

TOWN OF BRISTOL

SELECTBOARD POLICY REGARDING PLACEMENT OF POLITICAL SIGNS ON TOWN PROPERTY AND HIGHWAY RIGHTS OF WAY

The following policy is hereby adopted by the Bristol Selectboard to: 1) promote fairness in elections; 2) discourage sign proliferation along roadsides and on Town properties; 3) protect the rights of expression of the public by clarifying rules for political advertising on Town property; and 4) provide clear guidance to Town staff regarding the removal of signs left on Town property.

1. It is the policy of the Bristol Selectboard that political advertising signs shall not be allowed on Town property, including Town building grounds, Town parks and open lands, and within public highway rights of way.
2. This policy shall not apply to persons who are legally on Town property and holding political campaign signs.
3. This policy shall not apply to property owners who choose to place political signs on their property frontage so long as they are placed outside of the public right of way or sufficiently off the roadway so that it does not interfere with traffic safety.
4. The Town Clerk is responsible for assuring compliance of all political advertising with State election statutes at official polling places (17 V.S.A. §2508). This policy shall only govern signs placed beyond the limits of the polling place as defined by statute.
5. Town staff including but not limited to the Town Administrator, Zoning Administrator, Town Clerk, Police Officers, and Recreation and Road Department personnel, may remove signs placed in violation of this policy.

Adopted by the Selectboard the 30th day of June, 2008.

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