To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw, SECTION 12.7 TEMPORARY SIGNS, by removing it in its entirety and substituting the following, or take any other action relative thereto:

12.7 TEMPORARY SIGNS

Temporary signs are allowed to advertise the opening of a business at a new location; to advertise seasonal products or services; to advertise the closing of a business; to advertise religious, charitable or civic events; to advertise political candidates and issues; and to advertise activities allowed by right by residential homeowners in the zoning district in which they live. Unless otherwise regulated by specific provisions of this section, or elsewhere in this article, a temporary sign shall require a permit but no fee, and is subject to all applicable regulations; i.e. size, illumination. Any sign displaying non-commercial speech shall be exempt from this provision.

12.7.1 Such signs shall not exceed eighteen (18) square feet in a commercial, industrial, or mixed use district or twelve (12) square feet in a residential district.

12.7.2 No two or more such signs of the same language shall be closer than five hundred (500) feet apart on land in contiguous ownership.

12.7.3 No signs may be placed on street sign posts, trees or within the layouts of Town or State rights-of-way.

12.7.4 Each temporary sign shall include the name, address, and telephone number of the person responsible for the sign and the date of posting. Any sign without this information is in violation of this bylaw and may be removed by the Building Commissioner at the owner's expense.

12.7.5 Signs for temporary event must be removed within two (2) days of the conclusion of the event.

12.7.6 No temporary sign shall be placed above the highest outside wall of the building.

12.7.7 No balloon may be elevated higher than the sign height restrictions applicable to the district within which it is to be used.

12.7.8 All temporary signs shall meet the safety, construction, placement, mounting and lighting standards established by the Building Commissioner. It is the responsibility of the sign displayer to become informed about these requirements.

12.7.9 All such temporary signs as permitted in this section shall be permitted on the same premises for no more than one-hundred (120) consecutive days each in the same calendar year.

~~12.7 TEMPORARY SIGNS~~

~~12.7.1 Temporary exterior signs are permitted to advertise the opening of a business at its new location; to advertise a special event at its intended location; or to advertise political candidates, campaigns, or programs.~~

~~12.7.2 Such signs shall not exceed thirty-two (32) square feet.~~

~~12.7.3 No two or more such signs shall be closer than five hundred (500′) feet apart on land or contiguous ownership.~~

~~12.7.4 Any illumination of such permitted sign shall not exceed the allowed limits in the district in which it is located.~~

~~12.7.5 All temporary signs require a permit from the Inspector of Buildings.~~

~~12.7.6 All such temporary signs as herein described must meet the approval of the Inspector of Buildings regarding safety of construction, placement, mounting and lighting. By written notice specifying the corrections needed, the Inspector of Buildings shall order the immediate action of the displayer to either make the corrections or remove the sign. If immediate action is not taken, the Inspector of Buildings may, at his own initiative or with the enlisted aid of any other Town Department remove such sign.~~

~~12.7.7 All such temporary signs as permitted in this section shall be permitted on the same premises for not more than thirty (30) days in the same calendar year. At the end of the period of permitted use, the sign shall be removed by the initiative of the company, organization, individual, or their agents, as indicated by the displayed information.~~