

## The Selectboard

## TOWN OF WESTHAMPTON

Town Hall
1 South Road

Westhampton, Massachusetts 01027 413-203-3086 – administration@WesthamptonMA.org

WHEREAS the Town of Westhampton owns and maintains structures and parcels of real property, including town buildings, parks and cemeteries, and

WHEREAS the Town of Westhampton supports the First Amendment of the United States Constitution, and encourages free expression by all persons in all appropriate venues, and

**WHEREAS** the Town of Westhampton is committed to the spirit and intent of Chapter One of Title Four of the United States Code ("The Flag Code"),

NOW THEREFORE the Selectboard of the Town of Westhampton ("Town") hereby adopts the following

## Public Signs and Displays Policy

For the purposes of this policy, "Town Property" shall mean all buildings and lands owned by the Residents of the Town of Westhampton, including but not limited to: the Westhampton Town Hall; the Town Common at North Road and Tob Hill Road; the Westhampton Cemetery; the Westhampton Public Library; the Westhampton Elementary School; the Westhampton Public Safety Complex; public roads and streets; public rights of way; telephone poles, street signs and other structures normally placed in or adjacent to public rights of way; and all other Town-owned land and structures.

For the purposes of this policy, "Sign" shall mean any flag, sign, pennant, or any type of display, proposed by or representing the interests of any person or persons, public or private entity, public or private company, public or private organization, or formal or ad hoc special interest group.

No Sign may be temporarily or permanently placed and left unattended on Town Property.

This policy shall not apply to

- Any Sign, or message placed on any Sign, promoting or advertising a Town event, function or other
  information related to Town operations, when prepared by an employee or officer of the Town of
  Westhampton, and approved by the relevant facility manager, Department head, governing board of the
  department, or Selectboard of the Town of Westhampton.
- Any Signs or other materials that are otherwise restricted, regulated or expressly permitted by any superseding law or regulation, including but not limited to the Laws and Constitution of the United States, and the Regulations, Laws, and Constitution of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
- Any natural person who stands, walks, or travels in a Public Way or on Town owned lands adjacent to a Public Way, while holding, carrying or displaying a Sign.

This policy is adopted as of this day, Lecender 4, 2023, supersedes any previous policy, and is subject to change without notice.

MPTOA MPTOA MATERIAL PROPERTY OF THE PROPERT Maureen Dempsey

Scott Johndrow

Susan Bronstein