

## **GUIDELINES FOR SPONSORING A NEW MEMBER**

The prospective member should be a resident of Southborough, actively desire to support the objectives of the club, attend at least six meetings a year, be interested in community beautification projects, workshops and be willing to assist when asked. The prospective member must attend a regular meeting before applying for membership, and include a letter of interest. The sponsoring member should review the Bylaws and Standing Rules with the prospective member and submit a letter of recommendation.

Once a prospective member has been accepted as a member, the sponsor should accompany him/her or make accommodations for him/her to be welcomed at the first few meetings. The sponsoring member shall also make every effort to see that the new member actively participates ~~with~~ and will provide the new member with whatever guidance as may be needed.

An active member may sponsor one new member a year and endorse another. If a sponsoring member changes status, a replacement sponsoring member must be submitted. All letters shall go to the Membership Chairman.

Annual dues are payable upon notification of election to membership. The membership of anyone whose dues remain unpaid after the November meeting shall be considered forfeited.

I have reviewed the objectives of the Southborough Gardeners with:

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**(Applicant's name)**

He/she understands his/her obligations as a new member and agrees to abide by the By-Laws and Standing Rules.

**(Signature Sponsoring Member)**