



## **Volunteer Opportunity**

Housing Authority of Meriden – Board Commissioner, Resident

Location: Meriden, Connecticut

Position Type: Volunteer / Public Service (Part-Time, typically monthly meetings)

## **About the Meriden Housing Authority**

The Housing Authority of Meriden is governed a five-member board appointed by the City Manager responsible for overseeing the local public housing system—currently Community Towers and Johnson Farms—as well as administration of the Section 8 voucher program. One seat on the board is reserved by federal law for a Resident Commissioner—a tenant of the Housing Authority or a participant in the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program.

Commissioners serve staggered five-year terms and work to ensure compliance with HUD and state regulations while promoting safe, affordable housing in the community.

Commissioners of the MHA also serve as Directors of the Maynard Road Corporation. Established in 2006, the Maynard Road Corporation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit guided by its mission to develop affordable housing with alternative energy improvements in the City of Meriden.

## **Resident Commissioner Role Summary**

As a Board Commissioner, you will provide policy direction, fiscal oversight, and strategic governance for affordable housing in Meriden. Commissioners ensure ethical management, financial accountability, and resident-centered operations.

In accordance with federal and state law:

- The Resident Commissioner must be a current resident of public housing or a participant in the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program managed by the Meriden Housing Authority.
- Resident Commissioners hold the same rights, responsibilities, and voting authority as other Board members.
- Resident Commissioners provide valuable perspective to ensure housing policies are responsive to tenant needs.

## **Key Responsibilities**

- Attend and participate in regular board meetings (typically monthly)
- Review and approve budgets, financial statements, and major expenditures

- Monitor operations at MHA-managed sites (currently Community Towers and Johnson Farms)
- Oversee policies, long-term planning, and strategic development
- Ensure agency compliance with HUD and Connecticut housing regulations
- Engage collaboratively with fellow commissioners and the Executive Director
- Maintain transparency and uphold ethical governance standards

### **Qualifications**

- Must be a current public housing resident or Section 8 voucher holder in good standing
- Familiarity with, and commitment to, the Meriden community
- Ability to represent the interests of tenants while maintaining impartiality and confidentiality
- Strong interest in affordable housing, community development, or public service
- Ability to analyze reports, budgets, and policy documents
- Commitment to equity, resident well-being, and public-sector ethics
- No conflicts of interest with the Housing Authority's operations

### **Preferred Experience (not mandatory)**

- Background in public policy, housing, finance, real estate, law, or nonprofit governance
- Experience serving on a board or commission
- Familiarity with HUD programs, fair housing law, or local housing challenges

### **Why Become a Commissioner?**

- Help shape the future of affordable housing in Meriden
- Elevate resident and community voices in decision-making
- Serve as a liaison between residents and housing leadership
- Serve alongside a local governing body guiding resident services
- Build leadership experience in public administration and governance
- Promote housing equity and stability within your community

### **Current Context (2025)**

The Meriden Housing Authority is undergoing significant organizational restructuring and is realigning its priorities toward improving resident services, financial accountability, and strategic redevelopment under interim leadership. New commissioner appointments are expected soon to oversee the selection of the next Director and to restore full governance capacity.

### **Time Commitment & Term**

- Term: Five-year term, with staggered expirations to promote institutional continuity
- Meetings: Typically monthly; additional time for committee or development-related sessions

## **How to Apply**

If you are passionate about housing justice and civic engagement and have a commitment to Meriden, please submit a letter of interest and resume (optional) to the City Manager's Office no later than noon, September 30, 2025. Appointments are made by the City Manager in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes §8-41.

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Include:

- Residency confirmation (Meriden)
- Relevant qualifications and experience