

**Town of Mashpee Board of Selectmen  
Policy 030**

**Appointment of Constables**

**I. PURPOSE AND INTENT**

The purpose of this Policy is to establish the process for appointment of Constables in the Town of Mashpee. There shall be a maximum of eight (8) Constables serving in the Town at any one time, and those Constables shall be appointed by the Board of Selectmen.

**II. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

It is important to community safety that Constables be residents of the Town of Mashpee. Their presence within the community provides them with greater knowledge of the conditions of the community, and allows quicker response time when called upon to act as public peace officers. Therefore, effective July 1, 1995, with the exception of Town employees appointed for the purpose of posting Town business, all Constables must be residents of the Town of Mashpee.

No Constable shall serve civil process within the Town of Mashpee without first filing with the Town Clerk, in a form approved by the Board of Selectmen, a surety bond conditioned for the faithful performance of the duties of serving civil processes. Such bonds shall be in accordance with the amounts as specified in M.G.L. Chapter 41, §92, as may be amended.

**III. APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS**

All persons desiring to be appointed as Constables shall make written application therefor to the Board of Selectmen on forms so provided by the Board. The Chief of Police shall conduct an investigation and make a report to the Board of Selectmen regarding the reputation and character of every applicant and his fitness for office. The Office of Constable shall be filled only by appointment of an applicant hereunder who is found by the Board of Selectmen, after such investigation, to be a person of good repute and character, and qualified to hold said office. All appointments shall be made in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 41, §91-95.

**IV. TERM**

The term of any Constable shall be for a period of three (3) years.

*Adopted by the  
Mashpee Board of Selectmen  
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