

Topsham Board of Selectmen

Non-Commercial Sign Guidelines

Chapter 225-33 of the Topsham Zoning Ordinance, provides for the Board of Selectmen to adopt guidelines for the placement of non-commercial signs in the public Right of Way. On September 21, 2017, the Topsham Board of Selectmen adopted the following guidelines:

The Right of Way is meant to include those areas along public roads that extend beyond the edge of pavement to the back side of any sidewalk, utility pole, fire hydrant, guard rails, MDOT or Town fencing, gravel shoulders, or MDOT or Town maintained lawns/ditches/culverts.

Non-commercial signs shall be allowed to be placed within the Right of Way of public roads for a period of six weeks, starting five weeks before an election or primary, and concluding one week after an election or primary. Signs remaining in the Right of Way at the end of the six week period shall be deemed in violation of the Topsham Zoning Ordinance, and the owner of said sign may be subject to established daily penalties.

No sign placed within the Right of Way may exceed four (4) feet x eight (8) feet.

No sign may obstruct any sidewalk or roadway, overhang any curb line or sidewalk, nor can any sign be placed on public property designated as a Veteran's Memorial.

No sign shall be placed such that it causes a hazard to the traveling public, including, but not limited to, blocking sight lines at intersections, within road center traffic islands or median strips.

The Codes Enforcement Officer, or his/her designee, is authorized to remove any signs that fail to conform to these guidelines.

Adopted by the Topsham Board of Selectmen;

June 7, 2018

To be reviewed in 1 year.