

Town of Bristol
Policy Regarding Development on the Town Green

PURPOSE: The purpose of this policy is to outline the process by which any changes, additions or replacements to structures or plantings on the Town Green will be considered by the Bristol Selectboard. Per V.S.A. § 2291, The Selectboard has the power to provide for the location, protection, maintenance, and removal of trees, plants, and shrubs and buildings or other structures on or above public highways, sidewalks, or other property of the municipality.

PROCESS:

1. No additional permanent structures (as defined in Bristol's Zoning Regulations) or trees/bushes will be added to the Town Green unless a current structure or tree/bush is being removed. If a new structure is proposed, or tree/bush requested to be planted in any location other than the Peace Garden, a structure, tree/bush of greater or equal square footage must be removed or replaced. All permanent signage must be approved by the Selectboard.
2. The Town Green, from the edge of pavement on School and Park Street and the inside edge of the sidewalks on North and West Streets, has a total square footage of 63,830 feet (see attached map). The following structures cover 9,062 square feet or 14% of the Green:
 - a. The Peace Garden is 872 square feet.
 - b. The fountain is 415 square feet.
 - c. The bandstand is 540 square feet.
 - d. The WWII Memorial stone is 35 square feet.
 - e. The Veterans Memorial is 2,500 square feet.
 - f. The playground is 4,700 square feet.
3. Per current Town of Bristol Zoning Bylaws & Regulations, no land development may commence within the Town of Bristol without a permit issued by the Zoning Administrator; unless exempted as outlined in Section 320.
4. If the landowner is the Town of Bristol, the Bristol Selectboard must vote to authorize the Chair or their designee, to sign the zoning application. That vote and discussion must take place at a duly warned meeting, to allow for public input.

The foregoing Policy was adopted by the Selectboard of the Town of Bristol, Vermont on November 16th, 2015. It is effective as of this date until amended or repealed.

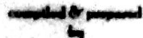
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(does not include benches, picnic tables or bike racks as they are not permanent fixtures)



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