

Veterans Donate Flag Drop Box to Town

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Burlington residents now have a new option to properly dispose of old and worn American flags.

At Monday night's Board of Selectmen group three veterans donated a flag drop box to the town that will be located at Town Hall. The box was donated through a joint effort between the Disabled American Veterans and the Disabled and Limbless Veterans organizations. Disabled and Limbless Veterans President Dom Marcellino, Disabled Americans Veterans Commander Edward Tedesco and former Disabled American Veterans Commander Andrew Giordano were the veterans who made the donation and were at the meeting to explain its use.

"It is not proper to throw worn flags away," Tedesco said. "The proper way is to ceremonially burn them."

The box is a place where anyone can discard their old and worn flags with the knowledge that they will be properly taken care of. The trio said they would work with local Boy Scouts to collect the flags and perform a proper "flag retirement" on Flag Days.

The members of the Board of Selectmen were thankful for the donation and also happy to hear that the scouts would be involved in collecting the flags and the subsequent ceremony.

"You nailed it there," Chairman Chris Hartling said. "I'm glad you said you'll involve the Boy Scouts. Educating the younger generation is an important thing and I appreciate you are taking the time to do that. I really appreciate it."