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To: Town Clerks Office
From: Colonel Justin Stedman
Re: Land posting

Dear Town Clerk,

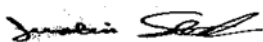
Recently it has come to my attention that there has been some contradictory information shared by Warden Service employees with different town clerks around the requirements of **Title 10 Vermont Statutes Annotated Section 5201. Notices; posting.**

10 VSA § 5201(b) states in part that legible signs must be "...maintained at all times and shall be dated each year." This language means that the signs must be dated for the current year. A sign dated 2025/2026 would not be legal in 2026. The signs would need to be dated in 2025 and 2026 respectively.

Additionally, 10 VSA § 5201(c) states in part "The owner or person posting the lands shall record this posting annually in the town clerk's office...". This is the language that has caused most of the recent discussion. Warden Service employees have been directed to inform landowners, who inquire about this requirement, that this language means a recording is good until the end of the calendar year in which it was made. For example, if a landowner registers their land on July 1, 2026, that land will be considered registered by the Warden Service until 12/31/2026.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and for your assistance in getting this messaging to landowners who wish to post their land legally. If you have questions, please contact your local warden. If you do not know who your local warden is, you can locate that warden on this website:

<https://www.vtfishandwildlife.com/contact/contact-a-warden>



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