

FLAG POLICY

Adopted by the Select Board of May 22, 2023

1. Application. This policy applies to all flagpoles that are, and from time to time may be, in use on real property belonging to the Town of Lynnfield (the "Town") and under the control of the Select Board.
2. Flag of the United States. Except during inclement weather, the flag of the United States shall regularly be flown during daylight hours from at least one flagpole at each Town facility that has one or more flagpoles. It shall not be flown at night except when illuminated. It shall be flown at half-staff whenever ordered by the President of the United States or the Governor of Massachusetts. No flag or banner may be displayed above the flag of the United States, and no flag other than the POW-MIA flag shall be displayed below the American flag, on any Town flagpole. The flag of the United States shall be flown in accordance with all applicable laws, including 4 U.S.C. §§ 1 – 10. In the event of any inconsistency between such laws and this policy, such laws shall take precedence.
3. POW-MIA Flag. In accordance with Mass. Acts 1986, c. 399, § 1, the POW-MIA flag shall regularly be flown during daylight hours from a flagpole on the grounds of at least one Town facility.
4. Flags that commemorate observed State and Federal holidays. The Town, upon application to the Town Administrator by one or more resident(s), may fly on one flagpole to be designated by the Town Administrator, a flag that is recognized as a flag that commemorates a recognized and observed State or Federal Holiday. Such flags must be provided to the Town, and cannot exceed in length or width the flag of the United States flown at the same Town facility. The period for which such commemorative flag will be flown will be determined by the Town Administrator and will in no case exceed seven (7) days.
5. No flags other than those described above will be flown on any flagpoles that are, or from time to time may be, in use on real property belonging to the Town and under the control of the Select Board.
6. Prior Policies Rescinded. All previous policies regarding Town flags and flagpoles are hereby rescinded.