

**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 provide 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. It is recommended that the committee be composed of the following: a member of the Friends of Easton Public Gardens, a member of the Easton Lions Club, a member of the Easton Garden Club, a member of the Easton Chamber of Commerce, and/or dedicated Easton residents or business owners. 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 a term of three years.

Tasks: The Easton Public Spaces Committee (herein "the Committee") will meet as needed, but expected to be no more than five (5) times per year. 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 solely responsible for the upkeep, preservation and dignified presentation of the public space which is being sought for adoption.
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 solely responsible for the maintenance of this list.
 - 2(a). This list shall be available to the public.
3. The Committee shall consult 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.
4. Upon approval from 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 uniform in nature to all other adopted public space signs and in compliance with the Town's signage by-law(s).
5. The Committee shall hold the citizen, business, or organization that adopted a public space accountable for the upkeep, preservation and dignified presentation of said public space. The Committee will have the authority to revoke the adoptive caretaker of their status and will do so if deemed necessary for the benefit of the public space.

6. The Committee shall, above all, strive to promote: the betterment of the Town of Easton's public spaces, the importance of preservation, and a sense of pride in our public spaces.