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Dear Chair Guy Corbosiero, and members of the Planning Board.

My name is Keith Kent, and for several years, I have assisted our Town Building & Zoning Officer, Geoff Newton, with the removal of any illegal signage on "Town Property only". In the last several years, as a non-compensated volunteer, I have removed just under "400 illegal signs" placed without permission, on town property.

These nearly 400 signs I have kept count of, 392 to date since I began, 60 percent have been posted for yard sales, "WHICH ARE ALMOST ALWAYS LEFT TO ROT AND PEOPLE DO NOT COME BACK FOR, SAGGING WITH THE INK RUNNING". The remaining 40 percent have been on either aluminum H-frames on the ground, or on telephone poles on the sides of roads where the town owns 4 to 6 feet in off the road. While the town does not own the poles, it is still within the distance of town property, and are posted without town permission.

To date, of nearly all the laminated signs I have removed placed without town permission, over 99 percent have not been related to any businesses in the Town of Winchendon. I repeat, over 99 percent have been out of town businesses. From house cleaning, to home power washing, from basement cleanout services, to rubbish removal, over 99 percent of these signs have been out of town businesses, not in town. Any claim otherwise is COMPLETELY INNACCURATE.

Many of these signs are also placed on town property in the middle of the night high up on a ladder, drilled and bolted in to poles or trees, to make them harder to take down by out of town businesses. I have to use a long metal rod to get them down. In short, I have worked EXTREMELY HARD to help Mr. Newton.

In closing, I have not once, even received a simple "Thank You" from our Board of Selectman for my countless hours of labor and personal expenses, keeping our town clean by those who litter it. Please be aware, of how much illegal signage has been plaguing our community on all town properties. Until then, I remain.

Keith Kent

Designated Volunteer to Mr. Geoff Newton, by Mr. Geoff Newton