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Jim. Following up on our phone conversation, as I indicated, municipal governments are scrambling to come up with flag policies given the US Supreme Court's recent ruling. While the Court stated that there is a concept called government speech, whereby the government is entitled to fly flags of causes that it supports, drawing a line is difficult and needs thought. My practical suggestion is that you limit flags on the town flagpole to flags of United States, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and the Town, while you thoughtfully development a flag policy. By doing that, we will also have the benefit of seeing what policies other towns develop.

Let me know if you want any further analysis, or if this is good enough for now.....

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