

Town of Maidstone, VT

Policy for Town Hall Flag Display.....DRAFT 1

The Town will display the official United States Flag (Stars and Stripes) on the Town flagpole outside the Town Hall.

By order of the Select Board, through adoption of this policy, the U.S. Flag will be flown in accordance with the guidelines established by the United States Flag Code. (See relevant points below.)

The Town flagpole is intended for the exclusive display the U.S. Flag and the official State of Vermont flag.

The Town flagpole is not intended to serve as a forum for free expression by town residents or the public at large.

In the event the Select Board chooses to permit the display of any other flag, that approval must be limited to flags that constitute an expression of the Town's official sentiments as determined by a referendum of the Town's registered voters.

Proper display of the U.S. Flag represents a sign of respect for the flag and the country it represents. Relevant guidelines are as follows.

- The union (the stars) should always be in the upper left corner when displayed horizontally, as on a flagpole. The flag should never be displayed upside down, except as a distress signal.
- The flag should be raised quickly and lowered ceremoniously. The flag should never touch the ground.
- The flag should not be displayed during severe weather unless it is an all-weather flag.
- The flag should be lowered at sunset unless it is illuminated.
- If the flag is to be flown at half-staff, it should first be raised to the top of the pole and then lowered halfway. When lowering a flag flying at half-staff, first raise it to the peak and then lower it fully.

- Should a second flag be flown, the U.S. flag should always be uppermost.