

Town of Francestown

Office of the Select Board

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SELECT BOARD POLICY

for Signs on Town Property

Definitions:

1. Sign – Shall mean any temporary objects that convey a message for the purposes of advertising or identifying any event, information, campaign, or products and establishments represented at the Francestown Community Market.
2. Event – Shall mean any recreational or lecture program, election, ballot voting, or community activity.
3. Hate Speech – Shall mean any speech that expresses hate or disparagement to any person or group based on race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, identity or similar grounds.
4. Fighting Words – Shall mean any expression considered lewd, obscene, profane, libelous or insulting.

No sign may be placed upon any Town property unless permission has been granted by the Select Board in advance of its placement. Persons wishing to place a sign on Town property should submit a photograph of the proposed sign, with dimensions, to the Selectmen's office.

However, no permission is necessary for signs advertising Town, Library, ConVal (Contoocook Valley Cooperative School District), OMH (Old Meeting House) or FIHS (Francestown Improvement and Historical Society) sponsored events or programs, provided the signs are placed in those areas reserved on Exhibit A.

All proposed signs shall be reviewed by the Select Board at a properly noticed meeting and will be approved if the submittal meets the following conditions:

The following conditions shall be met for all signs prior to placement or installation.

1. All signs should be neatly constructed and self-supporting.
2. Signs may not be attached to a utility pole, tree, or town-owned flagpole.
3. Signs may not be placed in a manner that will endanger traffic by obscuring the view, by confusion with official signs, by glare or by any other means.
4. Signs may not be placed in, or extend into, a right-of-way.
5. Signs shall not exceed either 3 square feet or 24 inches wide.
6. Signs shall be limited to 4 per person or group, and no more than 1 per delineated area on Attachment A.
7. Signs shall only be placed in those areas shown on Exhibit A.
8. No sign shall be installed more than ten days prior to the promoted event and shall be removed no later than three days following the event.

9. No sign shall contain language or expressions that could be deemed unlawful, Hate Speech or Fighting Words.
10. All permitted signs shall be affixed with a permit issued by the Select Board's administrative staff for the duration of the sign's placement.

The Select Board reserves the right to remove, without notice, any sign erected in violation of this ordinance. Removed signs will be placed in the 1st bay of the horsesheds and stored for no longer than 30 days.

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Scot D Heath, Chair

George Ravalico

Charles M Pyle, III

EXHIBIT A

