

## **Interim Flag Policy and Study Committee**

For the period commencing with the adoption of this motion through September 30, 2023 the Select Board adopts the following interim flag policy for the purpose of promoting the display of unifying symbols and to avoid private flying of flags on Town property. The following shall be in effect:

On all Municipal Property the following flags may be flown in a fashion compliant with the US Flag Code.:

- The Flag of the United States
- The Flag of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts
- The Flag of the Town of Southborough
- The POW/MIA Flag

No other flags may be flown except as follows:

- Flags on graves consistent with Cemetery regulations
- Flags emblematic of Town Departments within those departments
- Flags specifically authorized by the Select Board
- At Town Meeting such flags as the Moderator shall permit
- In the Old Burial Ground from the week prior to Memorial Day through the week after Veterans Day in honor of the Revolutionary War veterans who lie therein the following flags may be flown consistent with past practice:
  - The Tree Flag also know as the Appeal to Heaven flag
  - The Moultrie Flag
  - The Bunker Hill Flag
  - The Bedford Flag
  - The Continental Flag
  - The Gadsden Flag
  - The 1<sup>st</sup> Continental Regiment Flag
  - The Culpeper Flag

Further, the Select Board shall appoint a committee to study and make recommendations to the Select Board related to the community's desire to update a display of respect and appreciation for the service of the Revolutionary War Veterans that under our care in the Old Burial Ground. Such recommendations shall be made prior to May 1, 2024. The committee shall be composed of 7 members 2 of which are veterans, 2 of which are members of the Historical Commission, 1 of which is a member of the Select Board and 2 of which are from the community.