



TOWN OF TOWNSHEND

Selectboard

PO Box 121 Townshend, Vermont 05353

October 19, 2021

Sherwood D. Lake Jr
Chair

Public Statement by the Selectboard of the Town of Townshend in reference to hate speech and displays.

Steven Frisk
Vice Chair

The select-board on October 12, 2021 in a public meeting received statements, both in person, on zoom and in writing which identified an event that caused great concern among our residents and visitors.

Robert Wright
Clerk

A commitment was made by the board to address the concerns presented in the situation and hate based behavior in general.

Haley Felker
Member

After consulting with our Legal Council the Townshend Selectboard makes the following statement.

Allison Dercoli
Member

Connie Holt
Administrative Assistant

“The Town of Townshend values all residents and visitors, no matter their backgrounds or identities. While differences of opinions can be celebrated and debated, we condemn symbols of hate being displayed in our town, in disregard of the welcoming nature of our community as a whole.”