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**Subject:** Re: Thoughts for January discussion about the Board of Selectmen CRU Proclamation

All -- Per Lynne's request, here are my thoughts in advance of our discussion tonight concerning the current Civility, Respect and Understanding Proclamation, and the First Selectwoman's Policy for Banners at Town Hall and for Proclamations.

1. I embrace the current Civility, Respect and Understanding Proclamation, and do not propose any editorial revisions. I agree with Ross' thoughts below and Lynne's note that she will recommend that all appointed boards and commissions be required to adopt the proclamation.
2. With reference to the current Policy for Proclamations, I recommend that the first sentence be amended to read as follows: "The subject of the proclamation must be directly related to the work of a Wilton Town Department or in furtherance of the Town's Civility, Respect and Understanding Proclamation, as determined by the BOS." If amended in this manner, the second sentence should be edited so as to be in harmony, e.g., "The date...is associated with the proclamation or the BOS to allow members of the department or the BOS to be in attendance." As a side note, I am pleased to note that the current Policy for Proclamations does not include a numeric element.
3. As to the Policy for Banners at Town Hall, it is noteworthy that banners are currently limited to advertisement of events. I would favor a broadening of the banner policy to accommodate banners that are "in furtherance of the Town's Civility, Respect and Understanding Proclamation" as well, but would value Lynne's input on the workability/advisability of this proposal.

I apologize for my delay in providing my advance thoughts.

Bas