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# NATICK PLANNING OFFICIAL TO STEP DOWN

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NATICK — The Planning Board will have an opening this year, after 10-year member Ken Soderholm announced this week he will not seek re-election.

Soderholm also served on the Conservation Commission for five years and on an advisory board for another three years prior to joining the Planning Board, but he said he feels it's time leave town government.

"It's been 18 years," Soderholm said. "It's time for me to take a little break. It's been fun, and that's what it should be if you want to serve."

During his years on the board, Soderholm was part of the group that approved the Natick mall expansion, worked on the Natick Paperboard site and many developments on Rte. 9. The board also looked at the MathWorks expansion, but he did not take part in those discussions.

While he is stepping down, Soderholm said he might volunteer his time in some other fashion.

"I love being involved in town stuff," he said. "There may be other

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things I would be interested in.”

The Planning Board has a five-year term, and so far one person - Glen Glater, who serves as an associate member - has taken out papers to run for Soderholm's seat, according to the clerk's office. Other positions to be contested at the March 30 election include two seats on the Board of Selectmen, three on the School Committee, one each on the Natick Housing Authority, Board of Assessors and Board of Health, and two positions on the Recreation and Parks Commission.

All constables are up for election in 2010, along with the town clerk and town moderator.

People who have taken out papers to run for office, as of yesterday afternoon, are: Janice Dangelo for assessor, Arthur Lamont for constable, Edward Hurst for Housing Authority, Frank Foss for moderator, James Hannon for Recreation and Parks commissioner, and three people for School Committee - Anne Blanchard, Anne Zernicke and Dave Murphy.

Those running for elected boards must collect signatures from at least 25 registered voters and must be returned to the town clerk's office no later than 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 12.