

## TOWN OF WEST TISBURY - Select Board

### *Policy Governing the Exhibition of Flags at Town Buildings or on Town Property*

- A. Purpose. This policy provides guidelines for the flying, on Town of West Tisbury-owned property or from Town-owned buildings, of any flag. The choice of which flag to raise on Town-owned property is governmental speech. The Select Board's choice of whether to raise, or decline to raise, a flag on Town-owned property, the manner in which such a decision is made, and the adoption of this policy shall not be interpreted as designating any Town-owned property as a public forum for the flying of flags.
- B. Policy. Any flag flown or exhibited on or from Town-owned property shall be displayed in conformance with applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and policies. The Select Board, or the Town Administrator, as its designee, shall ensure the proper execution of this policy, as it may be amended from time to time by the Select Board in its sole discretion.
- C. Standards.
1. The following flags may be flown from Town-owned property: the United States flag; the Commonwealth flag; a POW/MIA flag; and the Town of West Tisbury flag.
  2. The aforementioned flags may be displayed inside Town-owned buildings at locations approved by the Select Board or the Town Administrator as its designee.

Adopted by a vote of the Select Board on: December 13, 2023

Policy goes into effect on: December 14, 2023