



TOWN OF HOPKINTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

RULES & REGULATIONS - USE OF TOWN RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

ORDINANCE NO: 03-01

1.01 AUTHORITY

Pursuant to the authority of New Hampshire RSA 41:8, 41:11, 47:17, 147:1, 163-B:1-6, and any other applicable state statute annotated, the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Hopkinton hereby ordain as follows:

1.02 ENFORCEMENT

All recreational facilities owned by the Town of Hopkinton shall be under the supervision and direction of the recreation department and its director, along with any law enforcement officer or other designated official, board, or employee authorized by the Board of Selectmen, who may issue a notice of violation of these rules and regulations. Said persons may at any time ask any person(s) to leave the facility's property if they feel, at their discretion, that person(s) is/are violating any of the rules of the facility or abusing the facility. If such person(s) refuses to leave when requested to do so, a fine of not more than \$500.00 may be imposed on each person per violation.

1.03 PERMIT

All residents and taxpayers shall be allowed to enter upon, and/or use the recreational facilities of the Town of Hopkinton, including but not limited to "Houston Fields," "George Park," "Spirit Skate Park," "Kimball Pond," "Kimball Lake" and "Lewellen Bandstand." All non-resident users shall be considered guests and shall be subject to all rules and regulations herein. Permission for special use may be given in writing by the Parks & Recreation Director or other authorized Town official for a specific occasion or event such as swimming lessons, etc.

No person shall be allowed to enter upon or use the facilities of "Kimball Pond" including the "Town Beach," except residents of the Town of Hopkinton, taxpayers and their guests. Guests without exclusive permission of the Parks & Recreation Director shall be accompanied at all times by a resident or taxpayer of the Town of Hopkinton.

1.04 MOTOR VEHICLES

Motor Vehicles are allowed only in designated parking areas relative to town recreational facilities.

Motor vehicles are prohibited from any portion of any publicly maintained field.

No person shall drive a motor vehicle upon any property of, or way within the Town of Hopkinton, recklessly, so that the lives and safety of the public are endangered, nor shall they accelerate to exceed the traction limitation of their tires.

1.05 WATERCRAFT- Town Beach

No person(s) shall launch or use in any manner whatsoever any boat or watercraft from that portion clearly defined as the Hopkinton Town Beach. No person(s) shall beach or place on the shore any boat or watercraft on the town beach property, unless specifically related to the operation of the facility, or authorized by the site supervisor.

1.06 SWIMMING- Town Beach

Swimming is restricted to the area designated for such.

1.07 GENERAL CONDUCT – All facilities

Acts endangering others, disorderly conduct, intoxication, obscene or abusive language, or indecent acts are strictly prohibited. Use of glass bottles or other glass containers is prohibited.

Removal of, or damage to any structure, plant or natural feature is strictly prohibited. Skateboarding shall be prohibited on any sidewalks, crosswalks or any structure or facility of the town of Hopkinton except the Spirit Skate Park.

A. The following conduct shall be prohibited and shall serve as a basis for removal and or suspension from further use of the recreational facility;

1. Foul or obscene language.
2. Roughhousing or abusive behavior, including, but not limited to destruction or defacing of property.
3. Possession of illicit drugs, alcohol, tobacco or weapons of any kind.

B. Persons entering upon the property of the skate park shall do so at his or her own risk. The wearing of approved helmets is mandatory for anyone using the skate park. The term "using" shall be interpreted to mean operating a means of transportation on the skate park structures.

- The fine for a first offense within one (1) calendar year shall be \$10.00.
- A second offense within one (1) calendar year shall be \$25.00.
- Any subsequent offense within one (1) calendar year shall be \$50.00.

1.08 FIRES

Kindling of fires or use of portable grills is prohibited unless written permission is received from the Fire Department and site supervisor.

1.09 SOAP- Town Beach

The use of soap or detergents in the water is prohibited.

1.10 LITTER/GARBAGE

It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to dump, deposit, throw or leave, or cause to permit the dumping, depositing, placing, throwing or leaving of litter on any property of the Town of Hopkinton. The penalty for littering shall be \$100.00.

1.11 HOURS

Town Beach-

Swimming and parking areas shall be CLOSED for use from 9:00 PM - 7:00 AM or as otherwise posted by the Recreation Director.

Houston Fields-

The hours of operation for Houston Fields shall be 6:00 AM until one-half hour after sunset or as otherwise posted by the Recreation Director.

Georges Park-

George Park and all parking areas shall be CLOSED for use from 10:00 PM -7:00 AM or as otherwise posted by the Parks & Recreation Director.

Spirit Skate Park-

The skate park and parking areas shall be CLOSED for use no later than 9:00 PM. The skate park may open at 7:30 AM weekdays and at 9:00 AM on Saturday and Sunday or as otherwise posted by the Parks & Recreation Director within the above stated time constraints.

- The fine for a first offense within one (1) calendar year shall be \$10.00.
- A second offense within one (1) calendar Year shall be \$25.00.
- Any subsequent offense within one (1) calendar year shall be \$50.00.

1.12 HOUSTON PARK

The walking trails established at the Houston Park facility were constructed for the access and/or use by the public and the intent of said trails/walking paths is for pedestrian and/or bicyclists. There shall be no vehicles allowed upon any portion of the Houston facilities, except as provided in the designated parking lots or those of official maintenance or Town owned vehicles.

A "vehicle" shall have the same meaning as set forth in RSA 259:60 and 259:122. Nothing in this ordinance shall prohibit the use of snowmobiles when and to the extent said use is authorized by the Board of Selectmen.

The Board of Selectmen reserve the right to limit the use of, and or restrict the use of all town property as it may deem necessary.

EFFECTIVE DATE:

These rules and regulations shall become effective on the _____ day of _____ 2008.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned members of the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Hopkinton have hereunder set their hands this ____ day of _____ 2008.

George Langwasser, Chairman

Donald Lane

Peter Russell

Thomas Congoran

Scott Flood

Date: _____

A true copy, attest:

Sue Strickford, Town Clerk