Time or Part-Time employment of one person in the performance and exercise thereof (or of more than one person sharing the same position).

“Position Class” means the same as “Class” (note that a class may include only one position, in which event it is defined as a “single position class”).

“Probationary Employee” means a first-time Town employee within his/her first six months of employment, or longer if extended.

“Promotion” means a change from one position to another position in a higher class and/or compensation grade.

“Range” means the difference between minimum and maximum rates of an assigned grade.

“Rate” means the measure of compensation for personal services on an hourly, weekly, monthly, annual or other basis.

“Salary Administration Plan” means the Personnel Bylaw Entitled “The Salary Administration Plan.”

“Single Rate” means a rate for a specific position class that is not in a designated range

“Start Date” means the first day of employment with the Town.

SECTION 2. POSITION TITLES

No person shall be appointed, employed or paid in any position under any title other than those of the Classification Schedule for which the duties are actually performed. The position title in the Classification Schedule shall be the official title for all purposes, including payrolls, budgeting and official reports.

SECTION 3. NEW OR CHANGED POSITIONS

No new position shall be established, nor the duties of an existing position so changed that a new level or work demand exists, unless upon presentation of substantiating data satisfactory to the Personnel Board, the Board shall (a) approve an appropriate job description, (b) rate such new or changed position, and (c) allocate it to its appropriate classification grade and establish the rate thereof.

SECTION 4. RECLASSIFICATION OF EMPLOYEES

No position may be reclassified to another grade, whether higher or lower, unless the Personnel Board shall have determined such reclassification is consistent with this Salary Administration Plan.

SECTION 5. JOB DESCRIPTIONS

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The Personnel Board shall maintain such criteria as it deems appropriate for the positions and classes in the schedules. Each department or public body (board, committee, commission) with SAP employees shall maintain current job descriptions for such employees. All such job descriptions and any revisions thereto must be submitted to the Personnel Board for approval following review and approval by the Select Board or appropriate public body. The criteria for any class shall not be deemed to limit the duties or responsibilities of any position as set forth in the job description, nor to affect in any way the power of any administrative authority to appoint, to assign duties to, or to direct and control the work of any employee under the jurisdiction of such authority.

SECTION 6. COMPENSATION

a. The bi-weekly pay period shall begin at 12:00 a.m. Thursday and shall end at 11:59 p.m. on the following second Wednesday.

b. Non-exempt employees subject to this Salary Administration Plan shall be paid for one and one-half hours worked for any hour worked in the excess of forty in their weekly pay period, provided such extra hours were authorized by the Department Head.

c. The salary schedules set forth in Schedules A, B, C, D and E of Section 20 hereof reflect the maximum and minimum salaries for each grade.

d. The annual salary set forth in Schedule A represents a 40-hour work week and in the event an employee works less than 40 hours per week but more than 20 hours per week, the indicated annual salary is pro-rated reflective of the posted salary schedule in Schedule A.

e. Amounts paid to employees in reimbursement for expenses incurred in the performance of their duties (e.g., mileage, meals, dues, etc.) shall be paid in addition to their compensation. Reimbursement shall be based upon the actual documented expenditure made by the employee, or at rates established by the Internal Revenue Service, supported by that agency's requirements for documentation.

f. On-Call Compensation: The on-call member of the Facilities Department shall be eligible to earn a weekly stipend for on-call service if the department head has required them to be available to respond to situations outside of their normal work schedule. This weekly stipend shall be equal to a set rate of \$300 per week. If the on-call staff member must report to work outside of their normal work schedule, compensation for this time shall be based on the standard SAP overtime practices. Additionally, if the on-call staff member is faced with a situation that renders them unable to serve as the on-call individual on a particular day that they are scheduled to be on call, said employee may request that another eligible staff member cover their on-call time, with the approval of the department head. In such an event, the regularly scheduled employee's weekly stipend will be reduced by \$45.00 per day that they are unable to be on call; this stipend amount will instead be paid to the covering employee per day of coverage. There is no provision to accrue compensation time in lieu of payment for on-call time.

SECTION 7. SALARY ADJUSTMENT & COMPENSATION POLICIES

a. Every employee that is in Continuous Full-Time or Part-Time service of the Town, as computed from the date of their latest employment, shall be eligible for consideration of a salary increase annually on July 1. Employees hired between April 1 and June 30 will be eligible for a salary increase the July 1st following their twelve-month anniversary. Except as may be authorized by the Personnel Board in exceptional circumstances, such increase is not to exceed one increase in any single twelve-month period until the maximum of the grade is obtained, and such increase shall be subject to the recommendation of the Department Head, with the approval of the Select Board or their designated appointee in the case of departments within the jurisdiction of the Select Board, or the appropriate Commissioners or Trustees in the case of departments outside the jurisdiction of the Select Board.

Retroactive salary increases voted by the Personnel Board shall not be compensated beyond July 1 of that fiscal year, regardless of the funding mechanism.

Unless specifically exempted by Personnel Board policy, requests for salary increases must be accompanied by a certification from an employee's manager that the employee's performance has been "satisfactory" or better and that a written employee performance appraisal, on a form approved by the Personnel Board, has been completed. The

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form of this certification will be prescribed by Personnel Board policy promulgated hereunder. Upon receiving such documentation, the Personnel Board shall have final review and approval of all adjustments.

An employee may appear before the Personnel Board prior to its action on any request for an increase. Any employee denied such an increase may appeal, in writing, to the Personnel Board, which shall confer with the employee, the Department Head and the Select Board or their designated appointee, or the appropriate Commissioners or Trustees, and shall decide the matter.

b. Special Non-Continuous Part-Time employees and employees in Schedule B classifications shall be eligible for consideration for salary increases upon the recommendation of the appropriate department manager or Board and approval of the Personnel Board.

c. Probationary Employees

1. During the probationary period, benefit eligible employee(s) will earn vacation, sick and personal time in accordance with Section 11(b-d) hereof.

2. During the probationary period, paid leave accruals shall be based on the Start Date.

SECTION 8. TRANSFERS AND PROMOTIONS

a. An employee who is promoted to a job with a higher range or rate of pay shall enter it at the rate recommended by the Department Head with the approval of the Personnel Board, provided the maximum for the job is not exceeded. This is contingent upon the Department Head's recommendation that qualifications and performance warrant it.

b. An employee transferred to a job with a lower range or rate of pay shall enter it at the rate paid for the previous position or at the maximum rate for the job, whichever is the lower, provided the Personnel Board approves. The employee shall have a right to appeal this decision, in writing, to the Personnel Board, which shall confer with the employee, the Department Head and the Select Board or their designated appointee, or the appropriate Commissioners or Trustees, and shall decide the matter.

SECTION 9. NEW PERSONNEL HIRING; DEPARTURES

a. Pre-employment physical examinations will be required of newly-hired employees consistent with the Town's policies.

b. Probationary period: For new hires, the first six months of employment shall be a probationary period. The probationary period does not apply to Town employees who change positions within the Town. The probationary period is a time during which an employee will be evaluated to ensure that the employee has the requisite knowledge, skills, and abilities to perform the position (with or without reasonable accommodations). Completing the probationary period does not change the employee's relationship with the Town, which will remain one in which either the employee or the Town may terminate the relationship at will. The probationary period may be extended by a Department Head [or Appointing Authority] when deemed necessary.

c. A new employee's hiring rate shall be the minimum of the rate range of the job, unless otherwise authorized by the Personnel Board or Personnel Director. The Personnel Board is cognizant of the need to make timely decisions during the recruitment process, therefore, the Personnel Director is empowered to set starting salaries for new employees with comparable experience up to Step 8 for the appropriate job grade as set forth in Schedule A of the Salary Administration Plan.

d. The Personnel Director or his/her delegatee shall notify the Personnel Board in writing of the hiring of all personnel and their hiring rates. The Personnel Director or his/her delegatee shall also notify the Personnel Board in writing of the departure of any employee.

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SECTION 10. DEPARTMENT BUDGETS

Each Department Head shall include in the annual departmental budget a pay adjustment section to provide funds for anticipated pay adjustments, with expenditures to be made only in accordance with this Salary Administration Plan and with the approval of the Personnel Board. Degree bonus [Sec 11i(1)] funds shall also be budgeted in the departmental budget.

SECTION 11. EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

Employee benefits are a cost to the Town and a form of “indirect pay” to employees. The benefits listed below are not intended to supersede what State or Federal law may otherwise require. The benefits set forth in this section are applicable to Full-Time employees only, except where noted.

All forms of paid leave set forth in this section are based on a 40 hour work week; in the event an employee works less than 40 hours per week but more than 20 hours per week, the indicated benefit shall be pro-rated reflective of the approved hours per week for that position.

a. Holidays with Pay

Full-Time employees shall receive one day's pay at their regular rate for the following:

New Year's Day	Labor Day
Martin Luther King Day	Columbus Day
Presidents' Day	Veteran's Day
Patriot's Day	Thanksgiving Day
Memorial Day	Day after Thanksgiving Day
Juneteenth	Christmas Day
Independence Day	Day before <u>or</u> after Christmas Day (as set by the Town annually

To be eligible for holiday pay, an employee must work (or be duly excused from working) their regular scheduled days preceding and following the holiday. Employees who do not work 20 hours or more per week on a regular basis shall not be compensated for holidays.

Employees whose regular day off falls on a holiday may have one day off with pay within the ensuing thirty days in lieu of holiday pay, with the specific choice of day subject to Department Head approval. Furthermore, the day granted in lieu of holiday pay shall not cross fiscal years.

All administrative policies and practices relative to holidays with pay shall be prepared and established under the direction of the Personnel Board.

b. Vacations with Pay

(1) Full-Time employees who have been in the continuous employ of the Town shall earn paid vacation in accordance with the following schedule:

Years of Employment	Hours Earned Per Month	Vacation Earned Per Year (Pro-rata)
0 - 2	6.666	Two weeks
2+ - 7	10.0	Three weeks
7+ - 15	13.333	Four weeks
15+ - or more	16.666	Five weeks

Employees hired prior to July 1, 2005, shall be eligible to earn twenty hours per month after serving twenty years of full-time employment with the Town.

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- (2) At the recommendation of the hiring authority and upon the approval of the Personnel Board, new employees entering into a position with the Town of Southborough from a similar position will be allowed to enter into the vacation schedule using their years of service from their prior employment, up to a maximum of four weeks' vacation [pro-rated] for the first year of employment with the Town.

Vacation shall be granted by Department Heads at their discretion subject to the regular work needs of the Department. An employee shall be permitted to carry over to the following year one year's worth of earned vacation. Employees hired on or after July 1, 2023, shall be permitted to carry over a maximum of two weeks to the following fiscal year. The employee must have the Department Head's approval to take any portion of a prior year's unused vacation in addition to the days earned in the current fiscal year. Employees commencing employment with three weeks per year will be required to complete two years of service before ascending to the next band (four weeks) in the vacation schedule chart and seven years of service before ascending to the following band. Awarding four weeks should be the exception based on evidence that the employee is leaving another position that already provides this benefit. Employees commencing employment with four weeks per year will be required to complete five years of service before ascending to the next band (five weeks).

- (3) If in the opinion of the Department Head there are unusual work-related circumstances that warrant it, a department head may seek approval from the Town Administrator or his/her delegatee to allow the employee to continue to work and receive vacation pay in lieu of taking vacation. Approval granted in this section may not exceed ten days per fiscal year.

- (4) In the event of termination of employment the employee shall be paid, or be entitled to time off with pay, for any accumulated vacation time. Personal and sick leave shall not be compensated at termination.

- (5) Vacation administrative policies and practices shall be prepared and established under the direction of the Personnel Board.

c. Sick Leave

- (1) Full-Time employees shall be entitled to accrue 10 sick hours per month, equaling 120 hours annually (15 sick days); employees working less than 40 hours in a weekly pay period will accrue ratably based on hours worked per week. Pay for each day of sick leave shall be at the regular rate. Absences on account of sickness in excess of that authorized shall be charged to vacation or other available paid leave. Sick leave shall be payable only in cases of genuine illness, non-work connected accident, or work connected accidents not covered by Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 152 (Workers' Compensation).

- (2) Unused sick leave may be accumulated without limitation for employees hired before July 1, 2007. Employees of the Town of Southborough hired on or after July 1, 2007 may only accrue 120 sick days at any one time. At retirement [or death] only, the Town will pay the employee twenty percent (20%) of the employee's then-accumulated sick leave. Employees of the Town of Southborough hired on or after July 1, 2023, will not be subject to any payout of accumulated sick leave.

- (3) Employees who because of genuine illness or a non-work connected accident are absent for a period of more than three days shall be required to present a doctor's certificate to their Department Head before returning to work stating the reason, the period of time the employee was absent and whether there are any physical restrictions or required outpatient services the employee must adhere to in the workplace.

- (4) Annually, an employee may use up to seven of the allowed fifteen days of sick leave for the care of a sick family member.

- (5) Sick leave administrative policies and practices shall be prepared and established under the direction of the Personnel Board.

d. Personal Days

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Full-Time employees shall be entitled to three personal days per year, to be granted annually on the anniversary of the employee's Start Date. New employees shall be granted three personal days which shall be pro-rated based on hours worked per pay period. Requests for personal days shall be approved by the Department Head. Personal days shall not accumulate from year to year.

e. Military Leave

(1) Reserve Duty: An employee in full-time employment in the military reserve shall be paid the difference between compensation received while on reserve duty and regular compensation rates paid the employee by the Town. Such payment by the Town shall be limited to a period not to exceed two weeks in any twelve-month period.

(2) Active Duty: Pursuant to Article 8 of the April 11, 2005 Annual Town Meeting, an employee in the federal military reserve or a state National Guard who is called to active service shall be entitled to their regular base salary and shall not lose any seniority or paid leave benefits while on military leave; *provided*, however, that such base pay shall be reduced by any amount received from the United States as pay or allowance for military service performed.

f. Jury Duty

Any employee who is called to jury duty shall be paid the difference between their normal compensation and the amount (excluding any travel allowance) received from the court, upon presentation of evidence of the amount paid by the court.

g. Miscellaneous Paid Time Off

Working time lost from regularly scheduled work days for reasons listed below shall be without loss of pay, provided such lost time is authorized by the Department Head. Sections (1) – (3) are applicable to Full-Time employees only; Section (4) is applicable to both Full-Time and Part-Time employees.

(1) Bereavement leave – In the event of the death of a spouse, father, mother, child, father-in-law, mother-in-law, brother, sister, grandparent, or of any other person then residing with the employee, such employee shall be entitled to receive three days' leave for the purpose of the funeral and services of the deceased. If out-of-state travel is required, the Department Head may authorize up to two additional days of travel time.

(2) Medical examination or inoculation required by the Town.

(3) Blood donation authorized by the Department Head.

(4) Attendance at professional and/or educational programs authorized by the Department Head.

h. Court Time Pay

If the Town requires that an employee appear in Court as a witness or in any other capacity arising from the performance of the employee's duty, or on behalf of the Commonwealth or the Town in any civil or criminal case pending in any Court or other official governmental board or agency, such appearance and related travel time shall constitute work time for purposes of calculating weekly hours worked. If such appearance or related travel time causes a non-exempt employee to exceed forty hours of work in any given work week, the employee shall be eligible for overtime pay in accordance with Section 6(b). This section does not apply to exempt employees.

i. Employee Educational Support/Professional Development

(1) Degree Bonus: All Part-Time and Full-Time employees who, while an employee of the Town, earns a degree in a field applicable to their position from an accredited college or university, shall receive a one-time bonus subject to appropriation, according to the following schedule:

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Associates Degree... \$ 800.00
Bachelors Degree.. \$1,200.00
Masters Degree..... \$1,500.00

A copy of the completed transcript, diploma or other appropriate evidence of the completed degree must be presented to the Department Head and the Personnel Board, and shall be submitted as documentation for accounts payable.

(2) Tuition reimbursement: the Town may offer tuition reimbursement to eligible Full-Time and Part-Time employees as prescribed by Personnel Board policy enacted under this Bylaw.

j. Group Medical Insurance

Starting July 1, 2009, the Town will contribute fifty percent (50%) of the cost of a medical indemnity plan or seventy-five percent [75%] of the cost of a Health Maintenance Organization plan for Full-Time employees only.

SECTION 12. UNPAID LEAVES OF ABSENCE

a. A leave of absence without compensation may be granted by the Personnel Board.

b. Leaves of absence of over three months' duration (except Military Leave) shall be deemed a break in employment, and on return to work the employee shall have the status of a new employee unless an extension of leave beyond three months was authorized by the Personnel Board.

SECTION 13. PART-TIME EMPLOYEES WORKING FULL-TIME HOURS TEMPORARILY

a. A Part-Time employee may work 20 hours or more per week for no longer than two bi-weekly pay periods, or four bi-weekly pay periods in the case of an Election Worker during an election cycle, if requested by their Department Head due to exigent circumstances, or for longer if recommended by the appointing authority or the Personnel Director, with the authorization of the Finance Director and approval of the Personnel Board. In such cases, the employee will remain a Part-Time employee with no change in status.

b. Department Heads may submit requests for additional compensation for Part-Time employees temporarily working Full-Time hours, subject to available funding as authorized by the Finance Director and approved by the Personnel Board.

SECTION 14. APPOINTMENT OF "ACTING" DEPARTMENT HEADS

a. In the absence or retirement of a Department Head for three consecutive weeks, the Select Board or appropriate board or commission may appoint an "Acting" Department Head to serve for a period of not more than three months. Such three-month period may be extended for up to three additional three-month periods, upon the approval of the Select Board or other appropriate board or commission for each such extension. In no case shall an appointment of an "Acting" Department Head exceed one year.

b. Duly appointed "Acting" employees shall be compensated at an additional 10% per week, payable retroactively only upon the conclusion of three consecutive weeks of service by the "Acting" employee. Such employees shall still be eligible for overtime pay when fulfilling regular duties from the previous job beyond normal working hours.

SECTION 15. PERSONNEL BOARD

a. There shall be a Personnel Board to administer the Salary Administration Plan. Said Board is to be appointed by the Town Moderator. The Board shall consist of five voters other than employees of the Town or those regularly serving the Town in any elective capacity. They shall serve without compensation.

b. Other than as may be needed to fill unexpected vacancies, appointments shall be for three years. The

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Moderator shall fill any vacancies. The Personnel Board may employ assistance and incur expenses as it deems necessary, subject to appropriation of funds therefor.

SECTION 16. DUTIES OF THE PERSONNEL BOARD

a. The Personnel Board shall administer the Salary Administration Plan and shall establish such policies, procedures and regulations as it deems necessary for the administration of the Plan.

b. The Town Administrator serves as the Town's Personnel Director under the Town Administrator Bylaw [Ch. 27, Art. IX]. As such, the Personnel Director is invested with personnel authority and responsibilities as set forth therein. From time to time, and as may be necessary, the Personnel Board will consult and/or act in concert with the Personnel Director or his/her delegatee on matters of joint responsibility and concern. The Personnel Board shall provide oversight and guidance to the Personnel Director in the development and maintenance of personnel policies and regulations.

c. The Board shall meet annually in July and organize by the choice of a Chair and Vice-Chair. The Board shall meet at least monthly, except when there is no business before the Board. A majority of the Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. The votes of the majority of all the members of the Board shall be necessary on any matter upon which it is authorized to or required to pass under the Salary Administration Plan.

d. The Personnel Board shall maintain records of all employees subject to this Plan as it deems desirable, including personnel evaluations. Such records are to be kept by the Personnel Director or his/her delegatee, under the direction of the Personnel Board. Department Heads shall furnish such information as requested by the Board.

e. The Personnel Board shall from time to time, but no less often than every federal Election Year, review the Classification Schedule, Salary Schedules, and administration policies of the Salary Administration Plan. It shall keep informed as to pay rates and policies outside the Town, and shall recommend to the Town any action that the Board deems desirable in that regard. The Personnel Board may tentatively add a new class to the Classification Schedule or reallocate an existing class to a different compensation grade, either higher or lower, subject to the subsequent ratification of its action by formal amendment of the Salary Administration Plan at the next Annual Town Meeting.

f. The Personnel Board may vote an annual adjustment (but shall reserve the right to vote no adjustment) to the Classification Schedule and establish the effective rate for employees of each grade for the next fiscal year, subject to the subsequent ratification of its action by formal amendment of the Salary Administration Plan at the next Annual Town Meeting. The Personnel Board shall base any annual adjustments upon available relevant information. Approval of the rate for any given employee is not guaranteed and is driven by the annual performance evaluation.

g. Matters of concern by SAP employees that are communicated in writing to the Chair of the Personnel Board will be scheduled on an agenda at the next available meeting providing all necessary and requested information has been submitted in time to be part of the meeting packet. In addition, notice in writing shall be forwarded to the concerned employee and respective Department Head within seven days of the Board's decision. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the Personnel Board shall so request and the concerned employee and Department Head shall agree, a reasonable extension of these time periods may be granted.

h. Upon recommendation of a Department Head, supported by evidence in writing of special reasons and exceptional circumstances satisfactory to the Personnel Board, the Board may authorize variances in the Salary Administration Plan as it may deem necessary for the proper functioning of the services of the Town, and to effectuate the basic intent of the Plan.

SECTION 17. EMPLOYEES AND THE PERSONNEL BOARD

a. All employees covered by this Salary Administration Plan shall have the right to request an

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appointment to confer with the Personnel Board on any matter of interest or concern to them that is covered by the Salary Administration Plan. The employee shall notify the Department Head in writing in advance of the desire to discuss the matter with the Board. One of the duties of the Board shall be to foster mutual understanding and good will with the personnel of the Town.

b. To facilitate this, if any employee should feel aggrieved by the operation of any provision of the Plan, the employee shall first discuss the matter with the Department Head, in a mutual effort to clear up any problems or misunderstanding.

c. If two weeks after such a conference a satisfactory understanding and solution of the problem has not been reached, then either the Department Head or the employee may take the matter to the Personnel Board, and the Board shall hear the parties not later than at its next regular meeting. There shall be no discrimination or prejudice by a Department Head against any employee who may take a matter to the Board.

SECTION 18. AMENDMENT OF THE PLAN

The Salary Administration Plan may be amended in the same manner that Town Bylaws may be amended. However, no amendment to the Plan shall be made until it has been presented to the Personnel Board and the Personnel Board has the opportunity to act on it. The Board of its own motion may propose an amendment to the Plan.

SECTION 19. SEVERABILITY PROVISION

In the event that any provision of this bylaw, or application thereof, shall be held to be invalid by the proper authorities, this shall not be construed to affect the validity of any other provision, or application thereof, of this bylaw.

SECTION 20: CLASSIFICATION SCHEDULE

SCHEDULE A: GRADED POSITIONS

Title	Grade
Library Page	1
Library Technician	1
Administrative Assistant	2
Library Assistant	2
Administrative Assistant	3
Library Associate	3
Business Administrator I	4
Library Supervisor	4
Maintenance Technician	4
Police Dispatcher**	4
Assistant Town Accountant	5
Business Administrator II	5
Clinician	5
EDC Coordinator	5
Executive Assistant to Select Board	5
Program Coordinator	5
Youth Services Librarian	5
Assistant Library Director	6
Assistant Director, Youth & Family Services	6
Civil Engineer	6
Deputy Assessor	6
Deputy Town Clerk	6
Deputy Treasurer/Collector	6
Electrician	6
Local Inspector	6
Nurse	6
Outreach Coordinator	6
Police Business Administrator	6
Program Manager	6
Assistant Director/Nurse/Outreach	7
Conservation Agent	7
Recreation Director	7
Senior IT Specialist	7
Town Planner	7
Youth & Family Services Director	7
Assistant Town Administrator	8
Building Commissioner	8

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Council on Aging Director	8
Director of Facilities	8
IT Manager	8
Library Director	8
Police Lieutenant	8
Principal Assessor*	8
Town Accountant	8
Finance Director/Treasurer-Collector*	9
Superintendent of Public Works*	9

*when not under contract

**effective March 25, 2024

SCHEDULE A

GRADE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
A-1	\$15.38	\$15.68	\$15.99	\$16.31	\$16.64	\$16.97	\$17.31	\$17.66	\$18.01	\$18.37	\$18.74	\$19.11	\$19.49	\$19.88	\$20.28
A-2	\$19.22	\$19.60	\$19.99	\$20.39	\$20.80	\$21.22	\$21.64	\$22.07	\$22.51	\$22.96	\$23.42	\$23.89	\$24.37	\$24.86	\$25.36
A-3	\$23.06	\$23.52	\$23.99	\$24.47	\$24.96	\$25.46	\$25.97	\$26.49	\$27.02	\$27.56	\$28.11	\$28.67	\$29.24	\$29.82	\$30.42
A-4	\$26.53	\$27.06	\$27.60	\$28.15	\$28.71	\$29.28	\$29.87	\$30.47	\$31.08	\$31.70	\$32.33	\$32.98	\$33.64	\$34.31	\$35.00
A-5	\$29.18	\$29.77	\$30.37	\$30.98	\$31.60	\$32.23	\$32.87	\$33.53	\$34.20	\$34.88	\$35.58	\$36.29	\$37.02	\$37.76	\$38.52
A-6	\$32.10	\$32.75	\$33.41	\$34.08	\$34.76	\$35.46	\$36.17	\$36.89	\$37.63	\$38.38	\$39.15	\$39.93	\$40.73	\$41.54	\$42.37
A-7	\$40.13	\$40.93	\$41.75	\$42.59	\$43.44	\$44.31	\$45.20	\$46.10	\$47.02	\$47.96	\$48.92	\$49.90	\$50.90	\$51.92	\$52.96
A-8	\$48.15	\$49.12	\$50.10	\$51.10	\$52.12	\$53.16	\$54.22	\$55.30	\$56.41	\$57.54	\$58.69	\$59.86	\$61.06	\$62.28	\$63.53
A-9	\$52.97	\$54.03	\$55.11	\$56.21	\$57.33	\$58.48	\$59.65	\$60.84	\$62.06	\$63.30	\$64.57	\$65.86	\$67.18	\$68.52	\$69.89

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Municipalities are subject to the federal minimum wage law, not the state law.

SCHEDULE B: MISCELLANEOUS ANNUAL COMPENSATION SCHEDULE

Cemetery Agent.....	\$8,000
Clerk, Board of Registrars	\$1,638.33
Deputy Emergency Management Director	\$2,000
Energy Management Stipend.....	\$6,000
Registrar of Voters.....	\$205.66
Tree Warden	\$4,000
Veterans' Agent and Director of Veterans' Services.....	\$15,000

SCHEDULE C: FEE BASED COMPENSATION (Recreation Seasonal Personnel)

Positions
Grade 1
Camp Counselor
Program Aide (1:1)
Program Supervisor (i.e. RAP Monitor)
Grade 2
Camp Assistant Supervisor
Grade 3
Camp Supervisor
Assistant Coach
Head Coach
Grade 4
Program Instructor

Rates for Recreation Seasonal Personnel

Grade	Minimum		Midpoint		Maximum	
	Hourly	Annual	Hourly	Annual	Hourly	Annual
1	\$ 15.00	\$ 31,200.00	\$ 16.00	\$ 33,280.00	\$ 17.00	\$ 35,360.00
2	\$ 19.00	\$ 39,520.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 41,600.00	\$ 21.00	\$ 43,680.00
3	\$ 23.00	\$ 47,840.00	\$ 24.00	\$ 49,920.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 52,000.00
4	\$ 30.00	\$ 62,400.00	\$ 31.00	\$ 64,480.00	\$ 32.00	\$ 66,560.00

SCHEDULE D: SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE AND SUPERVISORY POSITIONS

Police Lieutenant:

In addition to all the benefits provided employees under the SAP, he/she would be eligible for some additional benefits as provided members of Mass COP Local 167, the police union collective bargaining agreement.

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As a result, a separate policy is adopted by the Southborough Select Board and enforced by the Southborough Police Department subject to change in conjunction with future collective bargaining agreements.

*Increases in salary for long term employees will be considered case by case by Personnel Board.

SCHEDULE E: LONGEVITY SCHEDULE: Full-Time Employees of Town of Southborough –Compensated annually on the anniversary of the employee’s Start Date

After 5 years	\$400
After 10 years	\$600
After 15 years	\$700
After 20 years	\$850
After 25 years	\$1,000
After 30 years	\$1,200
After 40 years	\$1,500

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