TOWN OF STAMFORD, VERMONT

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Policy on Politicking, Campaigning and Signs at the Polling Place

Vermont law prohibits politicking within the building containing the polling place. 17 VSA §2508

• Voters must remove campaign buttons, hats, and other paraphernalia before coming in to vote. Coats should be kept on if a person is wearing a campaign shirt.

All conversations about candidates should be kept outside of the polling

place.

• Individual voters may bring in brochures and written campaign materials for their own use, but these may not be shown to others or left in the voting booth or polling place.

• Exit polling is considered politicking and must remain outside of the polling

place.

Vermont law permits the Presiding Officer to designate an area outside of the polling place where candidates, supporters and pollsters can stand, offer information, conduct polls, and/or hold signs. The designated area is on either side of the main entrance walkway to the school. Do not stand in, place signs in, or otherwise block the pathway to the door.

- On the walks and driveways leading to a building in which a polling place is located, no candidate or other person may physically interfere with the progress of a voter to and from the polling place
- **SIGNS:** Signs may NOT be affixed in any way to the building or other school property. Lawn signs are permissible and may be placed on the semi-circular lawn area in front of the school. Signs must be removed when the polls close.

Anyone violating this policy will be asked to leave the premises or be removed by a law enforcement officer.

The foregoing Policy on Politicking, Campaigning and Signs at the Polling Place was adopted by the Stamford Board of Civil Authority at its meeting held on May 19, 2011.

Olaf A. Aase, Chair Board of Civil Authority

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