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Subject: Political Signs on Traffic Islands

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Dear Council Members:

In the last few months there was a court case in Maine involving freedom of speech on traffic islands. The town also had one farm which began to utilize our grassed traffic islands for signage.

I asked Debra Lane to contact our attorneys to see if the sign provisions in our various ordinances are constitutional since we apparently allow some free speech but not other free speech.

Our attorneys responded late yesterday and their opinion is attached. This item will be on the October 6th agenda for a recommended referral to the ordinance committee.

While this is deliberated, we will not touch any sign on a traffic island between now and the election unless that sign is a clear danger to traffic movement. We will not mow the islands until after the election.

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