

August 5, 2015

Board of Selectmen  
Town of New Boston  
7 Meetinghouse Hill Road  
New Boston, NH 03070

Dear Board of Selectmen,

The Selectmen's office and the Fire Department currently share responsibility for the raising and lowering of the flags on the Town Common. Over the past few years the task has become increasingly difficult due to the proximity of the tall flag pole to the maple tree. Two years ago the Town had the tree trimmed to accommodate the flag at full staff, but at half-staff it became terrible tangled in the trees' limbs. As a result we began the practice of taking the flag all the way down and storing it until such time as the flag could again be flown at full staff.

Recently, the flag has begun to get tangled even when flown at full staff and it has resulted in the shredding of the corners of the flag and has become quite disgraceful.

Dan MacDonald and I have discussed the situation and would like to propose the removal and/or relocation of this flag pole from the Town Common. As you know, there are three flags that currently fly on the common, two American flags and a NH State flag, so removing this one flag pole would still leave an American flag flying on the common. This flag pole could potentially be relocated to another location near the Town Hall, at the Fire Station or another Town property.

I've attached a couple of pictures to clearly illustrate the difficulty with the current location.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Laura Bernard".

Laura Bernard, Selectmen's Assistant

cc: Peter R. Flynn, Town Administrator  
Dan MacDonald