

Town of Hardwick  
Select Board's Policy Regarding  
Art on Public Property

The purpose of this policy is to establish the use of Town owned land in order to display artwork. All individuals or groups displaying art on Town owned land shall abide by the regulations set forth in this policy.

Section 1. Town Owned Property: Sites for public art displays will be considered for the following locations: the Jeudevine Memorial Library front lawn, the Hardwick Town House front lawn, the site of the Farmer's Market on Wolcott Street, the lawn space between Wolcott Street and the Lamoille River and the park adjacent to the Hardwick Gazette.

Section 2. Safety and Maintenance: The safety of individuals and property is of prime concern when selecting art to display and the location to display the artworks. Caution will be used when selecting a location as pertains to set backs, power line clearance and stability. The Hardwick streetscape department will be responsible for mowing around the works on display, if it is found that this is too cumbersome for the Town, Northeast Kingdom Arts will be contacted to arrange for their own maintenance around the artwork.

Section 3. Liability: Liability will rest in the hands of the individual artists in regards to damage to their individual pieces and in regards to any injury that may come to a person or property as a result of the artwork. A waiver will be signed by each artist before any art is placed on town property. The artist agrees to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Town of Hardwick and its officers, employees and agents from and against all claims of whatever nature arising from any accident, injury or damage whatsoever caused to any person where such accident, injury or damage results or is claimed to have resulted from the display of the artist's artwork on Town owned property.

Section 4. Artist/Art Selection: Northeast Kingdom Arts (NEKARTS) will act as an agent for the Town of Hardwick. Artists will be chosen by NEKARTS. Prior to any art being placed on Town owned land the Hardwick Select Board will approve of the pieces of art chosen by NEKARTS via photos or drawings of the specific work.

Section 5. Display Dates: Artwork will be allowed on Town land from May 15<sup>th</sup> through and including October 15<sup>th</sup>.

Section 6. Non-Compliance: Failure to comply with the above requirements, will result in the artwork being removed immediately.

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