

**Statement read by the Select Board during the 8/26/24 Board Meeting:**

“It has come to the Board’s attention that there are numerous violations of the provisions of the Town’s Zoning Ordinance related to signs. While the Board is certainly committed to the exercise of Free Speech and does not intend on taking any action to prevent the exchange of free ideas, the Zoning Ordinance serves important purposes, including ensuring safe lines of sight, limiting driver distractions, and maintaining the Town’s rural character.

The Select Board encourages all residents that have signs on their property or that intend to put up a sign to consult Section 5-1 of the Town’s Zoning Ordinance. That section of the Town’s Zoning Ordinance contains limitations on the size and number of signs on a lot and the requirements for signs, which vary depending on which Zoning District a property is located. To the extent that a sign on your property is not in compliance, the Board requests that you take such action as is necessary to bring your property into compliance on or before October 1st.

Starting October 1st, the Board has directed the Town’s Code Enforcement Officer to start identifying all properties that have non-compliant signs and to take such action to bring about compliance. The Board is making this statement to provide residents with thirty (30) days advance notice of this intended enforcement initiative to give all residents a chance to bring their property into compliance. The Board thanks you in advance for your diligence and consideration.”

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