

TOWN OF CHESHIRE

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OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Flag Policy

I. <u>Introduction</u>

This Policy is intended to address flags allowed to be flown on Town of Cheshire flagpoles.

II. Flags Allowed to Be Flown

The Board of Selectmen authorizes the following flags to be flown on Town-owned flagpoles, as an official expression of the Town's governmental speech, to which the strictures of the First Amendment do not apply:

- The official flag of the United States of America;
- The official flag of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts;
- The official flag of the Town of Cheshire;
- The official flags of the various branches of military services of the United States of America; and/or
- The official MIA-POW flag.

No other flags shall be allowed to be flown on Town of Cheshire-owned flagpoles, as those flagpoles and this policy are not intended to establish or serve to create a forum for private expression.

Adopted by vote of the Board of Selectmen: December 12, 2023