

**TOWN OF EASTON
PUBLIC SPACES COMMITTEE CHARGE**

Mission: To promote the preservation, care, and pride of the Town of Easton's public spaces through the creation of a formal public spaces adoption process; to facilitate a uniform signage that will be applied to adopted public spaces to raise awareness of citizen and business participation in the preservation and improvement of our shared spaces; and to hold dear the beautiful public spaces which this community has been afforded.

Membership: Five (5) persons to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen. The committee shall consult with the Easton Department of Public Works prior to the adoption of any public spaces to ensure community safety and conformance with public policy.

All at-large appointees shall serve for an initial term of one, two or three years and should be staggered to offer consistency.

Tasks: The Easton Public Spaces Committee (herein "the Committee) will meet as needed. The Committee's responsibilities will include:

1. The Committee will draft a formal public spaces adoption process to propose to the Board of Selectmen; said process must necessitate that the applicant seeking to adopt a public space also be fiscally responsible for the upkeep, preservation and dignified presentation of the public space which is being sought for adoption according to the terms of agreement.
2. Upon approval from the Board of Selectmen; the Committee shall compose and publish a list of public spaces eligible for adoption; and the Committee shall be responsible for the maintenance of this list. This list shall be available to the public.
3. The Committee will communicate with the Easton Department of Public Works prior to the acceptance of any application for the adoption of public space with a request for comments and guidance. The Committee may also call upon the Easton Garden Club for consultation.
4. After consulting with the Easton Department of Public Works; the Committee shall approve the application for the adoption of public space. This space will be designated as adopted public space with a Town-approved sign.
5. The Committee shall assign one or more beautification maintenance contract(s) to approved local landscapers in accordance with the uniform procurement act. The landscape company shall be responsible for implementation (with possible input from the Easton Garden Club regarding design) and maintenance of the public space.
6. The Committee shall strive to promote the beautification of the Town of Easton and a sense of pride in our public spaces.

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