

TOWN OF NEWTON

TOWN PARKS AND RECREATION AREAS ORDINANCE

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Town Parks and Recreation Areas Ordinance

1. Purpose: The purpose of this ordinance is to establish a Town Parks and Recreation Areas Ordinance, so that the Town of Newton may establish rules and regulations for ALL town parks, commons, conservation land and recreation areas pursuant to any and all Chapters or Amendments thereto the NH Revised Statutes Annotated.
2. Authority: In accordance with the authority granted by Chapters 31:39, 35-B and 36-A and any other applicable Chapter or Amendment thereto the NH Revised Statutes Annotated, the following ordinance is hereby adopted by the Town Of Newton Board of Selectmen to regulate and enforce the aforementioned Rules and Regulations for its' parks, commons, conservation land and recreation areas. These rules and regulations will cover ALL town parks, commons, conservation land and recreation areas, both present and future.
3. Town Beach
 - A. Swim at your own risk
 - B. Open from dawn to dusk
 - C. Resident sticker required on all parked motor vehicles
 - D. No pets or livestock permitted
 - E. No drugs, alcohol or tobacco products permitted
 - F. No unauthorized vehicles permitted in fenced area
 - G. No open fires or glass containers allowed. Please use the town barbeques. They are on a first come first serve basis.
 - H. No littering
 - I. Please carry out all litter and keep the beach safe and clean at all times
 - J. The beach area is not to be used as a launch for boats of any size.
 - K. Children under 12 years of age must be accompanied and supervised by an Adult.
 - L. If there is a lost child, the designated meeting place will be the lifeguard chair.
 - M. Three whistles from the lifeguard means everyone out of the water. The lifeguard will then organize appropriate activity for safety.
 - N. No pushing, shoving, profanity, vulgarity or offensive language is permitted.
 - O. No open or gross lewdness
 - P. No loud noises or music is permitted
 - Q. No nude bathing permitted. Appropriate beach attire is encouraged.
 - R. All babies must wear a diaper on the beach and in the water
 - S. In case of thunder and/or lightning the beach will be closed immediately
 - T. Stay within the designated swim area.
 - U. Do not feed wildlife or leave food of any kind.
 - V. The lifeguard has the authority to enforce the policies and procedures, rules and regulations for the Town Beach.
 - W. No fishing within 25' of swimming area
 - X. Rocking of the raft, pushing others into the water, or other activities considered unsafe by the lifeguard is not permitted.

- Y.** If the lifeguard judges a swimmer's activity as unsafe or inappropriate the swimmer must follow directions of the lifeguard. If he or she does not, the lifeguard can revoke swimming and/or town beach use for the day.
- Z.** The following use of the Town Beach and its apparatus is prohibited without approval of the Board of Selectmen: Use by guests and/or members of private camp grounds, clubs or the like; Use by groups of 10 or more people.

4. Greenie Park

- A.** Play at your own risk
- B.** Open from dawn to dusk
- C.** No pets or livestock on ball fields and playground permitted
- D.** No unauthorized motor vehicles on the ball fields, grandstand area and open area of park
- E.** No drugs, alcohol or tobacco products permitted
- F.** No littering
- G.** No dumping or unauthorized use of dumpsters
- H.** No unauthorized use of ball fields or concession stand
- I.** No open or gross lewdness
- J.** No loitering
- K.** Carry out whatever you carry in. Keep Town Property clean.
- L.** No additional or unauthorized equipment/miscellaneous articles or modification of playground equipment unless authorized by the Board of Selectmen or the Recreation Commission.
- M.** No pushing, shoving, profanity, vulgarity or offensive language is permitted.

5. Town Properties

- A.** Use at your own risk
- B.** No unauthorized use of Town Properties
- C.** No unauthorized motor vehicles
- D.** No overnight sleeping permitted unless permission granted from the Board of Selectmen
- E.** Fires are permitted after receiving written approval from the Board of Selectmen and securing a permit from the Town Fire Warden or authorized deputies
- F.** Carry out whatever you carry in. Keep Town Property clean.
- G.** No profanity, vulgarity or offensive language is permitted
- H.** All activities and ordinances pertaining to town cemeteries are governed by the Rules & Regulations published by the Newton Cemetery Trustees and listed on the Cemetery Trustee's web page on the Town web site.

6. Conservation Properties:

- A.** Use at your own risk
- B.** No Unauthorized Motor Vehicles
- C.** Overnight use requires authorization from the Conservation Commission and a permit issued by the Board of Selectmen
- D.** Carry out whatever you carry in. Keep Town Property clean.
- E.** No profanity, vulgarity or offensive language is permitted.

7. Permitted Use

Authorization for the use of all town parks and recreation areas must have authorization by the Recreation Commission and a permit issued by the Board of Selectmen. Authorization for the use of Conservation properties must be granted by the Conservation Commission and a permit issued by the Board of Selectmen.

8. Penalty

Any person violating any provisions of this ordinance shall be subject to a fine of not less than \$50.00 or more than \$500 and/or damages incurred for each offense.

9. Validity

If any section or part of a section or paragraph of this Ordinance is declared invalid or unconstitutional, it shall not be held to invalidate or impair the validity, force or effect of this section or sections or part of a section or paragraph of this ordinance.

10. Effective Date

This ordinance shall take effect upon passage of the Board of Selectmen and publication of public notice and filing with the Town Clerk.

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