
Sign on Town Center Lawn

From Josh Arneson <jarneson@richmondvt.gov>

Date Wed 9/3/2025 3:16 PM

To Keith Osborne <koborne@richmondvt.gov>; Dante DeNault <ddenault@richmondvt.gov>

Keith and Dante,

The Selectboard wishes to display a sign on the Town Center lawn with the messaging "Black Lives Matter" and "All Are Welcome Here". They would like to have this sign displayed year-round. Please advise if the Town needs a permit for this sign or if there are any other requirements to obtain zoning approval.

Thank you,

Josh Arneson (he/him)

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Signs on Municipal property

From Keith Osborne <koborne@richmondvt.gov>

Date Wed 9/10/2025 1:14 PM

To Josh Arneson <jarneson@richmondvt.gov>; Jay Furr <jay.furr@richmondvt.org>

Cc Dante DeNault <ddenault@richmondvt.gov>

Josh,

The town does not require a permit nor zoning approval per section 5.7, Signs. Past practice was to require one (Sue Mantegna permit for the Directory Sign in 2020 the most recent), and as such a permit would be the consistent vehicle to ensure the sign is made of quality materials and is not obstructing traffic and/or pedestrian safety. But at this point that sign is legal as built unless the Selectboard rescinds or modifies the previous approval.

On the subject of process, the SB can direct us to provide some sort of alternate template if they wish or pass a resolution that signs on Town Property require a zoning permit that indicates dimensions, materials and location only. It is already a given that the SB must approve signs prior to placement on municipal property and can issue conditions on any particular sign. The above "permit" requirements are not part of the RZR but are an internal process that appears to have been instituted in the past.

Thank you,

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