

Town Hall, 83 Mountain Road, Suffield, Connecticut 06078

## Absence Request Procedure

Issue Date: December 14, 2016

## POLICY:

It is the policy of the Town to grant paid time off to eligible employees in accordance with the established guidelines.

## PROCEDURE:

- 1. An absent request form must be completed for all time away from work to include; vacation, personal, sick, bereavement, jury duty, floating holiday and compensatory time.
- 2. Paid time off may be taken only after it has been earned.
- 3. The Town appreciates as much notice as possible when employees expect to miss work for a scheduled absence. Time off requires advance approval from the employee's immediate supervisor.
- Time off in excess of one week requires two or more weeks' notice to employee's immediate supervisor, unless request is due to an unforeseen emergency.
- 5. If covered by a collective bargaining agreement, approval will be in accordance with terms of the agreement.
- 6. It is the discretion of the supervisor to determine if the requested absence can be approved. Vacation time preferences will normally be honored, subject to the business levels within the department.
- 7. If request cannot be approved, the supervisor will notify the employee to determine a mutually agreeable time.
- 8. The approved absent request form must be forwarded to the Finance Department for payment and properly notated on the bi-weekly time sheet.
- 9. The First Selectmen reserves the right to determine when time away from work may be granted.

**Accountability:** The Supervisor is accountable for the administration of this policy.